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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 [https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-notice/202012\\_sisf\\_enhancement\\_of\\_disclosures\\_on\\_benchmarks\\_table\\_en.pdf](https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-notice/202012_sisf_enhancement_of_disclosures_on_benchmarks_table_en.pdf)<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 [https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-notice/202012\\_sisf\\_enhancement\\_of\\_disclosures\\_on\\_benchmarks\\_table\\_en.pdf](https://www.schroders.com/en/sysglobalassets/digital/hong-kong/investor-notice/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;

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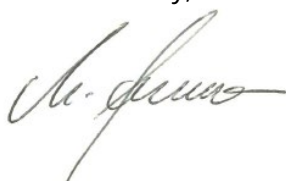
<sup>1</sup> This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

- 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,



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

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This statement is a part of the offering document.  
You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.***

### Quick facts

<b>Management company:</b>	Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.			
<b>Investment manager:</b>	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc., located in the United States of America, internal delegation			
<b>Depository:</b>	J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A.			
<b>Ongoing charges over a year*:</b>	Class A EUR Hedged Acc	0.97%	Class A USD Dis MF	0.94% <sup>&amp;</sup>
	Class A EUR Hedged Dis QF	0.97%	Class A1 USD Acc	1.49%
	Class A1 EUR Hedged Dis QF	1.52%	Class A1 USD Dis QV	1.49%
	Class A GBP Hedged Dis QV	0.97%	Class A HKD Dis MF	0.94% <sup>&amp;</sup>
	Class A USD Acc	0.94%	Class A AUD Hedged Dis MFC	0.97% <sup>&amp;</sup>
	Class A USD Dis QF	0.94%	Class A RMB Hedged Dis MFC	0.97% <sup>&amp;</sup>
<b>Dealing frequency:</b>	Daily			
<b>Base currency:</b>	USD			
<b>Dividend policy:</b>	<p>A, A1 and D Accumulation share classes – Dividend will not be distributed but will be reinvested into the fund.</p> <p>A, A1 and D Distribution share classes – The board of directors generally has discretion as to whether or not to make any distribution save for the Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy which are subject to the disclosures below. The distribution frequency is indicated in the share class designation as follows: M = monthly, Q = quarterly, S = semi-annual, A = annual, Currency carry<sup>#</sup>: C</p> <p>Distributions may be paid out of capital and reduce the fund's net asset value.</p> <p>In respect of Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy, the distribution amount per share is calculated as follows: dividend rate ÷ distribution frequency over a year × net asset value per share on the record date. Details of the Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy are set out below:</p>			

Fixed Distribution Share Class	Currency	Distribution Frequency over a year	Dividend Rate
Class A USD Dis MF	USD	Monthly (12)	3.0% per annum
Class A HKD Dis MF	HKD	Monthly (12)	3.0% per annum
Class A USD Dis QF	USD	Quarterly (4)	3.0% per annum
Class A EUR Hedged Dis QF	EUR	Quarterly (4)	3.0% per annum
Class A1 EUR Hedged Dis QF	EUR	Quarterly (4)	3.0% per annum

Investors should note that a positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. The board of directors will periodically review fixed distribution share classes and reserves the right to make changes.

**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 based on the annualised expenses for the interim period ended 30 June 2020. This figure may vary from year to year.

# This refers to the premium or discount that may apply to the distribution. Distributions may include a premium when the interest rate of a currency hedged share class is higher than the fund's base currency interest rate. Consequently when the interest rate of a currency hedged share class is lower than the fund's base currency interest rate, the dividend may be discounted. The level of premium or discount is determined by differences in interest rates and is not part of the fund's investment objective or investment policy.

& As the relevant share classes are newly set up, the ongoing charges figure is an estimate only. The ongoing charges figures are estimated based on the annualised expenses of Class A USD Acc and Class A EUR Hedged Acc for the interim period ended 30 June 2020 respectively because the fee structures of Class A USD Acc are the same as those of Class A USD Dis MF and Class A HKD Dis MF and the fee structures of Class A EUR Hedged Acc are the same as those of Class A AUD Hedged Dis MFC and Class A RMB Hedged Dis MFC. The actual ongoing charges figure of the relevant share class may be different from the estimate and may vary from year to year.

