

HSBC Mutual Funds and HSBC Pooled Funds

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HSBC Mutual Funds

Cash and Money Market Funds¹

HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund
HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund

Income Funds¹

HSBC Mortgage Fund
HSBC Canadian Bond Fund
HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund
HSBC Monthly Income Fund
HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund

Domestic Equity Funds¹

HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund
HSBC Dividend Fund
HSBC Equity Fund
HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund

Foreign Equity Funds¹

HSBC Global Equity Fund
HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund
HSBC U.S. Equity Fund
HSBC European Fund
HSBC AsiaPacific Fund
HSBC Chinese Equity Fund
HSBC Indian Equity Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Fund
HSBC BRIC Equity Fund

HSBC World Selection® Diversified Funds²

HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund
HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund

HSBC Wealth Compass™ Funds³

HSBC Wealth Compass Conservative Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass Moderate Conservative Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass Balanced Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass Growth Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass Aggressive Growth Fund

HSBC Pooled Funds

HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund
HSBC Mortgage Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Bond Pooled Fund
HSBC Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund
HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Dividend Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC International Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Pooled Fund
HSBC Global Real Estate Equity Pooled Fund

¹ Offers Investor Series, Advisor Series, Premium Series, Manager Series and Institutional Series units

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Introduction and key terms

This Annual Information Form, contains important information about the Funds and is designed to supplement the information presented in the Funds' Simplified Prospectus.

In this document we use the following key terms:

- you and your refer to you the investor
- Fund or Funds refers to one or more of the HSBC Mutual Funds or HSBC Pooled Funds offered under the Funds' Simplified Prospectus and this Annual Information Form
- Mutual Fund or Mutual Funds refers to one or more of the HSBC Mutual Funds, including the HSBC World Selection Diversified Funds and HSBC Wealth Compass Funds
- Pooled Fund or Pooled Funds refers to one or more of the HSBC Pooled Funds
- we, us and our refer to HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited, the manager, trustee and primary investment advisor of the Funds
- HSBC Investment Funds or Principal Distributor refers to HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc., our wholly owned subsidiary, who is principally responsible for marketing and distributing units of the Mutual Funds
- representative refers to the dealer(s) or advisor(s) authorized to sell units of the Funds, including us and the Principal Distributor
- HSBC World Selection[®] Diversified Funds refers to the HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund, HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund, HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund, HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund and HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund
- HSBC Wealth Compass[™] Funds refers to the HSBC Wealth Compass Conservative Fund, HSBC Wealth Compass Moderate Conservative Fund, HSBC Wealth Compass Balanced Fund, HSBC Wealth Compass Growth Fund and HSBC Wealth Compass Aggressive Growth Fund

Background of the Funds

Names and details of formation

The table below lists the names of the Funds and the dates they were established.

The Mutual Funds in existence prior to December 17, 2001 were established as open-ended unit investment trusts under separate Declarations of Trust governed by the laws of Ontario or British Columbia, as described below. On December 17, 2001, the Declarations of Trust for the Mutual Funds then established were consolidated into a single Master Declaration of Trust governed by the laws of British Columbia and all Mutual Funds are now governed by this Master Declaration of Trust.

All Pooled Funds have been established as open-ended, unit investment trusts under the laws of British Columbia under a Trust Indenture, which was amended and restated as of December 17, 2018.

Name	Date established	Established under laws of
HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	December 8, 1988	Ontario
HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund	December 5, 1997	British Columbia
HSBC Mortgage Fund	October 30, 1992	British Columbia
HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	December 1, 1994	British Columbia
HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	June 3, 2015	British Columbia
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	June 27, 2011	British Columbia
HSBC Monthly Income Fund	December 16, 2004	British Columbia
HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund	December 16, 2010	British Columbia
HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	December 8, 1988	Ontario
HSBC Dividend Fund	December 1, 1994	British Columbia
HSBC Equity Fund	December 8, 1988	Ontario
HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	December 1, 1994	British Columbia
HSBC Global Equity Fund	December 5, 1997	British Columbia
HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund	June 3, 2015	British Columbia
HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	October 12, 1994	Ontario
HSBC European Fund	October 12, 1994	Ontario
HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	November 19, 1993	Ontario
HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	December 16, 2003	British Columbia
HSBC Indian Equity Fund	December 16, 2008	British Columbia
HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	October 12, 1994	Ontario
HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	December 16, 2006	British Columbia

Name	Date established	Established under laws of
HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund	December 16, 2004	British Columbia
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund	December 16, 2004	British Columbia
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	December 16, 2004	British Columbia
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	December 16, 2004	British Columbia
HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund	December 16, 2004	British Columbia
HSBC Wealth Compass Conservative Fund	February 5, 2018	British Columbia
HSBC Wealth Compass Moderate Conservative Fund	February 5, 2018	British Columbia
HSBC Wealth Compass Balanced Fund	February 5, 2018	British Columbia
HSBC Wealth Compass Growth Fund	February 5, 2018	British Columbia
HSBC Wealth Compass Aggressive Growth Fund	February 5, 2018	British Columbia
HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund	December 2, 1987	British Columbia
HSBC Mortgage Pooled Fund	November 19, 2004	British Columbia
HSBC Canadian Bond Pooled Fund	December 2, 1987	British Columbia
HSBC Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund	November 21, 2006	British Columbia
HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund	December 16, 2009	British Columbia
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Pooled Fund	December 20, 2010	British Columbia
HSBC Canadian Dividend Pooled Fund	November 8, 1996	British Columbia
HSBC Canadian Equity Pooled Fund	December 2, 1987	British Columbia
HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund	March 1, 1994	British Columbia
HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund	December 2, 1987	British Columbia
HSBC International Equity Pooled Fund	December 31, 1994	British Columbia
HSBC Emerging Markets Pooled Fund	December 16, 2009	British Columbia
HSBC Global Real Estate Equity Pooled Fund	December 16, 2014	British Columbia

We manage the Funds. Our head office is located at 3rd Floor, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3E8.

Some of the Funds have changed their names in the past. The table below lists the current names of the Funds, their previous names within 10 years (if applicable), and the date on which the names changed (if applicable).

Current name	Previous name (date changed)
HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund	HSBC LifeMap® Conservative Portfolio (December 16, 2010)

Current name	Previous name (date changed)
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund	HSBC LifeMap® Moderate Conservative Portfolio (December 16, 2010)
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	HSBC LifeMap® Balanced Portfolio (December 16, 2010)
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	HSBC LifeMap® Growth Portfolio (December 16, 2010)
HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund	HSBC LifeMap® Aggressive Growth Portfolio (December 16, 2010)
HSBC Dividend Fund	HSBC Dividend Income Fund (June 17, 2013)
HSBC Canadian Dividend Pooled Fund	HSBC Canadian Dividend Income Pooled Fund (June 17, 2013)
HSBC Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund	HSBC U.S. High Yield Bond Pooled Fund (December 16, 2014)

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Amendments to declarations of trust

The Master Declaration of Trust for the Mutual Funds has been amended for various reasons. The table below describes the material changes during the last 10 years.

Date	Description of amendment
December 16, 2009	Enabled the sale of Premium Series units of the HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund, HSBC Dividend Income Fund, HSBC Equity Fund, HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund, HSBC Global Equity Fund, HSBC U.S. Equity Fund, HSBC European Fund, HSBC AsiaPacific Fund, HSBC Chinese Equity Fund, HSBC Indian Equity Fund, HSBC Emerging Markets Fund and HSBC BRIC Equity Fund.
December 14, 2010	Amended the circumstances in which the manager of the Mutual Funds may be changed without unitholder approval and the notice requirements when a Mutual Fund is terminated, in order to bring these provisions in line with applicable securities laws.
December 16, 2010	Reflected the appointment of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited as manager and trustee of the Mutual Funds.
September 30, 2014	Enabled the manager and trustee of the Mutual Funds to (i) redesignate units of one series as units of another series of the same Mutual Fund and (ii) compulsorily redeem units of a Mutual Fund. Changed the minimum period of notice to unitholders required in respect of certain amendments to the Declaration of Trust from 60 days to 30 days.
June 20, 2017	Reflected the reduced management fees payable by the HSBC Global Equity Fund and the HSBC World Selection Diversified Funds.
February 5, 2018	Created the Discount Series units and established the HSBC Wealth Compass Funds.

Date	Description of amendment
December 18, 2018	Reflected the reduced management fees payable by the HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund, HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, HSBC Mortgage Fund, HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund, HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund, HSBC Monthly Income Fund, HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund, HSBC Global Equity Fund, HSBC Chinese Equity Fund, HSBC Indian Equity Fund, HSBC Emerging Markets Fund, and HSBC BRIC Equity Fund.

The Trust Indenture for the Pooled Funds has been amended from time to time to create or terminate individual Pooled Funds, amend the names of certain Pooled Funds, and amend the provisions of the Trust Indenture that deal with certain administrative and other matters relating to the Pooled Funds.

On December 17, 2018, the Trust Indenture for the Pooled Funds was amended to appoint HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited as the trustee of the Pooled Funds.

Fund Mergers

Some of the Funds have been involved in mergers in the past. The table below lists the Funds that participated in mergers within the past 10 years, and the date on which those mergers took place.

Fund	Details of merger
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund	On December 10, 2010, the HSBC LifeMap MM Moderate Conservative Portfolio was merged into the HSBC LifeMap Moderate Conservative Portfolio (currently named the HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund)
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	On December 10, 2010, the HSBC LifeMap MM Balanced Portfolio was merged into the HSBC LifeMap Balanced Portfolio (currently named the HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund)
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	On December 10, 2010, the HSBC LifeMap MM Growth Portfolio was merged into the HSBC LifeMap Growth Portfolio (currently named the HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund)
HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund	On December 10, 2010, the HSBC LifeMap MM Aggressive Growth Portfolio was merged into the HSBC LifeMap Aggressive Growth Portfolio (currently named the HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund)
HSBC Canadian Bond Pooled Fund	On June 17, 2013, the HSBC MultiAlpha Canadian Bond Pooled Fund was merged into the HSBC Canadian Bond Pooled Fund

Fund	Details of merger
HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund	On June 17, 2013, the HSBC MultiAlpha Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund was merged into the HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Equity Pooled Fund	On March 20, 2015, the HSBC MultiAlpha Canadian Equity Pooled Fund was merged into the HSBC Canadian Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund	On March 20, 2015, the HSBC MultiAlpha U.S. Equity Pooled Fund was merged into the HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund

Changes to investment advisors

The changes to the Funds' investment advisors which have occurred during the last 10 years are outlined in the table below:

Fund name	Date of change	Previous investment advisor	Current investment advisor
HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	May 13, 2009	Lotsoff Capital Management	Rainier Investment Management Inc.
	April 27, 2011	Rainier Investment Management Inc.	Los Angeles Capital Management and Equity Research, Inc.
HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	July 3, 2013	Mawer Investment Management Ltd.	Triasima Portfolio Management Inc., Mawer Investment Management Ltd.
HSBC Global Equity Fund	February 25, 2015	HSBC Global Asset Management (France)	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	March 4, 2013	HSBC Global Asset Management (France)*	HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited
HSBC Indian Equity Fund	September 16, 2013	HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited	HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited
HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	March 12, 2015	HSBC Global Asset Management (France)	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

Fund name	Date of change	Previous investment advisor	Current investment advisor
HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	September 23, 2015	HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited	HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.
	October 19, 2015	HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.	HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc., HSBC Global Asset Management (France)
HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund	October 14, 2015	HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
HSBC European Fund	July 18, 2016	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited	HSBC Global Asset Management (France)
HSBC Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund	January 30, 2009	Halbis Capital Management (USA) Inc.	JPMorgan Asset Management (Canada) Inc.
	June 1, 2015	JPMorgan Asset Management (Canada) Inc.	HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.
	January 27, 2016	HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.	HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc. and HSBC Global Asset Management (France)
HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund	July 3, 2013	Mawer Investment Management Ltd.	Mawer Investment Management Ltd. and Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.
HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund	May 13, 2009	Lotsoff Capital Management	Rainier Investment Management, Inc.
	April 27, 2011	Rainier Investment Management, Inc.	Los Angeles Capital Management and Equity Research, Inc.
	March 26, 2015	Los Angeles Capital Management and Equity Research, Inc.	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
HSBC International Equity Pooled Fund	December 28, 2008	Halbis Capital Management (UK) Limited	HSBC Global Asset Management (France)
	January 19, 2015	HSBC Global Asset Management (France)	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

Fund name	Date of change	Previous investment advisor	Current investment advisor
HSBC Emerging Markets Pooled Fund	September 21, 2010	HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited	Delaware Investment Advisers, a series of Delaware Management Business Trust; Trilogy Global Advisors, LP
	February 11, 2015	Delaware Investment Advisers, a series of Delaware Management Business Trust; Trilogy Global Advisors, LP	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
HSBC Global Real Estate Equity Pooled Fund	September 30, 2015	HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund	April 17, 2018	HSBC Global Asset Management (France)	HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

* HSBC Global Asset Management (France) was appointed to provide investment advice in respect of the foreign equity segment of the HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund.

Changes to manager

On December 14, 2010, responsibility for managing the business and operations of the Mutual Funds was transferred from HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. to a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours, and then subsequently transferred to us on the same date.

Changes to fundamental investment objectives

There have been no changes to the fundamental investment objective or material investment strategies of any of the Funds over the past 10 years.

Investing in the Funds

General

Before you can request a transaction to buy units of a Fund, you must first open an account with your representative.

When you submit a request to purchase, switch or redeem units of a Fund, the amount you pay or receive for each unit will depend on when we receive your request.

Generally, trades must be received by us before 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time on a valuation day to receive the Fund's unit value for that day. If we receive trade requests after 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time on a valuation day, those requests will be processed using the Fund's unit value on the next valuation day.

Your representative will have their own time requirements for receiving a trade request in order to meet our cut-off time. Please consult with them for information about their cut-off times for processing orders.

How we calculate the net asset value of the Funds' units

We, or our authorized agents, calculate a separate net asset value for each series of unit for the Mutual Funds and each unit for the Pooled Funds at the end of each valuation day.

A valuation day is any day that the Toronto Stock Exchange is open for business or such other day as we may determine from time to time.

The net asset value and net asset value per unit of each Fund is available on request at no cost by calling 1-888-390-3333, and on our website at www.hsbc.ca.

Mutual Funds

For the Mutual Funds, the net asset value per unit of each series is calculated by taking the proportionate share of the net assets of the Mutual Fund allocated to the series of unit as determined on the previous valuation day, and adding or subtracting, as appropriate, the series' proportionate share of net income, net realized capital gains (losses), common expenses, direct expenses for the series, and the unrealized change in value of the Mutual Fund's investment portfolio since the previous valuation day of the series. This amount is then divided by the number of units outstanding of the series of unit on that valuation day to produce the daily net asset value for units of the series.

Pooled Funds

For the Pooled Funds, the Fund's net asset value per unit is the market value of all the Fund's assets at the time the valuation is made, less its liabilities, divided by the total number of units outstanding at the time.

Minimum investment requirements

You must meet the minimum investment requirements for the initial investment, subsequent investment and ongoing balance to be eligible to purchase or continue to hold units of the Funds.

Mutual Funds

The following table sets out the minimum initial investment, minimum subsequent investment and minimum balance requirement for each series of the Mutual Funds:

Series	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment*	Minimum balance
Investor Series	\$500	\$50	\$500
Advisor Series	\$500	\$50	\$500
Premium Series	\$100,000	\$50	\$100,000
Manager Series	\$500	\$50	\$500
Institutional Series**	-	-	-

* Minimum investment requirements may differ under the regular investment plan, monthly withdrawal plan or the mutual fund allocation service offered by the Principal Distributor. See the section called "Optional services" in the Simplified Prospectus.

** As determined by the agreement you enter into with your participating representative.

The minimum investment requirements are per Mutual Fund held in one account, and cannot be spread across multiple Funds in the same account or across multiple accounts. The minimum balance is the market value of your units at any point in time. If you are investing in the HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund, HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund, HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund or using the U.S. dollar purchase service, the minimum investment amounts and all fees are in U.S. dollars. For more information on the U.S. dollar purchase service, see the section called "Optional services – U.S. dollar purchase service" in the Simplified Prospectus.

If you invested in the Investor Series or Advisor Series of a Mutual Fund in an account and you subsequently meet the minimum investment amount to qualify for the Premium Series of the same Mutual Fund as a result of additional purchases (including those under a regular investment plan), dividend reinvestments or as a result of an increased value of the investments, we will not automatically switch your units to the Premium Series. It is your sole responsibility to instruct your representative to switch your units of a Mutual Fund in your account to the Premium Series of the same Mutual Fund to be held in the same account. If the value of the Premium Series of a Mutual Fund in your account falls below the specified minimum balance requirement because you redeemed or switched out units, we reserve the right to change your Premium Series units into another series of units of the same Mutual Fund in the same account without your consent. We reserve the right to restrict the availability of the Premium Series. We may change the minimum initial investment, minimum balance requirement or other conditions for the Premium Series from time to time without prior notice to you.

If you invested in the Manager Series of a Mutual Fund and are no longer eligible to hold Manager Series units, we reserve the right to change your Manager Series units into another series of the same Mutual Fund.

Pooled Funds

The Pooled Funds are only available as part of the HSBC World Selection Portfolio service, the HSBC Private Investment Management service, or for institutional clients.

For the HSBC World Selection Portfolio service you must enter into an agreement with HSBC Investment Funds and make and maintain a minimum initial investment of \$50,000, or any other amount determined by HSBC Investment Funds.

For the HSBC Private Investment Management service, you must enter into an agreement with HSBC Private Wealth Services (Canada) Inc. and make a minimum initial investment as set out in its agreement, or any other amount determined by HSBC Private Wealth Services (Canada) Inc.

Institutional clients must enter into an agreement with us and make a minimum initial investment as set out in the agreement.

Your agreement with your representative will have other applicable terms and conditions. Please discuss the specifics with them.

