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## **HSBC Bloomberg EUR Sustainable Corporate Bond UCITS ETF**

**(A sub-fund of HSBC ETFs PLC, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011) (as amended)**

**1 December 2022**

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This Supplement forms part of the Prospectus dated 1 December 2022 (the “**Prospectus**”) in relation to HSBC ETFs PLC (the “**Company**”) for the purposes of the UCITS Regulations. Unless otherwise provided for in this Supplement, all capitalised terms shall have the same meaning herein as in the Prospectus. This Supplement should be read in the context of, and together with, the Prospectus and contains information relating to the HSBC Bloomberg EUR Sustainable Corporate Bond UCITS ETF (the “**Fund**”) which is a separate sub-fund of the Company, represented by the HSBC Bloomberg EUR Sustainable Corporate Bond UCITS ETF series of shares in the Company (the “**Shares**”). Please see Appendix A for a list of the other sub-funds of the Company, Appendix B for a list of the paying agents appointed by the Management Company and Appendix C for a list of sub-custodians appointed by the Depositary.

Prospective investors should review this Supplement and the Prospectus carefully and in their entirety. Prospective investors should consult a stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser for independent advice in relation to: (a) the legal requirements within their own countries for the purchase, holding, exchanging, redeeming or disposing of Shares; (b) any foreign exchange restrictions to which they are subject in their own countries in relation to the purchase, holding, exchanging, redeeming or disposing of Shares; (c) the legal, tax, financial or other consequences of subscribing for, purchasing, holding, exchanging, redeeming or disposing of Shares; and (d) the provisions of this Supplement and the Prospectus.

Potential investors should consider the risk factors set out in the Prospectus and in this Fund Supplement before investing in this Fund.

Prospective investors should refer to the Annex to this Fund Supplement regarding the Fund’s environmental and / or social characteristics.

Investors should note that, where cash is the method of payment, a Direct Dealing (Cash Transaction) Fee of up to 3% of subscription and redemption monies may be applicable when dealing directly with the Fund for Shares.

The Shares will be admitted to the official list of the United Kingdom Listing Authority pursuant to Chapter 16 of the UK Listing Rules and admitted to trading on the main market of London Stock Exchange.

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## GENERAL

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The following provisions shall be applicable to the Fund:

<b>Base Currency</b>	EUR
<b>Business Day</b>	A day on which the markets in London are open and/or such other day or days as the Directors may determine excluding days on which Significant Markets are closed and/or the Index is unavailable. This must be notified in advance to the Shareholder. A “ <b>Significant Market</b> ” is any market and/or exchange or combination of markets and/or exchanges where the value of the Fund's investments in those markets and/or exchanges exceeds 30% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, calculated on a yearly basis and recorded in the Company's financial statements unless the Management Company determines that a different percentage and/or date should apply which it believes to be more appropriate.
<b>Conversion Transaction Fee</b>	The maximum conversion fee that may be charged being up to 3% of the Net Asset Value per Share, such fee if any can be waived partially or totally by the Directors.
<b>Dealing Day</b>	Every Business Day or such other day or days as the Directors may determine and notify to the Administrator and to the Shareholder in advance provided there shall be at least one (1) Dealing Day per fortnight.
<b>Dealing Deadline</b>	16.00 (Irish time) on any Dealing Day (unless otherwise agreed by the Directors and notified in advance to the Shareholder and in any event prior to the Valuation Point) for Base Currency and unhedged Share Classes and 14.30 (Irish time) on any Dealing Day (unless otherwise agreed by the Directors and notified in advance to the Shareholder in the Fund and in any event prior to the Valuation Point) for hedged Share Classes. On the relevant Dealing Day of the Fund prior to 25 December and 1 January, subscription application forms must be received by 12.00 noon (Irish time). Any properly made application received by the Administrator after the Dealing Deadline will not be accepted until the next Dealing Day.
<b>Direct Dealing (Cash Transaction) Fee</b>	Up to 3%. Such fees may be waived by the Directors, in whole or in part, either generally or in any specific case, at their absolute discretion.
<b>Duties and Charges</b>	All stamp duties and other duties, taxes, governmental charges, imposts, levies, exchange costs and commissions (including foreign exchange spreads), custodian and sub-custodian charges, transfer fees and expenses, agents' fees, brokerage fees, commissions, bank charges, registration fees or other duties and charges, whether payable in respect of the constitution, increase or reduction of the cash and other assets of the Company or the creation, acquisition, issue, conversion, exchange, purchase, holding, repurchase, redemption, sale or transfer of Shares or Investments by or on behalf of the Company and, if appropriate, any provision for the spread or difference between the price at which any Investment was valued for the purpose of calculation of the Net Asset Value per Share of any Fund and the estimated or actual price at which

