

PRODUCT SUPPLEMENT NO. 2
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HSBC USA Inc.

Principal at Risk Securities Linked To One Or More Indices, Exchange-Traded Funds or Equity Securities

HSBC USA Inc. (“HSBC”) may, from time to time, offer and sell securities linked to one or more equity indices (each, an “Index” and collectively, the “Indices”), exchange-traded funds (each, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”) or common equity securities or American depositary shares (“ADSs”) of a company not affiliated with us (each, an “Underlying Stock” and collectively, the “Underlying Stocks”), or any combination thereof. The Indices, Funds and Underlying Stocks are sometimes referred to herein collectively as the “Market Measures” and individually as a “Market Measure.” Market-linked securities, such as the securities described in this product supplement, are principal-at-risk securities, which means that you may receive less than the original public offering price of the securities (the “original offering price”) at maturity, depending on the performance of one or more of the Market Measures. We refer to all securities offered under this product supplement as the “securities.”

The securities will be senior unsecured debt securities issued by HSBC. Any payments due on the securities, including any repayment of principal, will be subject to the credit risk of HSBC. If HSBC defaults on its obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment.

This prospectus supplement, which we refer to as a “product supplement,” describes some of the general terms that apply to the securities. This product supplement supplements the disclosure in any pricing supplement that may reference it, the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus. A separate pricing supplement will describe terms that apply to specific issuances of the securities and may include changes to the terms specified in this product supplement. A separate underlying supplement or the relevant pricing supplement will describe any Market Measure(s) to which the securities are linked. If the disclosure in the relevant pricing supplement is inconsistent with the disclosure in this product supplement, any accompanying underlying supplement, the prospectus supplement or the prospectus, the disclosure in the relevant pricing supplement will control.

You should carefully review the specific terms of the securities described in the applicable pricing supplement together with the information contained in this product supplement, any applicable underlying supplement and the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus before investing in the securities.

The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange or automated quotation system.

The securities have complex features and investing in the securities involves risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page PS-5 of this product supplement. In addition, see the applicable pricing supplement, which will describe more specifically the risks relating to the particular issuance of securities as well as the risks associated with the particular Market Measure(s) to which your securities are linked.

The securities are the unsecured obligations of HSBC, and, accordingly, all payments are subject to credit risk. If HSBC defaults on its obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment. The securities are not deposit obligations of a bank and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental agency of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission or other regulatory body has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this product supplement, any underlying supplement or the accompanying prospectus supplement and prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.
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ABOUT THIS PRODUCT SUPPLEMENT

You should read this product supplement, together with the accompanying prospectus supplement and the prospectus, any applicable underlying supplement, the applicable pricing supplement and/or other supplement, which together contain a description of the terms of the securities to be offered, and which supersede all prior or contemporaneous oral statements as well as any other written materials. Information included in this product supplement supersedes information in any accompanying underlying supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent that it is different from that information. The “General Terms of the Securities” section in this product supplement supersedes the “Additional Terms of the Notes” section in each applicable underlying supplement.

You should carefully consider, among other things, the matters set forth under “Risk Factors” in this product supplement and the applicable pricing supplement, as the securities have complex features and involve risks not associated with conventional debt securities. We urge you to consult your investment, legal, tax, accounting and other advisers before you invest in the securities.

Defined terms used in this product supplement and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

When we refer to “we,” “us” or “our” in this product supplement, we refer only to HSBC, and not any of our agents or affiliates, unless the context indicates otherwise.

SUMMARY

Below is a summary of some of the key terms used throughout this product supplement. The applicable pricing supplement may use another term to describe the same feature, some of which are identified below.

