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#### 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 <a href="https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-">https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-</a> notice/202012 sisf enhancement of disclosures on benchmarks table en.pdf 1), 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 https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investornotice/202012 sisf enhancement of disclosures on benchmarks table en.pdf<sup>1</sup>.

The Company confirms in each case that:

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

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

- 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,

**Mike'Sommer** Authorised Signatory **Nirosha Jayawardana** Authorised Signatory

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# PRODUCT KEY FACTS

Schroder International Selection Fund – US Dollar Liquidity (This is not a money market fund in Hong Kong)<sup>Δ</sup>

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.

Along Kong, the fund is not authorized as money market fund under the SFC's Code of Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds. The remaining maturity of the instruments purchased by the fund and the weighted average maturity/life of the fund's portfolio do not meet the limits applicable to money market fund in Hong Kong. The fund may be more negatively impacted by changes in

interest rates and subject to higher credit and liquidity risks.

Management company:	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.				
Investment manager:	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc., located in the United States of America, internal delegation				
Depositary:	J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.				
Ongoing charges over a year*:	Class A EUR Acc	0.28%	Class A1 USD Acc	0.28%	
	Class A USD Acc	0.28%			
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 has discretion as to whether or not to make any distribution.				
	Distributions may be paid out of capital and reduce the fund's n 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); Subsequent investment – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent)				
* The ongoing charges figure is h	pased on the expense	s for the year	ended 31 December 201	9. This figure	

## 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 income by investing in money market instruments denominated in US Dollar. The fund is designed to provide liquidity and aims to preserve the value of the investment in falling markets. The preservation of value or provision of liquidity cannot be guaranteed.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund invests in money market instruments (rated at least investment grade as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies in addition to receiving a favourable assessment of their credit quality pursuant to the management company's internal credit quality assessment procedure) that are denominated in US Dollar and issued by government, government agencies and companies worldwide provided that (i) at the time of acquisition, the residual maturity of all such securities held in the portfolio does not exceed 12 months, taking into account any financial instruments connected therewith, or (ii) the terms and conditions governing those securities provide that the applicable interest rate is adjusted at least annually on the basis of market conditions and the residual maturity of all such securities does not exceed 2 years. The fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in such money market instruments.

The fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its net asset value that may be invested in any country (including emerging market countries), region or sector.

The fund may also hold cash and make deposits with a credit institution.

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 use derivatives with the aim of hedging currency and interest rate risk.

#### 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. Risk relating to investment in debt securities
  - Credit and counterparty risk Investment in debt securities is subject to the credit/default risk of the issuer which may also adversely affect the settlement of the securities.
  - **Interest rate risks** Investment in the fund is subject to interest rate risk. In general, the prices of debt securities rise when interest rates fall, whilst their prices fall when interest rates rise.
  - Credit ratings risk Credit ratings assigned by rating agencies are subject to limitations and do not guarantee the creditworthiness of the security and/or issuer at all times.
  - Credit downgrading risk The credit rating of debt securities or their issuers may subsequently downgraded. In the event of such downgrading, the value of the fund may be adversely affected. The investment manager may not dispose of such securities immediately and the fund may therefore be subject to additional risk of loss.

 Valuation risk - Valuation of the fund's investment may involve uncertainties and judgmental determinations. If such valuation turns out to be incorrect, this may affect the net asset value calculation of the fund.

#### 2. Liquidity and defensive funds

The fund is not a money market fund and is not the same as placing funds on deposit with bank or deposit-taking company. Investors should be aware that this fund does not guarantee principal.

#### 3. Derivatives

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.

#### 4. 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.

#### 5. 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.

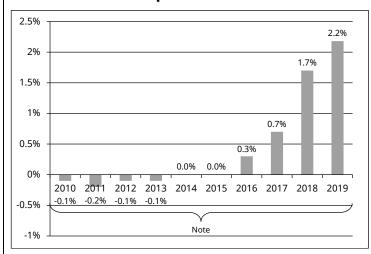
#### 6. Risks relating to distributions

- 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.

#### 7. 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: 2001
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2001
- 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 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	A	A1	D	
Subscription fee (Initial charge)	Nil	Nil	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.

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	Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value)			
Share class*	A	A1	D	
Management fee	0.20%	0.20%	0.20%	
Depositary fee	Up to 0.005%			
Performance fee	Nil			
Administration fee	Up to 0.25%			
Distribution charge	Nil	Nil	1.00%	
Custody safekeeping fee	Up to 0.3%			
Transaction fees (charged by the Depositary)	Up to USD75 per transaction			
Fund accounting and valuation fees	Up to 0.0083%			

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

Note: As of the date of this document, Class D shares of the fund are not being offered to the public in Hong Kong.

#### 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 cutoff 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 www.schroders.com.hk.
- 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 <a href="https://www.schroders.com.hk">www.schroders.com.hk</a>. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

# **Important**

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