Available series of units

Mutual Funds

Each Mutual Fund is permitted to have an unlimited number of series of units and may issue an unlimited number of units of each series. Although the money that you and other investors pay to purchase units is tracked on a series-by-series basis in the Mutual Fund's administration records, the assets of all series of the Mutual Fund are combined into a single pool to create one portfolio for investment purposes.

Each of the Mutual Funds (other than the HSBC World Selection Diversified Funds and HSBC Wealth Compass Funds) currently offers five series of units: Investor Series, Advisor Series, Premium Series, Manager Series and Institutional Series.

Each of the HSBC World Selection Diversified Funds currently offers four series of units: Investor Series, Advisor Series, Manager Series and Institutional Series.

Each of the HSBC Wealth Compass Funds currently offers three series of units: Investor Series, Manager Series and Institutional Series.

There is no sales charge or redemption charge associated with the Investor Series, Premium Series, Manager Series or Institutional Series.

The Advisor Series is subject to a sales charge. See the section called "Fees and expenses" in the Simplified Prospectus for more details.

Pooled Funds

The Pooled Funds do not offer different series of units.

There is no sales charge or redemption charge associated with the Pooled Funds.

How to buy, sell and switch units of the Funds

You must meet the minimum initial and subsequent investment amounts, minimum balance requirement and any other eligibility requirements applicable for the Pooled Funds and each series of the Mutual Funds. See the section called "Minimum investment requirements" for more details.

Your choice of series of units to buy affects the fees and expenses you will pay, and may affect the compensation we pay to your representative. See the sections called "Fees and expenses" and "Dealer compensation" in the Simplified Prospectus for more information.

Investor Series

The Investor Series of the Mutual Funds (excluding HSBC Wealth Compass Funds) is for all investors and are available:

1. through the Principal Distributor:
 - (a) at any branch of HSBC Bank Canada, or
 - (b) by calling TeleFund at 1-800-830-8888
2. through other authorized dealers.

The Investor Series of the HSBC Wealth Compass Funds is for all investors and are available:

1. through the Principal Distributor only after opening an account online through the HSBC Wealth Compass portal, and trades can be placed:
 - (a) online through the HSBC Wealth Compass portal, or
 - (b) by calling an HSBC Wealth Compass advisor at 1-877-801-4722
2. through other dealers authorized to distribute the HSBC Wealth Compass Funds.

Advisor Series

The Advisor Series of the Mutual Funds is for all investors and are available through authorized dealers other than the Principal Distributor.

Premium Series

The Premium Series of the Mutual Funds is for investors investing a minimum amount as determined by us from time to time. See the section called "Minimum investment requirements" for more details.

The management fee for the Premium Series is lower than the fee for the Investor Series and Advisor Series because we pay a lower trailer fee on this series.

Premium Series is available:

1. through the Principal Distributor:
 - (a) at any branch of HSBC Bank Canada, or
 - (b) by calling TeleFund at 1-800-830-8888
2. through other authorized dealers.

Manager Series

The Manager Series of the Mutual Funds is generally for investors who are enrolled in a dealer-sponsored “fee-for-service” or “wrap” program and who are subject to an annual asset-based fee rather than commissions on each transaction. The Manager Series may also be for any other investors for whom we do not incur distribution costs, typically because the investor pays their representative a service fee directly.

The management fee for the Manager Series is lower than the fee for the Investor Series and Advisor Series because we do not pay a trailer fee on this series.

The Manager Series is available through authorized dealers, which may include the Principal Distributor.

As of the date of this Annual Information Form and Simplified Prospectus, Manager Series units of the HSBC Wealth Compass Funds are not available.

Institutional Series

The Institutional Series of the Mutual Funds is for individual or institutional investors investing a minimum amount and/or who have entered into an agreement with their representative permitting them to purchase Institutional Series units. Other conditions that we may determine from time to time may also apply.

Pooled Funds

Pooled Funds are for investors who have signed up for the HSBC World Selection Portfolio service or the HSBC Private Investment Management service. They are also available to institutional clients who have entered into an agreement with their representative permitting them to purchase the Pooled Funds, and/or who meet certain other conditions that we may determine from time to time.

Purchases

When you purchase units of a Fund, the number of units that you receive is based on the net asset value per unit on the valuation day that we process your request. In order to fully invest the money you send us, we take the amount you are investing less any applicable sales charges

payable, divided by the net asset value per unit of that series, and issue the appropriate number of units (including partial units of a Fund if necessary). For example, if you invest \$500, assuming there is no sales charge, and units of the Fund you are investing in have a net asset value of \$11.75 each, you will receive 42.553 units of the Fund.

Units are not transferable or assignable but may be redeemed by you. When you buy units of a Fund, we do not issue you a certificate representing these units. However, your representative will send you a confirmation of your purchase.

We have the right to refuse any request to buy units of the Funds within one business day of receiving your request. If your request is refused, we will return your money to you in full.

If the payment for your units is returned for any reason after the units have been issued to you, we will immediately redeem all of the units that you bought. We will use the proceeds from the redemption to pay for the units based on the unit value at which you bought them. If the units are worth more than when you bought them, the applicable Fund or Funds will keep the difference. If the units are worth less than when you bought them, we may collect the difference on behalf of the Fund, plus any costs and interest, from you, or your representative who may then collect it from you.

If your agreement gives your representative discretionary authority, they will buy a Fund or Funds on your behalf that are consistent with your investment objectives and risk tolerance.

Redemptions

When you redeem units of a Fund, the money you receive will be based on the net asset value per unit on the valuation day your request is processed, less any applicable charges. We will send you the proceeds as soon as possible, and no later than two business days after the valuation day on which your units were sold.

With your approval, a Fund may pay the amount owing to you, for units of the Fund redeemed by you, with securities held by the Fund. If we do this, the securities you receive will be equal in value to the money that you would have received on the applicable redemption date.

If your agreement gives your representative discretionary authority, they may sell your investment in a Fund or Funds and use the proceeds to invest in other securities. Such investments will be consistent with your investment objectives and risk tolerance.

Under extraordinary circumstances, we reserve the right to suspend the sale of units of a Fund or to delay payment of the proceeds from the sale of any units. These circumstances include:

- when normal trading has been suspended on an exchange on which more than 50% of the value of a Fund's underlying investments is traded, and those securities are not traded on any other exchange that represents a reasonably practical alternative; or
- when we determine that the buying and selling of units is not reasonably practical (with the consent of the applicable securities regulators).

A short-term trading fee may apply if you sell your Mutual Fund units within 30 days of

the date of your most recent purchase of those units. See the section called “Short-term trading” in the Simplified Prospectus for more details.

Switches

When you switch units of a Fund, we redeem units from the Fund that you are switching out of and use the proceeds to buy units of the Fund you are switching into. The number of units that are bought and sold is based on the net asset value per unit of the Fund on the valuation day the request is processed, less any applicable charges.

For tax purposes, switching your investment among different Funds is treated the same as selling your units of a Fund and will result in a capital gain or loss. Switching between different series of the same Mutual Fund will not result in a capital gain or loss. Please refer to the section called “Income tax considerations for investors” for more details.

You can only switch between Funds purchased in the same currency. You cannot switch units purchased in Canadian dollars into units purchased in U.S. dollars and vice versa.

You may only switch your investment among different series of the same Mutual Fund or from one Mutual Fund to the same series of another Mutual Fund, unless otherwise approved by us. The minimum investment requirements and any other eligibility requirements applicable to the series of Mutual Fund that you are switching to still apply. See the section called “Minimum investment requirements” for more details.

A short-term trading fee may apply if you switch your Mutual Fund units within 30 days of the date of your most recent purchase of those units. See the section called “Short-term trading” in the Simplified Prospectus for more details.

If you are switching Advisor Series of one Mutual Fund for Advisor Series of another Mutual Fund, no additional sales charges will be payable by you on the switch.

A switch fee may apply when you switch your Mutual Fund units. See the section called “Fees and expenses – Fees and expenses paid directly by you – Switch fees” in the Simplified Prospectus for more details.

If your agreement gives your representative discretionary authority, they may switch your investment from one Fund to another Fund on your behalf. Such investments will be consistent with your investment objectives and risk tolerance.

We will not automatically switch your units even if you meet the minimum investment requirements and qualify to hold a particular series of units of a Fund. However, if you are no longer eligible to hold a series of units, or if a series of units is no longer available, we have the authority to change your units of that series to another series of units of the same Mutual Fund without your consent. See the section called “Minimum investment requirements” for more details.

How we value portfolio securities

The portfolio securities of each Fund are valued after 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time on each valuation day by us or our authorized agents. The value of the portfolio securities and other assets of each Fund is determined by applying the following rules:

- Cash on hand or on deposit, bills, notes, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses, cash dividends, and interest declared or accrued and not yet received, are generally valued at their full amount. If it is determined that any of these assets are not worth the full amount, a fair value will be assigned to them.
- Securities listed on a public securities exchange or market are valued at their last sale price reported before the valuation time on that valuation day. If no sale is reported to have taken place before the valuation time on that valuation day, they are valued at the average of the last bid and ask prices reported before that time on that valuation day, or the last bid price or ask price (for long and short securities respectively), or the last published sale price, whichever in our opinion more accurately reflects their fair value.
- Securities that are interlisted or traded on more than one public securities exchange or market are valued at their last sale price or the average of the last bid and ask prices, or the last bid price or the last published sale price, whichever in our opinion more accurately reflects their fair value, as the case may be, reported before the valuation time on the exchange or market that we believe is the principal exchange or market for those securities.
- Unlisted, illiquid or delisted securities of the Funds traded on an over-the-counter market are valued at the last price reported before the valuation time on that valuation day. If no sale is reported to have taken place before the valuation time on that valuation day, they are valued at the average of the last bid and ask prices reported before that time on that valuation day, or the last bid price or the last published price, whichever in our opinion more accurately reflects their fair value.
- Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value, as we determine.
- Mutual fund units held by the Funds will be valued based on the end-of-day net asset value per unit of the respective fund on each valuation day.
- Fixed income securities listed on a public securities exchange, except for fixed income securities held by the HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund, HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, and the HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund will be valued at either their last sale price before the valuation time on that valuation day or, if no sale is reported to have taken place before the valuation time on that valuation day, the average of the last bid and ask price before that time on that valuation day will be used. Fixed income securities held by the HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund, HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, and the HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund are valued at their amortized cost, which approximates fair value due to their remaining short term to maturity.

- Money market securities are valued at their amortized cost which approximates fair value.
- Non-exchange-traded fixed income securities of the Funds are valued at their fair value based on prices supplied by established pricing vendors, market participants or pricing models as determined before the valuation time on that valuation day.
- Securities, the resale of which are restricted or limited by means of a representation, undertaking or agreement by the Fund or its predecessor in title, or by law, are valued based upon reported quotations in common use on that valuation day, unless the quoted value, in our opinion, was not reflective of the realizable value of the security. In such circumstances, the security would be valued at our best estimate of the security's realizable value.
- Precious metals (certificates or bullion) and other commodities are valued at their fair value, generally based on prevailing market prices as reported on exchanges or other markets.
- Long positions in clearing corporation options, options on futures, over-the-counter options, debt-like securities and listed warrants are valued at their current market value.
- The premium received on a covered clearing corporation option, option on futures or over-the-counter option written by a Fund is reflected as a deferred credit, so long as the Fund's obligation under the written option remains outstanding. The deferred credit is valued at an amount equal to the current market value of an option that would have the effect of closing the option position. Any difference resulting from revaluation is treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment and the deferred credit is deducted in calculating the unit price. A Fund's portfolio securities that are the subject of a written clearing corporation option or over-the-counter option continue to be valued at their fair value, as we determine.
- Securities quoted in foreign currencies are translated to Canadian dollars to reflect the rate of exchange existing on that valuation day, with the exception of the HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund, HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund and HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund where securities quoted in foreign currencies are translated to U.S. dollars to reflect the rate of exchange existing on that valuation day.
- Foreign currency derivative contracts are valued at their current market value on that valuation day with any difference resulting from revaluation being treated as an unrealized gain or loss on investment.
- The value of a futures contract, forward contract or swap will be the gain or loss that would be realized if, on the valuation date, the position in the futures contract, forward contract or swap, as the case may be, were to be closed out unless daily limits are in effect, in which case, fair value will be determined based on the current market value of the underlying interest.

If an investment cannot be valued under the foregoing rules or under any other valuation rules required under applicable securities laws, or if any of the foregoing rules are at any time considered by us to be inappropriate under the circumstances, then we will use a valuation that we consider to be fair and reasonable (the “fair value”) in the interests of investors in the Fund. This would typically involve reviewing current press releases concerning the security, discussing an appropriate valuation with other portfolio managers, analysts or the Investment Funds Institute of Canada, and consulting other industry sources to set an appropriate fair value. If at any time the fair value rules conflict with the valuation rules required under applicable securities laws, the valuation rules required under applicable securities laws will be followed.

In the past three years, we have not used the fair value rules.

Information about the HSBC Mortgage Fund

The HSBC Mortgage Fund (the “Mortgage Fund”) is subject to National Policy Statement No. 29 of the Canadian Securities Administrators because more than 10% of its portfolio is invested in mortgages. National Policy Statement No. 29 sets out certain investment restrictions and disclosure requirements which apply to any mutual fund that invests more than 10% of its portfolio in mortgages. This disclosure about the Mortgage Fund and other Funds which invest in mortgages is set out below.

Purchase of mortgages

The Mortgage Fund’s fundamental investment objective is to earn as high a level of income as possible that is consistent with the Mortgage Fund’s eligible investments while aiming to protect invested capital by investing primarily in residential first mortgages on property in Canada and other debt obligations. The investment advisor for the Mortgage Fund may purchase mortgages for the Fund from HSBC Bank Canada and other recognized Canadian financial institutions.

During the year ended December 31, 2017, all mortgages purchased by the Mortgage Fund were purchased from HSBC Bank Canada.

We are a wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Bank Canada. Mortgages purchased from HSBC Bank Canada are purchased on behalf of the Mortgage Fund in accordance with the terms of a Mortgage Sale and Administration Agreement. Under this Agreement:

- HSBC Bank Canada has agreed to repurchase any mortgage we purchased from it if the mortgage is in default in respect of the payment of principal and interest beyond 90 days of the due date, or if the mortgage fails to meet the criteria for a mortgage in which the Mortgage Fund may invest established by National Policy Statement No. 29 or by the Mortgage Fund’s internal statement of policies.
- The Mortgage Fund has agreed not to sell any mortgage purchased from HSBC Bank Canada to any other person without giving HSBC Bank Canada the first right to purchase the mortgage within 30 days of receipt of written notice from the Mortgage Fund of its intention to sell.

- HSBC Bank Canada has agreed to administer the mortgages acquired from it.

Rules for determining the price of acquiring and selling a mortgage

When the Mortgage Fund or any other Fund acquires a mortgage from a mortgage lender that is not associated with us or the Fund, the mortgage is acquired at a principal amount that produces at least the yield prevailing for the sale of comparable mortgages by major mortgage lenders under similar conditions.

When the Mortgage Fund or any other Fund acquires mortgages from a mortgage lender that is associated with us or the Fund, such as HSBC Bank Canada, it can use any of the following three methods for valuing the mortgage upon acquisition:

1. Lender's rate method - The mortgage is acquired at a principal amount which produces a yield equal to the interest rate for similar mortgages offered by the lending institution at the time the Fund acquires the mortgage.
2. Forward commitment rate method - The mortgage is acquired at a principal amount which produces a yield equal to the interest rate for similar mortgages offered by the lending institution on the date of commitment. The commitment date cannot be more than 120 days before the date the Fund acquires the mortgage.
3. Modified lender's rate method - The mortgage is acquired at a principal amount which produces a maximum yield of 0.25% below the interest rate for similar mortgages offered by the lending institution at the time the Fund acquires the mortgage, provided that the lending institution must agree to repurchase the mortgage from the Fund when it benefits the Fund, and we consider that this agreement justifies the difference in the yield.

Each of these valuation methods produces a different mortgage yield:

- The "forward commitment rate method" will result in a higher yield than the "lender's rate method" when interest rates are declining, a lower yield when interest rates are rising and a similar yield when interest rates stay the same.
- The "modified lender's rate method" will result in a lower yield than the "forward commitment rate method" when interest rates are stable or declining and when interest rates are increasing, the yield could be higher, lower or equivalent, depending on the extent of the increase.

HSBC Bank Canada is related to us. The Mortgage Fund uses the "modified lender's rate method" when purchasing mortgages from or selling mortgages to HSBC Bank Canada. The price upon purchase by HSBC Bank Canada will be that amount which will produce a yield equal

to the interest rate at which HSBC Bank Canada is making commitments to loan on the security of comparable mortgages at the time.

How we determine the net asset value of mortgages held by the Mortgage Fund

We use the following principles to determine the net asset value of mortgages in the Fund’s portfolio:

- For conventional mortgages, we determine a value that produces a yield either: equal to the yield of conventional mortgages sold by major lending institutions, if this is known on the valuation day; or a maximum of 0.25% below the interest rate for comparable mortgages on the valuation day.
- For mortgages guaranteed under the National Housing Act (Canada), we use market value.

Liquidity of the Mortgage Fund

The Mortgage Fund will not invest in mortgages if the liquid assets of the Fund would be reduced to less than the amount shown in the following table:

Net assets of the Fund (market value)	Minimum liquid assets
\$1,000,000 or less	\$100,000
\$1,000,000	\$100,000 + 10% on next \$ 1,000,000
\$2,000,000	\$200,000 + 9% on next \$3,000,000
\$5,000,000	\$470,000 + 8% on next \$5,000,000
\$10,000,000	\$870,000 + 7% on next \$ 10,000,000
\$20,000,000	\$1,570,000 + 6% on next \$ 10,000,000
\$30,000,000 or over	\$2,170,000 + 5% on excess

The term “liquid assets” means:

- cash or deposits with a Canadian chartered bank or a trust company registered under the laws of a Canadian province that can be cashed or sold before maturity;
- debt securities at market value that are issued or guaranteed by the Government of Canada or any Canadian provincial government; and
- money market instruments with a term to maturity of less than one year from the date of issue.

