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# PRODUCT KEY FACTS

Schroder International Selection Fund – China Opportunities

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

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#### 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.

Quick facts					
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	1.85%	Class A HKD Dis QV	1.83%	
	Class A1 USD Acc	2.35%	Class A USD Acc	1.85%	
	Class D USD Acc	2.85%	Class A RMB Hedged Acc	1.88%*	
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. The distribution frequency is indicated in the share class designation as 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); Subsequent investment – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent)				

\* The ongoing charges figure is based on the expenses for the year ended 31 December 2020. This figure may vary from year to year.

\* As the share class was newly set up, the ongoing charges figure is an estimate only. The ongoing charges figures are estimated based on the ongoing charges figure of Class A USD Acc for the year ended 31 December 2020 with adjustments to reflect the hedging charge. The actual ongoing charges figure of the relevant share class may be different from the estimate and may vary from year to year.

#### 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 in excess of the MSCI China (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period<sup>Note</sup> by investing in equity and equity related securities of Chinese companies.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund is actively managed and 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 (on a net basis) directly or indirectly through derivatives in China A-Shares through:

- Stock Connect (as defined below);
- The Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) 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 up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, investment funds, warrants and 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 QFI status. 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.

<sup>Note</sup> For clarification purpose, this means to exceed a medium to long term return of the stated index after fees have been deducted. The three to five year period is considered as a medium to long term period, and is the period over which an investor should assess the fund's performance.

#### <u>Benchmark</u>

The fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the MSCI China (Net TR) index ("Target Benchmark") and compared against the Morningstar China Equity Category ("Comparator Benchmark"). The fund's investment universe is expected to overlap to a limited extent with the components of the Target Benchmark. The Comparator Benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not have any bearing on how the investment manager invests the fund's assets.

# 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 QFI status. Therefore, the fund is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the QFI regime such as suspension or revocation of the QFI status, 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. Risks relating to hedging and the hedged classes

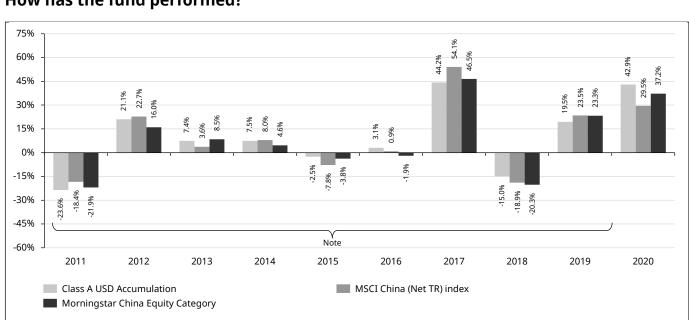
- In respect of the share classes which the management company of the fund has the ability to fully hedge the shares of such share classes in relation to the fund currency, currency exposures or currency hedging transactions within the fund's portfolio will not be considered. The aim of a currency hedged 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 fund currency and the reference currency. However there is no assurance that the hedging strategies employed will be effective in fully eliminating the currency exposure to the reference currency thereby delivering performance differentials that are reflective only of interest rate differences adjusted for fees.
- 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, where relevant, 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.

#### 12. 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.

#### 13. 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.
- Target Benchmark: MSCI China (Net TR) index
- Comparator Benchmark: Morningstar China Equity Category
- 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	A	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	Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value)		
Share class*	A	A1	D	
Management fee	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	
Depositary fee	Up to 0.005%			
Performance fee	Nil			
Administration fee	Up to 0.25%			
Distribution charge	Nil	0.50%	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%			

\* 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 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 <u>www.schroders.com.hk</u>. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

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