

#### **HSBC ISLAMIC FUNDS**

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable 4, rue Peternelchen, L-2370 Howald Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg R.C.S. Luxembourg B74964 (the "Company")

Dear Shareholder,

# **Annual General Meeting**

Please be advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Company, convened at the registered office of the Company on Friday 26 May 2023 at 11:00 am (Central European Time) ("1st AGM"), on Tuesday 27 June 2023 at 11:00 am (Central European Time) ("2nd AGM"), on Thursday 28 December 2023 at 15:00 (Central European Time) ("3rd AGM") and on 28 March 2024 (Central European Time) ("4th AGM"), were not quorate to allow the resolutions to pass. The Board believes it to be in the best interest of the shareholders to convene a 5th annual general meeting.

The Board of Directors is pleased to enclose the notice of the Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") of the Company which will be held on Thursday 30 May 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (Central European Time) at the registered office of the Company.

The agenda for the AGM is outlined in the enclosed Notice, together with details of the quorum and voting requirements. A Proxy Form for voting is also enclosed. In order to be accepted, completed Proxy Forms must be received by the Registrar by no later than 5:00 p.m. (Central European Time) on Wednesday 29 May 2024.

The Board of Directors encourages shareholders to vote at the AGM.

Should you have any questions relating to the above or have any doubt as to what course of action to take, please contact the registered office of the Company or your client representative, as applicable.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

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Terms not defined in this letter will have the same meaning as those defined in the current prospectus of the Company. The Board accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this letter as at the date of the mailing.



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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (the "**Meeting**") of the Company will be held at the registered office of the Company on Thursday 30 May 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (Central European Time) for the purpose of considering and voting upon the following matters:

### **Agenda**

- 1. Presentation of the Report of the Board of Directors for the accounting year ended 31 December 2022.
- 2. Presentation of the Report of the Auditors for the accounting year ended 31 December 2022.
- 3. Approval of the Financial Statements for the accounting year ended 31 December 2022.
- 4. Allocation of the results for the accounting year ended 31 December 2022.
- 5. Ratification of all interim dividends for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.
- 6. Discharge of the Board of Directors in respect of their duties carried out for the accounting year ended 31 December 2022.
- 7. Acknowledgment of the resignation of Mr John Li as a Director, with effect from 30 September 2023.
- 8. Election of Mr Timothy Palmer, appointed by the Board of Directors with effect from 2 October 2023, to serve as such until the Annual General Meeting to approve the Financial Statements for the accounting year ending on 31 December 2023. A short biography for Mr Palmer is included below.
- 9. Re-election of Mr Michael Boehm as a Director, to serve as such until the Annual General Meeting to approve the Financial Statements for the accounting year ending on 31 December 2023. A short biography for Mr Boehm is included below.
- 10. Re-election of Mrs Eimear Cowhey as a Director, to serve as such until the Annual General Meeting to approve the Financial Statements for the accounting year ending on 31 December 2023. A short biography for Mrs Cowhey is included below.
- 11. Re-election of Mr Jean de Courrèges as a Director, to serve as such until the Annual General Meeting to approve the Financial Statements for the accounting year ending on 31 December 2023. A short biography for Mr de Courrèges is included below.
- 12. Re-election of Mr Matteo Pardi as a Director, to serve as such until the Annual General Meeting to approve the Financial Statements for the accounting year ending on 31 December 2023. A short biography for Mr Pardi is included below.
- 13. Re-election of Mr Anthony Jeffs as a Director, to serve as such until the Annual General Meeting to approve the Financial Statements for the accounting year ending on 31 December 2023. A short biography for Mr Jeffs is included below.
- 14. Ratification and approval of the remuneration of each of the independent Directors (Mrs Cowhey, Mr de Courrèges, Mr Palmer and Mr Li) at EUR 15 000 gross per annum with effect from 1 January 2023 for Mrs Cowhey, Mr de Courrèges, at EUR 15 000 gross per annum with effect from 2 October 2023 for Mr Palmer, and EUR 15,000 gross per annum with effect from 1 January 2023 for Mr Li and pro-rated until the date of his resignation, with effect on 30 September 2023.

