

## **AXA WORLD FUNDS**

(the "Sicav")
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# THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. IF IN DOUBT, PLEASE SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE.

Dear Shareholders,

We are pleased to inform you that the directors of the Sicav (the "Directors") have decided to introduce a number of changes to the Hong Kong Offering Memorandum and/or the Product Key Facts Statements (collectively, the "Hong Kong Offering Documents") relating to certain sub-funds, which will enable it to look after your interests more effectively.

Please refer to the relevant sub-fund(s) as indicated below in order to find out whether there are any changes affecting the sub-funds in which you hold shares.

- I. Modification of the investment policy
- II. Other amendments of the Hong Kong Offering Documents

#### I – Modification of the investment policy

- II.1. As a result of the French regulation, Articles L221-32-2 and L221-31 of the *Code Monetaire et Financier*, companies established in Liechtenstein are now eligible to the PEA. As such, the Directors have decided to remove the exclusion of Liechtenstein from the second paragraph of the description of the investment policy of the following sub-fund.
  - AXA World Funds Framlington Europe Opportunities

This change mentioned above will take effect on the 22 December 2016.

#### II - Other amendments of the Hong Kong Offering Documents

 Directive 2014/91/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 as regards depositary functions, remuneration policies and sanctions (UCITS V Directive)

The Directors have decided to amend the Hong Kong Offering Memorandum as per the requirements of the UCITS V Directive.

These amendments will include:

- I. reference to the "Custodian" of the Fund updated to reference to the "Depositary";
- II. inserting the section "Remuneration Policy" regarding the remuneration policy put in place by the management company;
- III. updating of the section "Management and Administration" so as to include the depositary's duties and conflicts of interest that may arise; a description of the safekeeping functions delegated by the Fund, and information regarding its delegates and sub-delegates, as the case may be;
- IV. updating of section "General Risk Considerations" of the Hong Kong Offering Memorandum by insertion of "Risk of cash" and "Central Securities Depositaries" factors

#### Haircut policy

The Directors have decided to disclose separately in the section "Collateral Management" of the Hong Kong Offering Memorandum the maximum haircuts applicable for OTC derivatives as well as repurchase agreements transactions and the maximum haircuts applicable for securities lending transactions. The Directors have further decided that any other type of collateral instrument and/or applicable haircut range shall be specifically authorized by AXA IM's Global Risk Management.

### Update of information

The Directors have decided to update the following information in the Hong Kong Offering Documents:

- the composition of the board of directors of the management company;
- the information regarding the website on which the conflict of interest policy put in place by the management company is available;
- o insert a section headed "Meetings" to include the date on which the annual general meeting of the shareholders is held and other miscellaneous information relating to annual general meeting;
- o typos and editing issues.

These change mentioned above will take effect on 22 December 2016.

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The Hong Kong Offering Documents, taking into account the changes mentioned in this letter, will be available at the registered office of the Sicav and by contacting us online at: www.axa-im.com.hk. Shareholders should note that the website has not been reviewed by the SFC. Hong Kong investors should refer to the revised Hong Kong Offering Documents which will be available in due course, free of charge, at the office of the Hong Kong Representative.

Shareholders in Hong Kong may contact the Hong Kong Representative, AXA Rosenberg Investment Management Asia Pacific Limited, at 57/F, One Island East, 18 Westlands Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong (Tel: (852) 2285 2000) should you have any questions.

The Board of Directors of the Sicav accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of this document.

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Directors AXA World Funds