

# **Key Investor Information**

This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

# HSBC MSCI JAPAN UCITS ETF

a sub-fund of HSBC ETFs PLC, (the "UCITS"); managed by HSBC Investment Funds (Luxembourg) S.A.

Class:USD ISIN:IE00B5VX7566

# **Objectives and Investment Policy**

#### **Investment Objective:**

The Fund aims to track as closely as possible the returns of the MSCI Japan Index (the Index). The Fund will invest in or gain exposure to shares of companies which make up the Index.

#### **Investment Policy:**

The Index is made up of large and mid-sized Japanese stock market listed companies (as measured by the market value of their shares). The Fund is passively managed and aims to invest in the shares of the companies in generally the same proportion as in the Index. There may be circumstances when it is not possible or practical for the Fund to invest in all constituents of the Index. If the Fund cannot invest directly in the companies that constitute the Index, it may gain exposure by using other investments such as depositary receipts, derivatives or funds.

The Fund may invest up to 35% of its assets in securities from a single issuer during exceptional market conditions.

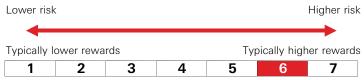
The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in total return swaps and contracts for difference. However, this is not expected to exceed 5%.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in other funds, including HSBC funds.

The Fund may also invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management purposes (such as to manage risk and costs, or to generate additional capital or income) and for investment purposes.

- The Fund may enter into securities lending transactions for up to 30% of its assets. However, this is not expected to exceed 25%.
- The reference currency of the Fund is USD. The reference currency of this share class is USD.
- Income is distributed.
- Authorised Participants only may deal in the Fund's shares directly with the UCITS.
- The Fund's shares are listed on one or more stock exchange(s).
- You may sell your investment on most working days.
- Recommendation: this Fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within a period of 5 years.

#### **Risk and Reward Profile**



The risk and reward indicator is based on historical data and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.

The risk and reward category shown is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment.

#### Why is this Fund in this specific category?

This Fund is classified in category 6 because its price or simulated data has shown high fluctuations historically.

# Material risks not fully captured by the Risk and Reward Indicator:

 Counterparty Risk The possibility that the counterparty to a transaction may be unwilling or unable to meet its obligations.

- Derivatives Risk Derivatives can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.
- Exchange Rate Risk Changes in currency exchange rates could reduce or increase investment gains or investment losses, in some cases significantly.
- Index Tracking Risk To the extent that the Fund seeks to replicate index performance by holding individual securities, there is no guarantee that its composition or performance will exactly match that of the target index at any given time ("tracking error").
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- Investment Leverage Risk Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
- Liquidity Risk Liquidity Risk is the risk that a Fund may encounter difficulties meeting its obligations in respect of financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or other financial assets, thereby compromising existing or remaining investors.
- Operational Risk Operational risks may subject the Fund to errors affecting transactions, valuation, accounting, and financial reporting, among other things.

# Charges

The charges you pay are used to pay the running costs of the Fund, including the marketing and distribution costs. These charges reduce the potential growth of the investment.

One-off charges taken before or after you invest	
Entry charge	0.00%
Exit charge	0.00%

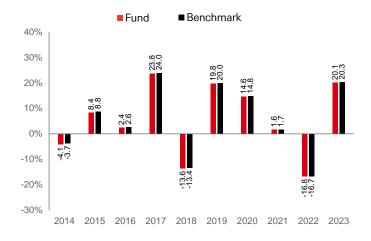
This is the maximum that might be taken out of your money before it is invested or before the proceeds of your investment are paid out.

Charges taken from the Fund over a year	
Ongoing charge	0.12%
Charges taken from the Fund under	certain specific conditions
Performance fee	None

- No entry nor exit charges are payable where investors deal in shares in the secondary market − i.e. where shares are purchased and sold on a stock exchange. In such cases, investors may pay fees charged by their broker. Authorised Participants dealing directly with the Fund may be subject to a Direct Dealing (Cash Transaction) Fee of up to 3.00% on subscriptions and up 3.00% on redemptions.
- A conversion charge may be payable.
- The ongoing charges figure shown here is an estimate of the charges as the share class has not been priced for a full financial year. The UCITS' annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

Further information on Charges can be found in the "Fees and Expenses" section of the Prospectus and the Fund Supplement.

# **Past Performance**



- Past performance is not a guide to future performance; the value of your investment and any income from it can go down as well as up.
- Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested. Past performance takes account of all ongoing charges but not entry, exit or conversion charges.
- ◆ The past performance of this share class is calculated in USD.
- The investment benchmark for the Fund is the MSCI Japan Net.
- The Fund was launched on 23 March 2010.

# **Practical Information**

## Depositary

HSBC Continental Europe.

#### **Further information**

Further information about the Company including the Prospectus, the most recent annual and semi-annual reports of the Company and the latest share prices, may be obtained free of charge, in English, from the Administrator by emailing ifsinvestorqueries@hsbc.com, or by visiting www.etf.hsbc.com. The most recent Prospectus is available in English, French and German. Details of the underlying investments of the fund are available on www.etf.hsbc.com.The indicative intra-day net asset value of the fund is available on at least one major market data vendor terminal such as

data, including www.reuters.com
This document describes a single share class of a sub-fund of the Company.
The Prospectus, annual and semi-annual reports are prepared for the entire Company.

Bloomberg, as well as on a wide range of websites that display stock market

#### Share classes

It is possible to switch your shares into shares of a different share class or sub-fund within the Company. Details of how to do this are in the "Conversion of Shares - Primary Market" section of the Prospectus.

## **Remuneration Policy**

The up-to-date remuneration policy of the Management Company, including a description of how remuneration and benefits are determined, is available at www.global.assetmanagement.hsbc.com/about-us/governance-structure. A paper copy is available free of charge from the Management Company.

#### Tax

The Fund is subject to Irish tax regulations. This may have an impact on your personal tax position.

#### **Management Company**

HSBC Investment Funds (Luxembourg) S.A. may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus.

#### Segregated liability

HSBC ETFs PLC is an investment company with segregated liability between sub-funds under Irish law. This means that the holdings of one sub-fund are kept separate from the holdings of the other sub-funds and your investment in the Fund cannot be used to pay the liabilities of any other sub-fund.