

# 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 ETFs PLC - HSBC MSCI EMERGING MARKETS UCITS ETF

Class USD IE00B5SSQT16

A sub-fund of **HSBC ETFs PLC** (the "UCITS").

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### Objectives and investment policy

- ▶ HSBC ETFs PLC - HSBC MSCI EMERGING MARKETS UCITS ETF (the "fund") aims to track as closely as possible the returns of the MSCI Emerging Markets Net (the "Index").
- ▶ The Index is made up of the largest stock market listed companies of the world's emerging markets, as defined by the Index Provider.
- ▶ The fund will hold shares in the companies in generally the same proportions in which they are included in the Index. However, this may not always be practical or cost-effective and the fund may use a smaller sample of companies to replicate the returns of the Index.
- ▶ The fund may use derivatives to meet its objectives and reduce costs. Derivatives will be used to reduce the risk of not tracking the Index as closely as possible. The fund will only use derivatives within the limits set by the Central Bank of Ireland.
- ▶ The fund will not enter into any funded swap transactions.
- ▶ 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 daily during business hours, through your financial adviser, stockbroker, share dealing service or third party administrator, on such stock exchange(s).
- ▶ Part of the fund is invested in Russian shares listed on either the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange ("MICEX") or the Russian Trading system Stock Exchange ("RTS"). Access to some of the companies may be through other types of investments that are listed on developed country stock markets.
- ▶ Income is distributed.
- ▶ Recommendation: this fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within 5 years.

### Risk and reward profile

Lower risk Higher risk  
Typically lower rewards Typically higher rewards

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#### More about this rating

The rating is based on price volatility over the last five years, and is an indicator of absolute risk. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future. The value of an investment, and any income from it, may fall as well as rise, and you may not get back the amount you originally invested. The rating is not guaranteed to remain unchanged and the categorisation may shift over time. The lowest rating does not mean a risk-free investment.

#### Why is this fund in category 6?

Emerging markets are at an early stage of development and typically experience higher levels of return fluctuation than well-established economies. Political and economic challenges may temporarily result in illiquid markets and higher volatility in prices and currencies.

#### Material risks not adequately captured by the risk rating above

- ▶ **Equity risk** Equity investments offer share participation in underlying corporate entities. The value of these shares can fall or rise in line with corporate results, market cycles, and company specific information.
- ▶ **Emerging market risk** Emerging economies typically exhibit higher levels of investment risk. Markets are not always well regulated or efficient and investments can be affected by reduced liquidity.
- ▶ **Exchange rate risk** Investing in assets denominated in a currency other than that of the investor's own currency perspective exposes the value of the investment to exchange rate fluctuations.
- ▶ **Derivative risk** The value of derivative contracts is dependent upon the performance of an underlying asset. A small movement in the value of the underlying can cause a large movement in the value of the derivative. Unlike exchange traded derivatives, over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives have credit risk associated with the counterparty or institution facilitating the trade.
- ▶ **Operational risk** The main risks are related to systems and process failures. Investment processes are overseen by independent risk functions which are subject to independent audit and supervised by regulators.

## Charges for this fund

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	5.00%
Exit charge	5.00%
Charges taken from the fund over a year	
Ongoing charge	0.60%
Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions	
Performance fee	None

**No entry or exit charge is payable where shares are purchased/sold on a stock exchange. Investors need only pay any relevant broker and stock exchange fees and commissions.**

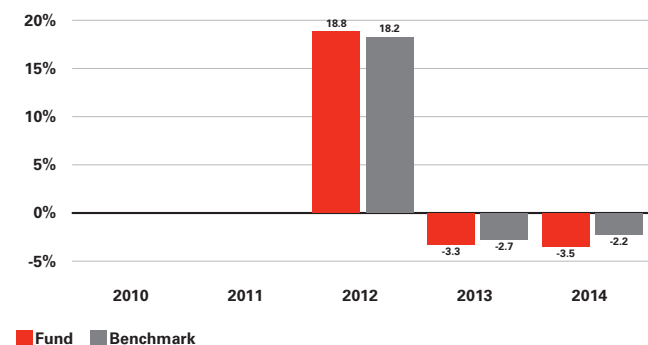
The Entry and Exit charges shown are the maximum that may be charged to Authorised Participants. Investors buying and selling shares on stock exchanges can obtain the actual charges from their financial adviser, stock broker, share dealing service or third party administrator.

The ongoing charges figure is based on last year's expenses for the year ending 31/12/2014. This figure excludes transaction costs. Charges may vary from year to year.

The fund sets a maximum amount that can be charged. Where charges exceed the maximum amount, the Investment Manager will absorb all costs above the maximum.

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. The past performance of this share class is calculated in USD.

Performance returns are based on the net asset value with distributable income reinvested. Past performance takes account of all ongoing charges, but not entry and exit charges.

The fund was launched on 05/09/2011.

The investment benchmark for the fund is the MSCI Emerging Markets Net.

## Practical information

### Custodian

HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Ireland) Limited, 1 Grand Canal Square, Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2, Ireland.

### Further information

Further information about the UCITS including the latest published prices of shares, annual report and half yearly report may be obtained free of charge, in English, from the Administrator, HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) Limited, 1 Grand Canal Square, Grand Canal Harbour, Dublin 2, Ireland or by visiting <http://www.etf.hsbc.com>. The share prices, underlying investments of the Fund and the indicative intra-day net asset value of the fund are also available at <http://www.etf.hsbc.com>. Copies of the most recent Prospectus and Fund Supplements may be obtained free of charge, in English, upon request at the Registered Office of the UCITS; 25-28 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland. This document describes a single sub-fund of the UCITS. The Prospectus, annual and half yearly reports are prepared for the entire UCITS.

### Share classes

It is possible to switch your shares into shares of a different fund within the UCITS. Details of how to do this are in the "Conversions" section in each Fund Supplement (please note, a conversion transaction fee may apply).

### Tax

Irish tax legislation may have an impact on your personal tax position.

### Investment Company

HSBC ETFs PLC 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 for the UCITS.

### Segregated liability

HSBC ETFs PLC is an umbrella investment company with variable capital and segregated liability between sub-funds incorporated under the laws of Ireland. 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.

### Authorisations

HSBC ETFs PLC is authorised in Ireland and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

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