- 15. Re-election of PricewaterhouseCoopers, *Société coopérative* as Independent Auditor of the Company until the Annual General Meeting to approve the Financial Statements for the accounting year ending on 31 December 2023.
- 16. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

#### **Financial Statements**

A copy of the audited Annual Report of the Company for the accounting year ended 31 December 2022, which includes the Reports to be presented at Items 1 and 2 above, is available at the registered office of the Company and upon request made via fax (+352 27025 380) addressed to the attention of Registration Team, or in writing to the Registrar: HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg branch, Registration Team, 18 Boulevard de Kockelscheuer, L-1821, Luxembourg (please note that this is a new address). These documents may be obtained by shareholders free of charge. They will be sent by ordinary land courier to the address specified in the request.

### **Election of Directors**

Mr Timothy Palmer retired from his role as Chief Risk Officer of HSBC Asset Management in March 2023. Mr Palmer has over 30 years of experience in asset management, which he is continuing to use in a small number of non-executive roles. Mr Palmer joined HSBC in March 2005 having previously been Head of Global Risk Management at AXA Investment Managers. He had joined Sun Life as an actuarial trainee and worked in life and pensions before moving into asset management as an equity investment analyst. Mr Palmer then became an equity and multi-asset fund manager and, ultimately, Managing Director of Sun Life Investment Management responsible for Sun Life's securities investment business. Mr Palmer subsequently held a number of senior roles within AXA Investment Management. Mr Palmer has a BSc (Hons) in Mathematics from Bristol University, is a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries and is a member of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment.

**Mr Michael Boehm** is a Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer of HSBC Asset Management Germany. Based in Düsseldorf, he is responsible for Alternatives (Private Markets as well as Real Estate) Operations, Risk, Finance, IT, HR, Legal and Compliance. In addition, he is globally responsible within HSBC Asset Management for Global Fund Services Alternatives. He is a member of the Fund Board of global fund ranges of HSBC Group, as well as other internal HSBC Group entities and external Boards.

Previously Mr Boehm served until 2010 at HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt as Deputy Head of Legal and Head of Legal Capital Markets. During that time he focused on advising Global Markets, OTC-Derivatives, Equity Capital Markets, Asset Management and Insolvency Law.

Mr Boehm started his career with an apprenticeship as a Qualified Bank Clerk and Law Studies at the University of Bonn and the Higher Court of Cologne. After three (3) years as a Research Assistant at the Institute of Commercial and Corporate Law of the University of Bonn and Dr. jur. thesis on legal aspects of crossborder netting agreements, in 1998 Mr Boehm became a Legal Adviser in the Legal Department of HSBC Trinkaus & Burkhardt.

From 1999 until 2006 Mr Boehm was a Member of the Working Group on Derivatives and from 2006 until 2010 a Member of the Committee on Financial Instruments of the Association of German Banks in Berlin. Since 2011 Mr Boehm has been a Member of the Committee on EU and International regulatory affairs of the German Investment Funds Association (BVI). Additionally, since 2008 Mr Boehm has been a Lecturer in Banking and Investment Law at the University of Düsseldorf.

Mrs Eimear Cowhey is an experienced non-executive independent chairman, director and committee member of various investment fund, investment management and MiFID companies in Ireland, England and Luxembourg. In her executive life she held senior executive and board positions within the Pioneer Amundi Group, including Global Head of Product Development and Invesco Asset Management including Managing Director and Global Fund Director. Eimear is a qualified Irish lawyer and has received Chartered Director status from the IoD (London). She also holds a Diploma in Accounting and Finance (ACCA) and a Certificate in Financial Services Law (UCD).

Eimear was a member of the Committee on Collective Investment Governance (CCIG) which was established by the Central Bank of Ireland in December 2013 and which issued an expert report in July 2014 on recommendations for good governance practice for investment funds. She is a former Chairperson and Council member of Irish Funds and is a former member of the IFSC Funds Group a joint government/industry group to advise the government of investment fund related matters.

She is a founder and director of basis.point which is the Irish investment fund industry charity supporting educational programs for disadvantaged children and which has raised over €6 million since establishment.

Mr Jean de Courrèges - for the last 10 years, Mr de Courrèges has been an Independent Director for various investment structures and companies in Luxembourg. Mr de Courrèges sits on the Boards of structures established by some of the top names of the financial industry. Mr de Courrèges spent most of his career both in Banking and Investment sectors the world around. After graduating from ESSEC with an MBA in 1978, he was initially trained as a Credit Analyst, Trader and Risk Manager. In 1985 Mr de Courrèges was appointed as Regional Treasurer in Asia for Banque Indosuez. Subsequently he was hired by Credit Commercial de France as Country Chief Executive in Japan and then in the USA. In 1997 in New York, he started focusing on alternative investments (Hedge Funds and Private Equity) as an Analyst and Fund Manager with various specialists such as Credit Suisse Asset Management.

