



AXA WORLD FUNDS

(the "Sicav")

A Luxembourg Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable

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Dear Shareholders,

We are pleased to inform you that the directors of the Sicav (the "**Directors**") have decided to introduce a number of changes to the prospectus of the Sicav (the "**Prospectus**"), which will enable it to look after your interests more effectively.

Except as otherwise specified in this notice, words and expressions contained hereafter shall have the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

- I. **Amendment of the section "Sub-Fund Descriptions"**
- II. **Change of denomination of two sub-funds**
- III. **Removal of the possibility to issue "SoIEx" share classes for all the Sicav's sub-funds**
- IV. **Other amendments to the appendixes of the Prospectus**
- V. **Other amendments to the general part of the Prospectus**

I. Amendment of the section “Sub-Fund Descriptions”

➤ Canadian Prohibited Investors

The Directors decided to amend the section “Sub-Fund Descriptions” in order to clarify, in the paragraph entitled “Who Can Invest in Sub-Funds of AXA World Funds”, that the Sicav’s shares are not offered to Canadian Prohibited Investors.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ Addition of the paragraph “Responsible Investing”

The Directors decided to include in the section “Sub-Fund Descriptions” the following paragraph entitled “Responsible Investing”:

“The SICAV complies with the exclusion policies of AXA Investment Managers and applies the “Sector Investment Guidelines” available on the following website: www.axa-im.com.”

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

II. Change of denomination of two sub-funds

➤ From “AXA World Funds – Euro Credit IG” to “AXA World Funds – Euro Sustainable Credit”

The Directors decided to change the denomination of the sub-fund from “AXA World Funds – Euro Credit IG” to “AXA World Funds – Euro Sustainable Credit” in order to better reflect the Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) integration in this sub-fund.

This change mentioned above will take effect on December 28, 2018.

➤ From “AXA World Funds – Global Aggregate Bonds” to “AXA World Funds – Global Sustainable Aggregate”

The Directors decided to change the denomination of the sub-fund from “AXA World Funds – Global Aggregate Bonds” to “AXA World Funds – Global Sustainable Aggregate” in order to better reflect the Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) integration in this sub-fund.

This change mentioned above will take effect on December 28, 2018.

III. Removal of the possibility to issue “SolEx” share classes for all the Sicav’s sub-funds

The Directors decided to remove for all the sub-funds of the Sicav the possibility to issue “SolEx” share classes.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

IV. Other amendments to the appendixes of the Prospectus

➤ Update of the tables included in the appendixes of the Prospectus describing the classes of units available in the sub-funds

Further to the removal of the possibility to issue “SolEx” share classes, the Directors decided to update the tables included in the appendixes of the Prospectus describing the classes of shares available in the sub-funds in order to remove, where applicable, the references to the “SolEx” share classes.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Use of AXA IM ESG Standards**

The Directors decided to clarify that the following sub-funds apply AXA IM ESG Standards which are available on www.axa-im.com/en/responsible-investing:

- **AXA World Funds - Framlington Eurozone**
- **AXA World Funds – Framlington Europe**
- **AXA World Funds – Framlington Europe Small Cap**
- **AXA World Funds – Framlington Evolving Trends**
- **AXA World Funds – Framlington Global Small Cap**
- **AXA World Funds - Framlington Talents Global**
- **AXA World Funds – Euro Sustainable Credit (formerly AXA World Funds – Euro Credit IG)**
- **AXA World Funds – Euro Inflation Bonds**
- **AXA World Funds – Euro Buy and Maintain Credit**
- **AXA World Funds – Global Sustainable Aggregate (formerly AXA World Funds – Global Aggregate Bonds)**
- **AXA World Funds – Global Buy and Maintain Credit**
- **AXA World Funds – Global Inflation Bonds**
- **AXA World Funds – Global Inflation Bonds Redex**
- **AXA World Funds – Global Inflation Short Duration Bonds**
- **AXA World Funds – Defensive Optimal Income**
- **AXA World Funds – Global Optimal Income**
- **AXA World Funds – Optimal Income**

This change mentioned above will take effect on December 28, 2018.

