

# HSBC Japan Sustainable Equity UCITS ETF

## **ETF** overview

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## The ETF at a glance

Designed to offer a cost-efficient investment solution to Japanese equities, the HSBC Japan Sustainable Equity UCITS ETF takes a step beyond traditional sustainable ETFs by tracking the customised FTSE Japan ESG Low Carbon Emissions Select Index, an index that integrates ESG (environmental, social and governance), carbon emissions and fossil fuel reserves considerations. The ETF focuses on both closely tracking and harnessing our experience in passive investing combined with our SRI¹ expertise.

### Why choose this ETF?



#### Innovative 3-tilt approach

The index follows an innovative 3-tilt approach, allowing investors to access companies that are transitioning towards a lower carbon economy



#### Robust customised index:

The index is based on a quantitative-driven ESG scoring methodology



## Carbon emissions and fossil fuels reserves considerations:

The index has additional angles to reduce emissions in a positive and inclusive manner



#### Stewardship on investor's assets:

Leading active stewardship role with issuers through voting and engagement policies

## Why HSBC?

- ◆ The World's Best Bank for Sustainable Finance<sup>2</sup>
- Early signatory of the Montreal Carbon Pledge in 2015
- Early global signatory of the PRI<sup>3</sup> and highest A+ assessment score in almost all areas<sup>4</sup>
- Founding Signatory and Global Steering Committee
   Member of Climate Action 100+
- As a support of the TCFD<sup>5</sup>, we work with portfolio companies to improve their climate-related disclosures
- Member of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership's Investment Leaders Group (ILG)
- Specialised ETF Sales and Capital Markets teams as well as dedicated SRI and engagement specialists
- ◆ 30+ years experience in managing passive portfolios, with a strong record of close tracking and minimising costs



#### Votes:

- 1. Socially Responsible Investment
- 2. Source: Euromoney 2020 "World's Best Bank for Sustainable Finance"
- 3. Principles for Responsible Investment
- 4. Source: https://www.unpri.org/signatories/hsbc-global-asset-management/1306.article
- 5. Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures

Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future returns.

## Index methodology

HSBC Global Asset Management (UK), Ltd. collaborated with FTSE Russell to design an innovative index that achieves an ESG score uplift, carbon emissions reduction and fossil fuel reserves reduction relative to the parent index through a clear and robust methodology.

 The ESG ratings and data model, sourced by FTSE Russell, allows investors to understand a company's exposure to, and management of, ESG issues in multiple dimensions



The index targets a **20%** improvement on ESG

 The indices include carbon intensity as an independent tilt to ensure the impact of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is explicitly captured in addition to the ESG rating



The index targets a **50%** reduction on carbon intensity  Due to the evolution of the energy industry, we chose an index that tilts towards stocks with lower reserves intensity, including alternative energy companies



The index targets a **50%** reduction on fossil fuels reserves intensity

Pre-tilt exclusions applied on annual basis (weapons, tobacco, thermal coal, nuclear energy, UN Global Compact principles, gambling and adult entertainment)



- ESG score tilt
- ♦ Carbon emissions tilt
- Fossil fuel reserves tilt



**Post-tilt** exclusions applied on a *quarterly* basis (UN Global Compact principles)



### **ETF details**

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Registration AT, CH, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, IE, IT, LU, NL, PT, SE, SG, UK, MX

Bloomberg tickers ----- BIVA: HSJDN MM (MXN)

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Benchmark FTSE Japan ESG Low Carbon Select Net Tax Index (ELCJPNN)

Base currency
USD

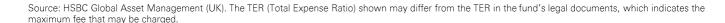
Inception date ----- 04 June 2020

Replication method Physical replication

Dividend treatment ———— Accumulating

Fund domicile ----- Ireland

Fund management HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Ltd



## Key risks

The value of an investment in the portfolios and any income from them can go down as well as up and as with any investment you may not receive back the amount originally invested.

- ◆ Counterparty Risk The possibility that the counterparty to a transaction may be unwilling or unable to meet its obligations.
- **Derivatives Risk** Derivatives can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.
- Exchange Rate Risk Changes in currency exchange rates could reduce or increase investment gains or investment losses, in some
  cases significantly.
- Index Tracking Risk To the extent that the Fund seeks to replicate index performance by holding individual securities, there is no guarantee that its composition or performance will exactly match that of the target index at any given time ("tracking error").
- Investment Leverage Risk Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
- Liquidity Risk Liquidity Risk is the risk that a Fund may encounter difficulties meeting its obligations in respect of financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or other financial assets, thereby compromising existing or remaining investors.
- Operational Risk Operational risks may subject the Fund to errors affecting transactions, valuation, accounting, and financial reporting, among other things.

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