If the total amount required to effect redemptions in the Mortgage Fund at the close of business on any valuation day should exceed the liquid assets held by the Mortgage Fund, HSBC Bank Canada shall, two business days following receipt of written notice from the Mortgage Fund, purchase or find a purchaser for enough of the mortgages held by the Mortgage Fund that would be required to cover the short-fall. The price of mortgages sold will be the amount which

produces a yield equal to the interest rate at which HSBC Bank Canada is making commitments to loan on the security of comparable mortgages at the time. HSBC Bank Canada may, instead of purchasing or finding a purchaser for the mortgages, temporarily lend the Mortgage Fund the money to effect the redemptions, but the loan may not exceed 10% of the net asset value of the Mortgage Fund. HSBC Bank Canada shall be entitled to receive from the Mortgage Fund interest on the loan at a rate at least as favourable to the Mortgage Fund as the rates generally charged by HSBC Bank Canada on comparable loans to other persons who are not affiliated with HSBC Bank Canada.

Mortgage Fund portfolio analysis

An analysis of the Mortgage Fund's mortgage portfolio as at December 31, 2017, is as follows:

Mortgages by type of loan

Type	Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)
CMHC insured	-	-	-
Conventional uninsured	7,133	1,676,308	1,670,013
Total	7,133	1,676,308	1,670,013

Mortgages by type of property

Type	Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)	Amortized Cost (000's)
Single family dwelling or condominium	7,133	1,676,308	1,670,013	1,675,574
Multi-unit dwelling up to 8 units	-	-	-	-
Multi-unit dwelling more than 8 units	-	-	-	-
Total	7,133	1,676,308	1,670,013	1,675,574

Mortgages by year of maturity

Year of Maturity	Number of Mortgages	Average Interest Rate	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)
2017	2	2.74%	313	313
2018	1,817	3.05%	390,723	391,353
2019	1,901	2.88%	470,374	470,110
2020	1,813	2.73%	392,418	390,830
2021	1,294	2.61%	321,476	317,806
2022	306	2.60%	101,005	99,600
Total	7,133	2.77%	1,676,308	1,670,013

Mortgages by geographic location

Province		Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)
British Columbia	BC	3,619	926,796	922,577
Alberta	AB	619	120,880	120,696
Saskatchewan	SK	78	13,022	13,008
Manitoba	MB	69	10,725	10,717
Ontario	ON	1,982	463,642	461,989
Quebec	QC	647	123,131	122,945
New Brunswick	NB	36	4,856	4,852
Newfoundland	NF	33	4,821	4,817
Nova Scotia	NS	50	8,434	8,412
Total		7,133	1,676,308	1,670,013

Mortgages by contractual interest rates

Interest Rates	Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)	Amortized Cost (000's)
0.55%	2	\$ 134	\$ 130	\$ 129
0.59%	1	\$ 90	\$ 88	\$ 87
0.65%	2	\$ 198	\$ 193	\$ 191
0.75%	1	\$ 711	\$ 694	\$ 690
0.95%	1	\$ 314	\$ 307	\$ 305
1.54%	1	\$ 103	\$ 102	\$ 101
2.15%	215	\$ 80,560	\$ 80,158	\$ 80,623
2.24%	1	\$ 164	\$ 163	\$ 165
2.25%	189	\$ 56,443	\$ 55,818	\$ 56,418
2.29%	66	\$ 42,021	\$ 41,743	\$ 41,964
2.30%	14	\$ 7,577	\$ 7,531	\$ 7,570
2.33%	1	\$ 262	\$ 261	\$ 262
2.34%	1	\$ 226	\$ 223	\$ 224
2.35%	185	\$ 46,317	\$ 45,471	\$ 46,336
2.36%	1	\$ 206	\$ 205	\$ 206
2.38%	1	\$ 232	\$ 228	\$ 232
2.39%	157	\$ 62,684	\$ 61,631	\$ 62,711
2.40%	215	\$ 123,762	\$ 122,250	\$ 123,582
2.41%	1	\$ 179	\$ 176	\$ 178
2.42%	3	\$ 1,217	\$ 1,194	\$ 1,218
2.43%	7	\$ 1,636	\$ 1,608	\$ 1,638
2.44%	12	\$ 1,851	\$ 1,829	\$ 1,849
2.45%	13	\$ 1,467	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,470
2.47%	2	\$ 629	\$ 621	\$ 630

Interest Rates	Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)	Amortized Cost (000's)
2.48%	5	\$ 1,063	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,066
2.49%	28	\$ 7,320	\$ 7,214	\$ 7,317
2.50%	593	\$ 146,058	\$ 144,496	\$ 145,750
2.51%	5	\$ 1,761	\$ 1,739	\$ 1,753
2.52%	2	\$ 204	\$ 202	\$ 203
2.53%	10	\$ 2,038	\$ 2,011	\$ 2,019
2.54%	19	\$ 6,091	\$ 6,021	\$ 6,047
2.55%	66	\$ 8,924	\$ 8,884	\$ 8,930
2.56%	5	\$ 2,194	\$ 2,171	\$ 2,171
2.57%	14	\$ 4,405	\$ 4,364	\$ 4,371
2.58%	16	\$ 4,911	\$ 4,866	\$ 4,876
2.59%	65	\$ 20,966	\$ 20,821	\$ 20,832
2.60%	239	\$ 39,694	\$ 39,364	\$ 39,506
2.61%	14	\$ 2,358	\$ 2,335	\$ 2,349
2.62%	16	\$ 3,774	\$ 3,737	\$ 3,758
2.63%	20	\$ 5,795	\$ 5,743	\$ 5,774
2.64%	33	\$ 9,662	\$ 9,604	\$ 9,633
2.65%	57	\$ 9,920	\$ 9,839	\$ 9,896
2.66%	5	\$ 1,316	\$ 1,303	\$ 1,307
2.67%	15	\$ 3,257	\$ 3,232	\$ 3,240
2.68%	14	\$ 3,662	\$ 3,633	\$ 3,641
2.69%	520	\$ 117,761	\$ 117,261	\$ 117,214
2.70%	301	\$ 34,228	\$ 34,057	\$ 34,271
2.71%	15	\$ 4,371	\$ 4,348	\$ 4,394
2.72%	20	\$ 4,140	\$ 4,118	\$ 4,144
2.73%	17	\$ 3,494	\$ 3,477	\$ 3,498
2.74%	85	\$ 26,981	\$ 26,946	\$ 26,976
2.75%	30	\$ 8,635	\$ 8,600	\$ 8,665
2.76%	20	\$ 4,474	\$ 4,453	\$ 4,478
2.77%	23	\$ 5,376	\$ 5,360	\$ 5,386
2.78%	15	\$ 3,664	\$ 3,656	\$ 3,674
2.79%	326	\$ 78,542	\$ 78,518	\$ 78,542
2.80%	106	\$ 13,308	\$ 13,278	\$ 13,315
2.81%	10	\$ 1,586	\$ 1,581	\$ 1,591
2.82%	7	\$ 3,192	\$ 3,189	\$ 3,191
2.83%	11	\$ 1,419	\$ 1,415	\$ 1,424
2.84%	63	\$ 23,226	\$ 23,225	\$ 23,194
2.85%	17	\$ 4,533	\$ 4,526	\$ 4,550
2.86%	8	\$ 2,622	\$ 2,619	\$ 2,622

Interest Rates	Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)	Amortized Cost (000's)
2.87%	17	\$ 4,037	\$ 4,037	\$ 4,038
2.88%	11	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,744	\$ 2,745
2.89%	184	\$ 56,987	\$ 57,057	\$ 56,871
2.90%	28	\$ 5,107	\$ 5,112	\$ 5,099
2.91%	14	\$ 1,146	\$ 1,146	\$ 1,152
2.92%	17	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,901	\$ 2,907
2.93%	21	\$ 2,791	\$ 2,795	\$ 2,792
2.94%	193	\$ 59,950	\$ 60,059	\$ 59,910
2.95%	38	\$ 9,610	\$ 9,624	\$ 9,614
2.96%	18	\$ 6,554	\$ 6,568	\$ 6,571
2.97%	22	\$ 6,198	\$ 6,209	\$ 6,196
2.98%	17	\$ 2,575	\$ 2,579	\$ 2,577
2.99%	775	\$ 144,759	\$ 145,117	\$ 144,676
3.00%	32	\$ 5,650	\$ 5,661	\$ 5,655
3.01%	21	\$ 2,396	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,398
3.02%	18	\$ 3,529	\$ 3,536	\$ 3,550
3.03%	21	\$ 2,911	\$ 2,919	\$ 2,916
3.04%	70	\$ 17,819	\$ 17,877	\$ 17,850
3.05%	20	\$ 2,741	\$ 2,749	\$ 2,744
3.06%	17	\$ 4,797	\$ 4,812	\$ 4,807
3.07%	6	\$ 969	\$ 972	\$ 971
3.08%	8	\$ 1,713	\$ 1,719	\$ 1,719
3.09%	290	\$ 44,833	\$ 44,992	\$ 44,887
3.10%	49	\$ 7,575	\$ 7,594	\$ 7,589
3.11%	33	\$ 4,801	\$ 4,813	\$ 4,808
3.12%	22	\$ 1,734	\$ 1,740	\$ 1,741
3.13%	18	\$ 2,591	\$ 2,601	\$ 2,598
3.14%	58	\$ 11,129	\$ 11,172	\$ 11,158
3.15%	18	\$ 3,484	\$ 3,496	\$ 3,490
3.16%	13	\$ 1,935	\$ 1,942	\$ 1,938
3.17%	7	\$ 894	\$ 899	\$ 900
3.18%	13	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,621	\$ 1,622
3.19%	157	\$ 31,393	\$ 31,542	\$ 31,454
3.20%	39	\$ 7,807	\$ 7,836	\$ 7,837
3.21%	23	\$ 2,578	\$ 2,591	\$ 2,595
3.22%	12	\$ 1,659	\$ 1,665	\$ 1,666
3.23%	11	\$ 1,294	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,295
3.24%	43	\$ 10,373	\$ 10,424	\$ 10,391
3.25%	17	\$ 2,590	\$ 2,598	\$ 2,595

Interest Rates	Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)	Amortized Cost (000's)
3.26%	9	\$ 1,339	\$ 1,346	\$ 1,344
3.27%	13	\$ 2,147	\$ 2,157	\$ 2,154
3.28%	5	\$ 717	\$ 720	\$ 719
3.29%	114	\$ 22,419	\$ 22,541	\$ 22,460
3.30%	7	\$ 1,303	\$ 1,309	\$ 1,304
3.31%	4	\$ 600	\$ 603	\$ 601
3.32%	12	\$ 2,321	\$ 2,335	\$ 2,329
3.33%	8	\$ 868	\$ 874	\$ 873
3.34%	25	\$ 4,734	\$ 4,761	\$ 4,750
3.35%	11	\$ 2,562	\$ 2,576	\$ 2,569
3.36%	10	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,401
3.37%	9	\$ 995	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,003
3.38%	12	\$ 1,973	\$ 1,982	\$ 1,978
3.39%	140	\$ 28,712	\$ 28,915	\$ 28,839
3.40%	7	\$ 892	\$ 896	\$ 895
3.41%	4	\$ 741	\$ 746	\$ 745
3.42%	8	\$ 819	\$ 824	\$ 823
3.43%	4	\$ 495	\$ 499	\$ 499
3.44%	40	\$ 6,943	\$ 6,986	\$ 6,961
3.45%	5	\$ 1,128	\$ 1,137	\$ 1,132
3.47%	3	\$ 511	\$ 514	\$ 512
3.48%	3	\$ 736	\$ 745	\$ 742
3.49%	109	\$ 14,001	\$ 14,098	\$ 14,049
3.50%	8	\$ 1,328	\$ 1,337	\$ 1,335
3.51%	10	\$ 1,376	\$ 1,385	\$ 1,384
3.52%	7	\$ 1,263	\$ 1,272	\$ 1,267
3.53%	4	\$ 545	\$ 548	\$ 546
3.54%	14	\$ 2,663	\$ 2,683	\$ 2,674
3.55%	1	\$ 195	\$ 197	\$ 196
3.56%	2	\$ 493	\$ 497	\$ 494
3.57%	5	\$ 791	\$ 797	\$ 793
3.58%	4	\$ 895	\$ 898	\$ 896
3.59%	37	\$ 4,850	\$ 4,888	\$ 4,872
3.60%	5	\$ 686	\$ 692	\$ 693
3.61%	3	\$ 383	\$ 387	\$ 385
3.62%	1	\$ 47	\$ 48	\$ 48
3.63%	2	\$ 433	\$ 438	\$ 436
3.64%	15	\$ 3,111	\$ 3,137	\$ 3,130
3.65%	1	\$ 292	\$ 295	\$ 293

Interest Rates	Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)	Amortized Cost (000's)
3.67%	3	\$ 457	\$ 461	\$ 460
3.68%	5	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,104	\$ 1,099
3.69%	55	\$ 4,650	\$ 4,690	\$ 4,683
3.70%	1	\$ 97	\$ 98	\$ 98
3.71%	1	\$ 222	\$ 224	\$ 223
3.72%	1	\$ 188	\$ 192	\$ 194
3.73%	2	\$ 135	\$ 136	\$ 136
3.74%	4	\$ 251	\$ 253	\$ 253
3.75%	1	\$ 126	\$ 127	\$ 127
3.77%	1	\$ 133	\$ 134	\$ 134
3.78%	1	\$ 143	\$ 145	\$ 144
3.79%	1	\$ 320	\$ 323	\$ 321
3.80%	2	\$ 164	\$ 165	\$ 165
3.84%	3	\$ 765	\$ 773	\$ 769
3.85%	1	\$ 80	\$ 81	\$ 81
3.87%	1	\$ 223	\$ 226	\$ 225
3.89%	7	\$ 807	\$ 818	\$ 812
3.90%	2	\$ 200	\$ 201	\$ 201
3.92%	1	\$ 115	\$ 116	\$ 116
3.95%	3	\$ 494	\$ 502	\$ 501
3.99%	4	\$ 1,802	\$ 1,856	\$ 1,855
4.00%	3	\$ 321	\$ 326	\$ 327
4.01%	2	\$ 219	\$ 226	\$ 228
4.07%	1	\$ 97	\$ 100	\$ 101
4.08%	3	\$ 631	\$ 634	\$ 633
4.09%	2	\$ 94	\$ 95	\$ 95
4.17%	1	\$ 84	\$ 87	\$ 87
4.20%	2	\$ 181	\$ 186	\$ 187
4.28%	1	\$ 630	\$ 662	\$ 660
4.35%	1	\$ 62	\$ 63	\$ 63
4.37%	1	\$ 206	\$ 211	\$ 209
4.42%	1	\$ 99	\$ 102	\$ 103
4.49%	1	\$ 17	\$ 17	\$ 17
4.74%	1	\$ 206	\$ 217	\$ 220
4.76%	1	\$ 139	\$ 139	\$ 139
5.00%	1	\$ 153	\$ 158	\$ 159
5.24%	3	\$ 264	\$ 267	\$ 266
5.34%	2	\$ 181	\$ 188	\$ 187
5.49%	3	\$ 115	\$ 117	\$ 117

Interest Rates	Number of Mortgages	Principal (000's)	Market Value (000's)	Amortized Cost (000's)
5.94%	1	\$ 106	\$ 107	\$ 108
6.15%	2	\$ 151	\$ 153	\$ 153
6.80%	1	\$ 110	\$ 117	\$ 119
Total	7,133	\$ 1,676,308	\$ 1,670,013	\$ 1,675,574

Investment restrictions

General

The Funds are subject to certain requirements set out in securities legislation, including National Instrument 81-102 Investment Funds ("NI 81-102"). These requirements are designed in part to ensure that the Funds' underlying investments are adequately diversified, that investors can withdraw their money relatively easily and that the Funds are properly administered. Except as described below, the Funds are managed in accordance with these requirements.

Related party underwriting

We have obtained the approval of the Independent Review Committee ("IRC") of the Funds by way of standing instructions to permit the Funds to purchase securities in circumstances that would otherwise be prohibited by section 4.1(1) of NI 81-102. In accordance with the standing instructions of the IRC, each of the Funds may invest in securities during a distribution of such securities, or during the period of 60 days after a distribution of such securities, which is underwritten by one of our associates or affiliates provided that, among other things, the Fund does not place the order to purchase during the distribution period with our associate or affiliate that is acting as underwriter. For an investment in debt securities, the securities must have a designated rating issued by a designated rating organization. For investments in any other class of securities, the securities must be distributed by a prospectus filed with one or more Canadian securities regulators and, if not made during the distribution period, must be made on an exchange on which the class of equity securities of the issuer is listed and traded. We must provide particulars of each trade that is made in reliance upon the standing instructions in a report to the IRC no less than annually.

In addition, we have obtained exemptive relief from certain securities regulators and obtained the approval of the IRC by way of standing instructions to permit the Funds to purchase, on a private placement basis, equity securities of a reporting issuer during a distribution of such securities, or during the period of 60 days after a distribution of such securities, which is underwritten by one of our associates or affiliates, subject to certain conditions.

Trading debt securities with related dealers

We have received exemptive relief from certain securities regulators to permit the Funds to purchase certain debt securities from or sell certain debt securities to one of our related parties who is a principal dealer in such debt securities, subject to certain conditions. In connection with

this exemptive relief, we have received standing instructions from the IRC that permit us to make such purchases subject to, among other things, compliance with the conditions of the exemptive relief and a requirement that we provide confirmation of compliance to the IRC no less than annually.

Investment in debt securities of related issuers

We have received exemptive relief from certain securities regulators which permits a Fund to purchase debt securities of a related issuer that have a designated rating by a designated rating organization in the secondary market provided that, among other things, (i) the IRC has approved the transaction, (ii) the purchase is made on an exchange or, if the purchase is not made on an exchange, the price payable is not more than the applicable ask price, and (iii) no later than the time the Fund files its annual financial statements, we file with our principal securities regulator the particulars of each investment made in reliance on the exemptive relief.

