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#### 10 October 2022

Dear Shareholder,

Schroder International Selection Fund (the "Company") – Change in delegation arrangement and other updates

#### Change in delegation arrangement

We are writing to inform you of a change in delegation arrangement of the funds of the Company which are authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC")<sup>1</sup>, as set out in Appendix 2 (each an "SISF SFC-Authorised Fund").

As disclosed in the Prospectus of the Company, each investment manager may appoint one or more other Schroders group companies, at its own expense and responsibility, to manage all or part of the assets of a fund or to provide recommendations or advice on any part of the investment portfolio (each a "Sub-Investment Manager"). Any Sub-Investment Manager appointed by an investment manager may, in turn, appoint another Schroders group entity (each a "Sub-Delegate") to manage all or part of a fund's assets, subject to the prior written consent of the investment manager.

Currently, as disclosed in the Hong Kong offering documents of the Company, the investment managers of certain funds of the Company (each a "**Relevant Fund**"), at their own expense and responsibility, have allocated the investment management of certain proportion of the assets of the Relevant Funds to the Sub-Investment Managers. Details of the current arrangement of the Relevant Funds are set out in Appendix 1.

With effect from 11 November 2022, each investment manager may delegate discretionary investment management of the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds to one or more of the Sub-Investment Manager(s) as listed below. Each Sub-Investment Manager(s) may in turn, appoint one or more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SFC authorization is not a recommendation or endorsement of a scheme nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a scheme or its performance. It does not mean the scheme is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

Sub-Delegate(s) as listed below to manage all or part of the assets of the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds. As a global asset management group, the proposed arrangement will enable Schroders to leverage on the expertise of the different investment management entities and utilise investment management resources within the Schroders group more efficiently.

The management company, investment manager, Sub-Investment Managers and Sub-Delegates are all companies within Schroders group. The list of the Sub-Investment Managers and the Sub-Delegates (the "**List**") is as follows:

Sub-Investment Managers / Sub-Delegates
Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Schroder Investment Management Limited
Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited
Schroder Investment Management (Japan) Limited
Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch

Notwithstanding the proposed arrangement described above, it is not the current intention that Schroder Investment Management (Japan) Limited will appoint Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd to manage all or part of the assets of any SISF SFC-Authorised Fund, and vice versa.

Under the proposed arrangement, the entities set out in the List above may be appointed or removed as the Sub-Investment Manager(s) or Sub-Delegate(s) of one or more of the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds from time to time without any further notice to Shareholders. The List will be disclosed in the Company's Hong Kong offering document and any change to the List will be updated as soon as reasonably practicable. The list of the latest Sub-Investment Manager(s) and Sub-Delegate(s) of the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds will no longer be disclosed in the Hong Kong offering documents, but will be provided to Shareholders on request and shall be further disclosed in the Company's periodic reports, i.e. the audited annual reports and unaudited half-yearly reports of the Company.

Any addition or removal of entities to or from the List shall be subject to all applicable legal and regulatory requirements and the prior approval of the SFC. Shareholders will be given one month's prior notice in the case of any such addition of entities to the List and will be notified as soon as reasonably practicable in the case of any removal of the entities from the List.

Save as disclosed above, all other key features of the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds will remain the same and there will be no change to the risks applicable to the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds. There will be no change to the current fees and expenses payable to or borne by the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds or Shareholders. Save as disclosed above, there will be no change to the operation and/or manner in which the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds are being managed as a result of the proposed arrangement. The proposed arrangement will not have any material effect on Shareholders of

the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds. The proposed change is not expected to materially prejudice the rights or interests of existing investors.

Upon the proposed arrangement takes effect, the management company of the Company shall continue to have ongoing oversight and regular monitoring of the competence of its delegates to ensure that its accountability to Shareholders is not diminished. Although the investment management function of the management company may be delegated to the investment manager(s), Sub-Investment Manager(s), and/or Sub-Delegate(s), the management company's responsibilities and obligations will not be delegated.

#### Costs and expenses in respect of the change in delegation arrangement

Any costs and expenses incurred in the proposed change including legal, audit and regulatory charges, will be borne by the Company. Such costs and expenses are expected to be insignificant and is estimated to be approximately less than 0.01% of the net asset value of the Company.

#### **Options available to investors**

We hope that you will choose to remain invested in the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds following the change in the delegation arrangement as set out above, but if you do wish to redeem your holding in the SISF SFC-Authorised Funds before the change becomes effective, you may do so at any time up to and including the dealing cut-off at 5:00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 10 November 2022. Please ensure that your redemption instruction reaches the Hong Kong Representative before this deadline. We will execute your redemption instructions in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Hong Kong offering documents, free of charge, although in some countries local paying agents, correspondent banks or similar agents might charge transaction fees. Local agents might also have a local dealing cut-off which is earlier than that described above, so please check with them to ensure that your instructions reach the Hong Kong Representative before the dealing cut-off at 5:00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 10 November 2022.

## Other miscellaneous updates

Currently, various SISF SFC-Authorised Funds as set out in Appendix 3 do not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability Information" on the SISF SFC-Authorised Fund's webpage (https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/funds/fund-centre/²). From the date of this notice, the above information would be published on www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc ³.

#### **Updates to Hong Kong offering documents**

The Hong Kong offering documents of the Company will be revised to reflect the above changes / updates and will be available free of charge at www.schroders.com.hk<sup>4</sup> or upon request from the Hong Kong Representative of the Company, Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

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## **Enquiries**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact your usual professional advisor or the Hong Kong Representative at Level 33, Two Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong or calling the Schroders Investor Hotline on (+852) 2869 6968.