General: The securities are senior unsecured debt securities issued by HSBC, and are not guaranteed by any agent or affiliate of HSBC, or insured by the FDIC or any other governmental agency of the United States or any other jurisdiction, and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of any third party. The securities rank equally with all of our other unsecured senior debt from time to time outstanding. **Any payments due on the securities, including any repayment of principal, are subject to credit risk. If HSBC defaults on its obligations, you could lose some or all of your investment.**

Maturity Payment Amount: **Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity.** Instead, the securities provide for a maturity payment amount that may be greater than, equal to or less than the face amount of the securities, depending on the performance of one or more:

- equity indices (each, an “Index” and collectively, the “Indices”);
- exchange-traded funds (each, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”);
- common equity securities or American depository shares of a company not affiliated with us (each, an “Underlying Stock” and collectively, the “Underlying Stocks”); or
- any combination of the foregoing,

as specified in the applicable pricing supplement. **Accordingly, you could lose some or all of your investment.**

In this product supplement, we sometimes refer to the Indices, Funds and Underlying Stocks to which your securities may be linked collectively as the “Market Measures” and individually as a “Market Measure.” The index underlying a Fund is sometimes referred to as a “fund underlying index.” We refer to the issuer of an Underlying Stock as an “Underlying Stock Issuer.”

The applicable pricing supplement may also refer to a Market Measure as an “Underlier” or an “Underlying.” In addition, if the securities are linked to a weighted basket composed of two or more Market Measures, the applicable pricing supplement may refer to each Market Measure as a “basket component.” The securities may also be linked to the worst performing or best performing of two or more Market Measures, as described in the accompanying pricing supplement.

You should carefully read the applicable pricing supplement to understand the circumstances in which the performance of the relevant Market Measure(s) will cause you to receive less than the face amount at maturity.

Coupon: The securities will not pay a coupon unless the applicable pricing supplement specifically provides otherwise. If the applicable pricing supplement provides for the payment of a coupon, the coupon rate and the coupon payment date(s) will be specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

Face Amount and Original Offering Price: The face amount of each security and the original offering price of each security will be specified in the applicable pricing supplement.

Pricing Date: We refer to the date on which a particular issuance of securities is priced for initial sale to the public as the “pricing date.” The applicable pricing supplement may also refer to the pricing date as the “trade date.”

Calculation Day(s): We refer to each date on which the value of any Market Measure is to be referenced in the determination of any payment on the securities as a “calculation day.” If there is a single calculation day for the securities, references to the “final calculation day” herein mean such calculation day.

The applicable pricing supplement may also refer to a calculation day as a “valuation date,” an “observation date,” a “determination date” or such other term as specified in the applicable pricing supplement. The calculation day(s)

will be specified in the applicable pricing supplement and will be subject to postponement due to non-trading days and market disruption events. See “General Terms of the Securities—Consequences of a Market Disruption Event; Postponement of a Calculation Day.”

Payment Date(s):	The relevant pricing supplement will specify the stated maturity date and any other date on which amounts will or may be payable on the securities (each referred to as a “ <u>payment date</u> ”). Each payment date is subject to postponement as described under “General Terms of the Securities—Payment Dates.”
Closing Value:	When we refer to the “ <u>closing value</u> ” of a Market Measure herein we mean, on any date of determination, (i) with respect to an Index, its closing level (as defined herein) on that day; (ii) with respect to a Fund, its fund closing price (as defined herein) on that day; and (iii) with respect to an Underlying Stock, its stock closing price (as defined herein) on that day.
Calculation Agent:	Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, HSBC or one of our affiliates will act as initial calculation agent for the securities. We may appoint a different calculation agent at any time without your consent and without notifying you.
No Listing:	The securities will not be listed on any securities exchange or automated quotation system.
Material Tax Consequences:	For a discussion of the material U.S. federal income and certain estate tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the securities, see “United States Federal Tax Considerations.”

RISK FACTORS

The securities have complex features and investing in the securities will involve risks not associated with an investment in conventional debt securities. You should carefully consider the risk factors set forth below as well as the other information contained in the applicable pricing supplement, any applicable underlying supplement and/or other supplement, the prospectus supplement and the prospectus, including the documents they incorporate by reference. The risk factors set forth below describe certain significant risks associated with an investment in the securities. You should read these risk factors together with the risk factors included in the applicable pricing supplement, which will describe more specifically the risks relating to the particular issuance of securities as well as the risks associated with the particular Market Measure(s) to which your securities are linked. As described in more detail below, the value of the securities may vary considerably before the stated maturity date due to events that are difficult to predict and are beyond our control. You should reach an investment decision only after you have carefully considered with your advisors the appropriateness of an investment in the securities in light of your particular circumstances.