We have also received exemptive relief from certain securities regulators which permits a Fund to purchase non-exchange traded debt securities, other than asset backed commercial paper securities, with a term to maturity of 365 days or more, issued by a related issuer in a primary distribution or treasury offering provided that, among other things, (i) the IRC has approved the transaction, (ii) the size of the offering is at least \$100 million, (iii) at least two arm's length purchasers collectively purchase at least 20% of the securities issued in the offering, (iv) following the purchase, the Fund does not have more than 5% of its net assets invested in the debt securities of the issuer, (v) following the purchase, the Funds, together with other related funds that are subject to NI 81-102, do not hold more than 20% of the securities issued in the offering, (vi) the purchase price is not higher than the lowest price paid by an arm's length purchaser, and (vii) no later than the time the Fund files its annual financial statements, we file with our securities regulator the particulars of each investment made in reliance on the exemptive relief.

Inter-fund trading and trades between the Funds and managed accounts

We have obtained the approval of the IRC of the Funds by way of standing instructions to permit the Funds to purchase and sell securities from or to another mutual fund managed by us or one of our affiliates provided, among other things, that the terms of the purchase are equal or the same as the terms quoted by one or more independent arm's length purchasers or sellers. We must provide the particulars of each trade that is made in reliance upon the standing instructions in a report to the IRC no less than annually.

We have also received exemptive relief from certain securities regulators to permit the purchase and sale of securities between a mutual fund managed by us or one of our affiliates and an individual client account over which we, or one of our affiliates, has discretionary management authority. In connection with this exemptive relief, we have received standing instructions from the IRC that permit us or our affiliates to make such trades provided, among other things, (i) the trades are executed at the current market price of the security (except that in respect of exchange traded securities, the current market price of the security may be the last sale price), (ii) all other conditions of the exemptive relief are complied with, and (iii) we provide confirmation of compliance to the IRC no less than annually.

In specie transactions

We have received exemptive relief from certain securities regulators to permit in specie transactions in respect of the purchase and redemption of units of a Fund by an account

managed by us or one of our affiliates. This exemption permits each of the Funds to receive portfolio securities from, or deliver portfolio securities to, a managed account that is managed by us or one of our affiliates in respect of a purchase or redemption of units of a Fund, provided that, among other things, (i) the IRC has approved the transaction, and (ii) written client consent has been received from the client of the account managed by us or one of our affiliates prior to engaging in the in specie transaction. With respect to in specie transactions relating to the purchase of units of a Fund by a managed account (a) the Fund must at the time of payment be permitted to purchase the securities, (b) the securities must be acceptable to the Fund's investment advisor and be consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, and (c) the value of the securities sold to the Fund must be at least equal to the issue price of the units of the Fund for which they are payment, valued as if the securities were portfolio assets of the Fund. With respect to in specie transactions relating to the redemption of units of a Fund by a managed account, the value of the securities must be at least equal to the amount at which those securities were valued in calculating the net asset value per unit of the Fund used to establish the redemption price.

Relief from certain concentration limits

Under relief granted by certain securities regulators, the HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund, HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund and the HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Pooled fund are permitted to invest up to 20% of each Fund's net assets in fixed income securities of any one issuer that are issued or guaranteed by supranational agencies or governments (other than the Government of Canada, a province of Canada or the United States of America, where investment is unrestricted) and are rated "AA" by Standard & Poor's, or have an equivalent rating by one or more other approved credit rating organizations, and up to 35% of each Fund's net assets in fixed income securities of any one issuer that are issued or guaranteed by supranational agencies or governments (other than the Government of Canada, a province of Canada or the United States of America, where investment is unrestricted) and are rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's, or have an equivalent rating by one or more other approved credit rating organizations.

Cover for certain derivatives transactions

A Fund may rely on certain exemptions from NI 81-102 granted to us by certain securities regulators to engage in the following derivatives transactions on certain conditions:

1. To use as cover when the Fund has a long position in a debt-like security that has a component that is a long position in a forward contract, or in a standardized future or forward contract:
 - (a) cash cover in an amount that, together with margin on account for the specified derivative and the market value of the specified derivative, is not less than, on a daily mark-to-market basis, the underlying market exposure of the specified derivative,
 - (b) a right or obligation to sell an equivalent quantity of the underlying interest of the future or forward contract and cash cover that, together with margin on account

for the position, is not less than the amount, if any, by which the price of the future or forward contract exceeds the strike price of the right or obligation to sell the underlying interest, or

- (c) a combination of the positions referred to in paragraphs 1(a) and 1(b) immediately above that is sufficient, without recourse to other assets of the Fund, to enable the Fund to acquire the underlying interest of the future or forward contract.

2. To use as cover, when the Fund has a right to receive payments under a swap:

- (a) cash cover, in an amount that, together with margin on account for the swap and the market value of the swap, is not less than, on a daily mark-to-market basis, the underlying market exposure of the swap,
- (b) a right or obligation to enter into a swap on an equivalent quantity and with an equivalent term and cash cover that, together with margin on account for the position, is not less than the aggregate amount, if any, of the obligations of the Fund under the swap, less the obligations of the Fund under such offsetting swap, or
- (c) a combination of the positions referred to in paragraphs 2(a) and 2(b) immediately above that is sufficient, without recourse to other assets of the Fund, to enable the Fund to satisfy its obligations under the swap.

The exemptions described in 1 and 2 above are subject to the condition that the Fund will not (i) purchase a debt-like security that has an option component or an option, or (ii) purchase or write an option to cover any positions under section 2.8(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of NI 81-102, if immediately after the purchase or writing of such option, more than 10% of the net assets of the Fund, taken at market value at the time of the transaction, would be in the form of (1) purchased debt-like securities that have an option component or purchased options, in each case, held by the Fund for purposes other than hedging, or (2) options used to cover any positions under section 2.8(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of NI 81-102.

Relief for cleared swaps transactions

On behalf of the Funds we have obtained an exemption for the Funds from the counterparty credit rating requirement, the counterparty exposure threshold and the custodial requirements set out in NI 81-102 in order to permit the Funds to clear certain swaps, such as interest rate and credit default swaps, entered into with futures commission merchants (each an "FCM") that are subject to U.S. or European clearing requirements and to deposit cash and other assets directly with the FCM, and indirectly with a clearing corporation, as margin for such swaps. In the case of FCMs in Canada, the FCM must be a member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund and the amount of margin deposited, when aggregated with the other amount of margin already held by the FCM, must not exceed 10% of the net asset value of the Fund at the time of the deposit. In the case of an FCM outside of Canada, the FCM must be a member of a clearing corporation and subject to a regulatory audit, the FCM must have a net worth (determined from audited financial statements or other publicly available financial information) in excess of \$50 million and the amount of margin deposited, when aggregated with the other amount of margin already held by the FCM, must not exceed 10% of the net asset value of the Fund at the time of the deposit.

Changes to fundamental investment objectives

The fundamental investment objectives for each Fund are set out in the Simplified Prospectus. We can only change these fundamental objectives with approval of the unitholders of the

respective Fund. If we want to make a change to the fundamental investment objectives, we will give unitholders at least 21 days' written notice of a meeting to vote on the change. A change is acceptable if a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of unitholders held to consider the change are voted in favour of the change. Please refer to the section below called "Your rights as an investor in the Funds and description of units of the Mutual Funds" for more information.

Fees and expenses

Each of the Mutual Funds pays us a management fee plus applicable taxes for acting as manager and trustee. This fee is calculated for each series as a percentage of the Mutual Fund series' daily net asset value. The fee varies for each Mutual Fund and series.

Management fees for the Institutional Series of the Mutual Funds and the Pooled Funds are not paid by the Fund but directly by you to your representative. Your representative receives a fee, plus applicable taxes, from you for the management of your portfolio as outlined in the investment management agreement you signed. This fee is negotiated between you and your representative and is calculated based on the amount you have invested. If you invest through a representative other than us, we will receive, as compensation for the management services we provide, a fee from them. We may, in certain circumstances and at our discretion, waive or lower the fees we charge investors.

There is a minimum fee of \$750 to \$1,000 per annum charged by HSBC Investment Funds if you invest in the Funds under the HSBC World Selection Portfolio service. The maximum fees charged by HSBC Investment Funds, or your representative may differ. If your investment management agreement is with us, these fees may be negotiated at our discretion based on a number of factors, including the amount of your assets under our management, our overall relationship with you and your portfolio mandate. For more details on the specific fees, please refer to the documentation for your HSBC World Selection Portfolio account, HSBC Private Investment Management account, or institutional investment management agreement.

Where a Fund purchases securities of other investment funds, the management fee payable by the Fund will be reduced to the extent that a reasonable person would find the fee to duplicate any management fee payable by the underlying funds for the same service. In addition, we may from time to time in our discretion waive our right to receive a portion of the management fee payable by a Fund.

We may effectively reduce the management fees borne by investors who have invested large amounts in the Mutual Funds. The availability and amount of the reduction will be negotiated between the investor and us, and will be based on such factors as the total size of investment, our overall relationship with the investor and the total package of services provided to the investor by us and our affiliates. To effect the reduction, we reduce the management fee charged to the Mutual Fund with respect to particular investors and the Mutual Fund pays out a special distribution to those investors (a "management fee distribution") equal to the amount of the reduction. Management fee distributions are paid to the relevant investors quarterly and are paid, generally, first out of the net income and net realized capital gains of the Mutual Fund, and thereafter, out of capital. Management fee distributions are reinvested in additional units.

Income tax considerations for investors

The summary below is general in nature and describes only the principal Canadian federal income tax implications applicable if you are an individual resident in Canada (other than a trust) dealing with the Funds at arm's length in which your units in the Funds are being held as capital property or through a registered plan. It is based on current provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act") and the regulations made under the Tax Act (the "Regulations"), proposals to amend the Tax Act and the Regulations publicly announced prior to the date hereof and the published administrative practices and assessing policies of the Canada Revenue Agency, all as publicly available on the date hereof. We encourage you to consult with a qualified tax advisor before investing as each individual's tax situation is different. This summary assumes that each of the Funds, other than the HSBC Wealth Compass Conservative Fund and HSBC Wealth Compass Moderate Conservative Fund (the "non-MFT Funds"), will qualify as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act effective at all material times. We expect that the Funds will so qualify although there is no guarantee that this expectation will be met. We expect that the non-MFT Funds will not qualify as mutual fund trusts under the Tax Act during their current taxation year or in one or more future taxation years.

Tax implications to the Funds

The Funds are subject to federal income tax on their net income and net taxable capital gains, less the portion paid or payable to investors. Generally each Fund distributes enough net income and net realized capital gains to investors each year so that it does not have to pay income tax. In certain circumstances, losses realized by the Funds may be suspended or restricted, and therefore will be unavailable to shelter capital gains or income. A Fund may be deemed to earn income on investments in certain types of non-Canadian investment fund entities.

Where a non-MFT Fund does not qualify as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act throughout a taxation year, the non-MFT Fund will not be eligible for capital gains refunds under the Tax Act and may be liable for alternative minimum tax under the Tax Act.

If a non-MFT Fund does not qualify as a "mutual fund trust" under the Tax Act on or before March 30, 2019, the non-MFT Fund will be a "financial institution" under certain mark-to-market taxation rules in the Tax Act beginning on the date of its creation because more than 50% of the units of the non-MFT Fund are held by HSBC Bank Canada, which itself is a "financial institution" under the Tax Act. As a result, the non-MFT Fund will be required to recognize income for each taxation year during which it is a financial institution on the full amount of any gains and losses accruing on the portfolio assets that it holds ("mark-to-market income"). The entire amount of gains on portfolio assets will be included in income as mark-to-market income; rather than 50% as in the case of capital gains. Any mark-to-market income will be included in amounts to be distributed to Unitholders. The mark-to-market taxation rules will continue to apply to the non-MFT Fund until the earlier of (i) such time that the non-MFT Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust under the Tax Act, or (ii) such time when 50% or less of the units of the non-MFT Fund are held by financial institutions. If that occurs, the taxation year of the non-MFT Fund will be deemed to end immediately before such time and the net income of the non-MFT Fund, including any mark-to-market income, will be distributed to Unitholders. A new taxation year for

the non-MFT Fund will then begin and for that and subsequent taxation years, for so long as not more than 50% of the Units of the non-MFT Fund are held by financial institutions or the non-MFT Fund qualifies as a mutual fund trust, the non-MFT Fund will not be subject to these mark-to-market rules.

All of a Fund's deductible expenses, including, for the Mutual Funds, expenses common to all the series and expenses specific to a particular series of Mutual Fund (including management fees and other expenses), will be taken into account in determining the income or loss of the Fund as a whole.

Generally, gains and losses from derivatives (other than certain derivatives used for hedging purposes) and from short sales are treated as ordinary income and losses rather than capital gains and capital losses.

In connection with its investments in real return bonds and inflation linked bonds that are "indexed debt obligations" under the Tax Act, the HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund will be required to include in (or entitled to deduct from) its income for each taxation year an amount calculated by reference to an increase or decrease in the inflation rate on the principal of the investment as calculated in accordance with the Regulations. The amount of any such increase or decrease in the income of the Fund will also be added to or deducted from the adjusted cost base of the investment.

Tax implications to the non-registered plan unitholders

As a unitholder, when calculating your income you must include the amount (computed in Canadian dollars) of the net income (including any "mark-to-market" income of a non-MFT Fund, described above) and the taxable portion of the net realized capital gains that is paid or payable to you in the year by a Fund (including by way of management fee distributions, if any), whether such amount has been paid in cash or automatically reinvested in additional units. You may subsequently be taxed on undistributed income, realized capital gains, accrued but unrealized capital gains in a Fund at the time units were purchased which have been included in the price of the units, when such income and capital gains are distributed to you. This may occur when you purchase units towards the end of the year in December, when certain Funds may make their largest and only distribution for the year. Management fees paid by Institutional Series unitholders with respect to the management of the Funds will not be deductible for tax purposes by those unitholders.

Provided appropriate designations are made by the Funds, the amount, if any, of foreign source income, net taxable capital gains and taxable dividends from taxable Canadian corporations (which may or may not be eligible for the enhanced gross-up and dividend tax credit) earned by the Funds that are allocated to you (including such amounts automatically invested in additional units) will effectively retain their character for tax purposes and be treated as foreign source income, taxable capital gains and taxable dividends (eligible or ineligible for the enhanced gross-up and dividend tax credit) earned directly by you. Foreign source income received by the Funds will generally be net of any taxes withheld in the foreign jurisdictions. The foreign taxes so withheld will be included in the determination of the Funds' income. To the extent that the Funds

so designate, you will, for the purposes of computing foreign tax credits, be entitled to treat your proportionate share of such taxes withheld as foreign taxes paid directly by you. For taxation years of a non-MFT Fund where it is a financial institution under the Tax Act, distributions of mark-to-market income from that Fund would be treated as ordinary income to the unitholder, the entire amount of which must be included in income; and no amount will be treated as a capital gain, only 50% of which would be included in income.

If the distributions (including management fee distributions) you receive from your investment in a Fund are more than your share of the net income and net realized capital gains of the Fund, those excess distributions will be a return of capital and will not be taxable but will reduce the adjusted cost base of your units. If the adjusted cost base of your units become less than zero, the negative amount will be deemed to be a capital gain realized by you from the disposition of the units and the adjusted cost base will be increased by the amount of such gain.

We will provide you with information to assist you in completing your tax return. You will need to keep your own records regarding the cost of your investment in each of the Funds so that you can accurately calculate any gain or loss on units of a Fund you have sold or switched to another Fund.

When you sell or redeem units of a Fund or switch units of one Fund to another Fund, you will realize a capital gain if the proceeds of disposition are more than the aggregate of the adjusted cost base of the units and any costs of disposition. You will realize a capital loss if the proceeds of disposition are less than the aggregate of the adjusted cost base of the units and any costs of disposition. Generally, one-half of a capital gain is included in computing income as a taxable capital gain and one-half of a capital loss is an allowable capital loss that may be used to offset your taxable capital gains, subject to the rules under the Tax Act. Switching units of a series of a Mutual Fund into units of a different series of the same Mutual Fund will not result in a disposition for tax purposes and will not result in a capital gain or capital loss. Capital gains and Canadian dividends may give rise to liability for alternative minimum tax under the Tax Act.

Capital gains and losses must be computed in Canadian dollars. As a consequence, unitholders of any Fund denominated in U.S. dollars (such as the HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund, HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund and HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund or units purchased under the U.S. dollar purchase service) may realize capital gains or losses for tax purposes resulting from the change in value of the U.S. dollar versus the Canadian dollar during the period you held the units.

Tax implications to the registered plan unitholders

Units of the Funds are, or expected to be, qualified investments under the Tax Act for trusts governed by registered retirement savings plans, registered retirement income funds, deferred profit-sharing plans, registered education savings plans, registered disability savings plans and tax-free savings accounts (collectively referred to as "registered plans"). Units of the Funds are expected to continue to be qualified investments for registered plans at all material times in the future.

Where the annuitant of a registered retirement savings plan ("RRSP") or registered retirement income fund ("RRIF"), the holder of a tax-free savings account ("TFSA") or registered disability

savings plan (“RDSP”), or the subscriber of a registered education savings plan (“RESP”), along with other non-arm’s length persons, holds 10% or more of the value of a Fund, the units held may constitute a prohibited investment under the Tax Act, unless the units are “excluded property” under the Tax Act for that RRSP, RRIF, TFSA, RDSP or RESP, as the case may be. Annuitants of RRSPs and RRIFs, holders of TFSAs and RDSPs, and subscribers of RESPs should consult with their own tax advisors as to whether units of the Funds may be prohibited investments in their particular circumstances.

