# Schroders

#### Schroder International Selection Fund

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable 5, rue Höhenhof, L-1736 Senningerberg Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

> Tel: +352 341 342 202 Fax:+352 341 342 342

IMPORTANT: This letter is important and requires your immediate attention. If you have any questions about the content of this letter, you should seek independent professional advice. Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A., as the Management Company to Schroder International Selection Fund, accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this letter and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

#### 26 March 2021

Dear Shareholder,

#### Schroder International Selection Fund – Enhancement of disclosures on Dilution Adjustment

We are writing to advise you of updates to the section headed 'Dilution Adjustment' in the prospectus of Schroder International Selection Fund (the "Company"). Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as those defined in the prospectus of the Company.

With effect from 27 April 2021 (the "Effective Date") the following change will apply, which enhances the flexibility of the Management Company to make a dilution adjustment in unusual or exceptional market conditions:

- While dilution adjustments are not expected to exceed 2% of a Fund's net asset value, under unusual or exceptional market conditions (such as significant market volatility, market disruption or significant economic contraction, a terrorist attack or war (or other hostilities), a pandemic or other health crisis, or a natural disaster), the Management Company may decide, on a temporary basis, to adjust the net asset value of a Fund by more than 2% when such a decision is justified as being in the best interests of the shareholders;

In addition, the following clarifications have been added:

- Schroders' Group Pricing Committee provides recommendations to the Management Company on the appropriate level of dilution adjustment and level of threshold that should trigger the application of swing pricing in a Fund. The Management Company remains ultimately responsible for such pricing arrangements;
- The dilution adjustment is applied to all subscriptions, redemptions and/or switches in and out of a Fund on any given Dealing Day once the total level of such dealing in the Fund on that Dealing Day has exceeded the applicable threshold; and
- The Company applies a dilution adjustment to all of its Funds.

All other key features of the Company's sub-funds including the fees chargeable and the risk profile in respect of the sub-funds will remain the same. Save for the changes as mentioned above, there is no change in the operation and/or manner in which the sub-funds are being managed. These changes do not materially prejudice the rights or interests of existing Shareholders. The Hong Kong offering documents of the Company (comprising the Prospectus, Hong Kong Covering Document and Product Key Facts Statements) will be revised in due course to reflect the above changes. The Hong Kong offering documents are available free of charge at www.schroders.com.hk<sup>1</sup> or upon request from the Hong Kong Representative of the Company, Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Representative") at Level 33, Two Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong.

We hope that you will choose to remain invested in the Company following these changes, but if you do wish to redeem your holding or to switch into another of the Company's sub-funds authorized by the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC")<sup>2</sup> before the changes become effective you may do so at any time up to and including deal cut-off on 26 April 2021. Please ensure that your redemption or switch instruction reaches the Representative in Hong Kong before this deadline. We will execute your redemption or switch instructions in accordance with the provisions of the Company's prospectus, free of charge, although in some countries local paying agents, correspondent banks or similar agents might charge transaction fees. Local agents might also have a local deal cut-off which is earlier than that described above, so please check with them to ensure that your instructions reach the Representative in Hong Kong before the deal cut-off on 26 April 2021.

Costs of making these changes including regulatory and shareholder communication costs will be borne by Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. which is the Company's management company.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact your usual professional advisor or the Representative at Level 33, Two Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong or calling the Schroders Investor Hotline on (+852) 2869 6968.

Yours faithfully,

**Cecilia Vernerson** Authorised Signatory

1 he deru

Mike Sommer Authorised Signatory

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SFC authorization is not a recommendation or endorsement of a scheme nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a scheme or its performance. It does not mean the scheme is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

# Schroders

**Schroder International Selection Fund** 

Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable 5, rue Höhenhof, L-1736 Senningerberg Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

> Tel: +352 341 342 202 Fax:+352 341 342 342

IMPORTANT: This letter is important and requires your immediate attention. If you have any questions about the content of this letter, you should seek independent professional advice. Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A., as the Management Company to Schroder International Selection Fund, accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this letter and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

#### 14 December 2020

Dear Shareholder,

#### Schroder International Selection Fund – Enhancement of disclosures on benchmarks

We are writing to advise you that the board of directors of Schroder International Selection Fund (the "Company") has enhanced certain disclosures with respect to the sub-funds of the Company (as detailed in a table available at <u>https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-notice/202012 sisf enhancement of disclosures on benchmarks table en.pdf</u><sup>1</sup>), specifically, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) Q&A on the application of the UCITS Directive (March 2019 update) regarding the way in which funds describe their use of benchmarks and display performance to shareholders.