➤ **Addition of a paragraph in the “Investment Objective and Strategy” section of the sub-fund named “AXA World Funds – Global Factors - Sustainable Equity”**

The Directors decided to include in the “Investment Objective and Strategy” section of the sub-fund named “AXA World Funds – Global Factors - Sustainable Equity” the following paragraph:

“The investment manager seeks to build a well-diversified portfolio of equity securities that optimises expected return, risk, and ESG (environmental, social and governance) factors in order to achieve the Sub-Fund’s objective. More information on Rosenberg Equities’ approach to ESG integration can be found on www.axa-im.com”.

This change mentioned above will take effect on December 28, 2018.

➤ **Change in the investment strategy of the sub-fund named “AXA World Funds – Global Emerging Markets Bonds”**

The Directors decided that the sub-fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in debt securities denominated in local currencies, unhedged rather than up to 25% in convertible securities.

This change mentioned above will take effect on January 21, 2019.

➤ **Investments in Chinese A shares**

The Directors decided that the following sub-funds may invest up to 10% of net assets in Chinese A Shares listed in the Shanghai Hong-Kong Stock Connect:

- **AXA World Funds – Defensive Optimal Income**
- **AXA World Funds – Global Optimal Income**
- **AXA World Funds – Optimal Income**

This change mentioned above will take effect on December 28, 2018.

➤ **Clarifications and cleaning up**

The Directors decided to make some clarifications and cleaning up to the appendixes of the Prospectus notably in the appendixes of the sub-funds using the Value at Risk (VaR) method for calculating global exposure by removing the word “maximum” from the title “Expected level of leverage”.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

V. Other amendments to the general part of the Prospectus

➤ **Removal of all the references to the “SolEx” share classes**

Further to the removal of the possibility to issue “SolEx” share classes, the Directors decided to delete the following paragraphs in the section “Risk Descriptions”: (i) “SolEx Share Class risk relating to derivatives risk and leverage” and (ii) “SolEx Share Class risk relating to equity risk”. As a consequence of such removal, the Directors further decided to delete all the references to the “SolEx” share classes from the general part of the Prospectus.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Update of the section “Investing in the Sub-Funds” paragraph “Available Share Classes”**

The Directors decided to update the section “Investing in the Sub-Funds” paragraph “Available Share Classes” in order to add the following sentence:

“For all the share classes using a performance fee the acronym “pf” will accompany the denomination of the relevant share class in its KIID”.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Update of the “Minimum Subscription and Holding Exceptions – Currency” table in the section “Investing in the Sub-Funds”**

The Directors decided to update the “Minimum Subscription and Holding Exceptions – Currency” table in order to add the reference currencies for the minimum subscription and holding exceptions for the sub-funds named “AXA World Funds – China Domestic Growth Equity” and “AXA World Funds – China Short Duration Bonds”.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Update of the section “Buying, Switching, Redeeming and Transferring Shares”**

The Directors decided to update the section “Buying, Switching, Redeeming and Transferring Shares” in order to remove the following paragraph:

“Payment related to initial subscriptions should be made to the account of the SICAV at the Depository at the latest four Business Days from such initial subscription date” as redundant.

Furthermore, the Directors decided to include the restrictions related to the Canadian Prohibited Investors.

These changes mentioned above have an immediate effect.

➤ **Update of the section “The SICAV”**

The Directors decided to update the section “The SICAV” in order to reflect the changes which occurred in the board of directors of the Sicav.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Update of the section “The Management Company”**

The Directors decided to update the section “The Management Company” in order to remove the reference to the Promoter, AXA Investment Managers S.A.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Update of the section “Benchmark Regulation”**

The Directors decided to update the section “Benchmark Regulation” in order to include Thomson Reuters in the list which shows the Benchmark administrators listed in the ESMA register.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Update of the section “Country-Specific Information”**

The Directors decided to update the section “Country-Specific Information” in order to include the following wording in the paragraph “For the Sub-Funds not authorised for distribution” of the section dedicated to Hong Kong:

“Regarding the “Designed for” section under the heading “Additional Features” in respect of each of the appendices, Hong Kong investors should note that such information is provided for reference only. In particular, the reference to the minimum investment time horizon has been determined based on Management Company’s theoretical knowledge of, and past experience with, the relevant Sub-Fund, SICAV or similar funds, the financial markets and the needs, characteristics and objectives of potential end investors at large and not on the assessment of the risk profile, risk tolerance, investment objective and/or investment horizon of a typical Hong Kong investor nor on the specific circumstances relevant to Hong Kong investors. As such, before making any investment decisions, Hong Kong investors should consider their own specific circumstances, including, without limitations, their own risk tolerance level, financial circumstances, and investment objectives. If in doubt, investors should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors, accountants, representative banks or other financial advisers.”

The Directors further decided to add in the section “Country-Specific Information” the following wording titled “Japan”:

“Warning: Japanese investors are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offer. The Sub-funds or Shares described herein are not authorized for offering to the public in Japan and have not been and will not be registered under Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948) (the “FIEL”) and accordingly may not be offered or solicited in Japan or to or for the account of any resident thereof, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the FIEL. “A resident” shall have the meaning as defined under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law of Japan (Law No. 228 of 1949). If you are in doubt about the contents of this Prospectus, you should obtain independent professional advice. Only certain Sub-Funds described herein may be offered for sale or sold in Japan solely to such investors which are Qualified Institutional Investor (tekikaku kikan toshika) (“QII”) as defined in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 1 of the FIEL and Article 10 of the Cabinet Ordinance regarding Definitions under Article 2 of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any rules made thereunder. You are advised that by subscribing into the Sub-Fund(s), you acknowledge and agree that: i) the Shares described herein have not been and will not be registered under Article 4, Paragraph 1 of the FIEL and accordingly may not be offered or solicited

in Japan or to or for the account of any resident thereof, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the FIEL; ii) the Shares are offered exclusively to QIIs only pursuant to a qualified institutional investor exemption as set forth in Article 2, Paragraph 3, Item 2 (a) of the FIEL; iii) Shares sold to QIIs pursuant to a qualified institutional investor exemption are subject to re-sale restrictions whereby the Shares cannot be re-sold to anyone other than QIIs; and iv) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Prospectus, no switch to Shares of any other Sub-Fund is allowed unless such Sub-Fund is offered in Japan in accordance with its applicable regulations”.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Update of the section “Terms with Specific Meanings”**

The Directors decided to update the section “Terms with Specific Meanings” in order to add the two following definitions:

*“**Canadian Prohibited Investor** means any natural person who is a resident of Canada (including its territories and possessions and any province of Canada) and any legal entity formed under the laws of Canada or any province or territory thereof, except where otherwise priorly determined by the Distributor as qualifying as in compliance with applicable local laws and regulations under “Permitted Clients” exemption.”*

*“**Hard currency** means globally traded major currencies.”*

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

➤ **Clarifications and cleaning up**

The Directors decided to make some clarifications and cleaning up to the general part of the Prospectus.

This change mentioned above has an immediate effect.

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The Prospectus, taking into account the changes mentioned in this letter, is available at the registered office of the Sicav.

For the attention of the Belgian shareholders: when redemption is offered free of charge (except potential taxes) to the shareholders of the sub-fund concerned, such redemption request may be made to the financial service located in Belgium: AXA Bank Belgium S.A., 1 Place du Trône, 1000 Brussels. The current prospectus taking into account the changes mentioned here above, the key investor information documents, the articles of incorporation as well as the annual and half year reports may also be freely obtained at the office of the financial service in Belgium. The Belgian shareholders should note that the class I shares is not open for subscription in Belgium.

For the attention of the Swiss shareholders:

The Swiss representative: First Independent Fund Services S.A., Klausstrasse 33, 8008 Zurich

The Swiss paying agent: Credit Suisse, Paradeplatz 8, 8001 Zurich

The articles of incorporation, the prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents as well as the annual and semi-annual reports can be obtained free of charge from the Swiss representative.

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Directors
AXA World Funds