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Directors

Relevant Fund	Investment Manager	Sub-Investment Manager(s)
Emerging Markets Multi-Asset	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
		Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
	Schroder Investment	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
EURO Bond	Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
EURO Corporate Bond	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. – German Branch	Schroder Investment Management Limited
Global Bond	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
		Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Global Corporate Bond	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.	Schroder Investment Management Limited
		Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Global Credit Income		Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited
Global High Yield	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.	Schroder Investment Management Limited
		Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited

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Global Inflation Linked Bond	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Global Multi-Asset Income	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
		Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Global Smaller Companies	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Global Target Return	Schroder Investment Management Australia Limited	Schroder Investment Management Limited
		Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Multi-Asset Growth and Income	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
Strategic Bond	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.
		Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd
Sustainable Multi-Asset Income	Schroder Investment Management Limited	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc.

#### SISF SFC-Authorised Funds

- 1. All China Equity
- 2. Asian Bond Total Return
- 3. Asian Dividend Maximiser
- 4. Asian Equity Yield
- 5. Asian Local Currency Bond
- 6. Asian Opportunities
- 7. Asian Smaller Companies
- 8. Asian Total Return
- 9. BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China)
- 10. China Opportunities
- 11. Emerging Asia
- 12. Emerging Europe
- 13. Emerging Markets
- 14. Emerging Markets Debt Absolute Return
- 15. Emerging Markets Multi-Asset
- 16. EURO Bond
- 17. EURO Corporate Bond
- 18. EURO Equity
- 19. EURO Government Bond
- 20. EURO Liquidity
- 21. EURO Short Term Bond
- 22. European Dividend Maximiser
- 23. European Large Cap
- 24. European Smaller Companies
- 25. European Sustainable Equity
- 26. European Value
- 27. Frontier Markets Equity
- 28. Global Bond
- 29. Global Cities
- 30. Global Climate Change Equity
- 31. Global Corporate Bond
- 32. Global Credit Income
- 33. Global Dividend Maximiser
- 34. Global Emerging Market Opportunities
- 35. Global Energy
- 36. Global Equity
- 37. Global Equity Alpha
- 38. Global Equity Yield
- 39. Global Gold
- 40. Global High Yield
- 41. Global Inflation Linked Bond
- 42. Global Multi-Asset Income
- 43. Global Smaller Companies
- 44. Global Sustainable Food and Water
- 45. Global Sustainable Growth
- 46. Global Target Return
- 47. Greater China

- 48. Healthcare Innovation
- 49. Hong Kong Dollar Bond
- 50. Hong Kong Equity
- 51. Indian Equity
- 52. Japanese Equity
- 53. Japanese Opportunities
- 54. Japanese Smaller Companies
- 55. Latin American
- 56. Multi-Asset Growth and Income
- 57. QEP Global Active Value
- 58. QEP Global Quality
- 59. Strategic Bond
- 60. Sustainable Asian Equity
- 61. Sustainable Multi-Asset Income
- 62. Taiwanese Equity
- 63. UK Equity
- 64. US Dollar Bond
- 65. US Dollar Liquidity
- 66. US Large Cap
- 67. US Small & Mid Cap Equity
- 68. US Smaller Companies Impact

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- 2. Asian Equity Yield
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- 10. Emerging Markets Debt Absolute Return
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- 18. EURO Short Term Bond
- 19. European Smaller Companies
- 20. Global Bond
- 21. Global Corporate Bond
- 22. Global Credit Income
- 23. Global Emerging Market Opportunities
- 24. Global Equity
- 25. Global High Yield
- 26. Global Inflation Linked Bond
- 27. Global Multi-Asset Income
- 28. Global Smaller Companies
- 29. Global Target Return
- 30. Japanese Equity
- 31. Japanese Opportunities
- 32. Japanese Smaller Companies
- 33. Multi-Asset Growth and Income
- 34. QEP Global Quality
- 35. UK Equity
- 36. US Dollar Bond
- 37. US Small & Mid Cap Equity



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### 12 July 2022

Dear Shareholder,

#### Schroder International Selection Fund - Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR")

We are writing to advise you that the investment objectives and policies of some funds (the "Funds") in the prospectus of Schroder International Selection Fund (the "Company") will change with effect from 1 September 2022 (the "Effective Date"). The Appendix 1 to this letter shows a full list of the Funds affected.

From the Effective Date, each Fund will incorporate binding environmental and/or social characteristic(s), within the meaning of Article 8 of the SFDR.

Details of each Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics and how it seeks to achieve them will be disclosed in the Fund's investment policy and under a new section called "Sustainability Criteria" in the Fund Characteristics section in the Fund Details, as set out in Appendix III of the prospectus. A summary of the changes are set out in Appendix 2 to this notice.

The Hong Kong offering documents of the Company will be revised to reflect the above changes and will be available free of charge at www.schroders.com.hk<sup>1</sup> or upon request from the Hong Kong Representative of the Company, Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited.

There are no other changes to the Funds' investment style, investment philosophy, investment strategy, and the operation and/or manner in which the Funds are being managed following these changes.

#### Redeeming or switching your shares to another Schroders fund

We hope that you will choose to remain invested in the Fund(s) following the changes, but if you do wish to redeem your holding in the Fund(s) or to switch into another of the Company's subfunds authorized by the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC")<sup>2</sup> before the Effective Date, you

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may do so at any time up to and including the dealing cut-off at 5:00 p.m. Hong Kong time on **30 August 2022**. Please ensure that your redemption or switch instruction reaches the Hong Kong Representative before this deadline. We will execute your redemption or switch instructions in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Hong Kong offering documents, free of charge, although in some countries local paying agents, correspondent banks or similar agents might charge transaction fees. Local agents might also have a local dealing cut-off which is earlier than that described above, so please check with them to ensure that your instructions reach the Hong Kong Representative before the dealing cut-off at 5:00 p.m. Hong Kong time on **30 August 2022**.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact your usual professional advisor or the Hong Kong Representative at Level 33, Two Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong or calling the Schroders Investor Hotline on (+852) 2869 6968.