	any such Investment may be purchased, in the case of subscriptions to the relevant Fund, or sold, in the case of redemptions from the relevant Fund, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any charges or costs arising from any adjustment to any swap or other derivative contract required as a result of a subscription or redemption, or in respect of the issue or cancellation of share certificates or otherwise which may have become or will become payable in respect of or prior to or upon the occasion of any transaction, dealing or valuation.
<b>Index</b>	Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate SRI Carbon ESG-Weighted (EUR Unhedged)
<b>Index Provider</b>	Bloomberg L.P.
<b>In-Kind Transaction Fee</b>	Information regarding the In-Kind Transaction Fee is available upon request from the Administrator. Such fees may be waived by the Directors, in whole or in part, either generally or in any specific case, at their absolute discretion.
<b>Listing Stock Exchange(s)</b>	London Stock Exchange and such other selected exchanges as the Directors may determine from time to time in respect of the Fund and which are specified in Appendix A.
<b>Optimisation</b>	<p>The Fund will use optimization techniques which take account of tracking error and trading costs when constructing a portfolio. Consequently, the Fund may not hold each of the underlying Index constituents or hold Index constituents close to their Index weights.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Fund may hold securities which are not Index constituents but which are expected to provide similar performance and risk characteristics to certain Index constituents.</p>
<b>Portfolio Composition File</b>	The Portfolio Composition File will be available from the Investment Manager upon request. The securities comprised in the Portfolio Composition File will be consistent with the investment objective and policies of the Fund. See " <b>Investment Objective and Policies</b> " below.
<b>Portfolio Holdings File</b>	The Portfolio Holdings File will be available on the Website.
<b>Price Per Creation Unit</b>	The Net Asset Value per Share multiplied by the number of Shares in a Creation Unit. The Net Asset Value per Share will be published on each Dealing Day on the Website.
<b>Profile of a Typical Investor</b>	<p>Investment in the Fund may be suitable for investors seeking capital appreciation with a five-year time horizon through investments made primarily in debt securities that are listed or traded on Recognised Markets, as defined in the Prospectus. An investor should consider his/her personal tolerance for the daily fluctuations of the market before investing in the Fund. Investors should be prepared to bear losses.</p> <p>Shares in the Fund will be available to both retail and institutional investors.</p>
<b>Publication Time for Portfolio Composition File</b>	By 08.00 (Irish time) on each Business Day.

<b>Valuation Point</b>	23.00 (Irish time) on each Dealing Day. The closing price will follow the index methodology.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.etf.hsbc.com">www.etf.hsbc.com</a>

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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The investment objective of the Fund is to replicate the performance of the Index, while minimising as far as possible the tracking error between the Fund's performance and that of the Index.

The Index aims to measure the performance of the Index as detailed in the "Index Description" section of the Supplement.

In replicating the performance of the Index, the Fund promotes certain environmental, social and/or governance characteristics (as set out in the section titled "The Index") and has been categorised as an Article 8 fund for the purpose of the SFDR.

The Fund promotes certain environmental, social and/or governance characteristics (as set out in the section titled "Index Description"). Information on the Index's characteristics and the determination of sustainable investments is set out under the section titled "Index Description" below.

In seeking to achieve its investment objective, the Fund will use optimisation techniques which take account of tracking error and trading costs when constructing a portfolio. Consequently, the Fund may not hold each of the underlying Index constituents or hold Index constituents close to their Index weights. Furthermore, the Fund may hold securities which are not Index constituents but which are expected to provide similar performance and risk characteristics to certain Index constituents.

Most of the securities in which the Fund invests will be listed or traded on Recognised Markets, as defined in the Prospectus. Accordingly, the underlying exposure is to the issuers of debt securities included in the Index. The indicative net asset value per Share of the Fund is available on at least one major market data vendor terminal such as Bloomberg, as well as on a wide range of websites that display stock market data, including [www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com).

The Fund may invest in Eligible Collective Investment Schemes, including other Funds of the Company or schemes managed by the Investment Manager or its affiliates. The Fund may not invest more than 10% of its net assets in Eligible Collective Investment Schemes.

