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### 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

<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.

(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

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### 28 September 2021

Dear Shareholder,

Schroder International Selection Fund – Asian Dividend Maximiser
Schroder International Selection Fund – Asian Total Return
Schroder International Selection Fund – BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China)
Schroder International Selection Fund – Emerging Markets
Schroder International Selection Fund – Global Dividend Maximiser
Schroder International Selection Fund – Global Emerging Market Opportunities
Schroder International Selection Fund – Global Equity Yield
(collectively, the "Funds")

We are writing to advise you that the investment policies of the Funds have been updated to clarify that indirect exposure to China A-Shares may be via instruments such as participatory notes, rather than only by the use of derivatives.

### Rationale

Each of the Funds can invest certain portion of its assets (on a net basis) in China A-Shares via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect as stated in the Hong Kong offering documents of Schroder International Selection Fund ("**Company**"). This is measured on a net basis as exposure may be gained both directly and indirectly. While each of the Funds can use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains and so may gain indirect exposure to China A-Shares this way, other methods may also be used, such as by the use of participatory notes.

To reflect this, we have removed a reference from each of the Funds' investment policies that indirect exposure will be "through derivatives" and replaced it with a reference that exposure may be via instruments such as participatory notes.

All other key features of the Funds will remain the same.

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.

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# 3 September 2021

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

Dear Shareholder,

We are writing to advise you that the investment objectives and policies of the following funds of Schroder International Selection Fund (the "Company") (each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") have been updated in order to comply with new requirements imposed by the SFDR:

- Euro Corporate Bond
- Euro Equity
- European Dividend Maximiser
- European Large Cap
- Global Climate Change Equity
- Global Credit Income
- Global Sustainable Growth
- Japanese Equity
- QEP Global Quality

The SFDR rules require that sustainable funds are classified under one of two new categories:

Article 8 – funds which have binding environmental and/or social characteristics

Article 9 - funds which have the objective of sustainable investment

The Appendix to this letter shows the updated investment objective and policy wording in respect of the Funds which are Article 8 funds under the SFDR rules.

The changes are intended to clarify the way in which the Funds are currently managed. All other key features of the Funds will remain the same.

There is no change in the Funds' investment style, investment philosophy, investment strategy, and the operation and/or manner in which the Funds are being managed following these clarifications.

For the avoidance of doubt, only Global Climate Change Equity and Global Sustainable Growth are currently classified as environmental, social and governance ("**ESG**") funds in Hong Kong. Funds other than Global Climate Change Equity and Global Sustainable Growth are not currently classified and will not be classified as ESG funds in Hong Kong following the updates to investment objectives and policies of these Funds.

The prospectus of the Company will be revised to further indicate that where a Fund's investment policy states that the Fund will achieve a certain sustainability score (whether overall, or in relation to a particular measure such as carbon intensity) compared to a named benchmark, this does not mean that the Fund is constrained by, or seeks to achieve a financial return relative to that benchmark unless otherwise stated. Any benchmark named in this context should not be treated as a reference benchmark for the Fund.

For any Fund that has environmental or social characteristics, details of how the Fund attains those characteristics will be disclosed in the relevant Fund Details section of the prospectus, in the Fund's investment policy and under a new section "Sustainability Criteria" in the Fund Characteristics section, as further disclosed in the Appendix.

For funds other than the Article 8 and Article 9 funds under the SFDR rules, references to the consideration of material environmental, social and governance factors have been removed from the investment policies of the relevant funds of the Company for consistency with the requirements of the SFDR as they fall under the scope of Article 6 of the SFDR. Instead, a more detailed explanation will be added to the prospectus to explain how we take sustainability risks into account in the management of all funds. Please note that we in any case take environmental, social or governance criteria (alongside other factors) into consideration in the overall risk management process. The funds of the Company that fall under the scope of Article 6 of SFDR and for which references to material environmental, social and governance factors have been removed from their investment policies are set out below:

- BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China)
- Emerging Europe
- Emerging Markets
- European Value
- Frontier Markets Equity
- Global Dividend Maximiser
- Global Emerging Market Opportunities
- Global Equity
- Global Equity Alpha
- Global Equity Yield
- Latin American
- Middle East
- QEP Global Active Value
- US Large Cap

The Hong Kong offering documents of the Company will be revised to reflect the changes above.

Costs of making these changes including regulatory and shareholder communication costs will be borne by Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A..