General Risk Factors Relating To All Securities

The Securities Are Not Ordinary Debt Securities – You May Lose Some Or All Of The Face Amount.

Unlike ordinary debt securities, the securities do not repay a fixed amount of principal at maturity. Instead, the securities provide for a maturity payment amount that may be greater than, equal to or less than the face amount of the securities, depending on the performance of the relevant Market Measure(s) and other terms of the securities, as described in the applicable pricing supplement. You should carefully read the applicable pricing supplement to understand the circumstances in which the performance of the Market Measure(s) will cause you to receive less than the face amount of your securities at maturity. Depending on the particular terms of the securities, you may lose up to all of the face amount of your securities. You should not invest in the securities if you are unable or unwilling to bear the risk of losing a significant portion or all of the face amount of your securities at maturity.

Uncertain tax treatment.

For a discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of your investment in a security, please see the discussion under “United States Federal Tax Considerations” herein and the discussion under “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” in the accompanying HSBC Prospectus Supplement dated February 21, 2024.

The Securities Are Subject To Our Credit Risk.

The securities are our obligations and are not, either directly or indirectly, an obligation of any third party. Any amounts payable under the securities are subject to our creditworthiness, and you will have no ability to pursue any Underlying Stock, any securities included in any Index, the shares of any Fund or any securities held by any Fund for payment. As a result, our actual and perceived creditworthiness may affect the value of the securities and, in the event we were to default on our obligations under the securities, you may not receive any amounts owed to you under the terms of the securities.

The Estimated Initial Value Of The Securities, Which Will Be Determined By Us On The Pricing Date, Is Expected To Be Less Than The Original Offering Price And May Differ From The Market Value Of The Securities In The Secondary Market, If Any.

The estimated initial value of the securities will be calculated by us on the pricing date and is expected to be less than the original offering price. The estimated initial value will reflect our and our affiliates’ internal funding rate, which is the borrowing rate paid to issue market-linked securities, as well as the mid-market value of the embedded derivatives in the securities. This internal funding rate is typically lower than the rate we would use when we issue conventional fixed or floating rate debt securities. As a result of the difference between our internal funding rate and the rate we would use when we issue conventional fixed or floating rate debt securities, the estimated initial value of the securities may be lower if it were based on the prices at which our fixed or floating rate debt securities trade in the secondary market. In addition, if we were to use the rate we use for our conventional fixed or floating rate debt issuances, we would expect the economic terms of the securities to be more favorable to you. We will determine the value of the embedded derivatives in the securities by reference to our or our affiliates’ internal pricing models. These pricing models consider certain assumptions and variables, which can include volatility and interest rates. Different pricing models and assumptions could provide valuations for the securities that are different from our estimated initial value. These pricing models rely in part on certain forecasts about future events, which may prove to be incorrect. The estimated initial value does not represent a minimum price at which we or any of our affiliates would be willing to purchase your securities in the secondary market (if any exists) at any time.

The Price Of Your Securities In The Secondary Market, If Any, Immediately After The Pricing Date Is Expected To Be Less Than The Original Offering Price.

The original offering price takes into account certain costs. These costs, which, unless specified otherwise in the applicable pricing supplement, will be used or retained by us or one of our affiliates, include our affiliates’ projected hedging profits (which may or may not be realized) for assuming risks inherent in hedging our obligations under the securities and the costs associated with structuring and hedging our obligations under the securities. If you were to sell your securities in the secondary market, if any, the price you would receive

for your securities may be less than the price you paid for them because secondary market prices will not take into account these costs. The price of your securities in the secondary market, if any, at any time after issuance will vary based on many factors, including the value of the Market Measure and changes in market conditions, and cannot be predicted with accuracy. The securities are not designed to be short-term trading instruments, and you should, therefore, be able and willing to hold the securities to maturity. Any sale of the securities prior to maturity could result in a loss to you.

If We Were To Repurchase Your Securities Immediately After The Original Issue Date, The Price You Receive May Be Higher Than The Estimated Initial Value Of The Securities.