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Directors

Schroder International Selection Fund – Asian Local Currency Bond
Schroder International Selection Fund – China Opportunities
Schroder International Selection Fund – Global Bond
Schroder International Selection Fund – Japanese Opportunities

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## Appendix 2

## **Article 8 Funds**

## New wording is shown as underlined text

Sub-Fund	Investment Objective and Policy as stated in the Company's prospectus dated January 2022	Enhanced Investment Objective and Policy and Sustainability Criteria
Asian Local	Investment Objective	Investment Objective
Currency Bond	The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in Asian fixed income securities denominated in local currencies.	The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in Asian fixed income securities denominated in local currencies.
	Investment Policy	Investment Policy
	The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed income securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in local currencies issued by government, government agencies and companies in Asia (excluding Japan) and derivatives related to the above instruments. For the purposes of this Fund, Asia includes the following west Asian countries: Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.	The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed income securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in local currencies issued by government, government agencies and companies in Asia (excluding Japan) and derivatives related to the above instruments. For the purposes of this Fund, Asia includes the following west Asian countries: Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.  The Fund may invest directly in mainland China through (i) RQFII

www.schroders.com R.C.S. Luxembourg – B. 8202 For your security telephone conversations may be recorded The Fund may invest directly in mainland China through (i) RQFII schemes or QFII related schemes supervised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission provided investment restriction 1.(A) (5) (I) of Appendix I is complied with and/or they qualify as Investment Funds and (ii) Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect).

Investments in mainland China Regulated Markets and interbank bond markets may also be performed indirectly through notes, certificates other or instruments (which qualify transferable securities and do not embed a derivative element), openended Investment Funds and eligible derivative transactions.

The Fund may also invest up to onethird of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds. warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives (including total return swaps and long and short currency forwards) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or more managing the fund efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Objective Investment and Investment Policy. In particular, total return swaps may be used to gain long and short exposure on fixed income securities. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 60% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to schemes or QFII related schemes supervised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission provided investment restriction 1.(A) (5) (I) of Appendix I is complied with and/or they qualify as Investment Funds and (ii) Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect<u>or CIBM</u> Direct).

Investments in mainland China Regulated Markets and interbank bond markets may also be performed indirectly through notes, certificates or other instruments (which qualify as transferable securities and do not embed a derivative element), openended Investment Funds and eligible derivative transactions.

The Fund may also invest up to onethird of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps and long and short currency forwards) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps, the underlying consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps may be used to gain long and short exposure on fixed income securities on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to periods of slow economic growth and falling interest rates, and where the Investment Manager's view is that sovereign spread premiums will compress. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 6020%

30% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 305% of the Net Asset Value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

# As of 1 September 2022 the following will become part of the Investment Policy section:

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability Information" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc¹.

#### **Benchmark**

The Fund's performance should be its assessed against target benchmark being to exceed the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of target benchmark. Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which Fund's portfolio the and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

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The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is,

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# As of 1 September 2022 the following will become part of the Benchmark section:

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

## **Specific Risk Considerations**

Long and short positions gained through bond total return swaps may increase exposure to creditrelated risks. The Fund may invest in mainland China through RQFII schemes or Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect). Investors should note that the RQFII status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding RQFII status, RQFII quota, the CIBM and Bond Connect.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

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# As of 1 September 2022 the following risk consideration will apply:

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

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### **Sustainability Criteria**

# As of 1 September 2022 the following section will apply:

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The strategy aims to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- the exclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the climate and impose unjustifiable social costs.
- the inclusion of issuers that demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies to encourage transparency, the transition to a circular economy with lower carbon emissions intensity and responsible social behaviour that promotes sustainable growth and alpha generation.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are the

Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-

capabilities/sustainability/disclosures2.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

held in the Fund's portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

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# China Opportunities

#### **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the MSCI China (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies.

## **Investment Policy**

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equity and equity-related securities of Chinese companies.

The Fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 50% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through:

- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- The Renminbi Qualified Institutional Investor (RQFII) Scheme; and
- Regulated Markets.

The Fund may also invest up to onethird of its assets directly or other securities indirectly in (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

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- Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect;
- +<u>t</u>he Renminbi Qualified Institutional Investor (RQFII) Scheme;
- shares listed on the STAR Board and the ChiNext; and
- Regulated Markets.

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#### Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its benchmark being to exceed the MSCI China (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar China Equity Category. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not have any bearing on how the Investment Manager invests the Fund's assets. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

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# As of 1 September 2022 the following will become part of the Benchmark section:

The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

#### **Specific Risk Considerations**

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Connect Stock are securities trading and clearing linked programmes developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Shanghai/Shenzhen Stock Exchanges, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between the PRC (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) and Hong Kong. A detailed description of the programmes as well as risks linked thereto can be found in Appendix II of this Prospectus.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through RQFII schemes or Regulated Markets. Investors should note that the RQFII status may be suspended or revoked and that this may adversely affect the Fund's performance by requiring the Fund to dispose of its securities holdings. Please refer to Appendix II for more information of the risks regarding RQFII status and RQFII quota.

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# As of 1 September 2022 the following risk consideration will apply:

The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics (within the meaning of Article 8 SFDR). A Fund with these characteristics may have limited exposure to some companies, industries or sectors as a result and the Fund may forego certain investment opportunities, or dispose of certain holdings, that do not align with its sustainability criteria chosen by the Investment Manager. As investors may differ in their views of what constitutes sustainable investing, the Fund may also invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular Investor. Please refer to Appendix II for more details on sustainability risks.

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#### **Sustainability Criteria**

# <u>As of 1 September 2022 the following</u> <u>section will apply:</u>

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

In the selection and assessment of potential investment opportunities and holdings, companies are assessed on a proprietary stakeholder-based approach against criteria including, but not limited to (1) good governance practices; (2) impact on the environment and local communities; and (3) fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers. Information and insights derived from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools are utilised in this assessment and due diligence process.

