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Dear Shareholder,

## Schroder International Selection Fund (the "Company") – Emerging Europe (the "Fund")

We are writing to advise you that on 15 August 2024 (the "Effective Date") the Fund will incorporate binding environmental and/or social characteristic(s), within the meaning of Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation ("SFDR").

## **Background and rationale**

We believe that incorporating sustainability factors into the Fund's strategy aligns with the increasing desire among investors for strategies that can clearly demonstrate their sustainability credentials.

Details of the Fund's environmental and/or social characteristics and how it seeks to achieve them will be disclosed in the Fund's investment policy and under a new section called "Sustainability Criteria" in the Fund Characteristics section of the Company's prospectus. There will also be a pre-contractual disclosure for the Fund included in Appendix IV of the prospectus containing more information relating to the environmental and/or social characteristic(s) promoted by the Fund.

Full details of the changes being made to the Fund's investment policy can be viewed in the appendix to this letter.

The extent of the change to the risk/reward profile of the Fund as a result of this change is non-significant.

There are no other changes to the Fund's investment style, investment philosophy, investment strategy, and the operation and/or manner in which the Funds are being managed following these changes.

All other key features of the Fund, including the relevant risk indicator and fees, will remain the same.

## Treatment of Russian equity and equity related securities (the "Russian Assets")

As a result of the unprecedented geo-political situation caused by Russia's invasion of the Ukraine and the resultant impact of sanctions and the actions of governments and market counterparties on certain Russian issuers and assets, the Russian Assets held by the Fund as of 25 February 2022 were ring fenced within the Fund and reallocated to X9 and Y9 share classes.

The Russian Assets held within the X9 and Y9 share classes will be unaffected by this change and will remain separate to the main holdings of the Fund. The Fund will not include or consider the Russian Assets for the purposes of its Article 8 classification under SFDR.

## Redeeming or switching your shares to another Schroders fund

We hope that you will choose to remain invested in the Fund following these changes, but if you do wish to redeem your holding in the Fund or to switch into another of the Company's sub-funds before the Effective Date you may do so at any time up to and including deal cut-off on **14 August 2024**. Please ensure that your

redemption or switch instruction reaches the Singapore Representative, Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd before this deadline. We will execute your redemption or switch instructions in accordance with the provisions of the Company's prospectus, free of charge, although in some countries local paying agents, correspondent banks or similar agents might charge transaction fees. Local agents might also have a local deal cut-off which is earlier than that described above, so please check with them to ensure that your instructions reach us before the deal cut-off given above.

We advise shareholders to read the Fund's Product Highlight Sheet (the PHS) for the relevant Share Class and the Company's prospectus, which are available at <a href="https://www.schroders.com.sg">www.schroders.com.sg</a>.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Schroders' products, you can either visit <a href="https://www.schroders.com">www.schroders.com</a>, contact your local Schroders office, your usual professional adviser, or dial Schroders' Investor Hotline at +65 6534 4288.

Yours faithfully,

Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd.

This is a computer-generated letter and requires no signature.

## **Appendix**

New wording is shown in bold.

#### **Current investment policy**

The Fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in a concentrated portfolio of equity and equity related securities of Central and Eastern European companies, including the markets of the former Soviet Union and the Mediterranean emerging markets. The Fund may also invest in equity and equity related securities of North African and Middle Eastern companies.

The Fund typically holds 30-50 companies.

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).

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The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the MSCI EFM Europe + CIS (E+C) Index (Net TR), 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.

The Fund does not directly invest in certain activities, industries or groups of issuers above the limits listed under "Sustainability-Related Disclosure" on the Fund's webpage https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/fund-centre

#### **Sustainability Criteria**

N/A

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The Investment Manager applies governance and sustainability criteria when selecting investments for the Fund.

The Investment Manager performs due diligence on potential holdings, including meetings with management, and assesses the company's governance, environmental and social profile across a range of factors. This process is supported by quantitative analysis provided by Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools, which are key inputs to assess how existing and potential investments for the portfolio are meeting the Fund's sustainability criteria. In some cases, companies which fall below the sustainability criteria may still be eligible for investment if, as a result of proprietary analysis and ongoing engagement with management, the Investment Manager believes the company will meet

its sustainability criteria within a realistic time horizon.

For a company to be eligible to be held in the Fund, it is expected to show a commitment to its stakeholders, including customers, employees, suppliers, shareholders and regulators. The Fund selects companies whose businesses demonstrate good governance and aim to treat stakeholders equitably.

The sources of information used to perform the analysis include information provided by the companies, such as company sustainability reports and other relevant company material, as well as Schroders' proprietary sustainability tools and third-party data and reports.

More details on the Investment Manager's approach to sustainability and its engagement with companies are available on the webpage https://www.schroders.com/en-lu/lu/individual/what-we-do/sustainable-investing/our-sustainable-investment-policies-disclosures-voting-reports/disclosures-and-statements/

The Fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than its investment universe, based on the Investment Manager's rating system.

The Investment Manager ensures that at least:

- 90% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in developed countries; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by developed countries; and
- 75% of the portion of the NAV composed of equities issued by large companies domiciled in emerging countries; equities issued by small and medium companies; fixed or floating rate securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating; and sovereign debt issued by emerging countries,

is rated against the sustainability criteria. For the purposes of this test, small companies are those with market capitalisation below €5 billion, medium companies are those between €5 billion and €10 billion and large companies are those above €10 billion.

# ISIN codes of share classes affected by the changes:

Share Class	Share Class Currency	ISIN
A Distribution	EUR	LU0106820458
A Accumulation	EUR	LU0106817157
C Distribution	EUR	LU0106824443
C Accumulation	EUR	LU0106820292

## **Share Classes holding Russian Assets**

Share Class	Share Class Currency	ISIN
Y9 Accumulation	EUR	LU2473381015