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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HSBC INDEX TRACKER INVESTMENT FUNDS THAT REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Dear Shareholder,

We are writing to advise you of some changes we are making to the sub-funds of the HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds, an Open-Ended Investment Company (“OEIC”) that you hold with us. The changes will take effect from 26 October 2020.

This letter provides details of the changes and the reasons why we are making them. In summary we are introducing wording to the OEIC’s Prospectus that will allow us to, or clarify when we may, convert a shareholder’s shares to a different share class of the same fund and to clarify that we may redeem a shareholder’s shares, in certain circumstances.

The Prospectus will be published on our website, www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk, or can be obtained by contacting us.

Ability to convert a shareholder’s shares to a different share class

We are introducing wording to the Prospectus from 26 October 2020 that will allow us to convert a shareholder’s shares to a different share class of the same fund, where we are satisfied that this is in the best interests of the shareholders in all circumstances. We may therefore undertake such a conversion where we reasonably believe it is not detrimental to the shareholders concerned. Typically, a conversion would be beneficial to an investor where a different share class is available that has a lower annual management charge. The rationale for allowing such a conversion is to allow shareholders to benefit from investment in a share class with lower charges or other circumstance which is in the best interest of the shareholders. However, there may be information concerning a shareholder that we are unaware of, which means that such a conversion is not beneficial. Therefore, to ensure such a conversion is in the best interests of shareholders the new wording will require us to provide 60 days’ notice to shareholders before converting them to a different share class. Shareholders may opt out of the conversion during this notice period if they so wish.

We will also be able to convert a shareholder’s shares to a different class where the value of a shareholder’s shares is below the minimum holding amount for the share class they hold. Under these circumstances a shareholder may be converted to a share class they are eligible to hold that has higher charges. The rationale for allowing such conversion is to allow us to take appropriate action where the shareholder is no longer eligible to hold a particular share class. Such a conversion would allow shareholders to remain invested in their fund(s), where they are no longer eligible to hold a particular class, as opposed to redemption. The new wording will require us to provide 60 days’ notice to shareholders before converting them to a different share class. A shareholder may top up their investment to meet the minimum holding amount or redeem all of their holdings during this notice period if they so wish.

Please note that, as usual, a redemption may create a capital gains tax liability for redeeming shareholders and shareholders may receive back less than they originally invested. We do not currently apply a charge for shareholders switching or redeeming shares, however a dilution adjustment may be applied to the price of shares as set out in the Prospectus.

We are clarifying, by amending the wording in the Prospectus, that we may convert a shareholder's shares from income shares to accumulation shares where a number of consecutive distributions remain unclaimed (for example, where issued cheques have not been cashed). This is to ensure that the share class held by a shareholder remains appropriate for their needs and to reduce the potential for cheques to be lost and cancelled. The number of consecutive distributions that we consider varies by distribution frequency and is detailed in the Prospectus.

The new wording will require us to provide 60 days' notice to shareholders before converting them to an accumulation share class. Shareholders may opt out of the conversion during this notice period if they so wish. Shareholders will be asked to provide bank or building society current account details to which future distributions can be paid as outlined in the Prospectus.

Ability to redeem a shareholder's shares

We are clarifying, by introducing wording to the Prospectus from 26 October 2020, that we may redeem a shareholder's shares where the value of the shares is below the minimum holding amount for the share class they hold and no other share class is available for the same fund that the investor is eligible to hold. The rationale for allowing such redemption is to allow us to take appropriate action where the shareholder is no longer eligible to hold a particular share class. Where we redeem a shareholder's shares the proceeds will be paid out to the shareholder.

The new wording will require us to provide 60 days' notice to shareholders before compulsorily redeeming their shares. A shareholder may top up their investment to meet the minimum holding amount or may redeem all of their holdings during this notice period if they so wish. Please note that, as usual, a redemption may create a capital gains tax liability for redeeming shareholders and shareholders may receive back less than they originally invested. We do not currently apply a charge for shareholders switching or redeeming shares, however a dilution adjustment may be applied to the price of shares as set out in the Prospectus.

How will the changes affect charges?

The above changes will not alter the fee level or cost in managing the sub-funds of the OEIC. Any costs associated with implementing these changes will be paid by us.

Do I need to take any action?

You do not need to take any action this letter is for your information. We will write out separately to shareholders to provide 60 days' notice of conversions or redemptions, as described in this letter.

However, you may redeem your holdings or switch to a different fund in line with the Prospectus as usual by contacting us. We do not currently apply a charge for shareholders switching or redeeming shares, however a dilution adjustment may be applied to the price of shares as set out in the Prospectus.

What is the view of the regulator and the depositary?

The FCA and SFC has confirmed that the implementation of the changes set out in this letter will not affect the ongoing authorisation of the funds. Additionally, the SFC has been notified of the relevant changes and any required prior authorisation or approval has been sought and obtained. In accordance with normal market practice State Street Trustees Limited, the depositary of the funds, while expressing no opinion on the merits or otherwise of the changes set out in this letter, has informed us that it has no objection to the changes.

Where can I obtain further information about these changes?

If you have any questions or would like more detail about the changes you can call us on 0800 358 3011* or you can send an e-mail to HSBCenquiries@ntrs.com.

For Hong Kong investors you can contact us by telephone on 2284-1118, by fax on 3409-2667, or Email: at assetmanagement@hsbc.com.hk.

We accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information stated in this notice. This letter does not constitute advice and if you have any doubts about whether this investment will continue to meet your needs you should consult a financial adviser.

Yours faithfully



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Important Notes for Shareholders

This letter relates to sub funds of HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds, an Open Ended Investment Company that is authorised in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Authorised Corporate Director is HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. All applications are made on the basis of the HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds Prospectus, Key Investor Information Document (KIID), Supplementary Information Document (SID) and most recent annual and interim HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds Report & Accounts, which can be obtained upon request free of charge from HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, 8, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HQ, UK, or from our website www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk or the local distributors where applicable. **Shareholders and potential investors should read and note the risk warnings in the prospectus and relevant KIID and additionally, in the case of retail clients, the information contained in the supporting SID.**

For Hong Kong Shareholders:

All applications are made on the basis of the HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds Prospectus, Hong Kong Covering Document, Product Key Facts documents and most recent annual and interim HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds Report & Accounts, which can be obtained upon request free of charge from HSBC Investment Funds (Hong Kong) Limited, HSBC Main Building, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong or the local distributors where applicable. The HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds Prospectus, Hong Kong Covering Document and most recent annual and interim HSBC Index Tracker Investment Funds Report & Accounts are also available on our website, www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.uk.

Note: SFC authorisation is not a recommendation or endorsement of a product nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a product or its performance. It does not mean the product is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

Shareholders and potential investors should read and note the risk warnings in the Company Prospectus which incorporates the Hong Kong Covering Document.

* Lines are open 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). To help us to continually improve our service and in the interest of security, we may monitor and/or record your communications with us.