If you hold units of a Fund in a registered plan, you generally will not have to pay income taxes when the registered plan receives income and capital gain distributions from the Fund, if the units are switched from one Fund to another or if the units are sold. Income and capital gain distributions and capital gains and losses realized from switching or selling Fund units are not taxable if they remain inside a registered plan. Generally, you will pay income tax on the full amount of your withdrawals at your marginal tax rate when you withdraw money from the registered plan except for withdrawals from TFSAs (withdrawals from RESPs and RDSPs are subject to special rules).

Your rights as an investor in the Funds and description of units of the Funds

As an investor in the Funds, you have certain rights which are set out in the Master Declaration of Trust for the Mutual Funds, the Trust Indenture for the Pooled Funds, and in applicable securities laws. Certain of these rights are briefly described below.

All units of the Mutual Funds have equal rights and privileges, with the exception that each Mutual Fund has different series of units with different purchase options and eligibility requirements. All units of the Pooled Funds have equal rights and privileges. Units of the Funds are not transferable and may not be assigned.

Each unit of a Fund entitles the holder:

- to one vote at any meeting of unitholders of the Fund, or a meeting of unitholders of that specific series of Mutual Fund;
- to redeem units;
- for Mutual Funds, to participate equally with all other units of the series in the regular distribution of net income and net realized capital gains of the Mutual Fund allocable to the series;
- for Mutual Funds, if the Mutual Fund is being terminated and wound-up, to participate equally with all other units of the series, in the distribution of the series’ share of net assets of the Mutual Fund that remain after the Mutual Fund’s liabilities have been paid; and
- for Mutual Funds, to convert units from one series of units of a Mutual Fund to another series of units of the same Mutual Fund (also called “switching”), subject to any conditions that must be satisfied.

Unitholders of a Mutual Fund will be entitled to vote separately as a series if that series is affected by the matter being voted on in a manner materially different from holders of other series of units of the Mutual Fund, or if applicable laws otherwise require a separate vote.

See the section called "How to buy, switch or sell units of the Funds" for more information on how to redeem or switch your units of a Fund.

Your right to approve certain changes

Under the Master Declaration of Trust for the Mutual Funds, your approval is required to:

- change the fundamental investment objectives of a Mutual Fund;
- change the manager or trustee of a Mutual Fund, unless the new manager or trustee is an "affiliate" of the current manager or trustee within the meaning of applicable securities laws; or
- decrease the frequency of calculating a Mutual Fund's net asset value.

Under the Trust Indenture for the Pooled Funds, your approval is required to:

- change the fundamental investment objectives of a Pooled Fund;
- change the manager or assign any of the manager's rights and obligations to a non-affiliate;
- change the auditor of a Pooled Fund;
- change a material contract in a manner that results in higher fees or expenses being charged to a Pooled Fund; or
- allow a Pooled Fund to begin investing in derivatives, unless the Pooled Fund meets any notice requirements set by securities regulators.

Under NI 81-102, your approval is required to:

- change the basis of calculating a fee or expense that is charged to a Fund or its unitholders in a way that could result in an increase in charges to the Fund or its unitholders, unless unitholders are provided with written notice of the increase at least 60 days before the increase becomes effective;
- introduce a fee or expense that could result in an increase in charges to a Fund or its unitholders, unless unitholders are provided with written notice of the increase at least 60 days before the increase becomes effective;
- change the manager of a Fund, unless the new manager is an affiliate of the current manager;
- change the fundamental investment objectives of a Fund;
- decrease the frequency of calculating a Fund's net asset value;

- reorganize a Fund, or transfer a Fund’s assets to another investment fund, if the Fund ceases to continue after the reorganization or transfer of assets and the transaction results in the unitholders of the Fund becoming unitholders in the investment fund, unless unitholders are provided with written notice of the transaction at least 60 days before the effective date of the transaction and certain other requirements are met;
- reorganize a Fund, or acquire assets from another investment fund, if the Fund continues after the reorganization or acquisition of assets, the transaction results in the unitholders of the other investment fund becoming unitholders in the Fund and the transaction would be a material change to the Fund; or
- restructure a Fund into a non-redeemable investment fund or into an issuer that is not an investment fund.

We will hold a meeting of unitholders to seek your approval with respect to any changes of the type described above. Generally, a change will be considered to be approved by unitholders of a Fund if a resolution is passed by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of unitholders properly held to consider the change.

Other than as described above or as required under applicable laws, we are permitted to change the Master Declaration of Trust for the Mutual Funds and the Trust Indenture for the Pooled Funds without obtaining unitholder approval. However, we are required to provide you with at least 30 days’ prior written notice before certain changes become effective.

Your right to receive distributions

Distributions to unitholders are generally reinvested in additional units of the same series of a Mutual Fund or the same Pooled Fund that you hold. Depending on the Fund, we distribute net income, if any, either monthly, quarterly or annually in December. We distribute net realized capital gains, if any, annually in December. Distributions from the Funds are paid to you based on the number of units you own on the last business day prior to the date of the distribution, or on the date the net income is credited to you in the case of the HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund, HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund, and the HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund. Unless you tell us in advance that you want to receive distributions in cash, distributions from each Fund are automatically reinvested in units of the same series of the Fund that you hold. Cash distributions are not available for Funds held through the World Selection Portfolio service.

Fund Name	Income Distribution	Capital Gain Distribution
HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	Monthly	Annually
HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund	Monthly	Annually
HSBC Mortgage Fund	Monthly	Annually
HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	Monthly	Annually
HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	Monthly	Annually

Fund Name	Income Distribution	Capital Gain Distribution
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	Monthly	Annually
HSBC Monthly Income Fund	Monthly	Annually
HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund	Monthly	Annually
HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC Dividend Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC Equity Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Global Equity Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC European Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Indian Equity Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Wealth Compass Conservative Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Wealth Compass Moderate Conservative Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Wealth Compass Balanced Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Wealth Compass Growth Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Wealth Compass Aggressive Growth Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund	Monthly	Annually

Fund Name	Income Distribution	Capital Gain Distribution
HSBC Mortgage Pooled Fund	Monthly	Annually
HSBC Canadian Bond Pooled Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Pooled Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC Canadian Dividend Pooled Fund	Quarterly	Annually
HSBC Canadian Equity Pooled Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC International Equity Pooled Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Emerging Markets Pooled Fund	Annually	Annually
HSBC Global Real Estate Equity Pooled Fund	Annually	Annually

Rights when a Mutual Fund is terminated

We may end the operations of a Mutual Fund, or series of units of a Mutual Fund, by giving you 60 days' advance written notice. On liquidation, you are entitled to participate equally with all other holders of units of the same series as yours in the net assets of that Mutual Fund applicable to that series remaining after the Mutual Fund pays any outstanding liabilities. If we end the operations of a Mutual Fund, or series of units of a Mutual Fund, in which you own units, the process for distributing the Mutual Fund's assets will be as follows:

- within 60 days of the Mutual Fund's termination date, we will sell all securities owned by the Mutual Fund;
- the value of each outstanding unit of the Mutual Fund, or series of units of a Mutual Fund, will be calculated by dividing the cash proceeds from the disposal of the investment portfolio (less all liabilities) attributable to that series by the number of units of that series outstanding on the termination date; and
- on the termination date, you will be entitled to be paid the value of the units you held on that date calculated as above.

Rights when a Pooled Fund is terminated

We may end the operations of a Pooled Fund by giving written notice to the Pooled Fund's trustee. In addition, we will provide 60 days' advance notice to unitholders of the termination of the Pooled Fund. On liquidation, you are entitled to participate equally with all other holders of

units of the Pooled Fund after the Pooled Fund pays any outstanding liabilities. If we end the operations of a Pooled Fund in which you own units, the process for distributing the Pooled Fund's assets will be as follows:

- within 90 days of the date on which we provide notice to the trustee that the Pooled Fund's operations will end, we will sell all of the securities owned by the Pooled Fund;
- the value of each outstanding unit of the Pooled Fund will be calculated based on the fair market value of the Pooled Fund's assets, minus its liabilities, on the date the Pooled Fund's operations ended; and
- on the termination date, you will be entitled to be paid the value of the units you held on that date calculated as above.

Management of the Funds

Responsibility for operations

Manager

As the manager, we are responsible for running the overall business of the Funds. In addition to our responsibilities as the primary investment advisor for the Funds, as described below, we are responsible for providing accounting and administration services to the Funds, such as valuation and unitholder recordkeeping services, and promoting sales of the units of the Funds.

The Master Declaration of Trust for the Mutual Funds and the Trust Indenture for the Pooled Funds allow us, as manager, to assign our rights, duties and obligations under the Master Declaration of Trust and Trust Indenture. If we assign our rights, duties or obligations as manager of the Funds to someone other than one of our affiliates, we need the approval of unitholders. If there is a change in the control of our ownership structure, we need the approval of the applicable securities regulators.

We can be reached at our head office at 3rd Floor, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3E8; toll-free at 1-888-390-3333; or by email at global_asset_management@hsbc.ca.

Directors and executive officers of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited

The names, municipalities of residence, offices held and principal occupations of our directors and executive officers, as well as their previous positions if they have been in their current position for less than five years, are listed below.:

Name and municipality of residence	Office held	Principal occupation and prior positions (last five years)
Brian Bealle North Vancouver, BC Canada	Director, Chief Operating Officer	Chief Operating Officer, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited.
Marc Cevey Oakville, ON Canada	Director, Chief Executive Officer and Ultimate Designated Person	Chief Executive Officer & Ultimate Designated Person, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited;
Deborah Hazell New York, NY USA	Director	Chief Executive Officer, Asset Management Americas, HSBC Global Asset Management; Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.
Sandra Stuart Vancouver, BC Canada	Director and Chair	President and Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank Canada; previously Chief Operating Officer, HSBC Bank Canada; Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Trust Company (Canada)

Name and municipality of residence	Office held	Principal occupation and prior positions (last five years)
Jeffrey Allsop Toronto, ON Canada	Director	Executive Vice President, Managing Director and Head of Global Banking, HSBC Bank Canada; Chief Executive Officer, Supervisor (Ultimate Designated Person), HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc.
Lorenzo Tomei Woodbridge, ON Canada	Director	Executive Vice President and Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management, HSBC Bank Canada; previously Chief Executive Officer & Ultimate Designated Person, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc.; Senior Vice President and Head, President's Choice Financial, CIBC; Senior Vice-President, National Sales and Service, Retail Distribution, CIBC
James Huggan Vancouver, BC Canada	Chief Investment Officer	Chief Investment Officer, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited
Aditya Chakravarty Mississauga, ON Canada	Chief Financial Officer	Vice President Head Retail Banking & Wealth Management, Finance Canada, HSBC Bank Canada; Chief Financial Officer, HSBC Trust Company (Canada); Chief Financial Officer, HSBC Mortgage Corporation (Canada); Chief Financial Officer, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc.; Chief Financial Officer, HSBC Private Wealth Services (Canada) Inc.; Chief Financial Officer, HSBC Finance Mortgage Inc.; previously Senior Director, Strategic Planning & Analysis, Retail and Business Banking Finance; Senior Director, Mortgages, Lending & Insurance, Business Support Finance; Senior Director, Shareholder & Capital Reporting, CIBC
Martin Nigro Coquitlam, BC Canada	Chief Compliance Officer	Chief Compliance Officer, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited; Chief Compliance Officer, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc.; previously Chief Compliance Officer, HSBC Private Wealth Services (Canada) Inc.; Senior Manager, Business Controls- Compliance, CIBC Global Asset Management

Investment advisors

HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited as investment advisor

We act as the primary investment advisor for the Funds by establishing their investment policies, providing investment analysis and making investment decisions. As investment advisor, we may hire sub-advisors including certain of our affiliates, to provide investment analysis or recommendations for certain Funds or segments of certain Funds. We continue to manage and oversee their performance.

We and our affiliates use a team approach to making investment decisions. On a regular basis, our Canadian investment team communicates with other HSBC Global Asset Management offices globally to obtain and share global views on capital markets and economic analysis. Our Canadian investment team considers these global views when making its investment decisions related to the asset allocation and portfolio construction of the Funds it manages.

The following is a list of our key portfolio management and investment professionals, along with their titles, how long they have been working with us and their investment experience in the last five years:

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
James Huggan	Chief Investment Officer	19 years	Chief Investment Officer, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited
Derek Amery	Head of Canadian Fixed Income	15 years	Head of Canadian Fixed Income, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited
Carol Lum	Portfolio Manager, Equities	22 years	Previously Equity Research Analyst, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited
Richard E. Wong	Senior Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income	22 years	Previously Fixed Income Research Analyst/Trader, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited
Zayem Lakhani	Portfolio Manager, Equities	4 years	Previously Equity Research Analyst, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited; Equity Research Associate, Canaccord Genuity Wealth Management
Edwin Fung	Portfolio Manager, Multi-Asset	12 years	Previously Portfolio Manager, Support (Multi-Asset Solutions), HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited; Manager Performance Measurement, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited
William Cheng	Portfolio Manager, Multi-Asset	6 years	Previously Senior Analyst, Wealth Portfolio Management, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited

Sub-advisors

Selection of sub-advisors

As the primary investment advisor for all Funds, we are responsible for providing investment advice and portfolio management services to the Funds. We may hire sub-advisors, including sub-advisors that are affiliated with us, to provide investment advice and portfolio management services to the Funds. Our selection of external sub-advisors for a particular Fund or segment thereof, is based primarily on the research conducted and recommendations provided by our Wealth Portfolio Management business unit.

Sub-advisors will be paid from the management fee that we receive. Sub-advisors will have the discretion to purchase and sell portfolio securities for the Fund or segment of the Fund they

manage. Each sub-advisor will also operate within each Fund's investment objectives, restrictions and policies, and any other constraints we may impose. We will monitor and assess the performance of sub-advisors on an ongoing basis. We will have the discretion to allocate assets between sub-advisors within a given Fund and we may hire or replace sub-advisors at any time. A sub-advisory agreement may be terminated by us or the sub-advisor upon 60 days' notice to the other party, or any other period agreed upon by the parties in writing.

We may provide investment advice and portfolio management services to a Fund or segment of a Fund, or retain the services of a transition manager, on a transitional basis where there has been a change in sub-advisor, to ensure compliance with applicable laws or regulatory requirements, or where we are the recommended investment advisor. In circumstances where we provide such investment advice and portfolio management services to a Fund or a segment of a Fund, the individuals listed above are principally responsible for the investment decisions made on behalf of such Fund.

If we delegate our discretionary authority to a sub-advisor, we will be responsible for any loss that arises out of the failure of the sub-advisor:

- i. to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of its office honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of us or you; or
- ii. to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the circumstances.

Where we delegate responsibilities to a sub-advisor whose head office is located outside of Canada, you should understand that it may be difficult in enforcing any legal rights against the sub-advisor because the sub-advisor is resident outside of Canada and all or substantially all of its assets may be situated outside of Canada.

The following is a list of the sub-advisors and the individuals that are principally responsible for the investment decisions made on behalf of certain of the Funds as of the date of this Annual Information Form. If you would like a list of current sub-advisors, you can call 1-888-390-3333, or email us at global_asset_management@hsbc.ca.

HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.

New York City, New York USA

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Jerry X. Samet	Senior Portfolio Manager	22 years	Senior Portfolio Manager, U.S. Fixed Income, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.
Ricky Liu	Portfolio Manager	14 years	Portfolio Manager, High Yield, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.

HSBC Global Asset Management (France)

Paris, France

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Jean Olivier Neyrat	Portfolio Manager	11 years	Portfolio Manager, European Credit Bond, HSBC Global Asset Management (France)
Erwan Ollivier	Portfolio Manager	11 years	Portfolio Manager, Euro Credit Investment Grade, HSBC Global Asset Management (France)

HSBC Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.

New York City, New York USA

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Mary Bowers	Senior Portfolio Manager	5 years	Senior Portfolio Manager, High Yield, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.
Ricky Liu	Portfolio Manager	14 years	Portfolio Manager, High Yield, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.
Nishant Upadhyay	Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager	23 years	Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager, PIMCO - Pacific Investment Management Company LLC

HSBC Global Asset Management (France)

Paris, France

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Philippe Igigabel	Portfolio Manager, Euro Credit Bonds	18 years	Portfolio Manager, Euro Credit Bonds, HSBC Global Asset Management (France)
Sophie Sentilhes	Portfolio Manager, Euro Credit Bonds	21 years	Portfolio Manager, Euro Credit Bonds, HSBC Global Asset Management (France); Portfolio Manager Inflation Linked Bonds and Global Bonds, HSBC Global Asset Management (France)
Aline Thiel	Portfolio Manager, Euro Credit Bonds	11 years	Portfolio Manager, Euro Credit Bonds, HSBC Global Asset Management (France); Portfolio Manager, HSBC Private Wealth Managers
Max Baumann	Portfolio Manager	11 years	Portfolio Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (France)

HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

London, UK

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Julien Renoncourt	Head of Inflation & Global Bonds	18 years	Head of Inflation & Global Bonds, Vice President, Deputy Head of Fixed Income, HSBC Global Asset Management (France); Global Bond Fund Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (France)
Delphine Lanquetot	Portfolio Manager, Inflation Linked Bonds and Global Bonds	13 years	Portfolio Manager, Inflation Linked Bonds and Global Bonds, HSBC Global Asset Management (France)

HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.

New York City, New York USA

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Nishant Upadhyay	Head of Emerging Markets Debt	3 years	Head of Global Emerging Markets Debt, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.; previously Portfolio Manager, Pacific Investment Management Company LLC
Jaymeson P Kumm	Portfolio Manager, Emerging Markets Debt	3 years	Portfolio Manager, Global Emerging Markets Debt, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.

HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.

New York City, New York USA

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Jerry X. Samet	Senior Portfolio Manager	22 years	Senior Portfolio Manager, U.S. Fixed Income, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.

Federated Investment Counseling Inc.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Daniel Peris	Senior Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager, Head of Strategic Value Dividend Team	16 years	Previously Vice President, Senior Portfolio Manager, Federated Investment Counseling Inc.