The Fund may use the following FDI: futures, forwards, foreign exchange contracts (including spot and forward contracts), options and swaps (including total return swaps and credit default swaps) which may be used to reduce tracking error between the Fund's performance and that of the Index. These instruments may be used for efficient portfolio management and/or investment purposes. The primary policy of the Fund is to acquire securities included in the Index, as described above, but FDI may be used where the direct holdings of securities may not be possible or where tracking error can be better minimised by using FDI. To the extent that the Fund uses FDI, there may be a risk that the volatility of the Fund may increase. However, the Fund is not expected to have an above average risk profile as a result of its use of or investment in FDI. FDI will be used within the limits stipulated by the Central Bank of Ireland and as described in "**Use of Financial Derivative Instruments**" in the Prospectus. Accordingly, although FDI may be inherently leveraged, the primary purpose of the use of FDI is to reduce tracking error, and, although the Fund will be leveraged as a result of its investments in FDI, the Fund's global exposure (as prescribed in the Central Bank's UCITS Regulations) relating to FDI, calculated using the commitment approach, must not exceed 100% of the Fund's total Net Asset Value.

Efficient portfolio management refers to techniques and instruments which relate to transferable securities which fulfil the following criteria: They are economically appropriate in that they are realised in a cost-effective way and investment decisions involving transactions that are entered into for one or more of the following specific aims: (i) the reduction of risk (e.g. to perform an investment hedge on a portion of a portfolio); (ii) the reduction of cost (e.g. short term cash flow management or tactical asset allocation); and (iii) the generation of additional capital or income for the Company with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Fund as described in this Supplement and the Prospectus and the general provisions of the UCITS Regulations. In particular, FDI may be used for the purpose of minimising tracking error, i.e. the risk that the Fund return varies from the Index return. Futures, index futures and currency futures may be used to hedge against market risk or to gain exposure to an underlying market. Forward contracts may be used to hedge or to gain exposure to an increase in the value of an asset, currency or deposit. Foreign exchange contracts may be used to

convert the currency of the underlying investments of each Fund into the Base Currency and to hedge the dividends received in a currency other than the Base Currency between the ex-date and the pay date. Options may be used to hedge or achieve exposure to a particular market instead of using a physical security. Total return swaps may be used to hedge or achieve exposure to a particular stock instead of using a physical security.

The Directors may exercise all borrowing powers of the Company in accordance with the 'Borrowing Policy' section in the Prospectus. Such borrowing will be temporary and will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

The tracking error is the annualised standard deviation of the difference between the monthly (or daily) returns of the Fund and the Index.

A series of factors may give rise to tracking error:

- Transaction costs, operating expenses, custody costs, taxes, as a result of changes in the investments of the Fund and re-weightings of the Index, corporate actions, currency fluctuations, cash flows into and out of the Fund from dividend/reinvestments and any costs and expenses which are not taken into account in the calculation of the Index.
- Internal restrictions, such as the HSBC Global Asset Management Banned Weapons Policy (as detailed in the Prospectus section: INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS - Other Restrictions) or other market or regulatory driven trading restrictions that apply to a Fund but not the relevant Index.

Moreover, in the event of the temporary suspension or interruption of trading in the investments comprising the Index, or of market disruptions, rebalancing the Fund's investment portfolio may not be possible and may result in deviations from the returns of the Index.

The Index will be rebalanced on a quarterly basis in order to account for the Eligibility Criteria described in the "Index Description" section of this Supplement, and the Fund's investment portfolio will be rebalanced as soon as practicable thereafter as required in accordance with the Fund's use of optimisation techniques.

The Fund is passively managed. There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the Fund will be achieved. In particular, no financial instrument enables the returns of the Index to be reproduced exactly.

The anticipated tracking error is the expected standard deviation of the differences between the returns of the Fund and the Index.

As at the date of this Supplement, the anticipated tracking error for the Fund is expected to be up to 0.40% in normal market conditions. Divergences between anticipated and realised tracking error will be explained in the annual report for the relevant period.

The anticipated tracking error for the Fund is not a guide to future performance.

The volatility level of the Fund will have a strong correlation to the volatility level of the Index.

### **Total Return Swaps and Securities Lending**

The Fund may engage in securities lending subject to the requirements of the Securities Financing Transactions Regulation, the UCITS Regulations and the Central Bank UCITS Regulations. This is more particularly described in the Prospectus under the heading "*Total Return Swaps, Contracts for Difference and Securities Lending*". Up to 30% of the Fund's net assets may be subject to securities lending arrangements at any one time, however the amount subject to securities lending arrangements is not generally expected to exceed 0 – 25% of the Fund's net assets. Furthermore, the Fund may invest



up to 10% of its net assets in total return swaps, however such investments are not generally expected to exceed 5% of the Fund's net assets.

