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# **PRODUCT KEY FACTS**

# Schroder International Selection Fund -

Strategic Bond

suer: Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A. April This statement provides you with key information about this product. This statement is a part of the offering document. You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.					
Quick facts					
Management company:	: Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.				
Investment manager:	Schroder Investment Management Limited, located in the United Kingdom, internal delegation				
Sub-investment manager(s) and sub- delegate(s), if any:	Internal delegation to one or more sub-investment manager(s) (if any) and sub- delegate(s) (if any) as described in the section headed "Sub-Investment Managers and Sub-Delegates" in the Hong Kong Covering Document. The list of the latest sub-investment manager(s) and sub-delegate(s) of the fund will be provided on request and shall be further disclosed in the periodic reports of Schroder International Selection Fund.				
Depositary:	J.P. Morgan SE – Luxembourg Branch				
Ongoing charges over a year*:	Class A USD Acc	1.31%	Class A1 USD Acc	1.76%	
	Class A EUR Hedged Acc	1.34%	Class A1 EUR Hedged Acc	1.79%	
	Class A USD Dis MV	1.31%	Class A GBP Hedged Dis AV	1.34%	
	Class A EUR Hedged Dis QV	1.34%	Class A1 EUR Hedged Dis Q	/ 1.79%	
Dealing frequency:	Daily				
Base currency:	USD				
Dividend policy:	A and A1 Accumulation share classes – Dividend will not be distributed but will be reinvested into the fund.				
	A and A1 Distribution share classes – The board of directors generally has discretion as to whether or not to make any distribution. The distribution frequency is indicated in the share class designation as follows: M = monthly, Q = quarterly, S = semi-annual, A = annual				
	Distributions may be paid out of capital and reduce the fund's net asset value.				
Financial year end of this fund:	31 December				
Minimum investment:	A and A1 share classes: Initial – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent); Subsequent investment – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent)				
* The ongoing charges fig may vary from year to yea	gure is based on the expenses fo ar.	r the yea	r ended 31 December 2022. Th	nis figure	

### What is this product?

This is a sub-fund of Schroder International Selection Fund, a mutual fund domiciled in Luxembourg and its home regulator is Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.

#### **Objectives and investment strategy**

#### Investment Objective

The fund aims to provide an absolute return after fees have been deducted by investing in fixed and floating rate securities. Absolute return means the fund seeks to provide a positive return over a 12-month period in all market conditions, but this cannot be guaranteed and your capital is at risk.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed and floating rate securities in various currencies issued by governments, government agencies, supra-nationals and companies worldwide.

The fund may invest:

- up to 10% of its assets in contingent convertible bonds;
- up to 50% of its assets in securities with a non-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies); and
- up to 100% of its assets in asset-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, and/or residential mortgage-backed securities issued worldwide with an investment grade or sub-investment grade credit rating (as measured by Standard & Poor's or any equivalent grade of other credit rating agencies). Underlying assets may include credit card receivables, personal loans, auto loans, small business loans, leases, commercial mortgages and residential mortgages.

The investment manager will assess credit risks of fixed income instruments based on quantitative and qualitative fundamentals, including without limitation the issuer's leverage, operating margin, return on capital, interest coverage, operating cash flows, industry outlook, firm's competitive position and corporate governance issue. For this purpose, if the relevant security does not itself have a credit rating, then reference can be made to the rating of the issuer of the security. If both the security and the relevant issuer are not rated, then the security will be classified as unrated.

The fund is not subject to any limitation on the portion of its net asset value that may be invested in any country (including emerging market countries), region or sector.

The fund may also invest up to one-third of its assets directly or indirectly in other securities (including other asset classes), countries, regions, industries or currencies, investment funds, warrants and money market investments, and hold cash (subject to the restrictions provided in Appendix I of the Prospectus).

The fund may invest less than 30% of its net asset value in debt instruments issued by financial institutions with loss-absorption features (e.g. contingent convertible bonds, Additional Tier 1, Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital notes, senior non-preferred notes, senior and subordinated bonds issued by holding companies of a financial institution). These instruments may be subject to contingent write-down or contingent conversion to ordinary shares on the occurrence of trigger events.

The fund may invest up to 10% of its net asset value in insurance-linked securities ("ILS"), such as catastrophe bonds, issued outside Hong Kong and/or any ILS-related products, such as derivatives or structured products whose returns are linked to the performance of any ILS and collective investment schemes whose investment objective or principal investment strategy is investing in ILS. For the avoidance of doubt, the fund will not invest in ILS issued in Hong Kong and their repackaged products and derivatives.

