HSBC GLOBAL INVESTMENT FUNDS - GLOBAL SECURITISED CREDIT BOND

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 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. Identification and analysis of a company's environmental characteristics including, but not limited to, physical risks of climate change and human capital management.
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. Active consideration of environmental issues through engagement and proxy voting.
5. Analysis of the share of investment involved in controversial weapons.

Investment Strategy and Proportion of Investments:

The sub-fund aims to provide long term total return by investing in a portfolio focused on the intersection (the "Crossover") between Investment Grade and Non-Investment Grade rated Securitised Credit, while promoting ESG characteristics within the meaning of Article 8 of SFDR.

The sub-fund may also invest in other fixed income instruments issued globally denominated in a range of currencies, including but not limited to, corporate bonds, securities issued or guaranteed by governments, government agencies and supranational bodies, and cash. Issuers of these securities may be located in any country.

The sub-fund targets investment in securities with a low and medium, HSBC proprietary, Securitised Credit ESG risk assessment rating ("ESG Risk Assessment Rating"). A lower ESG Risk Assessment Rating signifies lower ESG driven investment risk. It is determined through a combination of ESG Credentials as mentioned below, ESG factors most relevant to each Securitised Credit subsector and structural features of the specific security.

The sub-fund is actively managed and is not constrained by a benchmark.

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The sub-fund does not commit to holding a minimum percentage 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 or 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.