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

## 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 and capital growth by investing in fixed and floating rate securities denominated in USD.

Investment Policy

The fund invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities, including asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, denominated in USD, issued by governments, government agencies, and companies worldwide.

The fund invests in the full credit spectrum of fixed income investments. The fund may invest:

- up to 40% of its assets in securities that have a below investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds); and
- up to 70% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

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 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 use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. The fund may use leverage. Derivatives may be employed for instance to generate additional income from exposure to credit risk in purchasing or selling protection through credit default swaps, adjusting the fund's duration through the tactical use of interest related derivatives, generating additional income through inflation or volatility linked derivatives or increasing its currency exposure through the use of currency related derivatives. Derivatives could also be employed to create synthetic instruments. Such derivatives include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, 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. 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.
- **Below investment grade and unrated debt securities** – Investments in fixed income securities below investment grade or unrated are generally subject to higher degree of counterparty risk, credit risk, volatility risk, liquidity risk and risk of loss of principal and interest than higher rated securities.

- **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 be 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.
- **Liquidity and volatility risk** – Securities not listed or rated or actively traded may have low liquidity and higher volatility. The prices of such securities may be subject to fluctuations. The bid and offer spread of their price may be high and the fund may therefore incur significant trading costs and may even suffer losses when selling such instruments.
- **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. Sovereign debt risk

Investment in sovereign debt obligations issued or guaranteed by governments or their agencies of certain developing countries and certain developed countries may expose the fund to political, social and economic risks. A government entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest due in a timely manner may be affected by various factors. In the event that a government entity defaults on its sovereign debt, holders of sovereign debt, including the fund, may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to the relevant government entity. The fund may suffer significant losses in such events.

## 3. 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. The leverage element/component of derivatives can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the derivatives by the fund. Risks associated with derivatives include:

- **Credit risk and Counterparty risk** – The fund will be subject to the risk of the inability of any counterparty through or with which the fund conducts the derivative transactions to perform its obligations, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes.
- **Liquidity risk** – There may be possible absence of a liquid secondary market for any particular derivatives at any time. The fund may be unable to sell illiquid derivatives at an advantageous time or price and results in a reduction of returns.
- **Valuation risk** – The fund is subject to the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives.
- **Volatility risk** – The fund is subject to the risk of higher volatility of the returns as derivatives usually have a leverage component.
- **Over-the-counter ("OTC") transaction risks** – Derivatives traded in OTC markets may be more volatile and less liquid. Its prices may include an undisclosed dealer mark-up which a fund may pay as part of the purchase price.
- **Hedging risk** – 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. Mortgage related and other asset backed securities ("ABS")

ABS may be highly illiquid and prone to substantial price volatility. These instruments may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt securities. ABS are often exposed to extension and prepayment risks and risks that the payment obligations relating to the underlying assets are not met, which may adversely impact the returns of the securities.

## 5. 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.

## 6. 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.

## 7. 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.
- Investments in distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy are not an alternative to a savings account or fixed-interest paying investment. The percentage of distributions paid by distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy is unrelated to expected or past income or returns of these share classes or the fund. The distribution can thus be higher or lower than the income and return that were effectively realised.
- Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy will continue to distribute in periods that the fund has negative returns or is making losses, which further reduces the net asset value of the distribution Share Classes with fixed dividend policy. In extreme circumstances, investors may not be able to get back the original investment amount.
- Investors should note that a positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Distribution share classes with a fixed dividend policy do not distribute a fixed amount and the constant percentage of distribution results in higher absolute distributions when the net asset value of the relevant Distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy is high, and lower absolute distributions when the net asset value of the relevant distribution share classes with fixed dividend policy is low.
- **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.**
- The distribution amount and net asset value of the currency hedged share class may be adversely affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the currency hedged share classes and the fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than other non-currency hedged share classes.

