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# **PRODUCT KEY FACTS**

# Schroder International Selection Fund – Asian Local Currency Bond

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Quick facts	·				
Management company:	: Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.				
Investment manager and QFI holder:	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd, located in Singapore, 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				
China Custodian:	HSBC Bank (China) Company Lii	mited			
Ongoing charges over a year*:	Class A USD Acc	1.24%	Class A USD Dis MV	1.24%	
year .	Class A1 USD Acc	1.74%	Class A EUR Acc	1.24%	
	Class A EUR Hedged Dis MV	1.27%			
Dealing frequency:	Daily				
Base currency:	USD				
Dividend policy:	A and A1 Accumulation share classes – Dividend will not be distributed but w 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 figure is based on the expenses for the year ended 31 December 2022. This figure may vary from year to year.					

# 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 capital growth and income in excess of the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period<sup>Note</sup> by investing in Asian fixed income securities denominated in local currencies.

<sup>Note</sup> For clarification purpose, this means to exceed a medium to long term return of the stated index after fees have been deducted. The three to five year period is considered as a medium to long term period, and is the period over which an investor should assess the fund's performance.

#### **Investment Policy**

The fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in fixed income securities 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 for rated bonds and implied Schroders ratings for non-rated bonds) denominated in local currencies issued by government, government agencies and companies in Asia (excluding Japan) and derivatives related to the above instruments. For the purposes of this fund, Asia includes the following west Asian countries: Bahrain, Israel, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

The exposure of the fund to fixed income securities with a sub-investment grade credit rating will not exceed 20% of its net asset value.

The fund may invest in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") through Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") status of the investment manager and under CIBM Direct (as further described in the section headed "Overview of China Interbank Bond Market" in the Hong Kong Covering Document). The fund will not hold more than 5% of its net asset value in PRC onshore investments traded on the China Interbank Bond Market ("CIBM") via Bond Connect (as further described in the section headed "Overview of China Interbank Bond Market" in the Hong Kong Covering Document). It is intended that the exposure of the fund to PRC onshore investments through QFI, Bond Connect and CIBM Direct will be less than 30% of the net asset value.

#### The fund may not invest:-

- (a) more than 10% of its net asset value in Urban Investment Bonds (城投債), which means debt instruments issued by local government financing vehicles ("LGFVs") and traded on the PRC exchange-traded bond markets and interbank bond market. These LGFVs are separate legal entities established by local governments and/or their affiliates to raise financing for public welfare investment or infrastructure projects;
- (b) more than 5% of its net asset value in asset-backed securities (including mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed commercial papers); and
- (c) in structured deposits or structured products.

The fund does not have explicit restrictions on the minimum credit ratings of debt securities it may invest through QFI and the China Interbank Bond Market Initiative. The aggregate investment in debt securities with a credit rating below investment grade (i.e. rated below BBB- or equivalent by any internationally recognised credit rating agency, such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch, or rated AA- or below by any PRC domestic credit rating agency; whenever different ratings are assigned by different credit rating agencies, the lowest credit ratings assigned to the security will be adopted by the fund) or unrated debt securities through QFI and the China Interbank Bond Market Initiative will not exceed 20% of the fund's net asset value. 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 credit 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 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.

Investments in mainland China Regulated Markets and interbank bond markets may also be performed indirectly through notes, certificates or other instruments (which qualify as transferable securities and do not embed a derivative element), open-ended investment funds and eligible derivative transactions.

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

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 intends to use derivatives (including total return swaps and long and short currency forwards) with the aim of achieving investment gains, reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. Where the fund uses total return swaps, the underlying consists of instruments in which the fund may invest according to its investment objective and investment policy. In particular, the aim is to use total return swaps on a temporary basis in market conditions including but not limited to periods of slow economic growth and falling interest rates, and where the investment manager's view is that sovereign spread premiums will compress. The gross exposure of total return swaps will not exceed 20% and is expected to remain within the range of 0% to 5% of the net asset value. In certain circumstances this proportion may be higher.

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.

The fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index, based on the investment manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section of the Fund Details, as set out in Appendix III of the Prospectus.

#### **Benchmark**

The fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index. The fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the target benchmark. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the fund.

#### 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. Risk relating to investment in 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.
- Risks relating to PRC credit rating agencies The credit appraisal system in the PRC and the rating
  methodologies employed in the PRC may be different from those employed in other markets. Credit
  ratings given by PRC rating agencies may therefore not be directly comparable with those given by
  other international rating agencies.
- 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. Risks related to investment in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC")

Investing in the securities market in the PRC is subject to the risks specific to the PRC market including change in political, social or economic policy risk, liquidity and volatility risk, currency and exchange risk.

Change in political, social or economic policy risk— The investment will be sensitive to any
significant change in political, social or economic policy in the PRC which may adversely affect the
capital growth and thus the fund performance.