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Under exceptional circumstances (e.g. market crash or major crisis), the fund may be invested temporarily up to 100% of its net asset value in liquid assets such as bank deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper and treasury bills for cash flow management.

As part of its primary objective, the fund also has the flexibility to implement long and short active currency positions via derivatives such as currency forwards. Long and short active currency positions implemented by the fund can be uncorrelated to the underlying assets of the fund. The fund may use derivatives such as currency forwards, options on currency forwards and spots to hedge out any unwanted currency risk and/or to capture potential outperformance of a particular currency versus another.

The fund will not hold more than 5% of its net asset value in onshore Chinese bonds and other debt instruments traded on the China Interbank Bond Market via Bond Connect (as further described in the section headed "Overview of China Interbank Bond Market" in the Hong Kong Covering Document).

The fund may use derivatives, long and short, with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently.

Derivatives may be employed for instance to generate additional income from exposure to credit risk in purchasing or selling protection through credit default swaps, adjusting the fund's duration through the tactical use of interest related derivatives, generating additional income through inflation or volatility linked derivatives or increasing its currency exposure through the use of currency related derivatives. Derivatives could also be employed to create synthetic instruments. Such derivatives include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, warrants, swaps, forward contracts and/or a combination of the above.

In order to implement an efficiently diversified set of strategies (such as country, yield curve, credit and currency strategies) and to achieve a risk target that is consistent with the fund's risk profile, the fund will use derivatives that may generate a higher level of leverage.

#### <u>Benchmark</u>

The fund's performance should be assessed against its objective of providing a positive return over a 12-month period in all market conditions and compared against the ICE BofA US 3 Month Treasury Bill Index. The comparator benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the investment manager invests the fund's assets.

### Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The fund's net derivative exposure may be more than 100% of the fund's net asset value.

# What are the key risks?

Investment involves risk. Please refer to the offering document for details including the risk factors.

- 1. Debt securities
  - Credit and counterparty risk Investment in debt securities is subject to the credit/default risk of the issuer which may also adversely affect the settlement of the securities.
  - Interest rate risks Investment in the fund is subject to interest rate risk. In general, the prices of debt securities rise when interest rates fall, whilst their prices fall when interest rates rise.
  - Below investment grade and unrated debt securities Investments in fixed income securities below investment grade or unrated are generally subject to higher degree of counterparty risk, credit risk, volatility risk, liquidity risk and risk of loss of principal and interest than higher rated securities.
  - Credit ratings risk Credit ratings assigned by rating agencies are subject to limitations and do not guarantee the creditworthiness of the security and/or issuer at all times.

- Credit downgrading risk The credit rating of debt securities or their issuers may subsequently downgraded. In the event of such downgrading, the value of the fund may be adversely affected. The investment manager may not dispose of such securities immediately and the fund may therefore be subject to additional risk of loss.
- Liquidity and volatility risk Securities not listed or rated or actively traded may have low liquidity and higher volatility. The prices of such securities may be subject to fluctuations. The bid and offer spread of their price may be high and the fund may therefore incur significant trading costs and may even suffer losses when selling such instruments.
- Valuation risk Valuation of the fund's investment may involve uncertainties and judgmental determinations. If such valuation turns out to be incorrect, this may affect the net asset value calculation of the fund.

#### 2. Sovereign debt risk

Investment in sovereign debt obligations issued or guaranteed by governments or their agencies of certain developing countries and certain developed countries may expose the fund to political, social and economic risk. A government entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest due in a timely manner may be affected by various factors. In the event that a government entity defaults on its sovereign debt, holders of sovereign debt, including the fund, may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to the relevant government entity. The fund may suffer significant losses in such events.

#### 3. Risk of investment in Europe

The fund may invest in securities which may include a substantial investment in European securities. In light of the current fiscal conditions and concerns on sovereign debt of certain European countries, the fund may be subject to an increased amount of volatility, liquidity, price, default and currency risk should there be any adverse credit events, such as credit downgrade of a sovereign or exit of EU members from the European region. Notwithstanding the governments of the European countries have adopted measures to address these problems, it is possible that these measures may not work and may adversely affect the value of the fund's investment in European securities. If these adverse economic or financial events in Europe continue, they could have additional unfavourable effects on the economies and financial markets of other parts of the world thereby affecting the value of the fund's investment.

#### 4. Risk of implementing active currency positions

The investment manager has the flexibility to actively manage currency positions which it considers will achieve the investment objective of the fund. However no guarantee or representation is made that such investment strategy/technique will be successful.