**8. Risks relating to hedging and the hedged classes**

- In respect of the share classes which the management company of the fund has the ability to fully hedge the shares of such share classes in relation to the fund currency, currency exposures or currency hedging transactions within the fund's portfolio will not be considered. The aim of currency hedged share class is to provide you with the performance returns of the fund's investments by reducing the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between the share class's and the fund's base currency. However there is no assurance that the hedging strategies employed will be effective.
- Where undertaken, the effects of this hedging will be reflected in the net asset value and, therefore, in the performance of such share class. Similarly, any expenses arising from such hedging transactions will be borne by the share class in relation to which the expenses have been incurred.
- It should be noted that these hedging transactions may be entered into whether the reference currency is declining or increasing in value relative to the relevant fund currency and so, where such hedging is undertaken it may substantially protect investors in the relevant share class against a decrease in the value of the fund currency relative to the reference currency, but it may also preclude investors from benefiting from an increase in the value of the fund currency.
- There can be no assurance that the currency hedging employed will fully eliminate the currency exposure to the reference currency.

**9. Currency risks**

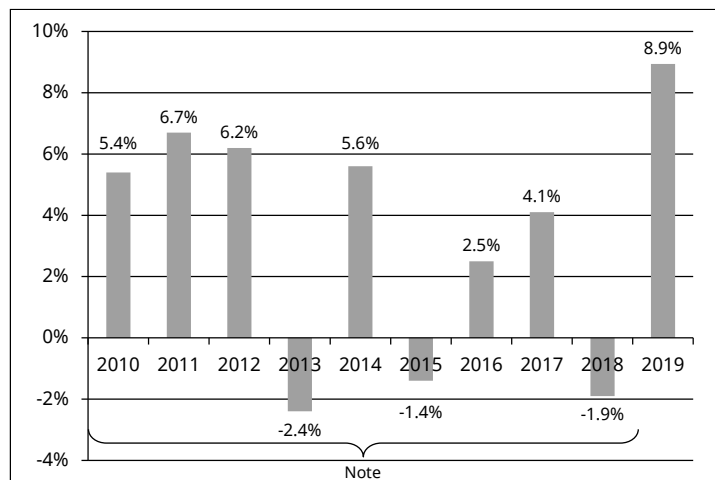
Assets and share classes may be denominated in currencies other than USD and some may not be freely convertible. The fund may be adversely affected by changes in foreign exchange rates and exchange rate controls of the currencies in which securities are held, the reference currencies of the share classes 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.

**10. RMB Currency Risk and RMB share classes related risk**

- RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to foreign exchange control policies and restrictions.
- There can be no assurance that RMB will not be subject to depreciation. Any depreciation of RMB could adversely affect the value of investor's investment in share classes denominated in RMB.
- Share classes denominated in RMB will be valued with reference to offshore RMB ("CNH") rather than onshore RMB ("CNY"). While CNH and CNY represent the same currency, they are traded at different rates. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors.
- Non-RMB based investors in share classes denominated in RMB may have to convert HK dollar or other currency(ies) into RMB when investing in share classes denominated in RMB and subsequently convert the RMB redemption proceeds and/or dividend payment (if any) back to HK dollar or such other currency(ies). Investors will incur currency conversion costs and you may suffer losses depending on the exchange rate movements of RMB relative to HK dollar or such other currencies.
- Under exceptional circumstances, payment of redemptions and/or dividend payment in RMB may be delayed due to the exchange controls and restrictions applicable to RMB.



## 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.
- Fund launch date: 1997
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2000
- 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	A	A1	D
Subscription fee (Initial charge)	Up to 3.00% of the total subscription amount	Up to 2.00% 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.

	<b>Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value)</b>		
<b>Share class*</b>	A	A1	D
<b>Management fee</b>	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%
<b>Depository fee</b>	Up to 0.005%		
<b>Performance fee</b>	Nil		
<b>Administration fee</b>	Up to 0.25%		
<b>Distribution charge</b>	Nil	0.50%	1.00%
<b>Custody safekeeping fee</b>	Up to 0.3%		
<b>Transaction fees (charged by the Depository)</b>	Up to USD75 per transaction		
<b>Fund accounting and valuation fees</b>	Up to 0.0083%		

\* 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](http://www.schroders.com.hk)).
- Past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors is available online at [www.schroders.com.hk](http://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 [www.schroders.com.hk](http://www.schroders.com.hk). This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

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