As a result of this guidance, we have stated for each sub-fund whether it has a target benchmark (which defines the sub-fund's target performance) and the extent to which any other benchmarks should be used by shareholders to assess performance (i.e. comparator benchmarks). We have also explained why a particular benchmark has been selected for the relevant sub-fund. In addition, we have confirmed that each sub-fund is actively managed and some investment policies include additional detail in that respect.

For sub-funds that have target benchmarks, their investment objectives have been enhanced to define the sub-fund's target performance. For instance, where a sub-fund's objective previously stated it aimed to provide 'capital growth', we are now providing more information as to what we mean by 'capital growth', for example to exceed the return of the target benchmark after fees have been deducted over a stated period. We have set out the enhanced investment objectives of the relevant sub-funds in a table available at <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-notice/202012\_sisf\_enhancement\_of\_disclosures\_on\_benchmarks\_table\_en.pdf1">https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-notice/202012\_sisf\_enhancement\_of\_disclosures\_on\_benchmarks\_table\_en.pdf1</a>.

The Company confirms in each case that:

• there are no changes to how the sub-funds are managed;

- the investment style, investment philosophy and risk profile of the sub-funds remains the same; and
- the fees chargeable in respect of the sub-funds as stated in the Prospectus remain the same.

The Hong Kong offering documents of the Company (comprising the Prospectus, Hong Kong Covering Document and Product Key Facts Statements) will be revised in due course to reflect the above updates.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact your usual professional advisor or the Representative at Level 33, Two Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong or calling the Schroders Investor Hotline on (+852) 2869 6968.

Yours faithfully,

1 Mag

**Mike Sommer** Authorised Signatory

**Nirosha Jayawardana** Authorised Signatory

# Schroders

# PRODUCT KEY FACTS

Schroder International Selection Fund – China Opportunities

#### Issuer: Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.

April 2020

# This statement provides you with key information about this product. This statement is a part of the offering document. You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

| Management company:              | Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.  |       |                    |       |  |
|----------------------------------|---|-------|--------------------|-------|--|
| Investment manager:              | Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited, located in Hong Kong, internal delegation   |       |                    |       |  |
| Depositary:                      | J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.  |       |                    |       |  |
| Ongoing charges over a year*:    | Class A HKD Acc   | 1.84% | Class A HKD Dis QV | 1.84% |  |
|                                  | Class A1 USD Acc  | 2.34% | Class A USD Acc    | 1.84% |  |
|                                  | Class D USD Acc   | 2.84% |                    |       |  |
| Dealing frequency:               | Daily   |       |                    |       |  |
| Base currency:                   | USD   |       |                    |       |  |
| Dividend policy:                 | A, A1 and D Accumulation share classes – Dividend will not be distributed but will be reinvested into the fund.   |       |                    |       |  |
|                                  | A, A1 and D Distribution share classes – The board of directors generally<br>has discretion as to whether or not to make any distribution. The<br>distribution frequency is indicated in the share class designation as<br>follows: M = monthly, Q = quarterly, S = semi-annual, A = annual |       |                    |       |  |
|                                  | Distributions may be paid out of capital and reduce the fund's net asset value.   |       |                    |       |  |
| Financial year end of this fund: | 31 December   |       |                    |       |  |
| Minimum investment:              | A, A1 and D share classes: Initial – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent);<br>Subsequent investment – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent)  |       |                    |       |  |

# What is this product?

This is a sub-fund of Schroder International Selection Fund, a mutual fund domiciled in Luxembourg and its home regulator is Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.

# **Objectives and investment strategy**

#### Investment Objective

The fund aims to provide capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities Chinese companies.

The fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets in China A-Shares through:

- Stock Connect (as defined below);
- The Renminbi Qualified Institutional Investor (RQFII) Scheme; and
- regulated markets.

The fund is not subject to any limitation on the market capitalisation of the companies that it may invest in.

The fund may also invest in money market investments and hold cash.

Under exceptional circumstances (e.g. market crash or major crisis), the fund may be invested temporarily up to 100% of its net asset value in liquid assets such as bank deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper and treasury bills for cash flow management.

The fund may invest directly in China A-Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively "Stock Connect") (as further described in the section headed "Stock Connect" in the Hong Kong Covering Document). Indirect exposure to China A-Shares may also be sought for the fund through investment in financial instruments such as China market access products and other funds with China access through quota held by Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors or Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors. The fund does not currently intend to invest 30% or more of the net asset value of the fund directly and indirectly in China A-Shares and China B-Shares.

The fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. Derivatives can be used for instance to create market exposures through equity, currency, volatility or index related financial derivative instruments and include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, contracts for difference, warrants, swaps, forward contracts and/or a combination of the above.

# Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the fund's net asset value.

# What are the key risks?

Investment involves risk. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

1. Equity investment risk

Investment in equity securities is subject to the risk that the market value of the stocks may go down as well as up due to numerous factors such as changes in investment sentiment, political environment, economic environment, issuer-specific factors, regional or global economic instability, currency and interest rate fluctuations. If the market value of the stocks go down the net asset value of the fund may be adversely affected.

#### 2. Emerging and less developed markets

The fund may invest in emerging and less developed markets. Investing in emerging and less developed markets is subject to greater risks than investing in securities of developed countries such as ownership and custody risks, political and economic risks, market and settlement risks, liquidity and volatility risk, legal and regulatory risks, execution and counterparty risk, and currency risk, which may adversely affect the net asset value per share of the fund and investors may as a result suffer losses.

#### 3. Concentrated geographical locations

The fund investing in concentrated geographical locations may be subject to a higher level of risks comparing to a fund investing in a more diversified portfolio/strategy. The value of the fund may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory event affecting the relevant geographical locations.

#### 4. Risks related to investment in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC")

Investing in the securities market in the PRC is subject to the risks specific to the PRC market including change in political, social or economic policy risk, liquidity and volatility risk, currency and exchange risk.

- Change in political, social or economic policy risk The investment will be sensitive to any significant change in political, social or economic policy in the PRC which may adversely affect the capital growth and thus the fund performance.
- Legal and regulatory risk The regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in the PRC may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. PRC companies are required to follow the PRC accounting standards and practice which may deviate significantly from international accounting standards. The settlement and clearing systems of the Chinese securities markets may not be well tested and may be subject to increased risks of error or inefficiency. Securities exchanges in the PRC typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange. The government or the regulators may also implement policies that may affect the financial markets. All these may have a negative impact on the fund.
- Liquidity and volatility risk Compared with the choice available in other markets, there is a low level of liquidity in the A-Shares and B-Shares of the PRC markets. This could potentially lead to severe price volatility.
- Currency and exchange risk The PRC government's control of currency conversion and exchange rates may adversely affect the operations and financial results of the companies invested in by the fund.
- PRC taxation consideration The fund investing in securities issued by companies resident in the PRC are subject to dividend withholding tax but are not currently subject to capital gains tax in the PRC. The tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC are inherently uncertain and liable to change without prior notice. They may also be changed with retrospective effect. The fund does not currently make any provision for Chinese capital gains tax. If appropriate, a provision may be introduced for the fund to cover capital gains tax, withholding taxes or other taxes. Consequently, investors may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the final rules.

#### 5. Risks related to investments via the Stock Connect

The relevant rules and regulations on Stock Connect are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. Where a suspension in the trading through the programme is effected, the fund's ability to invest in China A-shares or access the PRC market through the programme will be adversely affected. In such event, the fund's ability to achieve its investment objective could be negatively affected.

#### 6. Risks related to investments in China market access products

The fund may use China market access products to gain exposure to China A-Shares indirectly. This involves additional risks including lack of a secondary market in such instruments, illiquidity of the underlying securities, difficulty in selling these instruments at times when the underlying markets are closed and counterparty default risk.

#### 7. Risks related to investments in other funds with China access

- Investing in other funds may result in additional operating fees and expenses from the underlying funds.
- The fund may invest in other funds with China access through quota held by Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors ("QFII") or Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors ("RQFII"). Therefore, the fund is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the QFII/RQFII regime such as suspension or revocation of the QFII/RQFII status, insufficient quota for investment by the underlying funds, as well as, repatriation and liquidity risks.

#### 8. Derivatives

The fund may use derivatives to meet its specific investment objective. There is no guarantee that the performance of derivatives will result in a positive effect for the fund. Derivative exposure may lead to a high risk of significant capital loss. Risks associated with derivatives include credit risk and counterparty risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk, over-the-counter transaction risks and hedging risk. The leverage element/component of derivatives can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the derivatives by the fund. There is no guarantee that the desired hedging instruments will be available or hedging techniques will achieve their desired result. In adverse situations, the use of hedging instruments may become ineffective in hedging and the fund may suffer significant losses.

#### 9. Smaller companies risk

Fund invests in smaller companies may fluctuate in value more than other funds and may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than those in larger companies. During periods where markets are falling, securities of smaller companies may become less liquid and experience short-term price volatility and wide spreads between dealing prices.

