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## **BLACKROCK GLOBAL FUNDS**

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#### Dear Shareholder

We, BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited, as Hong Kong Representative of BlackRock Global Funds (the "Company") are writing to advise you of certain amendments to the Hong Kong offering documents of the Company and its sub-funds (the "Funds").

The changes set out in this letter will take effect from 20 December 2019 (the "Effective Date"), unless otherwise stated herein and this letter forms notice to shareholders of the facts set out below.

Terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as set out in the prospectus currently in force (available at <a href="https://www.blackrock.com/hk">www.blackrock.com/hk</a>) (the "Prospectus"). Investors should note that the website has not been authorised or reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC").

#### 1. Derivative usage under the revised Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the "Code")

The Company and the Funds are subject to the applicable requirements under the Code issued by the SFC, which has been revised. Among other requirements, the revised Code requires a Fund to disclose its expected maximum net derivative exposure arising from derivative investments, which should be calculated in accordance with the requirements and guidance issued by the SFC, as may be updated from time to time (the "**NDE Regime**"). In light of the latest regulatory requirements in Hong Kong, the Management Company has assessed the use of financial derivative instruments by the Funds under the NDE Regime.

In respect of the Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund, Global Corporate Bond Fund, Global Government Bond Fund and World Bond Fund (each an "Affected Fund" and collectively, the "Affected Funds"), it is currently disclosed in the Information for Residents of Hong Kong (the "IRHK") and their Product Key Facts Statements (the "KFS") that derivatives will not be extensively or primarily used by these Affected Funds for investment purposes.

Based on the Management Company's assessment under the NDE Regime, it is decided that, with effect from the Effective Date, each Affected Fund's net derivative exposure may be more than 100% of its net asset value (the "**Updated NDE Level**").

The Updated NDE Level may allow for a more extensive and flexible use of derivatives by the Affected Funds.

Investors should take note of the increased risks associated with derivatives that the Affected Funds would be subject to. The risks associated with derivatives include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and market risk. As a result of the Updated NDE Level, the leverage effect of derivatives of the Affected Funds may be perceived as magnified and may result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested by the Affected Funds. In addition, the possible extensive exposure to derivatives may negatively impact the value of underlying assets on an Affected Fund and may also increase the volatility of an Affected Fund's price and may lead to significant losses.

The investment objectives and the operation of the Affected Funds will remain unchanged and the above change will not materially prejudice the rights or interests of the shareholders of the Affected Funds.

The fees and expenses associated with the above change will be paid by the Management Company out of the Administration Fee charged to the Affected Funds. The above change will not result in any change in the fees and expenses borne by the Affected Funds and/or the shareholders.

#### 2. Amendments to reflect requirements under the revised Code

In addition to the change to the Affected Funds mentioned above, the following key changes will be made to the Hong Kong offering documents of the Company and the Funds generally to reflect applicable requirements under the revised Code:

#### (a) Enhancement of disclosures on net derivative exposure

The IRHK and the KFS of the Funds will be updated to include disclosures on the expected maximum net derivative exposure arising from derivative investments under the NDE Regime as follows:

- In respect of ESG Multi-Asset Fund, Euro Bond Fund, Euro Corporate Bond Fund, Euro Short Duration Bond Fund, Fixed Income Global Opportunities Fund, Global Inflation Linked Bond Fund, US Dollar Bond Fund, US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund and US Government Mortgage Fund, it is currently disclosed in the IRHK and their KFS that derivatives may be used extensively for investment purposes. The disclosures will be updated to reflect these Funds' net derivative exposure may be more than 100% of its net asset value.
- In respect of the other funds (apart from the Affected Funds) with current disclosures that derivatives will not be extensively or primarily used for investment purposes. The disclosures will be updated to reflect these Funds' net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of its net asset value.

Please refer to the Appendix to this letter for information on the net derivative exposure of each Fund.

- (b) Other amendments other amendments and enhancement of disclosures to reflect the requirements of the revised Code including the following:
  - (i) enhanced disclosures on arrangements in handling unclaimed proceeds of Shareholders where a Fund is terminated; and
  - (ii) enhanced disclosure on investment in other funds in the Company, UCITS and/or other undertakings for collective investment.