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Deborah D. Bickerstaff	Vice President, Portfolio Manager	22 years	Previously Vice President, Associate Portfolio Manager, Federated Investment Counseling Inc.

HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund and HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund

Mawer Investment Management Ltd.

Calgary, Alberta

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Jeff Mo	Portfolio Manager	10 years	Portfolio Manager, Small Cap Canadian Equities, Mawer Investment Management Ltd.
Siyang Li	Analyst	5 years	Analyst, Small Cap Canadian Equities, Mawer Investment Management Ltd.
Samir Taghiyev	Analyst	4 years	Analyst, Small Cap Canadian Equities, Mawer Investment Management Ltd.

Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.

Montreal, Quebec

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
André R. Chabot	Chief Investment Officer	20 years	Chief Investment Officer, Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.
Scott Collins	Portfolio Manager	20 years	Portfolio Manager (Fundamental Analysis), Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.
Redouane Khireddine	Portfolio Manager	19 years	Portfolio Manager (Technical and Quantitative Analysis), Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.
Edward Antczak	Portfolio Manager	6 years	Portfolio Manager (Fundamental Analysis), Triasima Portfolio Management Inc. and Rio Tinto Alcan Pension Plans
Nicola Haratonian	Financial Analyst	4 years	Associate Portfolio Manager, Analyst, Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.; Senior Analyst, Equities, Optimum Asset Management
Clément Aymard	Financial Analyst	1 year	Analyst (Fundamental Analysis), Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.
Simon Turner	Financial Analyst	1 year	Analyst (Fundamental Analysis), Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Irena Stefanoxska	Financial Analyst	<1 year	Analyst (Fundamental Analysis), Triasima Portfolio Management Inc.; Associate, Structured Products, Hybrid Financial; Associate, Rotational Wealth Management Program, RBC Dominion Securities; Insurance Advisor Industrielle Alliance

HSBC Global Equity Fund, HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund, HSBC International Equity Pooled Fund and HSBC Emerging Markets Pooled Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

London, UK

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Joseph Molloy	Head of Index and Systematic Equity	3 years	Head of Index and Systematic Equity, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Global Head of Index Equities, Legal & General Investment Management
Natalie Kedgley	Portfolio Manager	10 years	Portfolio Manager, Index and Systematic Equity, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Beta Analyst, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; Fund Manager Assistant, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Ed Gurung	Portfolio Manager	10 years	Portfolio Manager, Index and Systematic Equity, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Trade Support, HSBC Global Private Banking Division
Peter Gray	Portfolio Manager	6 years	Portfolio Manager, Index and Systematic Equity, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Patricia Keogh	Portfolio Manager	5 years	Portfolio Manager, Index and Systematic Equity, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Nina Assamany	Fund Manager Assistant	3 years	Assistant Portfolio Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously HSBC Graduate Programme
Nelson Gu	Index Analyst	4 year	Index Analyst, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Technology Graduate in HSBC Global Banking & Markets

HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

London, UK

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Angus Parker	Head of Developed Equities	14 years	Head of Developed Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Nicholas Dowell	Portfolio Manager	24 years	Portfolio Manager, Developed Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Portfolio Manager, European Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Oliver Gottlieb	Portfolio Manager	14 years	Portfolio Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Tobyn Dickinson	Portfolio Manager	12 years	Developed Equity Fund Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Se-Ting Frenzel	Portfolio Manager	12 years	Developed Equity Fund Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Ben Hubbard	Portfolio Manager	20 years	Portfolio Manager, Developed Equity, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Jonathan Bates-Kawachi	Analyst	4 years	Analyst, Developed Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Equity Analyst, Fidelity Management & Research (Tokyo)
Natasha Cardale	Analyst	3 years	Analyst, Developed Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Vincent Houtteville	Senior Analyst	4 year	Senior Analyst, Developed Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Yiyi Jiang	Senior Analyst	3 year	Senior Analyst, Developed Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
James Law	Analyst	2 year	Equity Analyst, Developed Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Equity Analyst, Mako Global Investors
Guy Froud	Senior Analyst	2 years	Senior Analyst, Developed Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Director, Exane BNP Paribas

HSBC U.S. Equity Fund

Los Angeles Capital Management and Equity Research, Inc.

Los Angeles, California USA

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Thomas D. Stevens	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer	16 years	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, & Principal, Los Angeles Capital Management and Equity Research, Inc.
Hal W. Reynolds	Chief Investment Officer	16 years	Chief Investment Officer, Los Angeles Capital Management and Equity Research, Inc.
Daniel E. Allen	President	9 years	Director of Global Equities, Los Angeles Capital Management and Equity Research, Inc.

HSBC European Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (France)

Paris, France

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
François Chacun	Portfolio Manager	21 years	Portfolio Manager, European Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (France)

HSBC Global Real Estate Equity Pooled Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

London, UK

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Guy Morrell	Head, Real Estate Investment Team	14 years	Portfolio Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Nick Leming	Senior Portfolio Manager	13 years	Portfolio Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Tom Carlton	Global Property Market Analyst	4 years	Analyst, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; Property Market Analyst, Legal & General Investment Management

HSBC AsiaPacific Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited

Hong Kong SAR

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Sanjiv Duggal	Head of Asian and Indian Equities	22 years	Head of Asian and Indian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited; previously Head of India and Asian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited
Vandana Luthra	Senior Investment Analyst	4 years	Associate Director & Senior Investment Analyst, Asia Pacific Equity, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited

HSBC Chinese Equity Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited

Hong Kong SAR

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Sanjiv Duggal	Head of Asian and Indian Equities	22 years	Head of Asian and Indian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited; previously Head of India and Asian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited
Nilang Menta	Lead Portfolio Manager	14 years	Lead Portfolio Manager, Indian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited; previously Senior Fund Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited; Senior Fund Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited

HSBC Indian Equity Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited

Hong Kong, SAR

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Sanjiv Duggal	Head of Asian and Indian Equities	22 years	Head of Asian and Indian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited; previously Head of India and Asian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Nilang Menta	Lead Portfolio Manager	14 years	Lead Portfolio Manager, Indian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited; previously Senior Fund Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited; Senior Fund Manager, HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited

HSBC Emerging Markets Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

London, UK

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Nick Timberlake	Head of Equities	13 years	Head of Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Stephanie Wu	Senior Portfolio Manager	12 years	Senior Portfolio Manager, Asia, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Douglas Helfer	Senior Portfolio Manager	12 years	Senior Portfolio Manager, EMEA, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Ed Conroy	Portfolio Manager	9 years	Portfolio Manager, Global Emerging Markets (GEM) Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Lee Ray	Senior Portfolio Manager	6 years	Portfolio Manager, Emerging Markets, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Helen King	Portfolio Manager	16 years	Portfolio Manager, Global Emerging Markets (GEM) Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Analyst, Emerging Markets, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Victor Benavides	Portfolio Manager	2 year	Portfolio Manager, Global Emerging Markets (GEM) Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Equity Analyst/Deputy Fund Manager, Mirabaud
Richard Pickering	Investment Analyst	2 year	Investment Analyst, Global Emerging Markets (GEM) Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Investment Analyst, Nevsky Capital LLP; Equity Research Analyst, Citigroup

HSBC BRIC Equity Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

London, UK

Name	Title	Length of service	Investment experience for last five years
Nick Timberlake	Head of Equities	13 years	Head of Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Stephanie Wu	Senior Portfolio Manager	12 years	Senior Portfolio Manager, Asia, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Douglas Helfer	Senior Portfolio Manager	12 years	Senior Portfolio Manager, EMEA, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Sanjiv Duggal	Head of Asian and Indian Equities	22 years	Head of Asian and Indian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited; previously Head of India and Asian Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (Singapore) Limited
Lee Ray	Senior Portfolio Manager	6 years	Portfolio Manager, Emerging Markets, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited
Victor Benavides	Portfolio Manager	2 year	Portfolio Manager, Global Emerging Markets (GEM) Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Equity Analyst/Deputy Fund Manager, Mirabaud
Richard Pickering	Investment Analyst	2 year	Investment Analyst, Global Emerging Markets (GEM) Equities, HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited; previously Investment Analyst, Nevsky Capital LLP; Equity Research Analyst, Citigroup

Brokerage arrangements

Our policies on broker selection are described below. For the Funds where we have retained the services of a sub-advisor, the individual sub-advisors have the discretion to select any brokers that they reasonably expect can obtain the best price (including all transaction costs) and execution for the Funds. Each sub-advisor will consider the factors it deems relevant in assessing the best overall terms available for any transaction, including the breadth of the market of the security, the price of the security, the financial condition and execution capability of the broker or dealer and the reasonableness of the commission. Each sub-advisor will allocate a portion of such transactions to brokers who provide research services or other investment decision-making services to the Funds, but only if the sub-advisor believes that such services can be obtained in a manner and to an extent consistent with the sub-advisor's obligation to obtain best net price and execution.

Where we have not retained the services of a sub-advisor to provide investment advice and portfolio management services to a Fund, broker selection and allocation is the responsibility of

our Canadian investment team. In such circumstances, we will select brokers primarily based on their execution capabilities. This process does not differ where the dealer or broker is an affiliated entity.

We, or one of our sub-advisors, may direct the brokerage business of the Funds to an affiliated entity, including HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc., HSBC Bank Canada, HSBC Bank plc, HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., HSBC Securities Brokers (Asia) Limited, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and HSBC Broking Services (Asia) Limited, in all cases provided that such transactions are made on terms and conditions comparable to those offered by unrelated brokers or dealers. See the section in the Funds' Simplified Prospectus called "Information regarding transactions with members of the HSBC Group or other related parties".

All brokers selected by us must be approved in a risk management meeting (see the section below called "Fund governance"). The portfolio managers and analysts for the Funds review and assess the benefit of the services provided and the expected future use on an ongoing basis. On an annual basis, we review all brokers selected by us in our risk management meeting.

We, or the sub-advisors retained by us, may obtain certain goods and services from brokers, dealers or third parties in connection with the execution of brokerage transactions on behalf of certain of the Funds that are in addition to the order execution services provided by the brokers or dealers. These goods and services may be provided directly by the brokers or dealers who execute the transactions or third parties, and may include investment decision-making services in the nature of research analysis and reports concerning securities and portfolio strategies and statistical and other similar services. Further information on the goods or services obtained by us or the sub-advisors is set out below in the section called "Use of brokerage commissions".

There are no agreements that give a single investment dealer or broker the exclusive right to buy or sell investments on behalf of the Funds, or that would give one dealer or broker an advantage over another. In the case of a transition manager, we may grant the transition manager or its affiliates exclusive rights as trading agent to buy or sell portfolio securities in order to effect the transition.

We may receive a wide range of goods and services from brokers and dealers in connection with the execution of brokerage transactions on behalf of the Funds. These goods and services may include: advice, analyses or reports regarding various subject matter relating to investments, as well as databases and software to the extent that they support these goods or services. Research goods and services may be received in the form of written reports, computer generated reports or databases, telephone contacts and in-person meetings with security analysts. Research goods or services may also be generated by third-parties who are not broker-dealers, provided that the goods or services are provided by or through broker-dealers that participate in effecting the transactions. Some examples of the research goods and services we receive include general economic, industry or issuer reports or investment recommendations; research data compilations; compilations of securities prices, earnings, dividends and similar data; computerized databases; and services of economic reports or other consultants.

We make a good faith determination that the Funds receive reasonable benefit for the brokerage commissions paid by taking into account both the value of the goods and services received and

the amount of the brokerage commissions paid. In particular, our investment team determines brokerage allocation to brokers by evaluating the brokers' ability to provide best execution of trades and the range of other goods and services made available by the brokers.

Use of brokerage commissions

Since the date of the last Annual Information Form prepared for the Funds, we received the following order execution and research services from brokers, dealers or third parties in connection with the execution of brokerage transactions on behalf of the Funds: general economic, industry and issuer reports and investment recommendations; research data compilations; compilations of securities prices, earnings, dividends and similar data; computerized databases; services of economic and other consultants; post-trade matching; electronic communication of allocation instructions and other messages related to the trade among broker-dealers, custodians and institutions; and settlement instruction routing. For the Funds where we have retained the services of a sub-advisor, the sub-advisors have advised us that, since the date of the last Annual Information Form, they have obtained certain investment decision-making services in the nature of research analysis and reports concerning securities and portfolio strategies and statistical and other similar services from brokers, dealers or third parties in connection with the execution of brokerage transactions on behalf of certain of the Funds. We are advised that remuneration for these services was paid through the direction of certain portfolio transactions to selected execution brokers.

Where brokerage transactions involving client brokerage commissions of the Funds have been or might be directed to a dealer in return for providing any good or service by the dealer or a third party other than order execution, the names of such dealers or third parties will be provided upon request by calling 1-888-390-3333, by writing to HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited at 3rd Floor, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3E8, or by email at global_asset_management@hsbc.ca.

Principal Distributor

HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. is the principal distributor of the Mutual Funds. Their head office is located at 3rd Floor, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3G1.

The Principal Distributor offers units of the Mutual Funds to the public on a continuous basis pursuant to a distribution agreement between us and the Principal Distributor. We pay the Principal Distributor a fee for its services from the management fee that we receive. The distribution agreement may be terminated by us or the Principal Distributor upon 60 days' written notice to the other party, or such shorter notice as the other party may accept as sufficient.

Trustee

We act as trustee of the Funds. Our head office is located in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Custodian

The Northern Trust Company, Canada Branch is the custodian for the Funds. The head office of The Northern Trust Company, Canada Branch is located in Toronto, Ontario.

The custodian is responsible for the safekeeping of the Funds' securities and other investments. The Northern Trust Company, Canada Branch may appoint sub-custodians in each country in which the Funds trade portfolio securities.

The Funds' investments may also be held at The Canadian Depository for Securities Limited, which is located in Toronto, Ontario.

Registrar

International Financial Data Services (Canada) Limited, acts as registrar of the Funds from their office located in Toronto, Ontario. International Financial Data Services (Canada) Limited is independent of us.

Auditor

KPMG LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants, acts as auditor of the Funds, from their office located in Vancouver, British Columbia. KPMG LLP is independent of us.

Independent Review Committee

In accordance with National Instrument 81-107 Independent Review Committee for Investment Funds ("NI 81-107"), we have established an Independent Review Committee (defined above as the "IRC") for the Funds. The IRC is responsible for providing recommendations or decisions to us, as the manager of the Funds, on conflict of interest matters that we refer to it. The compensation to and expenses of the IRC are paid by the Funds. For further information, see the section below called "Fund governance".

Other service providers

RBC Investor & Treasury Services ("RBC ITS") provides certain accounting services on our behalf in respect of the Funds. These services include calculating the net asset value of the units of the Funds and assisting us with the preparation of financial data contained in unitholder reports. RBC ITS is paid a fee for its services. This fee is paid either by the Funds or us. The head office of RBC ITS is located in Toronto, Ontario.

We have retained Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. ("ISS") to provide services in respect of proxy voting by the Funds. See the section below called "Fund governance – Proxy voting guidelines" for details. We pay ISS a fee for its services. The head office of ISS is located in Rockville, Maryland, USA.

Fund governance

Two principal factors have a direct impact on our fund governance structure:

- As the manager of the Funds, we are under a statutory duty to act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of all of the Funds, and to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the same circumstances.
- As an indirect subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, one of the world's largest financial

service providers, our compliance with applicable laws and our actions towards our customers can have an impact on not only us, but on HSBC Holdings plc and other member companies. We comply with HSBC Global Asset Management's global compliance policies and procedures and provide monthly reports to HSBC Holdings plc.

Our Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing our compliance with the above mentioned statutory duty owed to the Funds. We currently have seven members on our Board of Directors, two of whom are executives of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited. The names of the directors, their municipalities of residence and their employment history for the past five years are set out in the section called "Responsibility for operations". Our Board of Directors meets when needed to discuss HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited's business including issues related to the Funds.

Various committees and sub-committees assist the Board of Directors with overseeing compliance with our statutory duty owed to the Funds. These committees and sub-committees are comprised of individuals who are directors, officers or employees of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited or one of our affiliates. Each of these committees and sub-committees meet at least quarterly and their collective duties include, but are not limited to:

- reviewing and approving each Fund's Investment Policy and Guidelines, and assessing and approving any suggested amendments;
- on a quarterly basis, assessing the performance of the investment advisors for each Fund;
- at least annually, assessing the investment risk of each Fund;
- at least annually, assessing and approving the reasonableness and allocation of operational fees paid by the Funds;
- at least annually, assessing and approving the actions of service providers in relation to the administration of a Fund;
- on a quarterly basis, reviewing and approving recommendations from and services provided by our Wealth Portfolio Management business unit; and
- ensuring compliance with both regulatory and legal matters relating to the Funds.

On a regular basis, certain of our directors, officers and employees meet to discuss risk management issues in relation to the Funds. The purpose of these meetings are to (a) oversee the development and maintenance of a risk framework that effectively monitors risk activities of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited; (b) ensure that we have adequate risk management systems and procedures to identify, manage and mitigate financial and non-financial risks; and (c) report significant risk issues to the Board of Directors and other relevant parties. The types of risks to be managed include operational, counterparty, regulatory, reputational, liquidity, investment and fiduciary. These meetings take place on a bi-monthly basis (or more frequently if needed).

We have established appropriate policies, procedures, practices and guidelines to ensure proper management of the Funds including the policies and procedures relating to conflicts of interest as required by NI 81-107. Included among these policies are a business principles and code of

ethics policy which addresses internal conflicts of interest and personal trading policy designed to prevent potential perceived or actual conflicts between the interests of us and our employees, and the interest of the Funds. We also have a marketing and sales practices policy that complies with NI 81-105 Mutual Fund Sales Practices and policies related to the valuation of portfolio securities for the Funds, the use of derivative instruments by the Funds, and the allocation of trades on behalf of the Funds.

The Funds may hold units of other mutual funds.

From time to time, the Fund may receive class action notices in relation to the securities held by the Funds. Any decisions to participate in these class actions by commencing litigation as a claimant or joining an existing action pre-judgment is at our discretion.