When implementing active currency positions, the fund may enter into currency forwards or other instruments with the aim of protecting the value of the assets of the fund against untoward foreign exchange risks and actively managing currency positions of the fund. Currency forwards or other instruments do not eliminate fluctuations in the prices of the fund's securities or in foreign exchange rates, or prevent loss if the prices of these securities decline. Performance may be strongly influenced by movements in foreign exchange rates because currency positions held by the fund may not correspond with securities positions held. In such circumstances, the fund's assets may be exposed to the losses which may in turn adversely affect the net asset value per share of the fund and investors may suffer losses.

#### 5. Derivatives

The fund may use derivatives to meet its specific investment objective. There is no guarantee that the performance of derivatives will result in a positive effect for the fund. The leverage element/component of derivatives can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the derivatives by the fund. Derivative exposure may lead to a high risk of significant capital loss. Risks associated with derivatives include:

- Credit risk and Counterparty risk The fund will be subject to the risk of the inability of any counterparty through or with which the fund conducts the derivative transactions to perform its obligations, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other causes.
- Liquidity risk There may be possible absence of a liquid secondary market for any particular derivatives at any time. The fund may be unable to sell illiquid derivatives at an advantageous time or price and results in a reduction of returns.
- **Valuation risk** The fund is subject to the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives.
- Interest rate risk There may be interest rate risk when swaps (such as total return swaps) involve floating rate payments.
- Volatility risk The fund is subject to the risk of higher volatility of the returns as derivatives usually have a leverage component.
- Over-the-counter ("OTC") transaction risks Derivatives traded in OTC markets may be more volatile and less liquid. Its prices may include an undisclosed dealer mark-up which a fund may pay as part of the purchase price.
- Hedging risk There is no guarantee that the desired hedging instruments will be available or hedging techniques will achieve their desired result. In adverse situations, the use of hedging instruments may become ineffective in hedging and the fund may suffer significant losses.

#### 6. Risks relating to high expected leverage

The fund may have a net leverage exposure of over 100% of its net asset value to derivatives. This will further magnify any potential negative impact of any change in the value of the underlying asset on the fund and also increase the volatility of the fund's price and may lead to significant losses.

#### 7. Mortgage related and other asset backed securities ("ABS")

ABS may be highly illiquid and prone to substantial price volatility. These instruments may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt securities. ABS are often exposed to extension and prepayment risks and risks that the payment obligations relating to the underlying assets are not met, which may adversely impact the returns of the securities.

#### 8. Concentrated geographical locations

The fund investing in concentrated geographical locations may be subject to a higher level of risks comparing to a fund investing in a more diversified portfolio/strategy. The value of the fund may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory event affecting the relevant geographical locations.

#### 9. Emerging and less developed markets

The fund may invest in emerging and less developed markets. Investing in emerging and less developed markets is subject to greater risks than investing in securities of developed countries such as ownership and custody risks, political and economic risks, market and settlement risks, liquidity and volatility risk, legal and regulatory risks, execution and counterparty risk, and currency risk, which may adversely affect the net asset value per share of the fund and investors may as a result suffer losses.

#### 10. Risks relating to distributions

- For distribution share classes with a general dividend policy, expenses will be paid out of capital rather than out of gross income. The amount of distributable income therefore increases and the amount so increased may be considered to be dividend paid out of capital; capital growth will be reduced and in periods of low growth capital erosion may occur.
- Distribution share classes with a fixed dividend policy will distribute the dividends based on a fixed amount or fixed percentage of the net asset value per share. This may result in share classes with fixed

distributions either paying out both income and capital in distribution payments, or not substantially distributing all the investment income which a share class has earned.

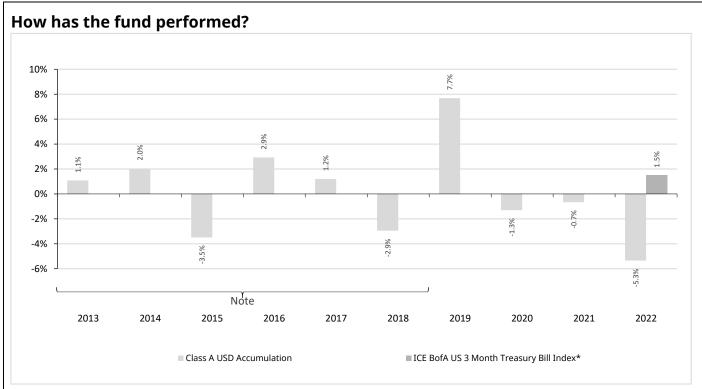
- You should note that in the circumstances where the payment of distributions are paid out of capital, this represents and amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of the amount you originally invested or capital gains attributable to that and may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value per share.
- The distribution amount and net asset value of the currency hedged share class may be adversely affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the currency hedged share classes and the fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than other non-currency hedged share classes.