The Investment Manager's proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with these companies may also help it

derive a reasonable level of conviction that concrete steps will be or are being taken to transition out of business segments or practices that have not met the sustainability criteria or improve on their relevant areas of weakness. The Investment Manager may consider these companies eligible for investment ahead of seeing changes in the company's ratings and rankings across both internal and external evaluation metrics.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis include the Investment Manager's proprietary tools and research, third-party research, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also performs its own analysis of publicly available information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-

<u>capabilities/sustainability/disclosures</u><sup>4</sup>.

<u>The Investment Manager ensures that</u> at least:

- 90% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit

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held in the Fund's portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

## **Global Bond**

#### **Investment Objective**

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#### **Investment Policy**

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide in various currencies.

#### The Fund may invest:

- up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;
- up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for nonrated bonds); and
- up to 40% of its assets in asset-backed securities,

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- up to 40% of its assets in assetbacked securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgagebacked securities issued

commercial mortgagebacked securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The Fund may invest in mainland China through Regulated Markets (including the CIBM via Bond Connect).

The Fund may also invest up to onethird of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, Investment Funds. Market warrants and Money Investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I).

The Fund may use derivatives (including total return swaps) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently. Where the Fund uses total return swaps, underlying the consists of instruments in which the Fund may invest according to its Investment Objective and Investment Policy. In particular, total return swaps may be used to gain long and short exposure on fixed and floating rate securities. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 10% of the Net Asset Value. In certain worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

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# As of 1 September 2022 the following will become part of the Investment Policy:

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond

circumstances this proportion may be higher.

index, based on the Investment Manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability Information" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc<sup>5</sup>.

#### Benchmark

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg **Barclays** Global Aggregate Bond index. The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the Fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers). The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

The target benchmark has been selected because it is representative of the type of investments in which the Fund is likely to invest and it is, therefore, an appropriate target in relation to the return that the Fund aims to provide.

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# into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the Fund.

#### **Specific Risk Considerations**

Long and short positions gained through bond total return swaps may increase exposure to creditrelated risks.

The reference in the Investment Policy to a fund investing two-thirds of its assets in a certain way applies in normal market conditions. See paragraph (A) at the start of this Appendix for further information.

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### **Sustainability Criteria**

# As of 1 September 2022 the following section will apply:

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Sustainability factors are assessed – across both sovereign markets and credit allocation decisions – in tandem with macroeconomic factors throughout the Investment Manager's top-down thematic investment process.

In assessing sustainability factors for sovereign issuers, the Investment Manager considers that countries with stable and non-corrupt governments are likely to be more willing and able to service their debts, while political considerations, including the impact of social and governance factors, can influence a country's inflation and currency profile and thus have a material impact on the real value of debt. Environmental impacts - which can be more pertinent over a longerterm horizon - are also incorporated. The Investment Manager's approach includes the use of Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools to rank countries by measuring their performance against multiple sustainability related indicators.

Credit selection decisions are delegated to the Investment Manager's specialist credit investment teams, who aim to identify issuers demonstrating good or improving sustainability credentials, and those that impose a high cost on the environment and society. This involves:

- The exclusion of issuers that the Investment Manager deems to have businesses that are materially damaging to the environment or impose unjustifiable social costs; and

- The inclusion of issuers that demonstrate stable and improving sustainability trajectories, and issuers demonstrating good governance based on the Investment Manager's sustainability rating methodology.

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More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-

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		As of 1 September 2022 the following will become part of the Investment Policy section:
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achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability Information" on the Fund's webpage, accessed via www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc<sup>7</sup>.

#### **Benchmark**

The Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section Index (TOPIX) (Net TR). The Fund's investment universe is expected to overlap with materially the components of target the benchmark. The Investment Manager invests on a discretionary basis and there are no restrictions on the extent to which the Fund's portfolio and performance may deviate from the target benchmark. The Investment Manager will invest in companies or sectors not included in the target benchmark in order to take advantage of specific investment opportunities.

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The level of distribution costs in certain jurisdictions may impact the ability of the Investment Manager to meet the Fund's investment objective across all Share Classes after fees have been deducted.

#### **Sustainability Criteria**

# As of 1 September 2022 the following section will apply:

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. The investable universe is assessed using a number of proprietary tools, as well as external rating services.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on all potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This

process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet the sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon. For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers , shareholders and The Fund selects regulators. whose businesses companies demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website www.schroders.com/en/lu/privateinvestor/strategiccapabilities/sustainability/disclosures8. The Investment Manager ensures that at least: 90% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and - 75% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating

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capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

# **Schroders**

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IMPORTANT: This letter is important and requires your immediate attention. If you have any questions about the content of this letter, you should seek independent professional advice. Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A., as the Management Company to Schroder International Selection Fund, accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this letter and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

#### 21 December 2021

Dear Shareholder,

### Schroder International Selection Fund (the "Company") – Change of depositary and administrator

We are writing to inform you of a change of depositary and administrator of the Company and its subfunds including those which are authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC")<sup>1</sup> as set out in the Appendix A to this letter ("Funds").

**Internal Restructuring of the Depositary and Administrator of the Company and the Funds**Currently, J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A. ("**JPMBL**") is the Depositary and Administrator of the Company and the Funds. JPMBL and its affiliates are collectively referred to as "JPMorgan" in this letter.

As part of an internal restructuring with the aim to streamline JPMorgan's banking entity structure across Europe, three banking entities in the JPMorgan group domiciled respectively in Germany, Luxembourg and Ireland and their branches across the region will be merged into a single European bank ("Merger"). The Merger requires the approval by the sole shareholder of the merging entities (i.e. J.P. Morgan International Finance Limited), which has been obtained in the end of November 2021. The date when the Merger takes legal effect will be the date on which the local court of Frankfurt registers the Merger in the commercial register (the "Effective Date"), which is expected to be on or around 22 January 2022.