- Legal and regulatory risk— The regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in the PRC may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. PRC companies are required to follow the PRC accounting standards and practice which may deviate significantly from international accounting standards. The settlement and clearing systems of the Chinese securities markets may not be well tested and may be subject to increased risks of error or inefficiency. Securities exchanges in the PRC typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange. The government or the regulators may also implement policies that may affect the financial markets. All these may have a negative impact on the fund.
- Liquidity and volatility risk Compared with the choice available in other markets, there is a low level
  of liquidity in the securities market in the PRC. This could potentially lead to severe price volatility.
- Currency and exchange risk The PRC government's control of currency conversion and exchange
  rates may adversely affect the operations and financial results of the companies invested in by the
  fund.
- PRC taxation consideration The fund investing in securities issued by companies resident in the PRC are subject to dividend withholding tax but are not currently subject to capital gains tax in the PRC. The tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC are inherently uncertain and liable to change without prior notice. They may also be changed with retrospective effect. The fund does not currently make any provision for Chinese capital gains tax. If appropriate, a provision may be introduced for the fund to cover capital gains tax, withholding taxes or other taxes. Consequently, investors may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the final rules.

#### 3. QFI Risks

- QFI status: Investors should note that QFI status could be suspended or revoked/terminated or otherwise invalidated, which may have an adverse effect on the fund's performance as the fund may be required to dispose of its securities holdings and /or may be prohibited from trading of relevant securities and repatriation of the fund's monies. The funds may suffer substantial losses. There can be no assurance that the investment manager (as QFI Holder) will continue to maintain its QFI status which may result in a rejection of application for subscriptions or a suspension of dealings of the fund. Under the QFI regimes, the QFI Holder and the fund, which uses the investment manager's status as a QFI, are not subject to quota restrictions. There is no assurance, however, that PRC rules and regulations will not change or that quota restrictions will not be imposed in the future.
- Risks regarding application of QFI rules: The fund is subject to the QFI rules and application of such rules may depend on the interpretation given by the relevant Chinese authorities. The fund's ability to make the relevant investments or to fully implement or pursue its investment objective and strategy is subject to the applicable laws, rules and regulations (including restrictions on investments and repatriation of principal and profits) in the PRC, which are subject to change. Any changes to the rules, which may have potential retrospective effect, may have an adverse impact on investors' investment in the fund.
- Repatriation and liquidity risks: There is no assurance that PRC rules and regulations will not change or that lock-up periods or repatriation restrictions will not be imposed in the future. Any restrictions on repatriation of the invested capital and net profits may impact on the fund's ability to meet redemption requests.
- Cash deposited with China Custodian: If the China Custodian defaults, the fund may suffer substantial losses as the cash deposited in the cash accounts are not segregated from that of other creditors of the China Custodian and therefore become an unsecured debt owing from the China Custodian to the fund. The fund may face difficulty in recovering such debt and therefore suffer losses.
- PRC brokerage risk: The fund's execution or settlement of transactions may be adversely affected if the PRC broker defaults/bankrupts. The fund may therefore suffer losses.

#### 4. 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 risks. 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.

#### 5. 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.

#### 6. 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. Long and short positions gained
  through total return swaps may increase exposure to credit-related risk.
- 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.
- Volatility risk— The fund is subject to the risk of higher volatility of the returns as derivatives usually have a leverage component.
- Interest rate risk There may be interest rate risk when swaps (such as total return swaps) involve floating rate payments.
- 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.

#### 7. 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.

#### 8. 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.

#### 9. 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.

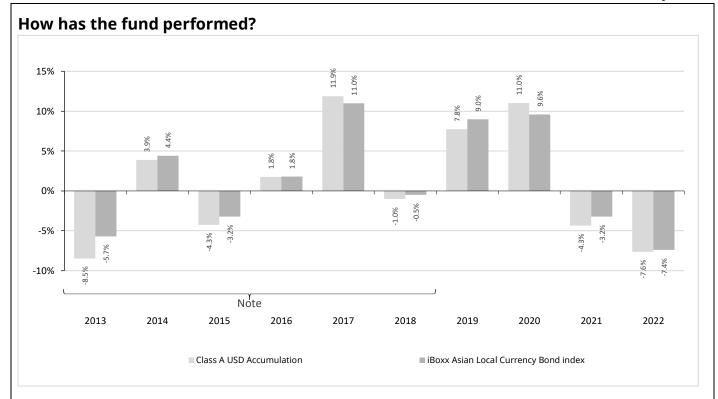
#### 10. Risks relating to distributions

- 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 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, where relevant, that 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.
- Target Benchmark: iBoxx Asian Local Currency Bond index
- Fund launch date: 2008
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2008
- 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 and reduction of fee(s).

# 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	Α	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%		

<sup>\*</sup> 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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