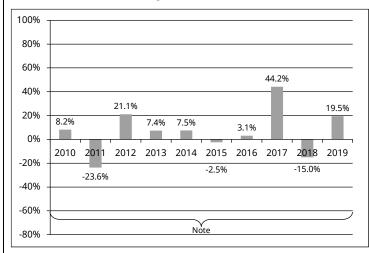
#### 10. Risks relating to distributions

- For distribution share classes with a general dividend policy, expenses will be paid out of capital rather than out of gross income. The amount of distributable income therefore increases and the amount so increased may be considered to be dividend paid out of capital; capital growth will be reduced and in periods of low growth capital erosion may occur.
- Distribution share classes with a fixed dividend policy will distribute the dividends based on a fixed amount or fixed percentage of the net asset value per share. This may result in share classes with fixed distributions either paying out both income and capital in distribution payments, or not substantially distributing all the investment income which a share class has earned.
- You should note that in the circumstances where the payment of distributions are paid out of capital, this represents and amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of the amount you originally invested or capital gains attributable to that and may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value of shares.

#### 11. Currency risks

Assets and share classes may be denominated in currencies other than USD and some may not be freely convertible. The fund may be adversely affected by changes in foreign exchange rates and exchange rate controls of the currencies in which securities are held, the reference currencies of the share classes and the US Dollar. This exposes all share classes of the fund to exchange rate fluctuations and currency risk. It may not be practicable or possible to hedge against such foreign exchange/currency risk exposure.

# How has the fund performed?



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the fund's Class A USD Accumulation increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in USD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Where no past performance is shown there was insufficient data available in that year to provide performance.
- Fund launch date: 2006
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2006
- The management company views the Class A USD Accumulation, being the retail share class denominated in the base currency of the fund, as the most appropriate representative share class of the fund.

Note: The performance of these years was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. During these years, there was material change(s) to the fund, namely, changes of investment objective and policy and reduction of fee(s).

# Is there any guarantee?

This fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

# What are the fees and charges?

Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the fund.

| Fee                                | What you pay  |  |     |
|------------------------------------|---|--|-----|
| Share class                        | А   | A1   | D   |
| Subscription fee (Initial charge)  | Up to 5.00% of the total subscription amount          | Up to 4.00% of the total subscription amount | Nil |
| Switching fee (Switching charge)   | Up to 1.00% of the value of the shares to be switched |  |     |
| Redemption fee (Redemption charge) | Nil   |  |     |

Ongoing fees payable by the fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

| Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value) |  |   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| A  | A1   | D   |  |
| 1.50%                                    | 1.50%  | 1.50%   |  |
| Up to 0.005%                             |  |   |  |
| Nil                                      |  |   |  |
| Up to 0.25%                              |  |   |  |
| Nil                                      | 0.50%  | 1.00%   |  |
| Up to 0.3%                               |  |   |  |
| Up to USD75 per transaction              |  |   |  |
| Up to 0.0083%                            |  |   |  |
|  | A      1.50%      Up to 0.005%      Nil      Up to 0.25%      Nil      Up to 0.3%      Up to USD75 per trans | A    A1      1.50%    1.50%      Up to 0.005% |  |

\* Where currency hedged share class is offered, a hedging charge of up to 0.03% per annum of the net asset value per share will be borne by the currency hedged share class in relation to which the charge is incurred. The hedging charge will be payable to the management company, which provides the currency hedging service.

Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the fund. Please refer to the offering document for fees payable by the fund.

# Additional information

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the fund's relevant net asset value ("NAV") after Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited receives your request, directly or via a distributor, in good order at or before 5pm HK time, being the fund's dealing cut-off time on each dealing day of the fund. Before placing your subscription or redemption orders, please check with your distributor for the distributor's internal dealing cut-off time (which may be earlier than the fund's dealing cut-off time).
- A dividend calendar including details on the distribution frequency and the dividend calculation basis for all available distribution share classes and a composition of the dividend payments (i.e. the percentages of distribution being paid out of capital and net distributable income) for the last twelve months for each of these distribution share classes (i) with a variable distribution policy or (ii) with a fixed dividend policy and paying dividends out of capital are also available from the Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited on request and from the Schroders' Internet site (www.schroders.com.hk).
- Past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors is available online at <u>www.schroders.com.hk</u>.
- The net asset value of this fund is calculated and the price of shares is published on each dealing day.
  They are available online at <u>www.schroders.com.hk</u>. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

# Important

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice. The SFC takes no responsibility for the contents of this statement and makes no representation as to its accuracy or completeness.