JPMBL will be one of the impacted legal entities of the Merger. In particular, the Merger will involve JPMBL merging into J.P. Morgan AG, which in turn will simultaneously change its legal form from a German Stock Corporation (*Aktiengesellschaft*) to a European company (*Societas Europaea*) known as J.P. Morgan Societas Europaea ("**JPMSE**") organised under the laws of Germany with registered office at Taunustor 1 (TaunusTurm), 60310 Frankfurt am Main, Germany and registered with the commercial register of the local court of Frankfurt under number HRB 16861. It will be a credit institution subject to direct prudential supervision by the European Central Bank (ECB), the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority

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(Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht, BaFin) and Deutsche Bundesbank, the German Central Bank. All of JPMBL's assets and liabilities will be transferred to the Luxembourg Branch of JPMSE, which will operate as J.P. Morgan SE – Luxembourg Branch ("JPMSE Luxembourg").

We will notify you separately if there is any change in the Effective Date or any other material changes to the Merger.

The Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier ("CSSF") is the financial regulator in Luxembourg where the Company is domiciled and has been notified of the Merger. JPMSE Luxembourg is authorised by the CSSF to act as a depositary and fund administrator for Luxembourg undertakings for collective investment. The CSSF has confirmed no objection to JPMSE Luxembourg assuming the role of Depositary and Administrator of the Company and the Funds. JPMSE Luxembourg will be registered in the Luxembourg Trade and Companies' Register (RCS) under number B255938 and will be subject to the supervision of the home State supervisory authorities mentioned above, as well as local supervision by the CSSF.

On the Effective Date and in accordance with Luxembourg laws, JPMBL will cease to exist and the depositary and administration functions of JPMBL will transfer from JPMBL to JPMSE Luxembourg, and JPMSE Luxembourg will succeed JPMBL as the Depositary and Administrator of the Company and the Funds. JPMSE Luxembourg will assume all rights and obligations that JPMBL currently has under its existing agreements with the Company and accordingly the rights and obligations of the Company and the Funds with respect to the Depositary and Administrator will not be impacted. The business operations of JPMBL will be carried on without interruption by a locally fully passported, Luxembourg based branch of JPMSE (i.e. JPMSE Luxembourg) and the duties and obligations of JPMBL as stated in the Hong Kong offering documents and/or the constitutive documents of the Company and the Funds will be taken up by JPMSE Luxembourg as of the Effective Date. There will be no changes to the scope of services provided to the Company and the Funds, and no change in the level of fees payable by the Company and the Funds to the Depositary and Administrator. The address and contact details of the Depositary and Administrator will remain the same, and the personnel, functions and internal control measures of JPMSE Luxembourg will be substantially the same as those of JPMBL currently.

Save as disclosed above, there will be no other change in the operation or manner in which the Company and the Funds are being managed. There will be no impact on the features and risks applicable to the Company and the Funds. There will be no change to the fee level / cost in managing the Company and the Funds. The changes will not materially prejudice the shareholders' rights or interests. All costs (including the legal and other administrative costs) associated with the changes to the Company and the Funds above will be borne by Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A., the Company's management company.

The Hong Kong offering documents of the Company and the Funds will be revised to reflect the above change and will be available free of charge at www.schroders.com.hk² or upon request from the Hong Kong Representative of the Company and the Funds, Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited.

#### **Options available to investors**

We hope that you will choose to remain invested in the Funds following these changes, but if you do wish to redeem your holding in the Funds before the changes become effective, you may do so at any time up

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

to and including the dealing cut-off at 5:00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 21 January 2022. Please ensure that your redemption instruction reaches the Hong Kong Representative before this deadline. We will execute your redemption instructions in accordance with the provisions of the Hong Kong offering documents of the Company and the Funds. Local agents might also have a local dealing cut-off which is earlier than that described above, so please check with them to ensure that your instructions reach the Hong Kong Representative before the dealing cut-off at 5:00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 21 January 2022.

## **Enquiries**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact your usual professional advisor or the Hong Kong Representative at Level 33, Two Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong or calling the Schroders Investor Hotline on (+852) 2869 6968.

The Board of Directors

## **Appendix A**

- 1. All China Equity
- 2. Asian Bond Total Return
- 3. Asian Dividend Maximiser
- 4. Asian Equity Yield
- 5. Asian Local Currency Bond
- 6. Asian Opportunities
- 7. Asian Smaller Companies
- 8. Asian Total Return
- 9. BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China)
- 10. China Opportunities
- 11. Emerging Asia
- 12. Emerging Europe
- 13. Emerging Markets
- 14. Emerging Markets Debt Absolute Return
- 15. Emerging Markets Multi-Asset (formerly known as Emerging Multi-Asset Income)
- 16. EURO Bond
- 17. EURO Corporate Bond
- 18. EURO Equity
- 19. EURO Government Bond
- 20. EURO Liquidity
- 21. EURO Short Term Bond
- 22. European Dividend Maximiser
- 23. European Large Cap
- 24. European Smaller Companies
- 25. European Value
- 26. Frontier Markets Equity
- 27. Global Bond
- 28. Global Cities
- 29. Global Climate Change Equity
- 30. Global Corporate Bond
- 31. Global Credit Income
- 32. Global Dividend Maximiser
- 33. Global Emerging Market Opportunities
- 34. Global Energy
- 35. Global Equity Alpha
- 36. Global Equity
- 37. Global Equity Yield
- 38. Global Gold
- 39. Global High Yield
- 40. Global Inflation Linked Bond
- 41. Global Multi-Asset Income
- 42. Global Smaller Companies
- 43. Global Sustainable Growth
- 44. Global Target Return
- 45. Greater China
- 46. Hong Kong Dollar Bond
- 47. Hong Kong Equity
- 48. Indian Equity
- 49. Japanese Equity

- 50. Japanese Opportunities
- 51. Japanese Smaller Companies
- 52. Latin American
- 53. Middle East
- 54. Multi-Asset Growth and Income
- 55. QEP Global Active Value
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- 57. Strategic Bond
- 58. Taiwanese Equity
- 59. UK Equity
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# **Schroders**

# PRODUCT KEY FACTS

Schroder International Selection Fund – Global Bond

Issuer: Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.

April 2022

This statement provides you with key information about this product.