#### 11. Risks relating to hedging and the hedged classes

- In respect of the share classes which the management company of the fund has the ability to fully hedge the shares of such share classes in relation to the fund currency, currency exposures or currency hedging transactions within the fund's portfolio will not be considered. The aim of a currency hedged share class is to provide you with the performance returns of the fund's investments by reducing the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between the fund currency and the reference currency. However there is no assurance that the hedging strategies employed will be effective in fully eliminating the currency exposure to the reference currency thereby delivering performance differentials that are reflective only of interest rate differences adjusted for fees.
- Where undertaken, the effects of this hedging will be reflected in the net asset value and, therefore, in the performance of such share class. Similarly, any expenses arising from such hedging transactions will be borne by the share class in relation to which the expenses have been incurred.
- It should be noted that, where relevant, these hedging transactions may be entered into whether the reference currency is declining or increasing in value relative to the relevant fund currency and so, where such hedging is undertaken it may substantially protect investors in the relevant share class against a decrease in the value of the fund currency relative to the reference currency, but it may also preclude investors from benefiting from an increase in the value of the fund currency.

#### 12. Currency risks

Assets and share classes may be denominated in currencies other than USD and some may not be freely convertible. The fund may be adversely affected by changes in foreign exchange rates and exchange rate controls of the currencies in which securities are held, the reference currencies of the share classes and the US Dollar. This exposes all share classes of the fund to exchange rate fluctuations and currency risk. It may not be practicable or possible to hedge against such foreign exchange/currency risk exposure.



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the fund's Class A USD Accumulation increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in USD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Comparator Benchmark: ICE BofA US 3 Month Treasury Bill Index\*
- Fund launch date: 2004
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2004
- The management company views the Class A USD Accumulation, being the retail share class denominated in the base currency of the fund, as the most appropriate representative share class of the fund.

Note: The performance of these years was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. During these years, there were material changes to the fund, namely, changes of investment objective and policy, change of investment delegate and reduction of fee(s).

\* With effect from June 2022, a new comparator benchmark, ICE BofA US 3 Month Treasury Bill Index, has been added for the purpose of better performance comparison.

# Is there any guarantee?

This fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

#### What are the fees and charges?

Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the shares of the fund.

Fee	What you pay		
Share class	A	A1	
Subscription fee (Initial charge)	Up to 3.00% of the total subscription amount	Up to 2.00% of the total subscription amount	
Switching fee (Switching charge)	Up to 1.00% of the value of the shares to be switched		
Redemption fee (Redemption charge)	Nil		

Ongoing fees payable by the fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

	Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value)		
Share class *	A	A1	
Management fee (Annual Management Charge)	1.00%		
Depositary fee	Up to 0.005%		
Performance fee	Nil		
Administration fee	Up to 0.25%		
Distribution charge (Annual Distribution Charge)	Nil	0.50%	
Custody safekeeping fee	Up to 0.3%		
Transaction fees (charged by the Depositary)	Up to USD75 per transaction		
Fund accounting and valuation fees	Up to 0.0083%		

\* Where currency hedged share class is offered, a hedging charge of up to 0.03% per annum of the net asset value per share will be borne by the currency hedged share class in relation to which the charge is incurred. The hedging charge will be payable to the management company, which provides the currency hedging service.

Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the shares of the fund. Please refer to the offering document for fees payable by the fund.

#### Additional information

- You generally buy and redeem shares at the fund's relevant net asset value ("NAV") after Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited receives your request, directly or via a distributor, in good order at or before 5pm HK time, being the fund's dealing cut-off time on each dealing day of the fund. Before placing your subscription or redemption orders, please check with your distributor for the distributor's internal dealing cut-off time (which may be earlier than the fund's dealing cut-off time).
- A dividend calendar including details on the distribution frequency and the dividend calculation basis for all available distribution share classes and a composition of the dividend payments (i.e. the percentages of distribution being paid out of capital and net distributable income) for the last twelve months for each of these distribution share classes (i) with a variable distribution policy or (ii) with a fixed dividend policy and paying dividends out of capital are also available from the Schroder Investment Management (Hong Kong) Limited on request and from the Schroders' Internet site (www.schroders.com.hk). This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.
- Past performance information of other share classes offered to Hong Kong investors is available online at www.schroders.com.hk. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.
- The net asset value of this fund is calculated and the price of shares is published on each dealing day. They are available online at www.schroders.com.hk. This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

#### Important

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