

**27 September 2021**

Dear Shareholder,

## **Schroder International Selection Fund – US Smaller Companies (the “Fund”)**

We are writing to advise you that the Fund will incorporate binding environmental and/or social characteristic(s), within the meaning of Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (“SFDR”) with effect from 29 October 2021 (the “Effective Date”). Details of the Fund’s environmental and/or social characteristics and how it seeks to achieve them will be disclosed in the Fund’s investment policy and under a new section called “Sustainability Criteria” in the Fund Characteristics section of the prospectus.

### **Rationale**

We believe that incorporating sustainability factors into the Fund’s strategy aligns with the increasing desire among investors to put their money into investments that can clearly demonstrate their sustainability credentials.

### **Investment Policy Change**

From the Effective Date the following will be added to the Fund’s investment policy which is contained in Schroder International Selection Fund (the “Company”)’s prospectus:

“The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Small Cap 600 Lagged (Net TR) Index, based on the Investment Manager’s rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under “Sustainability Information” on the Fund’s webpage, accessed via [www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc](http://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/gfc)”

### **SFDR Sustainability Criteria**

From the Effective Date the following section will be added to the Fund’s details in the Company’s prospectus to detail how it will seek to achieve the Fund’s environmental and/or social characteristics:

“The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

Companies in the investment universe are assessed on their governance, environmental and social profile, across a range of factors.

The Investment Manager performs its own due diligence on potential holdings including, where possible, meetings with senior management. The Investment Manager analyses information

provided by the companies, including information provided in company sustainability reports and other relevant company material. The Investment Manager will also scrutinise other disclosures, including third party reports, and will typically engage with the company during the assessment process and afterwards if the company is selected for the portfolio.

This assessment is supported by quantitative analysis from Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools. Through such tools, analysts are able to compare companies based on the metrics selected, their own company assessment scores or adjusted rankings (size, sector or region), with the flexibility to make company specific adjustments to reflect their detailed knowledge.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the website [www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/sustainability/disclosures](http://www.schroders.com/en/lu/private-investor/strategic-capabilities/sustainability/disclosures).

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

held in the Fund's portfolio are rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion."

### **New Comparator Benchmark**

A new comparator benchmark, the S&P Small Cap 600 Lagged (Net TR) index, has been added to the Fund's details in the Company's prospectus. As such, the Fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Russell 2000 Lagged (Net TR) index and compared against the Morningstar US Small-Cap Equity Category and the S&P Small Cap 600 Lagged (Net TR) index.

All other key features of the Fund will remain the same.

### **Redeeming or switching your shares to another Schroders fund**

We hope that you will choose to remain invested in the Fund following these changes, but if you do wish to redeem your holding in the Fund or to switch into another of the Company's sub-funds before the changes become effective you may do so at any time up to and including deal cut-off on 28 October 2021. Please ensure that your redemption or switch instruction reaches HSBC Continental Europe, Luxembourg ("HSBC") before this deadline. HSBC 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 HSBC before the deal cut-off on 28 October 2021.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Schroders' products please contact your local Schroders office, your usual professional adviser, or Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. on (+352) 341 342 202.

**The Board of Directors**

**Appendix**

ISIN codes of share classes affected by the changes

<b>Share class</b>	<b>Share class currency</b>	<b>ISIN code</b>
A Accumulation	USD	LU0106261612
A Distribution	USD	LU0012050646
A1 Accumulation	USD	LU0133716109
B Accumulation	USD	LU0106261885
B Distribution	USD	LU0052718862
C Accumulation	USD	LU0106262180
C Distribution	USD	LU0062903702
I Accumulation	USD	LU0134344257
IZ Accumulation	USD	LU2016221744