This statement is a part of the offering document.

You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

Quick facts					
Management company:	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.				
Investment manager:	Schroder Investment Management Limited, located in the United Kingdom, internal delegation				
Sub-investment manager(s):	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc., located in the United States of America, internal delegation				
	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd, located in Singapore, internal delegation				ted in
Depositary:	J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.				
Ongoing charges over a year*:	Class A EUR Hedged Acc	0.98%	Class A USD Aco	<b>.</b>	0.95%
	Class A EUR Hedged Dis QF	0.98%	Class A USD Dis	a AV	0.95%
	Class A1 EUR Hedged Acc	1.53%	Class A1 USD A	сс	1.50%
	Class A1 EUR Hedged Dis QF	1.53%	Class A USD He	dged Acc	0.98%
Dealing frequency:	Daily				
Base currency:	USD				
Dividend policy:	A, A1 and D Accumulation share classes – Dividend will not be distributed but will be reinvested into the fund.				not be
	A, A1 and D Distribution share classes – The board of directors generally has discretion as to whether or not to make any distribution save for the Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy which are subject to the disclosures below. The distribution frequency is indicated in the share class designation as follows: M = monthly, Q = quarterly, S = semi-annual, A = annual  Distributions may be paid out of capital and reduce the fund's net asset value.  In respect of Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy, the distribution amount per share is calculated as follows: dividend rate ÷ distribution frequency over a year × net asset value per share on the record date. Details of the Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy are set out below:				
	Fixed Distribution Share Class	Currency	Distribution Frequency over a year	Dividend	Rate
	Class A EUR Hedged Dis QF	EUR	Quarterly (4)	2.0% per a	innum
	Class A1 EUR Hedged Dis QF	EUR	Quarterly (4)	2.0% per a	innum

Investors should note that a positive distribution yield does not imply a		
positive return. The board of directors will periodically review fixed		
distribution share classes and reserves the right to make changes.		

Financial year end of this fund: 31 December

Minimum investment: A, A1 and D share classes: Initial – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent);

Subsequent investment – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent)

Note: As of the date of this document, Class D shares of the fund are not being offered to the public in Hong Kong.

# What is this product?

This is a sub-fund of Schroder International Selection Fund, a mutual fund domiciled in Luxembourg and its home regulator is Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.

# Objectives and investment strategy

## **Investment Objective**

The fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period<sup>Note</sup> by investing in fixed and floating rate securities.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies) issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide in various currencies.

#### The fund may invest:

- up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;
- less than 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds); and
- up to 40% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The investment manager will assess credit risks of fixed income instruments based on quantitative and qualitative fundamentals, including without limitation the issuer's leverage, operating margin, return on capital, interest coverage, operating cash flows, industry outlook, firm's competitive position and corporate governance issue. For this purpose, if the relevant security does not itself have a credit rating, then reference can be made to the rating of the issuer of the security. If both the security and the relevant issuer are not rated, then the security will be classified as unrated.

The fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its net asset value that may be invested in any country (including emerging market countries), region or sector.

<sup>\*</sup> The ongoing charges figure is based on the expenses for the year ended 31 December 2021. This figure may vary from year to year.

The fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, investment funds, warrants and money market investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I of the Prospectus).

The fund may invest up to 25% of its net asset value in debt instruments with loss-absorption features (e.g. contingent convertible bonds, Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital notes, senior and senior non-preferred notes, bail-in bonds, capital security bonds, subordinated Tier 2 capital notes, subordinated Additional Tier 1 capital notes and subordinated Lower Tier 2 capital notes). These instruments may be subject to contingent write-down or contingent conversion to ordinary shares on the occurrence of trigger events.

Under exceptional circumstances (e.g. market crash or major crisis), the fund may be invested temporarily up to 100% of its net asset value in liquid assets such as bank deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper and treasury bills for cash flow management.

The fund has the flexibility to implement long and short active currency positions via derivatives such as currency forwards. Long and short active currency positions implemented by the fund can be uncorrelated to the underlying assets of the fund. The fund may use derivatives such as currency forwards, options on currency forwards and spots to hedge out any unwanted currency risk and/or to capture potential outperformance of a particular currency versus another.

The fund will not hold more than 5% of its net asset value in onshore Chinese bonds and other debt instruments traded on the China Interbank Bond Market via Bond Connect (as further described in the section headed "Overview of China Interbank Bond Market" in the Hong Kong Covering Document).

The fund may use derivatives (including total return swaps) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. Where the fund uses total return swaps, the underlying consists of instruments in which the fund may invest according to its investment objective and investment policy. In particular, total return swaps may be used to gain long and short exposure on fixed and floating rate securities. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 30% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 10% of the net asset value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

Derivatives may be employed for instance to generate additional income from exposure to credit risk in purchasing or selling protection through credit default swaps, adjusting the fund's duration through the tactical use of interest related derivatives, generating additional income through inflation or volatility linked derivatives or increasing its currency exposure through the use of currency related derivatives. Derivatives could also be employed to create synthetic instruments. Such derivatives include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, warrants, swaps, forward contracts and/or a combination of the above.

<sup>Note</sup> For clarification purpose, this means to exceed a medium to long term return of the stated index after fees have been deducted. The three to five year period is considered as a medium to long term period, and is the period over which an investor should assess the fund's performance.

## **Benchmark**

The fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond index. The fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the target benchmark. However, the fund will likely reflect certain features of the target benchmark (namely credit quality/duration, currency exposure/exposure to particular issuers).

### Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The fund's net derivative exposure may be more than 100% of the fund's net asset value.