Assuming that all relevant factors remain constant after the original issue date, the price at which any of the underwriters, dealers, agents or their affiliates may initially buy or sell the securities in the secondary market, if any, and the value that may initially be used for customer account statements, if any, may exceed the estimated initial value on the pricing date for a temporary period after the original issue date. This temporary price difference may exist because, in our discretion, we may elect to effectively reimburse to investors a portion of the estimated cost of hedging our obligations under the securities and other costs in connection with the securities that we will no longer expect to incur over the term of the securities. We will make such discretionary election and determine this temporary reimbursement period on the basis of a number of factors, including the tenor of the securities and any agreement we may have with the distributors of the securities. The amount of our estimated costs which we effectively reimburse to investors in this way may not be allocated ratably throughout the reimbursement period, and we may discontinue such reimbursement at any time or revise the duration of the reimbursement period after the original issue date of the securities based on changes in market conditions and other factors that cannot be predicted.

The Value Of The Securities Prior To Stated Maturity Will Be Affected By Numerous Factors, Some Of Which Are Related In Complex Ways.

The value of the securities prior to stated maturity will be affected by the then-current value of the Market Measure(s), interest rates at that time and a number of other factors, some of which are interrelated in complex ways. The effect of any one factor may be offset or magnified by the effect of another factor. The following factors, which we refer to as the “derivative component factors,” are expected to affect the value of the securities. When we refer to the “value” of your security, we mean the value you could receive for your security if you are able to sell it in the open market before the stated maturity date.

- **Market Measure Performance.** The value of the securities prior to maturity will depend substantially on the then-current value of the Market Measure(s). The price at which you may be able to sell the securities before stated maturity may be at a discount, which could be substantial, from their original offering price, if the value of the Market Measure(s) at such time is less than, equal to or not sufficiently above its starting value or other value relevant to the determination of any payments on the securities specified in the applicable pricing supplement.
- **Interest Rates.** The value of the securities may be affected by changes in the interest rates in the U.S. markets.
- **Volatility Of The Market Measure(s).** Volatility is the term used to describe the size and frequency of market fluctuations. The value of the securities may be affected if the volatility of the Market Measure(s) changes.
- **Correlation Among The Market Measures.** If the securities are linked to more than one Market Measure, the value of the securities may be affected by changes in the correlation among the Market Measures. Correlation refers to the extent to which the values of the Market Measures tend to fluctuate at the same time, in the same direction and in similar magnitudes. The correlation among the Market Measures may be positive, zero or negative. The value of the securities is likely to decrease if the correlation among the Market Measures decreases.
- **Time Remaining To Maturity.** The value of the securities at any given time prior to maturity will likely be different from that which would be expected based on the then-current value of the Market Measure(s). This difference will most likely reflect a discount due to expectations and uncertainty concerning the value of the Market Measure(s) during the period of time still remaining to the stated maturity date.
- **Dividend Yields.** The value of the securities may be affected by the dividend yields on (i) with respect to an Index, the securities included in such Index; (ii) with respect to a Fund, such Fund or the securities held by such Fund; or (iii) with respect to an Underlying Stock, such Underlying Stock. In each case, the amount of such dividends may influence the closing value of the applicable Market Measure.
- **Currency Exchange Rates.** If the securities are linked to an Index or a Fund that includes securities quoted in one or more foreign currencies and the value of such Index or Fund is based on the U.S. dollar value of such securities, the value of the securities may be affected if the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and any such foreign currency changes.
- **Volatility Of Currency Exchange Rates.** If the securities are linked to an Index and the level of such Index is based on the value of its component securities as expressed in a foreign currency, then the value of the securities may be affected if the volatility of the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and that foreign currency changes.

- **Correlation Between Currency Exchange Rates And An Index.** If the securities are linked to an Index and the level of such Index is based on the value of its component securities as expressed in a foreign currency, then the value of the securities may be affected by changes in the correlation between the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and that foreign currency and the applicable Index.

In addition to the derivative component factors, the value of the securities will be affected by actual or anticipated changes in our creditworthiness. You should understand that the impact of one of the factors specified above, such as a change in interest rates, may offset some or all of any change in the value of the securities attributable to another factor, such as a change in the value of a Market Measure. Because numerous factors are expected to affect the value of the securities, changes in the value of the Market Measure(s) may not result in a comparable change in the value of the securities.

The Securities Will Not Be Listed On Any Securities Exchange And We Do Not Expect A Trading Market For The Securities To Develop.