Independent Review Committee

We will refer to the IRC the conflict of interest matters related to the Funds and any other matters that are required to be submitted for decision under NI 81-107. The IRC provides us with its recommendations or decisions on whether our proposed actions in conflict of interest matters achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Funds. The IRC is composed of the following members:

Name	Role	Date Originally Appointed
Bill Bakk	Chair	February 13, 2014
Neil de Gelder	Member	March 5, 2015
Lisa Pankratz	Member	March 3, 2016

Each IRC member is “independent” within the meaning of NI 81-107.

The IRC will, annually, review and assess the adequacy and effectiveness of:

- our policies and procedures relating to conflict of interest matters in respect of the Funds;
- standing instructions it has given us; and
- our compliance with any conditions imposed by it in a decision.

In addition, the IRC will, annually, review and assess the independence, compensation effectiveness, and contribution of its members. The IRC will provide us with a report of the results of such assessment.

The IRC also prepares an annual report of its activities for unitholders. This report is available on our internet site at www.hsbc.ca/investment-resources, or at your request at no cost, by contacting us at the address set out on the back of this Annual Information Form.

Proxy voting guidelines

We are the primary investment advisor of the Funds. In this role, we have a duty to exercise the voting rights attributable to securities held by the Funds solely in the best interests of the Funds.

We have adopted policies and procedures (the “Proxy Voting Policy”) with respect to the voting of the Funds’ proxies. Our Proxy Voting Policy sets out the voting procedures to be followed in voting on routine and non-routine matters, and contains policies and procedures to ensure that when real or perceived conflicts of interest arise between our interests and the interests of our clients, those issues are properly addressed and resolved.

We have retained Institutional Shareholder Services (defined above as “ISS”), a leading, independent firm with expertise in global proxy voting and corporate governance issues, to provide in-depth research and analysis on all proxies for which we have authority to vote, and to administer the proxy voting process. We have adopted the HSBC Global Asset Management Global Voting Guidelines (the “HSBC Voting Guidelines”). In cases where an affiliate sub-advisor retains the right to vote the Funds’ proxies, we will ensure the affiliate sub-advisor adopts the HSBC Voting Guidelines and reviews their policies and procedures for consistency with our Proxy Voting Policy on an annual basis. We and our affiliate sub-advisors will generally vote the Funds’ proxies in accordance with the HSBC Voting Guidelines; however, there may be circumstances where we believe that it is in the best interests of the Funds to vote differently than the manner contemplated by the HSBC Voting Guidelines or to refrain from voting. The ultimate decision as to the manner in which the Funds’ proxies will be voted rests with us. We may amend the Proxy Voting Policy or the HSBC Voting Guidelines at any time and without notice to you.

You may request a copy of our Proxy Voting Policy and each affiliate sub-advisor’s proxy voting policy, as applicable, at no cost by calling 1-888-390-3333 or by writing to us at 3rd Floor, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3E8.

At least once a year, certain of our officers and employees meet to discuss proxy matters and administer the Proxy Voting Policy. These proxy voting meetings may take place more frequently as needed to resolve any proxy voting issues that may arise. Pursuant to our Proxy Voting Policy, in those circumstances where the primary investment advisor determines that it may be appropriate to vote contrary to the HSBC Voting Guidelines, the matter will be reviewed by the members of this meeting to arrive at a decision regarding how the proxy will be voted. In making a decision in such circumstance, information and recommendations from ISS, internal or external research, the management of the subject company and shareholder groups may be considered. This meeting also reviews the reasoning submitted by our affiliate sub-advisors for decisions made to deviate from the HSBC Voting Guidelines, in the best interests of the applicable Fund.

If a material conflict of interest is determined to exist, we will direct that the proxy be voted according to ISS’s recommendation. In the event ISS is unable to make a recommendation on a proxy vote and where no material conflict of interest is determined to exist, the matter will be referred to the proxy voting meeting to make the determination. In circumstances where a material conflict of interest is determined to exist, with the absence of ISS’s recommendation, the matter will be referred to our senior management to make a decision or, if deemed necessary, an independent consultant or outside counsel to resolve the material conflict of interest and ensure that the proxy is voted in the best interests of the Funds.

We cannot guarantee the ability to exercise the voting rights attributable to securities of foreign issuers. In many countries, proxy voting can be complicated and onerous, and there may be instances when we cannot exercise such voting rights.

Some Funds primarily invest a majority of their assets in units of other mutual funds ("Sub-Funds"). Sub-Funds typically do not submit matters to investors for vote, although they are required to do so in the event of certain fundamental changes in respect of their operation or administration. In the event that a Sub-Fund submits a matter to its investors for vote, we will consider the matter on a case-by-case basis and vote any securities of the Sub-Fund held by the Funds in accordance with what we believe is in the best interest of the relevant Funds.

We will not vote the securities of any Sub-Funds if the Sub-Fund is managed by us or any of our affiliates. We may, at our discretion, arrange for the securities of such Sub-Funds to be voted by the unitholders of the Funds holding the securities of the Sub-Funds.

The Funds' proxy voting record for the most recent period ended June 30 of each year is available after August 31 of that year free of charge to any investor of the Funds upon request. Investors in the Funds may view the proxy voting record on our website at www.hsbc.ca/investment-resources, or request a copy of the Funds' proxy voting record at no charge, by calling 1-888-390-3333 or by writing to us at 3rd Floor, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 3E8.

Derivatives

The investment advisor of the Funds may invest in or use derivative instruments for hedging or non-hedging purposes, provided that such investment or uses are consistent with the Funds' investment objectives and investment restrictions, comply with NI 81-102 or are otherwise permitted by Canadian securities regulatory authorities. Derivatives may be used to help reduce the risks associated with certain investments, including currency value fluctuations, stock market risks and interest rate changes. The Funds may also use derivatives, rather than direct investments, to reduce transaction costs, achieve greater liquidity, create effective exposure to global financial markets or increase speed and flexibility in making portfolio changes. Derivatives will not be used to introduce incremental leverage in the portfolio.

The investment advisor may use derivatives to meet the Funds' objectives, including, but not limited to, forward contracts for foreign currency hedging, futures contracts to replicate underlying Fund portfolios and covered call options for income purposes. Our senior management is responsible for reviewing policies and procedures governing the use of derivatives at least annually. Regular risk management reviews are conducted, and any issues that arise as a result of these reviews are reported to senior management on a quarterly basis, and to the Board of Directors. The monitoring of derivatives is performed independently from the trading functions. We also monitor the credit risk of the counterparties used. Counterparty limits are approved by senior management. Given our current controls, stress testing is not considered necessary. However, if derivative use becomes more extensive within the Funds we will consider putting more stringent procedures in place.

The Funds' use of derivative investments is monitored by the Funds' portfolio managers and us to ensure that they are used in compliance with applicable securities laws, or any exemptions granted therefrom.

If these restrictions are not complied with, it must be reported to our compliance department. Records of all derivatives in which the Funds have either a direct or indirect interest are maintained, showing:

- the asset on which the derivative is based,

- the number of underlying assets on which the derivative is based,
- the price that the derivative guarantees for the asset and the date it must be used by, and
- if the derivative was bought or sold on an exchange, the name of that exchange.

Securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions

The Funds may enter into securities lending transactions, repurchase transactions and reverse repurchase transactions. For details about how the Funds engage in these transactions, please see the section called "Securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transaction risk" in the Simplified Prospectus for the Funds. The Funds may enter into these transactions only as permitted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities as described in NI 81-102.

We will manage the risks associated with securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions in part by requiring the Funds' agent to:

- enter into such transactions with reputable and well established Canadian and foreign brokers, dealers and institutions ("counterparties");
- maintain internal controls, procedures and records, including a list of approved counterparties based on generally accepted diversification standards;
- each business day, determine the market value of both the securities loaned by a Fund under a securities lending transaction or sold by a Fund under a repurchase transaction or purchased by a Fund under a reverse repurchase transaction, and if the cash and/or collateral is less than 102% of the market value of the loaned or sold securities, on the next day the counterparty will be required to provide additional cash or collateral to the Fund to cover the shortfall; and
- ensure that the collateral to be delivered to a Fund is one or more of cash, qualified securities or securities immediately convertible into, or exchangeable for, securities of the same issuer, class or type, and same term, if applicable, as the securities being loaned by the Fund.

The agent may also use risk measurement procedures or simulations to test the portfolio under stress conditions.

Before the Funds enter into securities lending, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions, the investment advisor for the Funds will establish written policies and procedures regarding the objectives and goals for these transactions, and the risk management procedures applicable to the Funds' entering into these transactions. We will also enter into an agreement with the custodian or sub-custodian of the Funds that will act as agent for the Funds in administering these transactions to document their obligations and responsibilities. The agent may retain, as a fee, a percentage of the revenues resulting from securities lending, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions, as set out in the agreement between us and the agent, and in accordance with policies and guidelines we have adopted. The securities lending transactions of

a Fund may be terminated by the Fund at any time. Repurchase agreements or reverse repurchase agreements of the Funds will have a maximum term of 30 days.

A member of our senior management will be responsible for reviewing and establishing our risk management policies and procedures, and the terms of these agreements. The investment advisor for the Funds and the agents will review, at least annually, these risk management policies and procedures to ensure that the securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions are being properly managed in conformity with Canadian securities laws and our agreements with each agent.

As of the date of this Annual Information Form, none of the Funds are expected to carry out securities lending, repurchase or reverse repurchase transactions.

Short selling policies and risk management

The Funds may engage in short selling in compliance with NI 81-102.

We will, prior to engaging in any short sale transactions, put in place written policies and procedures that set out the objectives and goals for short selling and risk management procedures applicable to short selling. In our risk management meetings, we are responsible for setting and reviewing the policies and procedures relating to short selling by the Funds and such policies and procedures will be reviewed annually. The decision to effect any particular short sale or any trading limits or other controls will be reviewed and monitored as part of our ongoing compliance procedures and risk control measures. Risk measurement procedures or simulations generally are not used to test the portfolios of the Funds under stress conditions.

Policies and procedures on short-term trading

Short-term trading can increase administrative costs to all investors and can negatively impact the overall performance of a Fund as the Fund may be forced to hold additional cash or to sell portfolio holdings to pay redemption proceeds, thereby incurring additional trading costs. We have policies and procedures to detect and deter short-term trading. We have a system that monitors trading activity and flags any trades where you switch or sell units of a Mutual Fund within 30 calendar days of your most recent purchase of those units. Flagged trades are reviewed regularly. At our discretion, we may charge a short-term trading fee or issue a warning letter when we detect that short-term trading has occurred. This fee is retained by the applicable Mutual Fund. We retain the right to reject your request to switch or purchase units of the Mutual Funds if you are, in our opinion, engaging in short-term trading. See "How to buy, sell or switch units of the Funds" for more details.

Conflicts of interest

Because we also manage investment funds other than the Funds, as well as pension, individual and other accounts, we have adopted a policy to prevent conflicts of interest through the

preferential treatment of any one account over our other accounts. This policy applies to all of the accounts we manage, and ensures that investment opportunities are distributed fairly.

Principal holders of securities

As of November 30, 2018, the following people or companies directly or indirectly owned more than 10% of the units of any series of any of the Funds issued either in Canadian dollars or in U.S. dollars where the U.S. dollar purchase service is available:

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
Individual Investor 1	Advisor	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	2,219.815	21.85%	Indirect
Individual Investor 2	Advisor	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	1,251.302	12.32%	Indirect
Pattony Investment Company Ltd	Institutional	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	13,602.831	22.97%	Indirect
Individual Investor 4	Institutional	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	8,334.988	14.07%	Indirect
Individual Investor 5	Manager	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	1,432.881	29.36%	Indirect
Individual Investor 6	Manager	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	856.865	17.56%	Indirect
Individual Investor 7	Manager	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	741.568	15.19%	Indirect
Individual Investor 8	Manager	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	658.071	13.48%	Indirect
Individual Investor 5	Manager	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	599.226	12.28%	Indirect
Individual Investor 9	Premium	HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	40,225.625	14.03%	Direct
Individual Investor 10	Advisor	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	8,000.983	32.19%	Indirect
Individual Investor 109	Advisor	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	10,512.870	42.29%	Indirect
Individual Investor 11	Institutional	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	29,910.342	25.10%	Indirect
Pattony Investment Company Ltd	Institutional	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	16,856.814	14.14%	Indirect
Individual Investor 12	Manager	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	4,014.895	65.04%	Indirect
Individual Investor 13	Manager	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	1,191.668	19.31%	Indirect
Individual Investor 14	Premium	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	29,933.192	40.65%	Direct
Individual Investor 15	Premium	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	14,985.393	20.35%	Direct
Individual Investor 16	Premium	HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	12,627.133	17.15%	Direct
Individual Investor 17	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	1,342.587	34.75%	Indirect
Individual Investor 18	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	841.909	21.79%	Indirect

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
Individual Investor 19	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	825.048	21.35%	Indirect
Individual Investor 17	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	448.397	11.60%	Indirect
Individual Investor 20	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	406.111	10.51%	Indirect
UA Local 463 Pension Plan	Institutional	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	3,929,321.650	86.54%	Indirect
Individual Investor 22	Manager	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	17,361.077	29.56%	Indirect
Individual Investor 23	Manager	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	10,895.349	18.55%	Indirect
Individual Investor 24	Manager	HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	5,996.201	10.21%	Indirect
Individual Investor 25	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	5,724.184	36.60%	Indirect
Individual Investor 26	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	2,879.977	18.42%	Indirect
Individual Investor 27	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	2,036.470	13.02%	Indirect
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balance Fund	Institutional	HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	12,743,099.313	37.19%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund	Institutional	HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	8,132,259.884	23.73%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Fund	Institutional	HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	10,069,375.804	29.39%	Direct
Individual Investor 6	Manager	HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	11,704.503	74.50%	Indirect
Individual Investor 31	Manager	HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	2,515.869	16.01%	Indirect
Individual Investor 32	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	4,423.867	26.92%	Indirect
Individual Investor 33	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	4,013.740	24.42%	Indirect
Individual Investor 34	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	2,106.106	12.82%	Indirect
Individual Investor 35	Advisor	HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	1,699.352	10.34%	Indirect

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balance Fund	Institutional	HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	3,607,979.324	50.59%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund	Institutional	HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	1,579,507.688	22.15%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Fund	Institutional	HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	1,863,273.834	26.13%	Direct
Individual Investor 6	Manager	HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	7,435.153	99.97%	Indirect
Individual Investor 108	Advisor	HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	7,475.806	14.44%	Indirect
Individual Investor 110	Advisor	HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	6,814.401	13.16%	Indirect
The Manufacturers Life Insurance 10262897	Institutional	HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	37,976.417	55.55%	Indirect
Canada Ltd	Manager	HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	2,620.283	18.71%	Indirect
Individual Investor 38	Premium	HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	222,889.790	11.64%	Direct
Individual Investor 39	Advisor	HSBC Dividend Fund	4,751.821	28.77%	Indirect
Individual Investor 40	Advisor	HSBC Dividend Fund	3,214.760	19.47%	Indirect
Individual Investor 41	Advisor	HSBC Dividend Fund	2,432.570	14.73%	Indirect
Individual Investor 42	Advisor	HSBC Dividend Fund	1,790.024	10.84%	Indirect
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balance Fund	Institutional	HSBC Dividend Fund	2,438,986.327	37.95%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund	Institutional	HSBC Dividend Fund	1,357,254.353	21.12%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Fund	Institutional	HSBC Dividend Fund	2,518,602.913	39.19%	Direct
Individual Investor 22	Manager	HSBC Dividend Fund	17,502.168	23.22%	Indirect
Individual Investor 43	Manager	HSBC Dividend Fund	10,510.026	13.94%	Indirect
Individual Investor 44	Manager	HSBC Dividend Fund	7,892.018	10.47%	Indirect

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
Individual Investor 45	Advisor	HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	650.086	51.58%	Indirect
Individual Investor 45	Advisor	HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	492.136	39.05%	Indirect
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt	Institutional	HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	32,953,552.516	64.66%	Direct
Individual Investor 47	Manager	HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	347.101	100.00%	Indirect
Individual Investor 48	Premium	HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	61,816.773	10.85%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balance Fund	Institutional	HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	1,308,900.789	37.89%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	Institutional	HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	929,805.231	26.92%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Fund	Institutional	HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	502,709.622	14.55%	Direct
Individual Investor 50	Premium	HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	25,001.074	23.88%	Direct
Individual Investor 51	Premium	HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	16,358.848	15.63%	Direct
Individual Investor 52	Premium	HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	13,446.886	12.85%	Direct
Individual Investor 53	Premium	HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	12,552.880	11.99%	Direct
Individual Investor 54	Premium	HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	10,859.034	10.37%	Direct
Individual Investor 55	Advisor	HSBC Equity Fund	2,235.508	16.78%	Indirect
Individual Investor 56	Advisor	HSBC Equity Fund	1,613.059	12.11%	Indirect
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balance Fund	Institutional	HSBC Equity Fund	6,443,277.081	46.73%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	Institutional	HSBC Equity Fund	4,056,912.480	29.42%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Fund	Institutional	HSBC Equity Fund	1,697,017.467	12.31%	Direct
Individual Investor 6	Manager	HSBC Equity Fund	7,220.904	42.78%	Indirect