# What are the key risks?

Investment involves risk. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

## 1. Risk relating to investment in debt securities

- Credit and counterparty risk Investment in debt securities is subject to the credit/default risk of the issuer which may also adversely affect the settlement of the securities.
- **Interest rate risks** Investment in the fund is subject to interest rate risk. In general, the prices of debt securities rise when interest rates fall, whilst their prices fall when interest rates rise.
- Below investment grade and unrated debt securities Investments in fixed income securities below investment grade or unrated are generally subject to higher degree of counterparty risk, credit risk, volatility risk, liquidity risk and risk of loss of principal and interest than higher rated securities.
- Credit ratings risk Credit ratings assigned by rating agencies are subject to limitations and do not guarantee the creditworthiness of the security and/or issuer at all times.
- Credit downgrading risk The credit rating of debt securities or their issuers may subsequently downgraded. In the event of such downgrading, the value of the fund may be adversely affected. The investment manager may not dispose of such securities immediately and the fund may therefore be subject to additional risk of loss.
- Liquidity and volatility risk Securities not listed or rated or actively traded may have low liquidity and higher volatility. The prices of such securities may be subject to fluctuations. The bid and offer spread of their price may be high and the fund may therefore incur significant trading costs and may even suffer losses when selling such instruments.
- Valuation risk Valuation of the fund's investment may involve uncertainties and judgmental determinations. If such valuation turns out to be incorrect, this may affect the net asset value calculation of the fund.

## 2. Sovereign debt risk

Investment in sovereign debt obligations issued or guaranteed by governments or their agencies of certain developing countries and certain developed countries may expose the fund to political, social and economic risks. A government entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest due in a timely manner may be affected by various factors. In the event that a government entity defaults on its sovereign debt, holders of sovereign debt, including the fund, may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to the relevant government entity. The fund may suffer significant losses in such events.

# 3. Risk of investment in Europe

The fund may invest in securities which may include a substantial investment in European securities. In light of the current fiscal conditions and concerns on sovereign debt of certain European countries, the fund may be subject to an increased amount of volatility, liquidity, price, default and currency risk should there be any adverse credit events, such as credit downgrade of a sovereign or exit of EU members from the European region. Notwithstanding the governments of the European countries have adopted measures to address these problems, it is possible that these measures may not work and may adversely affect the value of the fund's investment in European securities. If these adverse economic or financial events in Europe continue, they could have additional unfavourable effects on the economies and financial markets of other parts of the world thereby affecting the value of the fund's investment.

## 4. Mortgage related and other asset backed securities ("ABS")

ABS may be highly illiquid and prone to substantial price volatility. These instruments may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt securities. ABS are often exposed to extension and prepayment risks and risks that the payment obligations relating to the underlying assets are not met, which may adversely impact the returns of the securities.

### 5. Risk of implementing active currency positions

The investment manager has the flexibility to actively manage currency positions which it considers will achieve the investment objective of the fund. However no guarantee or representation is made that such investment strategy/technique will be successful.

When implementing active currency positions, the fund may enter into currency forwards or other instruments with the aim of protecting the value of the assets of the fund against untoward foreign exchange risks and actively managing currency positions of the fund. Currency forwards or other instruments do not eliminate fluctuations in the prices of the fund's securities or in foreign exchange rates, or prevent loss if the prices of these securities decline. Performance may be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by the fund may not correspond with securities positions held. In such circumstances, the fund's assets may be exposed to the losses which may in turn adversely affect the net asset value per share of the fund and investors may suffer losses.

#### 6. Derivatives

The fund may use derivatives to meet its specific investment objective. There is no guarantee that the performance of derivatives will result in a positive effect for the fund. The leverage element/component of derivatives can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the derivatives by the fund. Derivative exposure may lead to a high risk of significant capital loss. Risks associated with derivatives include:

- Credit risk and Counterparty risk The fund will be subject to the risk of the inability of any
  counterparty through or with which the fund conducts the derivative transactions to perform its
  obligations, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes. Long and short positions gained
  through total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risk.
- Liquidity risk There may be possible absence of a liquid secondary market for any particular derivatives at any time. The fund may be unable to sell illiquid derivatives at an advantageous time or price and results in a reduction of returns.
- **Valuation risk** The fund is subject to the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives.
- **Interest rate risk** There may be interest rate risk when swaps (such as total return swaps) involve floating rate payments.
- Volatility risk The fund is subject to the risk of higher volatility of the returns as derivatives usually have a leverage component.
- Over-the-counter ("OTC") transaction risks Derivatives traded in OTC markets may be more volatile and less liquid. Its prices may include an undisclosed dealer mark-up which a fund may pay as part of the purchase price.
- Hedging risk There is no guarantee that the desired hedging instruments will be available or hedging techniques will achieve their desired result. In adverse situations, the use of hedging instruments may become ineffective in hedging and the fund may suffer significant losses.

## 7. Risks relating to high expected leverage

The fund may have a net leverage exposure of over 100% of its net asset value to derivatives. This will further magnify any potential negative impact of any change in the value of the underlying asset on the fund and also increase the volatility of the fund's price and may lead to significant losses.

## 8. Concentrated geographical locations

The fund investing in concentrated geographical locations may be subject to a higher level of risks comparing to a fund investing in a more diversified portfolio/strategy. The value of the fund may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory event affecting the relevant geographical locations.

## 9. Emerging and less developed markets

The fund may invest in emerging and less developed markets. Investing in emerging and less developed markets is subject to greater risks than investing in securities of developed countries such as ownership and custody risks, political and economic risks, market and settlement risks, liquidity and volatility risk, legal and regulatory risks, execution and counterparty risk, and currency risk, which may adversely affect the net asset value per share of the fund and investors may as a result suffer losses.