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## INVESTMENT RISKS

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Investment in the Fund carries with it a degree of risk including the risks described under “**Risk Factors**” in the Prospectus and the specific risk factors set out below. These investment risks are not purported to be exhaustive and potential investors should review the Prospectus and this Supplement carefully and consult with their professional advisors before making an application for Shares. Investment in the Fund is not for investors who cannot afford to lose all or a significant part of their investment.

An investor should consider his/her personal tolerance for the daily fluctuations of the market before investing in the Fund.

### ***FDI Risk***

In the event the Fund uses FDI for efficient portfolio management or investment purposes, such use may increase the risk profile of the Fund.

For information in relation to the risks associated with the use of FDI, please refer to the “**Risk Factors – Particular Risks of Financial Derivative Instruments**” section of the Prospectus.

### ***Non-Investment Grade Debt***

The Fund may invest in non-investment grade fixed-income securities which carry higher credit risk (default risk and downgrade risk), liquidity risk and market risk than investments in investment grade fixed-income securities.

Credit risk is greater for investments in fixed-income securities that are rated below investment grade or which are not of comparable quality with investment grade securities. It is more likely that income or capital payments may not be made when due. Thus, the risk of default is greater. The amounts that may be recovered after any default may be smaller or zero and the Fund may incur additional expenses if it tries to recover its losses through bankruptcy or other similar proceedings.

Adverse economic events may have a greater impact on the prices of non-investment grade fixed-income securities. Investors should therefore be prepared for greater volatility than for investment grade fixed-income securities, with an increased risk of capital loss, but with the potential of higher returns.

The market liquidity for non-investment grade fixed-income securities can be low and there may be circumstances in which there is no liquidity of for these securities, making it more difficult to value and/or sell these securities.

### ***The Index***

An investment in the Fund exposes an investor to the market risks associated with fluctuations in the Index and the value of securities comprised in the Index. The value of the Index can increase as well as decrease and the value of an investment will fluctuate accordingly. There is no guarantee that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. The Fund is subject to tracking error, as described in the Prospectus, which is the risk that its returns may not correlate accurately to those of the Index. Furthermore, any re-weighting of the Index may increase the risk of tracking error.

The past performance of the Index should not be seen as an indication of the future performance of the Index or the Fund.

### ***Optimisation***

No assurance can be given that the strategy of Optimisation will achieve its objective of replicating the performance of the Index as the Fund may not hold each of the underlying Index constituents or hold Index constituents close their Index weights. As a result of employing the strategy of Optimisation the

Fund could be exposed to losses disproportionate to market declines in the Index, if there are disproportionately greater adverse price movements in the specific securities held by the Fund. Whilst Optimisation may therefore result in higher tracking error, the Fund is likely to incur lower costs due to the lower number of securities held.

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS

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During the Initial Offer Period, Classes of Shares in the Fund will first be issued at the price of the Index multiplied by a factor of 0.10 as at the Valuation Point on the first Business Day following the close of the Initial Offer Period which is from 27 May 2022 to 25 November 2022 (or such other date as the Directors may determine) and the price of which can be obtained from the Investment Manager. Thereafter, Shares in the Fund will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Share plus an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges and in accordance with the provisions set out in the Prospectus and this Supplement.

### Dealing Timetable

<b>Deadline for Application Form for all subscriptions</b>	16.00 (Irish time) on any Dealing Day for Base Currency and unhedged Share Classes; 14.30 (Irish time) for hedged Share Classes.
<b>Cash Subscriptions – cut-off for receipt of cash:</b>	By 15.00 (Irish time) within two Business Days after the Dealing Day.
<b>In-Kind Subscriptions:</b>	In-kind subscriptions will be permitted on an exceptional basis where explicitly agreed in advance with the Investment Manager.
<b>Settlement of Shares subscribed for</b>	Within two Business Days following the Dealing Day or such earlier day as the Directors may determine provided that appropriate cleared subscription monies for cash subscriptions (including the cash portion of an in-kind subscription where relevant) have been received no later than the settlement deadline of the relevant clearing platform or, no later than 15.00 (Irish time) for wire transfers (or no later than such time as agreed by the Investment Manager for the Portfolio Deposit of an in-kind subscription where an in-kind subscription is agreed to be accepted by the Investment Manager). Subscriptions through either process must be effected on the same Business Day after the Dealing Day on which settlement is sought unless this falls on a EUR Foreign Exchange Market holiday in which case they will settle on the Business Day after the EUR Foreign Exchange Market holiday.