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

Yours faithfully,

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# **Appendix**

# **Article 8 Funds**

Sub-Fund	Investment Objective and Policy as stated in the Prospectus dated November 2020	Enhanced Investment Objective and Policy and Sustainability Criteria
Euro Corporate	Investment Objective	Investment Objective
Bond	The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Euro Corporate index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide.	The Fund aims to provide capital growth and income in excess of the ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Euro Corporate index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro issued by companies worldwide.
	Investment Policy	Investment Policy
	The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in Euro by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.  The Fund may invest:	The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in or hedged to Euro issued by companies and other non-sovereign bond issuers, governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.
	<ul> <li>up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment</li> </ul>	The Fund may invest:
	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);	<ul> <li>up to 30% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard &amp; Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;</li> </ul>	and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds);
	<ul> <li>up to 20% of its assets in asset- backed securities and mortgage- backed securities; and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>up to 20% of its assets in sovereign government bonds;</li> <li>up to 20% of its assets in asset-</li> </ul>
	– up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to	backed securities and mortgage- backed securities; and  up to 20% of its assets in convertible bonds including up to

10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds.

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.

The Fund may also invest in derivatives to create long and short exposure to the underlying assets of these derivatives. The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

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The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch Euro Corporate index based on the Investment Manager's rating system. 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 <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc">www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc</a>1.

# **Sustainability Criteria**

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the following website: <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/funds/fund-centre">https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/funds/fund-centre</a> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

 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 publically 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/privateinvestor/strategiccapabilities/sustainability/disclosures<sup>2</sup>.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

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

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domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies,

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.

# **Euro Equity**

# **Investment Objective**

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

# **Investment Policy**

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least 75% of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies that are incorporated in the European Economic Area. The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in countries whose currency is the Euro.

The Fund is managed with reference to material environmental, social and governance factors. This means issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards or board composition that could impact a company's value may be considered in the assessment of companies.

The Fund may also invest up 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.

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The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI European Monetary Union (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

# **Sustainability Criteria**

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

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders in-house ESG data tools. The Investment Manager assesses a company's environment and social impact, as well as governance practices, using proprietary sustainability tools. In addition, the Investment Manager also performs its own research and analysis before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its overall sustainability profile. Proprietary tools will be key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/sustainability/">https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/sustainability/</a>

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

 90% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate

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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.

# European Dividend Maximiser

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to deliver an income of 7% per year by investing in equities or equity related securities of European companies. This is not guaranteed and could change depending on market conditions.

# **Investment Policy**

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two thirds of its assets in equities or equity related securities of European companies, which are selected for their income and capital growth potential. To enhance the yield of the Fund, the Investment Manager selectively sells short dated call options over individual securities held by the Fund, generating extra income by agreeing strike prices above which potential capital growth is sold.

The Fund is managed with reference to material environmental, social and governance factors. This means issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards or board composition that could impact a

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# European Large Cap

# **Investment Objective**

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

# **Investment Policy**

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sized European companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the top 80% by market capitalisation of the European equities market.

The Fund is managed with reference to material environmental, social and governance factors. This means issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards or board composition that could impact a company's value may be considered in the assessment of companies.

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.

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

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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

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

The Fund maintains a carbon exposure below that of the MSCI Europe (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

# **Sustainability Criteria**

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

Companies in the investment universe are subject to analysis related to their individual total scope 1 & 2 carbon emissions. The sources of information used to perform the analysis include Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors. This analysis is supported by quantitative analysis gained from Schroders in-house ESG data tools. The Investment Manager assesses a company's environment and social impact, as well as governance practices, using proprietary sustainability tools. In addition, the Investment Manager also performs its own research and analysis before deciding whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund, based on its overall sustainability profile.

Proprietary tools will be key inputs to measure how companies in the portfolio are meeting the sustainability credentials outlined above.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data.

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/disclosures<sup>5</sup>.

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the following website: <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/sustainability/making-an-impact-through-sustainability">https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/sustainability/making-an-impact-through-sustainability</a> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

# Global Climate Change Equity

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which the Investment Manager believes will benefit from efforts to accommodate or limit the impact of global climate change.

# **Investment Policy**

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

The Investment Manager believes that companies that recognise the threats and embrace the challenges early, or that form part of the solution to the problems linked to climate change, will ultimately benefit from long term structural growth which is underappreciated by the market. We expect these companies to outperform once the market recognises these stronger earnings growth dynamics.

The Fund is managed with reference to material environmental, social and governance factors. This means issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards or board composition that could impact a company's value may be considered in the assessment of companies.

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.

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

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which the Investment Manager believes will benefit from efforts to accommodate or limit the impact of global climate change and which meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria.

# **Investment Policy**

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

The Fund maintains a higher overall level of avoided emissions than MSCI World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. 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 <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc6">www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc6</a>.