The securities will not be listed or displayed on any securities exchange or any automated quotation system. Although the agent and/or its affiliates may purchase the securities from holders, they are not obligated to do so and are not required to make a market for the securities. There can be no assurance that a secondary market will develop. Because we do not expect that any market makers will participate in a secondary market for the securities, the price at which you may be able to sell your securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which the agent is willing to buy your securities.

If a secondary market does exist, it may be limited. Accordingly, there may be a limited number of buyers if you decide to sell your securities prior to stated maturity. This may affect the price you receive upon such sale. Consequently, you should be willing to hold the securities to stated maturity.

Investing In The Securities Is Not The Same As Investing In Any Market Measure.

Investing in the securities is not equivalent to investing in any Market Measure. As an investor in the securities, your return will not reflect the return you would realize if you actually owned and held any Underlying Stock, the shares of any Fund or the securities included in any Index for a period similar to the term of the securities because you will not receive any dividend payments, distributions or any other payments paid on those shares or securities. As a holder of the securities, you will not have any voting rights or any other rights that holders of an Underlying Stock, a Fund or the securities included in an Index would have.

Historical Values Of A Market Measure Should Not Be Taken As An Indication Of The Future Performance Of Such Market Measure During The Term Of The Securities.

It is impossible to predict whether the value of a Market Measure will fall or rise. The value of a Market Measure will be influenced by complex and interrelated political, economic, financial and other factors that can affect such Market Measure. Accordingly, any historical values of a Market Measure do not provide an indication of the future performance of such Market Measure.

A Payment Date And The Stated Maturity Date May Be Postponed If A Calculation Day Is Postponed.

A calculation day is subject to postponement for non-trading days and market disruption events as described under “General Terms of the Securities” below. If such a postponement occurs with respect to a calculation day other than the final calculation day (if any), then the related payment date will be postponed. If such a postponement occurs with respect to the final calculation day, the stated maturity date will be the later of (i) the initial stated maturity date and (ii) three business days after the last final calculation day as postponed.

Our Economic Interests And Those Of Any Dealer Participating In The Offering Are Potentially Adverse To Your Interests.

You should be aware of the following ways in which our economic interests and those of any dealer participating in the distribution of the securities, which we refer to as a “participating dealer,” are potentially adverse to your interests as an investor in the securities. In engaging in certain of the activities described below, our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may take actions that may adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities, and in so doing they will have no obligation to consider your interests as an investor in the securities. Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may realize a profit from these activities even if investors do not receive a favorable investment return on the securities.

- ***The calculation agent may be required to make discretionary judgments that affect the return you receive on the securities.*** HSBC or one of our affiliates will be the calculation agent for the securities. As calculation agent, HSBC or such affiliate will determine any values of a Market Measure and make any other determinations necessary to calculate any payments on the securities. In making these determinations, the calculation agent may be required to make discretionary judgments, including, but not limited to:
 - determining whether a non-trading day or market disruption event has occurred on any date that the value of a Market Measure is to be determined;

- with respect to an Index, (i) determining the closing level of such Index if a calculation day is postponed to the last day to which it may be postponed and a market disruption event occurs with respect to such Index on that day; (ii) if an Index is discontinued, selecting a successor equity index or, if no successor equity index is available, determining the closing level of such Index on any date of determination; and (iii) determining whether to adjust the closing level of such Index on a calculation day in the event of certain changes in or modifications to such Index;
- with respect to a Fund, (i) determining the fund closing price of such Fund if a calculation day is postponed with respect to such Fund to the last day to which it may be postponed and a market disruption event with respect to such Fund occurs on that day; (ii) adjusting the adjustment factor for a Fund and other terms of the securities in certain circumstances; (iii) if a Fund undergoes a liquidation event, selecting a successor fund or, if no successor fund is available, determining the fund closing price of such Fund on any date of determination; and (iv) determining whether to adjust the fund closing price of a Fund on a calculation day in the event of certain changes in or modifications to such Fund or its fund underlying index; and
- with respect to an Underlying Stock, (i) determining the stock closing price of such Underlying Stock if a calculation day is postponed with respect to such Underlying Stock to the last day to which it may be postponed and a market disruption event occurs with respect to such Underlying Stock on that day; (ii) determining the stock closing price of an Underlying Stock if it is not otherwise available on any date of determination; (iii) adjusting the adjustment factor for an Underlying Stock in certain circumstances; and (iv) if a replacement stock event occurs with respect to an Underlying Stock, selecting a replacement stock to be substituted for such Underlying Stock and making certain other adjustments to the terms of the securities.