All payments should be clearly referenced with one payment per subscription trade.

On the relevant Dealing Day of the Fund prior to 25 December and 1 January, subscription application forms must be received by 12.00 noon (Irish time). Where a subscription application form is received after 12.00 noon (Irish time), the subscription shall be held over until the next Dealing Day.

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## CONVERSIONS

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A conversion request will be treated as a cash redemption request in respect of the original Class of Shares and as a cash subscription application in respect of the new Class of Shares in this Fund or in any other sub-fund of the Company. On this basis and provided the original Class of Shares and the new Class of Shares have the same base currency, the Shareholder will be entitled on any Dealing Day to apply to convert any or all of their Shares of any Class in the Fund into Shares of another Class in the Fund or any other sub-fund of the Company except where dealings in the relevant Shares have been temporarily suspended in the circumstances described in the Prospectus and where the Dealing Deadlines are different for the Class of Shares in the sub-funds of the Company being converted. Please refer to the terms and conditions regarding subscriptions and redemptions of the relevant Fund

Supplements.

When requesting the conversion of Shares as an initial investment in a sub-fund of the Company, the Shareholder should ensure that the aggregate Net Asset Value per Share of the Shares converted is equal to or exceeds any minimum holding for the relevant sub-fund. In the case of a conversion of a partial holding only, the value of the remaining holding must also be at least equal to any minimum holding for the relevant sub-fund. If the number of Shares of the new Class to be issued on conversion is not an integral number of Shares, the Company may issue fractional Shares of the new Class or return the surplus arising to the Shareholder seeking to convert the Shares of the original Class.

Conversions will attract a Conversion Transaction Fee, being the fee payable to the Administrator as agent for the Company where, as part of a conversion of Shares, Shares are redeemed for cash and subsequently invested for cash in a different sub-fund of the Company. The fee payable is deducted from the redemption proceeds at the same rate as the Conversion Transaction Fee as specified in the relevant Fund Supplement of the subscribed for sub-fund.

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## REDEMPTIONS

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The Shareholder may effect a redemption of Shares at the Net Asset Value per Share less, an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges on any Dealing Day, provided that a written redemption request is signed by the Shareholder and received by the Administrator no later than the Dealing Deadline on the relevant Dealing Day in accordance with the provisions of the “**Subscriptions, Valuations and Redemptions**” section of the Prospectus. Settlement for cash transactions will take place in accordance with the Prospectus. Redemption proceeds in either the Base Currency of the Fund or converted into another currency (converted at a competitive rate provided by the Administrator) will be paid by telegraphic transfer to the appropriate bank account as notified by the redeeming Shareholder. The cost of any transfer of proceeds by telegraphic transfer will be deducted from such proceeds. Payment will be made only to an account in the name of the registered Shareholder. Settlement of in-kind transactions will take place within 10 Business Days of the relevant Dealing Day.

As per the provisions set out in the Prospectus, redemptions proceeds (in-kind and/or in cash) will only be released where the Administrator holds full original anti-money laundering documentation.

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## FEES AND EXPENSES

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For details of the fees and expenses payable by the Fund please refer to the “**Fees and Expenses**” section in the prospectus.

The total annual fees and operating expenses of the Classes (except for transaction charges and taxes or duty charges for portfolio re-balancing, all of which are paid separately out of the assets of the Fund) (the “**Total Expense Ratio**” or “**TER**”) are shown in the table below. The TER shall accrue daily and be payable monthly in arrears. The Management Company will absorb (by reimbursement to the account of the Fund) any additional fees, costs or expenses over the Total Expense Ratio. The fees, costs and expenses which the Total Expense Ratio covers are set out in the next paragraph.

Class	TER per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Class
Base Currency and unhedged Share Classes	Up to 0.18%
Hedged Share Classes	Up to 0.21%

Fees, costs and expenses paid from the TER may include, but are not limited to, fees and expenses paid to the Management Company, Investment Manager, Administrator, Depositary, regulators, auditors, any delegates or agents of the Company, as applicable, and certain legal costs of the Company, including establishment expenses.

Where cash is the method of payment, a Direct Dealing (Cash Transaction) Fee of up to 3% of subscription and redemption monies may be applicable when dealing directly with the Fund for Shares.