#### 3. Action to be taken by you

Shareholders are not required to take any action in relation to the changes described in this letter. If, however, you do not agree with the changes described in this letter you may redeem your Shares free of any redemption charges at any time prior to the Effective Date, in accordance with the provisions of the Prospectus. If you have any questions regarding the redemption process, please contact your local representative or the Hong Kong Representative (see details below).

#### 4. General Information

Updated versions of the Hong Kong offering documents of the Funds will be available to shareholders free of charge from the Effective Date. Copies of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, annual and semi-annual reports are also available free of charge upon request at the office of the Hong Kong Representative at the address stated below.

The Directors accept responsibility for the contents of this letter. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that this is the case) the information contained in this letter is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the impact of such information.

If you would like any further information or have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the Company's Hong Kong Representative, BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited, at 16/F Champion Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong or by telephone on +852 3903-2688.

Yours faithfully

BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited Hong Kong Representative

## Appendix

## Information on Net Derivative Exposure

The net derivative exposure of the following Funds under the NDE Regime is set out below:

Funds	Net derivative exposure (% of net asset value)
ASEAN Leaders Fund	up to 50%
Asia Pacific Equity Income Fund	up to 50%
Asian Dragon Fund	up to 50%
Asian Growth Leaders Fund	up to 50%
Asian High Yield Bond Fund	up to 50%
Asian Multi-Asset Growth Fund	up to 50%
Asian Tiger Bond Fund	up to 50%
China A-Share Opportunities Fund	up to 50%
China Flexible Equity Fund	up to 50%
China Fund	up to 50%
Continental European Flexible Fund	up to 50%
Dynamic High Income Fund	up to 50%
Emerging Europe Fund	up to 50%
Emerging Markets Bond Fund	up to 50%
Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Fund	up to 50%
Emerging Markets Equity Income Fund	up to 50%
Emerging Markets Fund	up to 50%
Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
ESG Multi-Asset Fund	may be more than 100%
Euro Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
Euro Corporate Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
Euro-Markets Fund	up to 50%
Euro Reserve Fund	up to 50%
Euro Short Duration Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
European Equity Income Fund	up to 50%
European Fund	up to 50%
European High Yield Bond Fund	up to 50%
European Special Situations Fund	up to 50%
European Value Fund	up to 50%
FinTech Fund	up to 50%
Fixed Income Global Opportunities Fund	may be more than 100%
Future Of Transport Fund	up to 50%
Global Allocation Fund	up to 50%
Global Bond Income Fund	up to 50%
Global Corporate Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
Global Dynamic Equity Fund	up to 50%
Global Enhanced Equity Yield Fund	up to 50%
Global Equity Income Fund	up to 50%
Global Government Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
Global High Yield Bond Fund	up to 50%
Global Inflation Linked Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
Global Long-Horizon Equity Fund	up to 50%
Global Multi-Asset Income Fund	up to 50%
Global SmallCap Fund	up to 50%
India Fund	up to 50%
Japan Flexible Equity Fund	up to 50%
Japan Small & MidCap Opportunities Fund	up to 50%
Latin American Fund	up to 50%
Natural Resources Growth & Income Fund	up to 50%
Next Generation Technology Fund	up to 50%
North American Equity Income Fund	up to 50%
Nutrition Fund	up to 50%
Pacific Equity Fund	up to 50%
Sustainable Energy Fund	up to 50%
Swiss Small & MidCap Opportunities Fund	up to 50%
United Kingdom Fund	up to 50%
US Basic Value Fund	up to 50%
US Dollar Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
US Dollar High Yield Bond Fund	up to 50%
US Dollar Reserve Fund	up to 50%
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# Net derivative exposure (% of net asset value)

US Dollar Short Duration Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
US Flexible Equity Fund	up to 50%
US Government Mortgage Fund	may be more than 100%
US Growth Fund	up to 50%
US Small & MidCap Opportunities Fund	up to 50%
World Bond Fund	may be more than 100%
World Energy Fund	up to 50%
World Financials Fund	up to 50%
World Gold Fund	up to 50%
World Healthscience Fund	up to 50%
World Mining Fund	up to 50%
World Real Estate Securities Fund	up to 50%
World Technology Fund	up to 50%