## 10. Risks relating to distributions

- For distribution share classes with a general dividend policy, expenses will be paid out of capital rather than out of gross income. The amount of distributable income therefore increases and the amount so increased may be considered to be dividend paid out of capital; capital growth will be reduced and in periods of low growth capital erosion may occur.
- Distribution share classes with a fixed dividend policy will distribute the dividends based on a fixed amount or fixed percentage of the net asset value per share. This may result in share classes with fixed distributions either paying out both income and capital in distribution payments, or not substantially distributing all the investment income which a share class has earned.
- Investments in distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy are not an alternative to a savings account or fixed-interest paying investment. The percentage of distributions paid by distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy is unrelated to expected or past income or returns of these share classes or the fund. The distribution can thus be higher or lower than the income and return that were effectively realised.
- Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy will continue to distribute in periods that the fund has negative returns or is making losses, which further reduces the net asset value of the distribution Share Classes with fixed dividend policy. In extreme circumstances, investors may not be able to get back the original investment amount.
- Investors should note that a positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Distribution share classes with a fixed dividend policy do not distribute a fixed amount and the constant percentage of distribution results in higher absolute distributions when the net asset value of the relevant Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy is high, and lower absolute distributions when the net asset value of the relevant distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy is low.
- You should note that in the circumstances where the payment of distributions are paid out of capital, this represents and amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of the amount you originally invested or capital gains attributable to that and may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value per share.

The distribution amount and net asset value of the currency hedged share class may be adversely affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the currency hedged share classes and the fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than other non-currency hedged share classes.

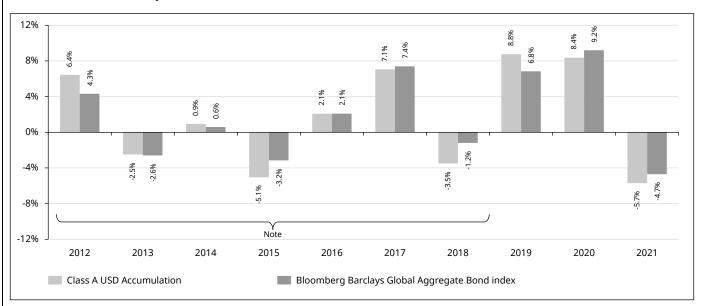
## 11. Risks relating to hedging and the hedged classes

- In respect of the share classes which the management company of the fund has the ability to fully hedge the shares of such share classes in relation to the fund currency, currency exposures or currency hedging transactions within the fund's portfolio will not be considered. The aim of a currency hedged share class is to provide you with the performance returns of the fund's investments by reducing the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between the fund currency and the reference currency. However there is no assurance that the hedging strategies employed will be effective in fully eliminating the currency exposure to the reference currency thereby delivering performance differentials that are reflective only of interest rate differences adjusted for fees.
- Where undertaken, the effects of this hedging will be reflected in the net asset value and, therefore, in the performance of such share class. Similarly, any expenses arising from such hedging transactions will be borne by the share class in relation to which the expenses have been incurred.
- It should be noted that, where relevant, these hedging transactions may be entered into whether the reference currency is declining or increasing in value relative to the relevant fund currency and so, where such hedging is undertaken it may substantially protect investors in the relevant share class against a decrease in the value of the fund currency relative to the reference currency, but it may also preclude investors from benefiting from an increase in the value of the fund currency.

## 12. Currency risks

Assets and share classes may be denominated in currencies other than USD and some may not be freely convertible. The fund may be adversely affected by changes in foreign exchange rates and exchange rate controls of the currencies in which securities are held, the reference currencies of the share classes and the US Dollar. This exposes all share classes of the fund to exchange rate fluctuations and currency risk. It may not be practicable or possible to hedge against such foreign exchange/currency risk exposure.

# How has the fund performed?



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the fund's Class A USD Accumulation increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in USD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Target benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond index
- Fund launch date: 1993
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2000
- The management company views the Class A USD Accumulation, being the retail share class denominated in the base currency of the fund, as the most appropriate representative share class of the fund.

Note: The performance of these years was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. During these years, there was material change(s) to the fund, namely, changes of investment objective and policy and reduction of fee(s).

## Is there any guarantee?

This fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

# What are the fees and charges?

Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the fund.

Fee	What you pay			
Share class	А	A1	D	
Subscription fee (Initial charge)	Up to 3.00% of the total subscription amount	Up to 2.00% of the total subscription amount	Nil	
Switching fee (Switching charge)	Up to 1.00% of the value of the shares to be switched			
Redemption fee (Redemption charge)	Nil			

# Ongoing fees payable by the fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

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	Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value)			
Share class*	А	A1	D	
Management fee (Annual Management Charge)	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%	
Depositary fee	Up to 0.005%			
Performance fee	Nil			
Administration fee	Up to 0.25%			
Distribution charge (Annual Distribution Charge)	Nil	0.50%	1.00%	
Custody safekeeping fee	Up to 0.3%			
Transaction fees (charged by the Depositary)	Up to USD75 per transaction			
Fund accounting and valuation fees	Up to 0.0083%			

<sup>\*</sup> Where currency hedged share class is offered, a hedging charge of up to 0.03% per annum of the net asset value per share will be borne by the currency hedged share class in relation to which the charge is incurred. The hedging charge will be payable to the management company, which provides the currency hedging service.

Note: As of the date of this document, Class D shares of the fund are not being offered to the public in Hong Kong.

#### Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the fund. Please refer to the offering document for fees payable by the fund.

## **Additional information**

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the fund's relevant net asset value ("NAV") after Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited receives your request, directly or via a distributor, in good order at or before 5pm HK time, being the fund's dealing cut-off time on each dealing day of the fund. Before placing your subscription or redemption orders, please check with your distributor for the distributor's internal dealing cut-off time (which may be earlier than the fund's dealing cut-off time).
- A dividend calendar including details on the distribution frequency and the dividend calculation basis for all available distribution share classes and a composition of the dividend payments (i.e. the percentages of distribution being paid out of capital and net distributable income) for the last twelve months for each of these distribution share classes (i) with a variable distribution policy or (ii) with a fixed dividend policy and paying dividends out of capital are also available from the Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited on request and from the Schroders' Internet site (www.schroders.com.hk).
- Past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors is available online at www.schroders.com.hk.
- The net asset value of this fund is calculated and the price of shares is published on each dealing day. They are available online at <a href="https://www.schroders.com.hk">www.schroders.com.hk</a>. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

## **Important**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice. The SFC takes no responsibility for the contents of this statement and makes no representation as to its accuracy or completeness.