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-">www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the following website: <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/funds/fund-centre">https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/funds/fund-centre</a> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

<u>investor/strategic-</u> <u>capabilities/sustainability/disclosures<sup>7</sup>.</u>

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.

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

# **Sustainability Criteria**

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

When assessing the significance of climate change on the long-term business outlook for a company, a company is assessed on a number of factors which include but are not limited to:

If the company has significant direct industry exposure to climate change trends (mitigation – reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency, renewable power, and cleaner vehicles; or adaptation - those that are preparing for the impacts of climate change, for example water stress, coastal flooding, community health issues, or supply chain disruptions, among other issues).

The proportion of business segments that are potentially exposed to climate change trends.

If the company has significant investment and research and development spending related to the transition to a lower carbon economy.

A product portfolio that takes into account the physical and transition risks posed by climate change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the following website: <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/sustainability/making-an-impact-through-sustainability">https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/sustainability/making-an-impact-through-sustainability</a> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

The impact on the company of rising carbon costs in the context of its industry and competitive environment.

The Investment Manager will then decide on a case by case basis whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the Fund's investment universe, based on this assessment. In addition, the Investment Manager's ESG analysis seeks to evaluate the materiality and impact of a range of ESG factors on the sustainability of future earnings growth and as potential risk factors that may affect a company's valuation. The Investment Manager's decision will focus on ratings in the areas that are most relevant to the particular business of that company.

The Investment Manager performs its own analysis of information provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. The research draws information from a wide variety of publicly available corporate information and company meetings, broker reports and outputs from industry bodies, research organisations, think tanks, legislators, consultants, NGOs and academics. Third party research is used as a secondary consideration, and generally provides a source of challenge or endorsement for the Investment Manager's proprietary view.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of companies in the Fund's portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and

# Global Credit Income

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments and companies worldwide. The Fund aims to mitigate losses in falling markets. The mitigation of losses cannot be guaranteed.

# **Investment Policy**

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

# The Fund may invest:

- in excess of 50% 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);
- up to 20% of its assets in assetbacked securities and mortgagebacked securities;
- up to 10% of its assets in convertible bonds (including contingent convertible bonds); and
- up to 10% of its assets in openended Investment Funds.

The Investment Manager aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return.

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

equity related securities of companies worldwide.

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide income and capital growth by investing in fixed and floating rate securities issued by governments and companies worldwide. The Fund aims to mitigate losses in falling markets. The mitigation of losses cannot be guaranteed.

# **Investment Policy**

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate investment grade and high yield securities issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide, including emerging market countries.

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- up to 10% of its assets in openended Investment Funds.

The Investment Manager aims to mitigate losses by diversifying the Fund's asset allocation away from areas of the market identified as having a high risk of material negative return.

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, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

currencies, warrants and Money Market Investments, and hold cash.

The Fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than Bloomberg Barclays Multiverse ex Treasury A+ to B-USD Hedged index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

# **Sustainability Criteria**

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 publically 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/privateinvestor/strategiccapabilities/sustainability/disclosures8. The Investment Manager ensures that at least: 90% of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; and 75% of fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; sovereign debt issued by emerging countries equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies, 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 **Investment Objective Investment Objective** Sustainable The Fund aims to provide capital growth The Fund aims to provide capital growth Growth by investing in equity and equity related by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which securities of companies worldwide which meet the Investment Manager's meet the Investment Manager's sustainability criteria. sustainability criteria.

<sup>8</sup> For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the following website: https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/sustainability/making-an-impact-through-sustainability (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

# **Investment Policy**

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

The Investment Manager believes that companies demonstrating positive sustainability characteristics, such as managing the business for the long-term, recognising its responsibilities to its customers, employees and suppliers, and respecting the environment, are betterplaced to maintain their growth and returns over the long term. In addition, the Investment Manager believes that when aligned with other drivers of growth, this can result in stronger earnings growth which is often under appreciated by the market.

The Fund is managed with reference to material environmental, social and governance factors. This means issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards or board composition that could impact a company's value may be considered in the assessment of companies.

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.

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

# **Investment Policy**

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

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. 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 <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc">www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc</a>9.

The Fund invests in companies that have good governance practices, as determined by the Investment Manager's rating criteria (please see the Fund Characteristics section for more details).

The Investment Manager may also engage with companies held by the Fund to challenge identified areas of weakness on sustainability issues. 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/disclosures<sup>10</sup>.

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.

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

# **Sustainability Criteria**

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

Companies are assessed and rated against a set of questions covering issues such as respect for the environment; fair and equitable treatment of employees, suppliers and customers; corporate citizenship; capital allocation and governance.