In making these discretionary judgments, HSBC's determinations as calculation agent may adversely affect your return on the securities.

- **Research reports by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may be inconsistent with an investment in the securities and may adversely affect the value of a Market Measure.** Our affiliates or any participating dealer in the offering of the securities or its affiliates may, at present or in the future, publish research reports relating to a Market Measure. When we refer to a research report relating to a Market Measure, we mean (i) with respect to an Index, research reports on such Index or the companies whose securities are included in such Index; (ii) with respect to a Fund, research reports on such Fund or its fund underlying index or the companies whose securities are held by or included in such Fund or its fund underlying index; and (iii) with respect to an Underlying Stock, research reports on such Underlying Stock. This research is modified from time to time without notice and may, at present or in the future, express opinions or provide recommendations that are inconsistent with purchasing or holding the securities. Any research reports relating to a Market Measure could adversely affect the value of the applicable Market Measure and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities. You are encouraged to derive information concerning a Market Measure from multiple sources and should not rely on the views expressed by us or our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates. In addition, any research reports relating to a Market Measure published on or prior to the pricing date could result in an increase in the value of the applicable Market Measure on the pricing date, which would adversely affect investors in the securities by increasing the value at which such Market Measure must close on a calculation day in order for investors in the securities to receive a favorable return.
- **Business activities of our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the value of a Market Measure.** Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may, at present or in the future, engage in business with (i) with respect to an Index, the companies whose securities are included in such Index; (ii) with respect to a Fund, the companies whose securities are held by or included in such Fund or its fund underlying index; and (iii) with respect to an Underlying Stock, the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer. These business activities may include making loans to those companies (including exercising creditors' remedies with respect to such loans), making equity investments in those companies or providing investment banking, asset management or other advisory services to those companies. These business activities could adversely affect the value of the applicable Market Measure and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities. In addition, in the course of these business activities, our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may acquire non-public information about any of those companies. If our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates do acquire such non-public information, we and they are not obligated to disclose such non-public information to you.
- **Hedging activities by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the value of a Market Measure.** We expect to hedge our obligations under the securities through one or more hedge counterparties, which may include our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates. Pursuant to such hedging activities, our hedge counterparties may acquire (i) with respect to an Index, the securities included in such Index or listed or over-the-counter derivative or synthetic instruments related to such Index or such securities; (ii) with respect to a Fund, shares of such Fund, securities held by or included in such Fund or its fund underlying index or listed or over-the-counter derivative or synthetic instruments related to the Fund or such securities; and (iii) with respect to an Underlying Stock, such Underlying Stock or listed or over-the-counter derivative or synthetic instruments related to such Underlying Stock. Depending on, among other things, future market conditions, the aggregate amount and the composition of such positions are likely to vary over time. To the extent that our hedge counterparties have a long hedge position in such securities, they may liquidate a portion of such holdings at or

about the time of a calculation day. These hedging activities could potentially adversely affect the value of the applicable Market Measure and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities.

- ***Trading activities by our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may adversely affect the value of a Market Measure.*** Our affiliates or any participating dealer or its affiliates may engage in trading in (i) with respect to an Index, the securities included in such Index and other instruments relating to such Index or such securities; (ii) with respect to a Fund, the shares of such Fund or the securities held by or included in such Fund or its fund underlying index and other instruments relating to such Fund or such securities; and (iii) with respect to an Underlying Stock, such Underlying Stock and other instruments relating to such Underlying Stock on a regular basis as part of their general broker-dealer and other businesses. Any of these trading activities could potentially adversely affect the value of the applicable Market Measure and, therefore, adversely affect the value of and your return on the securities.
- ***A participating dealer or its affiliates may realize hedging profits projected by its proprietary pricing models in addition to any selling concession or any other fees identified in the applicable pricing supplement, creating a further incentive for the participating dealer to sell the securities to you.*** If any participating dealer or any of its affiliates conducts hedging activities for us in connection with the securities, that participating dealer or its affiliates will expect to realize a projected profit from such hedging activities. If a participating dealer receives a concession and/or other fee for the sale of the securities to you, this projected hedging profit will be in addition to the concession and/or other fee, creating a further incentive for the participating dealer to sell the securities to you.