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
Individual Investor 57	Manager	HSBC Equity Fund	4,872.704	28.87%	Indirect
Individual Investor 58	Premium	HSBC Equity Fund	236,212.856	11.19%	Direct
Individual Investor 59	Advisor	HSBC European Fund	628.196	34.59%	Indirect
Individual Investor 60	Advisor	HSBC European Fund	445.950	24.56%	Indirect
Individual Investor 61	Advisor	HSBC European Fund	420.247	23.14%	Indirect
Individual Investor 61	Advisor	HSBC European Fund	209.269	11.52%	Indirect
Individual Investor 4	Institutional	HSBC European Fund	23,851.421	96.68%	Indirect
Individual Investor 62	Premium	HSBC European Fund	53,804.807	12.11%	Direct
Individual Investor 63	Premium	HSBC European Fund	46,849.772	10.55%	Direct
Individual Investor 113	Premium	HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	386,636.959	18.86%	Direct
Individual Investor 64	Advisor	HSBC Global Equity Fund	7,428.267	51.66%	Indirect
Individual Investor 65	Advisor	HSBC Global Equity Fund	1,495.574	10.40%	Indirect
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balance Fund	Institutional	HSBC Global Equity Fund	11,154,586.221	31.46%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	Institutional	HSBC Global Equity Fund	7,968,293.266	22.47%	Direct
HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	Institutional	HSBC Global Equity Fund	7,968,293.266	22.47%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Fund	Institutional	HSBC Global Equity Fund	3,630,966.362	10.24%	Direct
Individual Investor 6	Manager	HSBC Global Equity Fund	2,272.956	88.56%	Indirect
Individual Investor 67	Manager	HSBC Global Equity Fund	293.719	11.44%	Indirect
Individual Investor 106	Advisor	HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund	247.125	16.73%	Indirect
Individual Investor 114	Advisor	HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund	1,229.945	83.27%	Indirect
Individual Investor 68	Advisor	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	2,536.445	46.19%	Indirect

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
Individual Investor 69	Advisor	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	785.745	14.31%	Indirect
Individual Investor 70	Institutional	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	3,405.848	37.48%	Indirect
Individual Investor 71	Institutional	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	3,255.757	35.83%	Indirect
Individual Investor 72	Institutional	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	1,677.834	18.46%	Indirect
Individual Investor 73	Manager	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	1,657.580	23.22%	Indirect
Individual Investor 74	Manager	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	1,417.750	19.86%	Indirect
1339510 Ontario Inc.	Manager	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	1,030.305	14.43%	Indirect
Individual Investor 76	Manager	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	968.590	13.57%	Indirect
Individual Investor 9	Premium	HSBC Indian Equity Fund	82,666.578	26.86%	Direct
Individual Investor 77	Advisor	HSBC Monthly Income Fund	864.555	100.00%	Indirect
The Manufacturers Life Insurance	Institutional	HSBC Monthly Income Fund	35,234.716	100.00%	Indirect
YRS Consultants Ltd.	Manager	HSBC Monthly Income Fund	14,434.997	97.83%	Indirect
HSBC Mortgage Pooled Fund	Institutional	HSBC Mortgage Fund	62,627,845.839	38.69%	Direct
HSBC Monthly Income Fund	Institutional	HSBC Mortgage Fund	26,518,547.242	16.38%	Direct
Individual Investor 81	Advisor	HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	998.769	13.56%	Indirect
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balance Fund	Institutional	HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	585,584.926	37.01%	Direct
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	Institutional	HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	362,275.851	22.90%	Direct
HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	Institutional	HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	488,161.082	30.85%	Direct
Individual Investor 82	Manager	HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	5,133.415	10.66%	Indirect
Individual Investor 107	Premium	HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund	125,405.021	12.86%	Direct
Datek Industrial Tec	Premium	HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund	200,710.480	20.59%	Direct
Individual Investor 111	Advisor	HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund	4,884.976	33.73%	Indirect

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
1736328 Ontario Ltd.	Advisor	HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund	8,441.424	58.29%	Indirect
- Pool Kimmel Sales Ltd.	Institutional	HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund	877,127.026	94.75%	Indirect
Individual Investor 112	Manager	HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund	3,067.172	95.45%	Indirect
Individual Investor 83	Advisor	HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	996.700	49.43%	Indirect
Individual Investor 84	Advisor	HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	444.035	22.02%	Indirect
Individual Investor 85	Advisor	HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	260.192	12.90%	Indirect
Individual Investor 4	Institutional	HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	43,230.461	44.33%	Indirect
Dr Jean Rivest Neurologue Inc	Institutional	HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	32,418.108	33.24%	Indirect
Individual Investor 87	Institutional	HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	16,601.350	17.02%	Indirect
Individual Investor 6	Manager	HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	7,557.419	100.00%	Indirect
HSBC Bank Canada	Institutional	HSBC Weath Compass Aggressive Growth Fund	15,000.000	100.00%	Indirect
HSBC Bank Canada	Institutional	HSBC Weath Compass Balanced Fund	15,000.000	100.00%	Indirect
Individual Investor 89	Investor	HSBC Weath Compass Balanced Fund	5,013.687	10.91%	Direct
HSBC Bank Canada	Institutional	HSBC Weath Compass Conservative Fund	15,000.000	100.00%	Indirect
Individual Investor 90	Investor	HSBC Weath Compass Conservative Fund	947.093	20.88%	Direct
HSBC Bank Canada	Institutional	HSBC Weath Compass Growth Fund	15,000.000	100.00%	Indirect
Individual Investor 91	Investor	HSBC Weath Compass Growth Fund	6,049.052	25.14%	Direct
Individual Investor 92	Investor	HSBC Weath Compass Growth Fund	5,603.612	23.29%	Direct
HSBC Bank Canada	Institutional	HSBC Weath Compass Moderate Conservative Fund	15,000.000	100.00%	Indirect

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
Individual Investor 93	Investor	HSBC Weath Compass Moderate Conservative Fund	5,680.022	45.94%	Direct
Individual Investor 94	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund	598.288	60.51%	Indirect
Individual Investor 95	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund	299.39	30.28%	Indirect
Individual Investor 96	Institutional	HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund	55513.75	100.00%	Indirect
Individual Investor 97	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	15992.65	53.29%	Indirect
Individual Investor 98	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	5811.02	19.36%	Indirect
Individual Investor 99	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	3141.22	10.47%	Indirect
Individual Investor 100	Manager	HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	2373.59	95.89%	Indirect
Individual Investor 101	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	7048.68	51.44%	Indirect
Individual Investor 102	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	1828.55	13.34%	Indirect
Individual Investor 103	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	1736.04	12.67%	Indirect
Individual Investor 104	Manager	HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	13214.4	100.00%	Indirect

Name*	Series	HSBC Fund	Number of units owned	Percentage of outstanding units owned	How owned
Individual Investor 105	Advisor	HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund	45523.03	100.00%	Indirect
Individual Investor 100	Manager	HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund	1013.98	100.00%	Indirect

* To protect the privacy of individual investors, we have omitted the name(s) of the beneficial owner(s). This information is available on request by contacting us at the telephone number on the back cover of this Annual Information Form.

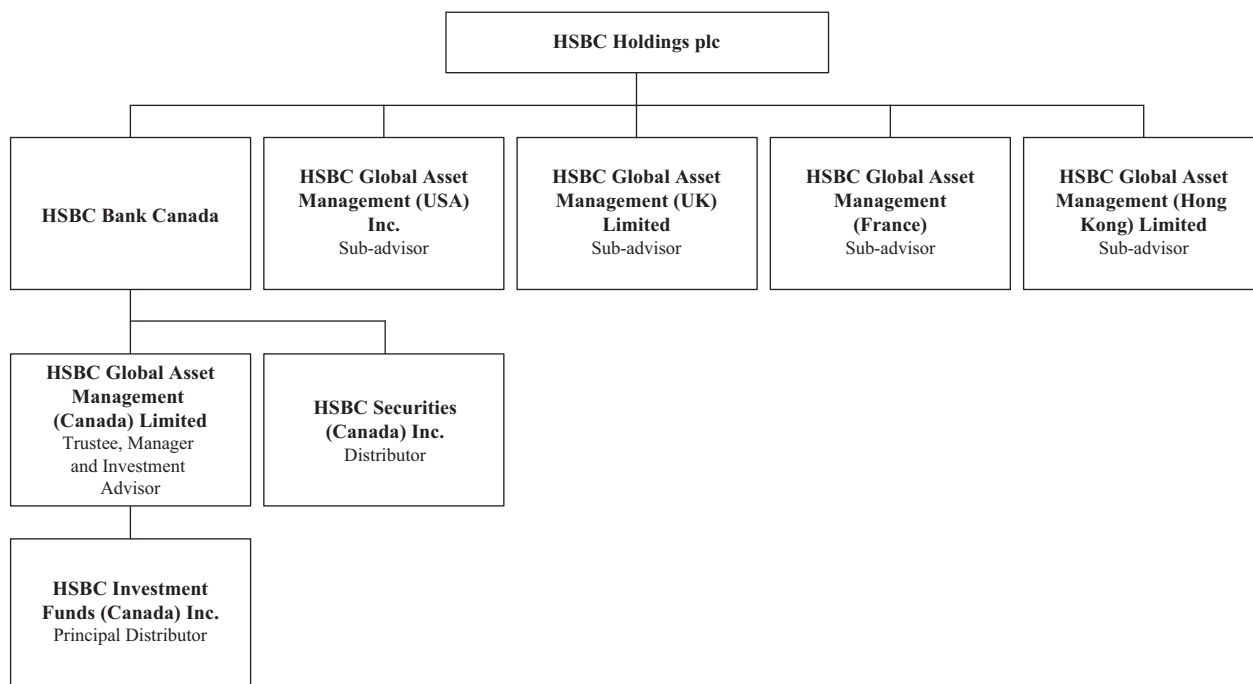
As of November 30, 2018, the directors and senior officers of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited, and the members of the IRC, in aggregate, beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, less than 10% of the outstanding units of each Fund.

HSBC Bank Canada, HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc., HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc. and HSBC Private Wealth Services (Canada) Inc. are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of HSBC Holdings plc. As of November 30, 2018, the directors and senior officers of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited, and the members of the IRC, in aggregate, owned less than 0.01% of HSBC Holdings plc's outstanding common shares.

Except for their interest in HSBC Holdings plc noted above, as of November 30, 2018, the directors and senior officers of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited, and the members of the IRC, do not beneficially own, directly or indirectly, any voting or equity securities of any person or company that provides services to the Funds or the Manager.

Affiliated entities

Certain companies that provide services to the Funds, or to us in relation to the Funds, are our affiliates. The relationships among these companies are described below (all ownership is 100%).



HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited and HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc. are separate corporate entities and are wholly-owned subsidiaries of HSBC Bank Canada. HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited. All of the above companies are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of HSBC Holdings plc.

The amount of fees paid by the Funds to the affiliated entities listed above is contained in the audited financial statements of the Funds. To obtain a copy of the Funds' most recent audited financial statements, please contact us at the address shown on the back cover.

Certain of our directors and senior officers are also directors or senior officers of our affiliates listed above. The names of these individuals, their office held with us and the offices held with each of these affiliates are listed below:

Name	Office held with us	Office held with our affiliates
Sandra Stuart	Director and Chair	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank Canada
Marc A. Cevey	Director, Chief Executive Officer and Ultimate Designated Person	Director, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc.
Jeffrey Allsop	Director	Executive Vice President, Managing Director and Head of Global Banking, HSBC Bank Canada; Director, Chief Executive Officer and Supervisor (Ultimate Designated Person), HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc.
Deborah Hazell	Director	Director and Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Global Asset Management (USA) Inc.

Name	Office held with us	Office held with our affiliates
Lorenzo Tomei	Director	Executive Vice President and Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management, HSBC Bank Canada; Director and Chair, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc.
Aditya Chakravarty	Chief Financial Officer	Vice President, Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management Finance Canada, HSBC Bank Canada; Director and Chief Financial Officer, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc.
Martin Nigro	Chief Compliance Officer	Chief Compliance Officer, HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc.

Remuneration of directors, officers and trustees

The management functions of each Fund are carried out by our employees. No management functions are carried out by employees of the Funds. During the period ended December 31, 2017, \$130,037.50 was paid to members of the IRC of the Funds. For the period ended December 31, 2017, members of the IRC received the following amounts in compensation: Bill Bakk (Chair) - \$52,000; Neil de Gelder - \$39,000; Lisa Pankratz - \$39,037.50. The members of the IRC were reimbursed \$37.50 in total for expenses in connection with performing their duties in this regard. During the period ended December 31, 2017, \$19,250 was paid to the trustee of the Pooled Funds. No fees were paid for the services we provide as trustee of the Mutual Funds.

Material contracts

The contracts that are material to the Funds are described below:

Contract	Companies involved and date	Description
Master Declaration of Trust for the Mutual Funds	HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited December 18, 2018, as amended	We consolidated the Declarations of Trust establishing each of the Mutual Funds as a mutual fund trust into a Master Declaration of Trust. We agree to act as manager and trustee of each of the Mutual Funds under the Master Declaration of Trust. We may amend the Master Declaration of Trust from time to time. We may terminate the trust on which a Mutual Fund is held by giving to you notice of termination at least 60 days before the date on which the trust is to be terminated. We receive fees for our services as manager and trustee of the Mutual Funds as set out in the Simplified Prospectus.
Trust Indenture for the Pooled Funds	HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited December 17, 2018, as amended	Establishes the Pooled Funds. We agree to act as manager and trustee of the Pooled Funds. We may amend the Trust Indenture from time to time. We may terminate the trust on which a Pooled Fund is held. The date of termination of a Pooled Fund shall be not more than 90 days after providing notice to the trustee of the proposed termination.

Contract	Companies involved and date	Description
Distribution Agreement for the Mutual Funds	<p>HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited and HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc.</p> <p>December 14, 2010, as amended</p>	<p>HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. agrees to act as a distributor of units of the Mutual Funds.</p> <p>Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving not less than 60 days written notice to the other party or such shorter notice as the other party may accept as sufficient.</p> <p>We pay HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. a fee for the services provided pursuant to this agreement.</p>
Mortgage Sale Agreement	<p>HSBC Bank Canada and HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited</p> <p>June 30, 2015, as amended</p>	<p>HSBC Bank Canada is empowered to make, hold, buy, sell and administer mortgages. As manager and trustee, we are empowered to invest the assets of the HSBC Mortgage Fund in insured or uninsured mortgages or hypothecs or other such investments. As investment advisor we provide management and counseling related to the selection and purchase of mortgages for the portfolio of the HSBC Mortgage Fund.</p> <p>This agreement shall remain in force as long as any amount is outstanding on any one or more mortgages; it shall terminate automatically (i) at the expiry of a continuous period of twelve months after any and all sold mortgages have been paid in full by the mortgagors thereunder, or (ii) if the parties do not enter into a purchase agreement within 12 months of its execution.</p> <p>The HSBC Mortgage Fund pays a fee to HSBC Bank Canada for administering the mortgages.</p>
Custodian Agreement	<p>The Northern Trust Company, Canada Branch and HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited</p> <p>August 1, 2006, as amended</p>	<p>The Northern Trust Company, Canada Branch agrees to act as custodian of the portfolio securities in respect of the Funds. The Northern Trust Company, Canada Branch may appoint a sub-custodian or hold portfolio securities of any of the Funds outside Canada.</p> <p>Either party may terminate this agreement by giving written notice not less than 60 days prior to the intended termination date.</p> <p>We pay The Northern Trust Company, Canada Branch a fee for the custodial services provided pursuant to this agreement.</p>

You may inspect copies of these contracts at our office at 3rd Floor, 885 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3E8 during our normal business hours.

Legal and administrative proceedings

As at the date of this Annual Information Form, we are the subject of an ongoing enforcement review by the British Columbia Securities Commission in relation to the redemption of fund units held in unitholder accounts at third-party dealers in 2014 and 2016. We are in ongoing communication with the British Columbia Securities Commission staff to resolve the issues raised.

Certificates

Certificate of the Funds and the manager of the Funds

December 18, 2018

This Annual Information Form, together with the Simplified Prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into the Simplified Prospectus, constitute full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts relating to the securities offered by the Simplified Prospectus, as required by the securities legislation of each of the provinces and territories of Canada and do not contain any misrepresentations.

HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	HSBC World Selection Diversified
HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund	Conservative Fund
HSBC Mortgage Fund	HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate
HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	Conservative Fund
HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	HSBC World Selection Diversified
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	Balanced Fund
HSBC Monthly Income Fund	HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund
HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund	HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive
HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	Growth Fund
HSBC Dividend Fund	HSBC Wealth Compass Conservative Fund
HSBC Equity Fund	HSBC Wealth Compass Moderate
HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	Conservative Fund
HSBC Global Equity Fund	HSBC Wealth Compass Balanced Fund
HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund	HSBC Wealth Compass Growth Fund
HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	HSBC Wealth Compass Aggressive
HSBC European Fund	Growth Fund
HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund
HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	HSBC Mortgage Pooled Fund
HSBC Indian Equity Fund	HSBC Canadian Bond Pooled Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	HSBC Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund
HSBC BRIC Equity Fund	HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund
	HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Pooled Fund
	HSBC Canadian Dividend Pooled Fund
	HSBC Canadian Equity Pooled Fund
	HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund
	HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund
	HSBC International Equity Pooled Fund
	HSBC Emerging Markets Pooled Fund
	HSBC Global Real Estate Equity Pooled Fund

HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited, on behalf of the Funds and in its capacity as manager, trustee and promoter of the Funds.

(Signed) Marc Cevey

Marc Cevey
Chief Executive Officer

(Signed) Aditya Chakravarty

Aditya Chakravarty
Chief Financial Officer

On behalf of the Board of Directors of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited, on behalf of the Funds and in its capacity as manager, trustee and promoter of the Funds.

(Signed) Lorenzo Tomei

Lorenzo Tomei
Director

(Signed) Brian Bealle

Brian Bealle
Director

Certificate of the principal distributor of the Mutual Funds

December 18, 2018

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HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc., in its capacity as principal distributor of the Mutual Funds.

(Signed) George Katsiris

George Katsiris
Chief Operating Officer

HSBC Mutual Funds

Cash and Money Market Funds

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HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund

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You can find more information about the Funds in the Funds' Fund Facts, Management Reports of Fund Performance and financial statements. You can get a copy of these documents at no cost by calling toll-free 1-888-390-3333 or from your representative. These documents are also available on our website at www.hsbc.ca/investment-resources.

These documents and other information about the Funds, such as information circulars and material contracts, are available at www.sedar.com.