The Investment Manager will decide on a case by case basis whether a company is eligible for inclusion in the investible universe, taking into account these ratings. While all companies are assessed against all questions, the Investment Manager's decision will focus on those areas that are most relevant to the particular business of that company. In these areas, the company should generally be appraised as at least "strong" in order to be accepted into the investible universe. The eligibility of each company in the Fund's portfolio is then reviewed at least annually.

The primary sources of information used to perform the analysis are Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, third-party research, unconventional data sourced by our Data Insights Unit, NGO reports and expert networks. The Investment Manager also scrutinises company sustainability reports and other disclosures, which may be complemented by direct engagement with the company during the assessment process.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least 90% of companies in the Fund's portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria. As a result of the application of sustainability criteria, at least 20% of the Fund's potential investment universe is excluded from the selection of investments.

# For the purposes of this test, the potential investment universe is the core universe of issuers that the Investment Manager may select for the Fund prior to the application of sustainability criteria, in accordance with the other limitations of the Investment Objective and Policy. This universe is comprised of equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide.

# **Japanese Equity**

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (TR) after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies.

# **Investment Policy**

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

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.

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

# **Investment Objective**

The Fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (TR) after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of Japanese companies.

# **Investment Policy**

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

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.

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

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the Tokyo Stock Exchange 1st Section index (TOPIX) (Net TR), based on the Investment Manager's rating system. 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>11</sup>.

# **Sustainability Criteria**

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 our 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 our 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 regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses 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/private-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the following website: <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/funds/fund-centre">https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/funds/fund-centre</a> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

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capabilities/sustainability/disclosures<sup>12</sup>.

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.

# QEP Global Quality

# **Investment Objective**

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

# **Investment Policy**

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

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Quality" characteristics.

# **Investment Objective**

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

# **Investment Policy**

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

The Fund focuses on companies that have certain "Quality" characteristics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the following website: https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/sustainability/making-an-impact-through-sustainability (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength and governance.

The Fund is managed with reference to material environmental, social and governance factors. This means issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards or board composition that could impact a company's value may be considered in the assessment of companies.

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.

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

Quality is assessed by looking at indicators such as a company's profitability, stability, financial strength and governance.

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.

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

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than MSCI AC World (Net TR) index, based on the Investment Manager's rating system. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

# **Sustainability Criteria**

The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund. Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a wide range of underlying measures. The Investment Manager will take into account an assessment of the sustainability profile of companies when determining position sizing within the portfolio.

Within governance, criteria assessed include risk to shareholders, business oversight, accounting risk and dividend policy. Environmental considerations include climate change related risks alongside broader environmental impact and opportunities. Social criteria reflects areas such as business involvement, safety, employee welfare, supply chain management and data privacy.

The primary sources of information include fundamental accounting data, Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party ESG data.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/sustainability/disclosures">www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/sustainability/disclosures</a>
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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.

# **Article 6 Funds**

The Funds that fall under the scope of Article 6 of SFDR and for which references to material environmental, social and governance factors have been removed from their investment policies are the following:

- Schroder International Selection Fund BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China)
- Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Europe
- Schroder International Selection Fund Emerging Markets
- Schroder International Selection Fund European Value
- Schroder International Selection Fund Frontier Markets Equity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> For Hong Kong investors, please refer to the following website: https://www.schroders.com/en/hk/retail-investors/sustainability/making-an-impact-through-sustainability (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

- Schroder International Selection Fund Global Dividend Maximiser
- Schroder International Selection Fund Global Emerging Market Opportunities
- Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity
- Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity Alpha
- Schroder International Selection Fund Global Equity Yield
- Schroder International Selection Fund Latin American
- Schroder International Selection Fund Middle East
- Schroder International Selection Fund QEP Global Active Value
- Schroder International Selection Fund US Large Cap



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# 3 September 2021

Dear Shareholder,

# Schroder International Selection Fund - Global Emerging Market Opportunities (the "Fund")

We are writing to advise you that the investment policy of the Fund has been updated to remove the typical holding range, to clarify the Fund's investments in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and to increase the Fund's investment limit from no more than 5% to less than 20% of the Fund's assets (on a net basis) in China A-Shares through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively, "Stock Connect").

The Hong Kong offering documents will also be revised to reflect the following:

Indirect exposure to China A-Shares may also be sought for the Fund through investment in financial instruments such as China market access products and other funds with China access through Qualified Foreign Investor status. The Fund does not currently intend to invest (i) 20% or more of its net asset value in China A-Shares via Stock Connect and (ii) 30% or more of its net asset value directly and indirectly in China A-Shares and China B-Shares.

