



## HSBC GLOBAL INVESTMENT FUNDS - GLOBAL EQUITY CLIMATE CHANGE

The Investment Adviser will review all SFDR mandatory Principal Adverse Impacts to assess the relevance to the sub-fund. HSBC's Responsible Investment Policy sets out the approach taken to identify and respond to principal adverse sustainability impacts and how HSBC considers ESG sustainability risks as these can adversely impact the securities the sub-funds invest in. HSBC uses third party screening providers to identify companies and governments with a poor track record in managing ESG risks and, where potential material risks are identified, HSBC also carry out further due diligence. Sustainability impacts, including the relevant Principal Adverse Impacts, identified by screening are a key consideration in the investment decision making process and, in turn, this also supports the advice given to clients.

The approach taken, as set out above, means that among other things the following points are scrutinised:

- companies' commitment to lower carbon transition, adoption of sound human rights principles and employees' fair treatment, implementation of rigorous supply chain management practices aiming, among other things, at alleviating child and forced labour. HSBC also pay a great attention to the robustness of corporate governance and political structures which include the level of board independence, respect of shareholders' rights, existence and implementation of rigorous anti-corruption and bribery policies as well as audit trails; and
- governments' commitment to availability and management of resources (including population trends, human capital, education and health), emerging technologies, government regulations and policies (including climate change, anti-corruption and bribery), political stability and governance.

### The sub-fund will promote the following environmental and social characteristics:

1. Transition to a low carbon economy.
2. Responsible business practices in accordance with UN Global Compact and OECD Principles for businesses.
3. Minimum environmental standards through exclusion of business activities that are deemed harmful to the environment.
4. Identification and analysis of a company's environmental characteristics including, but not limited to, physical risks of climate change and human capital management.
5. Active consideration of environmental issues through engagement and proxy voting.
6. Analysis of the share of investment involved in controversial weapons.

### Investment Strategy and Proportion of Investments:

The sub-fund invests in normal market conditions a minimum of 70% of its net assets in equities and equity equivalent securities of companies with revenue exposure to climate transition themes ("Climate Transition Themes") which are domiciled in, based in, carry out business activities in, or are listed on a Regulated Market in, any country including both developed markets and Emerging Markets.

Climate Transition Themes may include, but are not limited to, renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation and green buildings. Climate Transition Themes are proprietary to HSBC, determined with reference to the eligible activities of the Green Bond Principles of the International Capital Market Association and the Climate Bonds Taxonomy of the Climate Bonds Initiative, subject to ongoing research and may change over time as new themes are identified. The Investment Adviser may rely on its own research to identify suitable companies meeting a minimum

revenue exposure threshold to Climate Transition Themes. The minimum revenue exposure threshold will depend on the specific Climate Transition Theme but will be at least 10% of the relevant company's total revenue.

The sub-fund aims to invest in companies that may benefit from the transition to a low carbon economy.

The sub-fund promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of 50% of sustainable investments.

#### Methodologies:

HSBC uses its own proprietary systematic investment process to measure how the environmental characteristics promoted by the sub-fund are met. HSBC will use data provided by a number of third parties. All data used will be verified by HSBC Asset Management's extensive research department.

HSBC's Responsible Investment Policy, our Engagement Policy and Stewardship Plan is available on our website [www.assetmanagement.hsbc/responsible-investing/policies](http://www.assetmanagement.hsbc/responsible-investing/policies).