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## THE CLASSES OF SHARES

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The Fund has different Classes of Shares which are described in “The Shares” section Prospectus. Only certain Classes of shares may be available for subscription as at the date Supplement. Additional Classes of Shares may be added in the future in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank. An up-to-date list of launched Classes and Classes available to purchase can be obtained from the registered office of the Investment Manager.

Class	Type	Distribution Policy	ISIN
EUR	A Class denominated in the Base Currency	Accumulating	IE00BKY81B71
GBP Hedged	A GBP hedged Class	Accumulating	
CHF Hedged	A CHF hedged Class	Accumulating	
USD Hedged	A USD hedged Class	Accumulating	

Information on currency hedged Classes is provided under the “Currency Transactions” section of the Prospectus.

Shares are freely transferable subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Articles and as set out in the Prospectus.

The settlement of Shares is centralised in an ICSD structure. Shares will not generally be issued in Dematerialised Form and no temporary documents of title or share certificates will be issued, other than the global certificate issued to the Common Depositary's Nominee which is required for the ICSD settlement model (the ICSD being the Recognised Clearing and Settlement System through which the Shares will be settled). Where Shares are issued in Dematerialised Form in one or more Recognised Clearing and Settlement Systems, redemption of these Shares can only be completed by the delivery of those Shares back through that Recognised Clearing and Settlement Systems. Other than the global certificate issued to the Common Depositary's Nominee, no individual certificates for Shares will be issued by the Company. The Directors may, in their absolute discretion, refuse to accept any subscription for Shares, in whole or in part.

The EUR Class of Shares was admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority and admitted to trading on the main market of the London Stock Exchange on 17 November 2021. The Company is a recognised scheme in the UK for the purposes of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended or re-enacted from time to time.

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## INDEX DESCRIPTION

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*This section is a summary of the principal features of the Bloomberg MSCI Euro Corporate SRI Carbon ESG-Weighted (EUR Unhedged) index (the “**Index**”) and is not a complete description of the Index.*

### General

The Fund will aim to replicate the net total return performance of the Index.

The Index tracks the performance of fixed-rate, investment grade debt securities issued by corporate issuers and seeks to achieve a reduction in carbon emissions and an improvement of the MSCI ESG rating against that of the Bloomberg Euro Aggregate Corporate Index (the “**Parent Index**”).

The Index achieve this by removing, on a monthly basis, securities based on sustainability exclusionary criteria. The following types of issuers are removed from the Index on an ongoing basis due to the sustainability exclusionary criteria and some criteria may apply thresholds:

### **MSCI ESG Rating**

- (a) issuers with an MSCI ESG Rating<sup>1</sup> of lower than BB;
- (b) issuers with an ESG Pillar Score of less than 2;
- (c) unrated issuers from sectors with ratings;

### **Business Involvement Screens**

- (d) issuers involved (as per the standard Bloomberg MSCI SRI screen) in the following business activities:
  - (i) adult entertainment;
  - (ii) alcohol;
  - (iii) gambling;
  - (iv) tobacco;
  - (v) conventional weapons;
  - (vi) civilian firearms;
  - (vii) nuclear weapons;
  - (viii) controversial weapons
  - (ix) nuclear power;
  - (x) fossil fuels;
  - (xi) revenue from thermal coal or from the generation of thermal coal; and
  - (xii) genetically modified organisms;

### **MSCI ESG Controversies Scores**

- (e) issuers with a “red” MSCI ESG Controversies score (i.e. less than 1).

The weight of each constituent issuer is adjusted by a fixed multiplier, as set out in the index methodology, which is determined by its MSCI ESG Rating. Each constituent is capped at 2% by market value.

### **Publication of the Index**

The Index is priced daily, except on market holidays, using Bloomberg’s evaluated pricing service, BVAL, with certain securities priced by third party sources. The Index is also calculated and published once per day on each trading day. The closing price of the Index, its components, its rebalancing frequency and its performance is available on the Index Provider’s website: [www.bloomberg.com/professional/product/indices/bloomberg-barclays-indices/#/ucits](http://www.bloomberg.com/professional/product/indices/bloomberg-barclays-indices/#/ucits).

The Index methodology may be amended from time to time by the Index Provider. Information on the Index methodology is available on the website above.

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<sup>1</sup> Each company in the Index is assigned an ESG rating using MSCI ESG Rating. Companies with higher ESG ratings will have their weights increased, while companies with lower ESG ratings will be either excluded or have their weights decreased.