### **Rationale**

Over time the average number of stocks in the Fund's portfolio has increased as the fund manager has taken an increased number of smaller positions. Therefore the existing typical holding range of 40-60 positions has been removed to avoid any constraints on the strategy.

The permitted exposure to China A-Shares has been increased to less than 20% of the Fund's assets (on a net basis). In recent years China has increased as a proportion of the Fund's target benchmark and increased exposure is required in order to take larger positions.

All other key features of the Fund and its risk profile will remain the same.

Any expenses incurred directly as a result of making this change will be borne by Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A., the Company's management company.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact your usual professional advisor or Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited 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

# **Schroders**

# PRODUCT KEY FACTS

Schroder International Selection Fund – Global Emerging Market Opportunities

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April 2021

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Investment manager:	Schroder Investme Kingdom, internal o	_	ement Limited, located	in the United
Depositary:	J.P. Morgan Bank Li	uxembourg	S.A.	
Ongoing charges over a year*:	Class A EUR Acc	1.86%	Class A USD Acc	1.86%
	Class A1 EUR Acc	2.36%	Class A USD Dis AV	1.86%
	Class D EUR Acc	2.86%	Class A1 USD Acc	2.36%
	Class A HKD Acc	1.86%	Class D USD Acc	2.86%
Dealing frequency:	Daily			
Base currency:	USD			
Dividend policy:	A, A1 and D Acc		share classes – Dividen ed into the fund.	d will not be
	has discretion as distribution freque	to whether	classes – The board of dire or not to make any di cated in the share class terly, S = semi-annual, A = a	stribution. The designation as
	Distributions may by value.	oe paid out	of capital and reduce the f	und's net asset
Financial year end of this fund:	31 December			
Minimum investment:			al – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 ,000 or USD1,000 (or equiv	

# 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 MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period Note by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries worldwide.

# **Investment Policy**

The fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of companies in emerging market countries worldwide.

The fund may invest up to 40% of its assets in cash and global bonds in order to protect returns when the investment manager believes stock markets are expected to be particularly weak. The fund typically holds 40-60 positions.

The fund is managed with reference to material environmental, social and governance factors. This means issues such as climate change, environmental performance, labour standards or board composition that could impact a company's value may be considered in the assessment of companies.

The fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its net asset value that may be invested in any country, region or sector. The fund is not subject to any limitation on the market capitalisation of the companies that it may invest in.

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.

The fund may use derivatives with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. Derivatives can be used for instance to create market exposures through equity, currency, volatility or index related financial derivative instruments and include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, contracts for difference, 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 MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index. The fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially, directly or indirectly, with the components of the target benchmark.

### Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% 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. Equity investment risk

Investment in equity securities is subject to the risk that the market value of the stocks may go down as well as up due to numerous factors such as changes in investment sentiment, political environment, economic environment, issuer-specific factors, regional or global economic instability, currency and interest rate fluctuations. If the market value of the stocks go down the net asset value of the fund may be adversely affected.

# 2. 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.
- 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.
- 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.

# 3. 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.

# 4. 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, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk, over-the-counter transaction risks and 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.

# 5. 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.

# 6. Smaller companies risk

Fund invests in smaller companies may fluctuate in value more than other funds and may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than those in larger companies. During periods where markets are falling, securities of smaller companies may become less liquid and experience short-term price volatility and wide spreads between dealing prices.

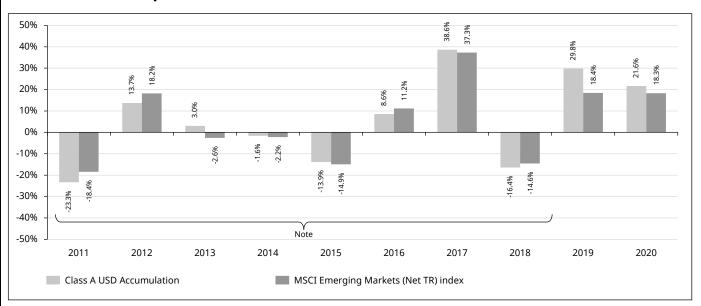
# 7. Risks relating to distributions

- 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.
- 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 of shares.

# 8. 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: MSCI Emerging Markets (Net TR) index
- Fund launch date: 2007
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2007
- 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 5.00% of the total subscription amount	Up to 4.00% of the total subscription amount	Nil
Switching fee (Switching charge)	Up to 1.00% of the valu	ue of the shares to be sv	vitched
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.

	Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value)		
Share class*	A	A1	D
Management fee	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%
Depositary fee	Up to 0.005%		
Performance fee	Nil		
Administration fee	Up to 0.25%		
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.

### 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**

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