**Mr Matteo Pardi** is the Head of International Markets for HSBC Asset Management. In his role, Matteo is responsible for: Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Bermuda, Turkey, Malta and provides support to: India, China, Taiwan - under the Asia Pacific CEO. Since February 2023 he is also in charge of the MENA region for HSBC Asset Management.

Matteo joined HSBC in 2001 to establish HSBC Global Asset Management's presence in Italy and in 2007 became Head of Southern Europe (Italy, Iberia, Greece) for HSBC Asset Management. From 2011 to 2013, he has been HSBC Global Asset Management's Head of Wholesale for Continental Europe. From 2013 to 2022 he has been CEO of HSBC Global Asset Management (France) covering several Continental European countries.

Prior to joining HSBC, Matteo worked in Paris for Banque Sovac Lazard Group and GE Capital and in Milan for Citigroup and JPMorgan Asset Management.

Mr Anthony Jeffs is Global Head of Product within HSBC Global Asset Management. Mr. Jeffs is responsible for the design and development of new products, implementation of change and the day to day governance framework for the key HSBC cross border products based in Dublin and Luxembourg. He has over 25 years of experience in HSBC Asset Management, which he joined in 1990, in both the Institutional and Private Client divisions. He has held various roles in Product, Multimanager, Operations, and Change Management including process re-engineering, system implementations and vendor management.

### Voting

The majority at the Meeting shall be determined according to the shares issued and outstanding at midnight (Luxembourg time) five days prior to the Meeting, i.e. 23 May 2024 (referred to as the "**Record Date**"). There will be no requirement as to the quorum in order for the Meeting to validly deliberate and decide on the matters listed in the agenda; resolutions will be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast. At the Meeting, each share entitles to one vote. The rights of the shareholders to attend the Meeting and to exercise the voting rights attached to their shares are determined in accordance with the shares held at the Record Date.

# **Voting Arrangements**

Shareholders are invited to send a duly completed and signed proxy form to the Registrar: HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg Branch, Registration Team, 18 Boulevard de Kockelscheuer, L-1821, Luxembourg (please note that this is a new address), Fax No: +352 27025 380, Email isadministration@lu.hsbc.com to arrive not later than 5:00 p.m. (Central European Time) on Wednesday 29 May 2024. Proxy forms will be sent to registered shareholders with a copy of this notice and can also be obtained from the registered office.

Investors who plan to attend in person should please let isadministration@lu.hsbc.com know at least one business day prior to the AGM so that arrangements can be made to welcome you.

The Board of Directors

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# **PROXY FORM**

For use at the Annual General Meeting (the "Meeting") of Shareholders of the Company on Thursday 30 May 2024 and at any adjournment thereof

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hereby appoint	 
(name of proxy)	

or failing him or failing such appointment, the Chairman of the Meeting as my/our proxy to vote on my/our behalf at the Meeting to be held on Thursday 30 May 2024 and at any adjournment thereof, to represent my/our entire shareholding in the Company and Sub-Funds of the Company.

I instruct my proxy to vote on the items contained in the Notice of the said Meeting as follows:

		In Favour	Against	Abstain
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Failing any specific instruction, the proxy will vote at his/her complete discretion.	
Signature	_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2024

#### **NOTES:**

A holder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on their behalf. If you wish to appoint a person other than the Chairman of the meeting as your proxy, insert in block capitals the full name of the person of your choice. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.

<sup>\*</sup> Please indicate the name of the sub-fund of HSBC ISLAMIC FUNDS of which you are a shareholder.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please indicate with an 'X' in the spaces provided above.

The proxy will exercise his/her discretion as to how he/she votes or whether he/she abstains from voting on the resolutions referred to above if no instruction is given in respect of the resolutions and on any business considered at the Meeting and at any adjournment thereof.

This Proxy Form (and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a notarial certified copy thereof) must be returned to HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg, Registration Team, 18 Boulevard de Kockelscheuer, L-1821, Luxembourg (please note that this is a new address), Fax No: +352 27025 380, E-mail <a href="mailto:isadministration@lu.hsbc.com">isadministration@lu.hsbc.com</a> not later than 5.00 pm (Central European Time) on Wednesday 29 May 2024.

If the shareholder is a corporation, this Proxy Form must be executed under the seal or under the hand of some officer or attorney duly authorised on its behalf. In the case of joint holders, any one holder may sign.