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## **HSBC Global Investment Funds**

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### **HSBC GLOBAL INVESTMENT FUNDS – TAIWAN EQUITY**

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Dear Shareholder,

We are writing to inform you of an important change concerning HSBC Global Investment Funds – Taiwan Equity (the “Sub-Fund”), a sub-fund of HSBC Global Investment Funds (“HSBC GIF”), a *société d'investissement à capital variable* qualifying as an undertaking for collective investment in transferable securities pursuant to Part I of the amended Luxembourg Law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment (the “Law of 2010”).

**The board of directors of HSBC GIF (the “Board”) regrets informing you that for the reason set-out below it has decided to liquidate the Sub-Fund with effect from 22 September 2016 (the “Closure Date”).**

The liquidation process is described in further detail below.

Terms otherwise not defined in this letter will have the same meaning as those defined in the current explanatory memorandum of HSBC GIF (the “Explanatory Memorandum”).

#### **1. REASON FOR THE CLOSURE**

The Sub-Fund’s assets under management (approximately US\$2.9 million as at 30 June 2016) are below the US\$50 million minimum as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum and no longer sufficient to permit efficient management of the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund is also unlikely to grow in a way that would make it viable over the long term.

In light of this information, and on the basis of Article 5 of HSBC GIF’s articles of incorporation, it is with regret that the Board has decided to liquidate the Sub-Fund as this is in the best interest of the shareholders.

#### **2. TERMS**

##### **Costs**

Shareholders should also note the following information concerning the Sub-Fund.

Unamortised preliminary expenses	Nil
Total expense ratio as at 31 March 2016*	1.91% for Class AD

\* The total expense ratio is calculated based on the total expenses and fees (excluding transaction costs) as a percentage of the Sub-Fund’s average Net Asset Value for the period from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016. The expenses and fees include but not limited to administration fee, transaction fee, valuation fee, management fee, audit fee and expenses in relation to authorisation, printing and publication.

Please be informed that all legal and administrative costs in relation to this liquidation (estimated to be approximately US\$45,000) will be borne by the promotor of HSBC GIF, HSBC Global Asset Management Limited, and not the Sub-Fund.

You may switch your shares into other SFC-authorized sub-funds of HSBC GIF free of charge\*\* or redeem your shareholding in the Sub-Fund free of charge\*\* until 4.00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 13 September 2016 in accordance with the terms of the current Explanatory Memorandum.

### **Suspension of subscriptions, redemptions and switching**

Please note that from the date of this letter, the Sub-Fund is no longer allowed to be marketed to the public in Hong Kong and shall not accept new subscriptions and switching into the Sub-Fund from new investors in the Sub-Fund. However, existing Shareholders may subscribe until 4.00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 13 September 2016 in accordance with the terms of the current Explanatory Memorandum.

In accordance with Article 22 (e) of the HSBC GIF's articles of incorporation, redemptions and switching will also be suspended from 4.00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 13 September 2016 until the Closure Date.

### **Following the Closure Date**

If you do not redeem your shares in the Sub-Fund before 4.00 p.m. Hong Kong time on 13 September 2016, your investment will remain in the Sub-Fund and you will receive liquidation proceeds in cash in proportion to your shareholding as at the Closure Date.

Liquidation proceeds will be paid within seven business days after the Closure Date in line with the standard settlement period stated in the Explanatory Memorandum.

Liquidation proceeds that cannot be distributed to the shareholders upon the close of the liquidation of the Sub-Fund will be deposited with the *Caisse de Consignation* of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, from which shareholders can claim the liquidation proceeds attributable to them at any time within the period prescribed by the laws and regulations of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

### **3. TAX IMPACT**

Under current law and practice in Hong Kong, shareholders will not be liable for Hong Kong tax in respect of any income or gains made on the sale, redemption or other disposal of shares, save that Hong Kong profits tax may arise where such transactions form part of a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong. Individual shareholders should seek independent advice on taxation and other consequences of the liquidation referred hereto. The liquidation may impact your tax treatment. If you are in any doubt regarding your taxation position you should consult your own professional adviser.

### **4. CONTACT INFORMATION**

The Articles of Incorporation, the Explanatory Memorandum and the Product Key Facts Statement of the Sub-Fund are available for inspection free of charge at the Hong Kong office of HSBC Investment Funds (Hong Kong) Limited.

The Board accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this letter as at the date of the mailing.

If you have any questions about the above and would like to discuss the matter in more detail, please contact your bank or financial adviser or alternatively you should contact HSBC Investment Funds (Hong Kong) Limited (the Hong Kong Representative) at Level 22, HSBC Main Building, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong (telephone number: (852) 2284 1229).

Yours faithfully,

**HSBC Investment Funds (Hong Kong) Limited**  
Hong Kong Representative of HSBC Global Investment Funds

\*\*Please note that some distributors, paying agents, correspondent banks or intermediaries might charge switching and/or transaction fees or expenses at their own discretion.