

## **HSBC ETFs plc (the "Company")**

25/28 North Wall Quay Dublin 1, Ireland

This document is important and requires your immediate attention. If you are in doubt as to the action you should take you should seek advice from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial adviser. If you have sold or transferred all of your shares in the Fund referred to below, please pass this letter at once to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee as soon as possible.

This document has not been reviewed by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank") and it is possible that changes there to may be necessary to meet the Central Bank's requirements. The board of directors of the Company (the "Directors") accepts responsibility for the information contained in this letter.

14 October 2022

Dear Shareholder,

We refer to HSBC Europe ex UK Sustainable Equity UCITS ETF [IE00BKY58625] (the "Fund"), a subfund of the Company, of which you are a shareholder.

## **Change of Distribution Policy**

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of a change to the distribution policy of the Fund which is due to take place on 28 October 2022 (the "**Effective Date**").

In accordance with the provisions of the Company's prospectus (the "**Prospectus**") and the articles of association, the Directors have discretion to change the distribution policy of any class of shares upon reasonable notice to shareholders. The Directors have determined to change the distribution policy of the EUR share class in which you are invested from accumulating to distributing with effect from the Effective Date.

In making this decision, the Directors considered the dividend treatment is preferable for future investor demand and the growth of the fund, thus benefitting the existing investors and the number of shareholders in the share class.

### **Impact of Change**

From the Effective Date, net income and realised and unrealised capital gains net of realised and unrealised losses arising will be retained within the Fund and reflected in the net asset value per share but rather distributed in the form of dividends to Shareholders on a semi-annual basis in January/February and July/August in accordance with the section of the Prospectus entitled "Distribution Policy".

Registered in Ireland as an open ended umbrella fund, with segregated liability between sub funds.

Registration Number: 467896

Directors: Eimear Cowhey, Feargal Dempsey, Peter Blessing, Carmen Gonzalez-Calatayud (Spanish), Anthony Jeffs (British), Simon Fryatt (British)

No action is required by you in connection with the content of this letter.

### Costs

Please be informed that all legal and administrative costs in relation to the change will be borne by HSBC Global Asset Management UK Limited.

If you have any queries regarding the matters dealt with in this letter, please contact your sales representative or your professional advisor.

#### Tax considerations

The change of distribution policy may result in a change in your tax position. If you are in any doubt as to the tax consequences, you should contact your financial or tax advisor.

#### **Additional Information**

Should you have any questions relating to the changes detailed above, you should contact the Company or the Administrator, HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) DAC, or alternatively you should contact your investment consultant, tax adviser and/or legal adviser as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Director For and on behalf of HSBC ETFs plc

# **Appendix**

	Effective Date
London Stock Exchange	28 October 2022

	London Stock Exchange
Tickers	HSXE LN HSXU LN