Additional Risk Factors Relating to Securities Linked to An Index

Changes That Affect An Index May Adversely Affect The Value Of The Securities And Any Payments On The Securities.

The policies of a sponsor or publisher of an Index (each, an “index sponsor”) concerning the calculation of the relevant Index and the addition, deletion or substitution of securities comprising such Index and the manner in which an index sponsor takes account of certain changes affecting such securities may affect the value of such Index and, therefore, may affect the value of the securities and any payments on the securities. An index sponsor may discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the relevant Index or materially alter the methodology by which it calculates such Index. Any such actions could adversely affect the value of the securities.

We Cannot Control Actions By Any Of The Unaffiliated Companies Whose Securities Are Included In Any Index.

Actions by any company whose securities are included in any Index to which your securities are linked may have an adverse effect on the price of its security, the closing level of such Index on any calculation day and the value of the securities. Subject to the following sentence and unless otherwise disclosed in any applicable underlying supplement or in the applicable pricing supplement, we will not be affiliated with any of the companies whose securities are included in any Index. Our parent HSBC Holdings plc is currently one of the companies included in the MSCI EAFE Index, the MSCI Europe Index and the FTSE® 100 Index. These unaffiliated companies will not be involved in the offering of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to the securities, including any obligation to take our or your interests into consideration for any reason. These companies will not receive any of the proceeds of the offering of the securities and will not be responsible for, and will not have participated in, the determination of the timing of, prices for, or quantities of, the securities to be issued. These companies will not be involved with the administration, marketing or trading of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to any amounts to be paid to you on the securities.

We And Our Affiliates Have No Affiliation With Any Index Sponsor And Have Not Independently Verified Their Public Disclosure Of Information.

We and our affiliates are not affiliated in any way with any index sponsor and have no ability to control or predict their actions, including any errors in or discontinuation of disclosure regarding the methods or policies relating to the calculation of the applicable Index. We have derived the information about any Index and its index sponsor contained in any applicable underlying supplement and in the applicable pricing supplement from publicly available information, without independent verification. You, as an investor in the securities, should make your own investigation into any applicable Index and its index sponsor. No index sponsor will be involved in the offering of the securities made hereby in any way nor will have any obligation to consider your interests as an owner of the securities in taking any actions that might affect the value of the securities.

Additional Risk Factors Relating to Securities Linked to A Fund

Changes That Affect A Fund Or Its Fund Underlying Index May Adversely Affect The Value Of The Securities And Any Payments On The Securities.

The policies of the sponsor of a Fund (a “fund sponsor”) concerning the calculation of such Fund’s net asset value, additions, deletions or substitutions of securities in such Fund and the manner in which changes in its fund underlying index are reflected in such Fund, and changes in those policies, could affect the closing price of the shares of such Fund and, therefore, may affect the value of the securities and any payments on the securities. Similarly, the policies of the sponsor of a fund underlying index (a “fund underlying index sponsor”) concerning the calculation of such fund underlying index and the addition, deletion or substitution of securities comprising such fund

underlying index and the manner in which such fund underlying index sponsor takes account of certain changes affecting such securities may affect the level of such fund underlying index and the closing price of the shares of the related Fund and, therefore, may affect the value of the securities and any payments on the securities. A fund underlying index sponsor may also discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of such fund underlying index or materially alter the methodology by which it calculates such fund underlying index. Any such actions could adversely affect the value of the securities.

We Cannot Control Actions By Any Of The Unaffiliated Companies Whose Securities Are Included In A Fund Or Its Fund Underlying Index.

Actions by any company whose securities are included in a Fund or in its fund underlying index may have an adverse effect on the price of its security, the fund closing price of such Fund on any calculation day and the value of the securities. Subject to the following sentence and unless otherwise disclosed in any applicable underlying supplement or in the applicable pricing supplement, we will not be affiliated with any company whose security is represented in any Fund or its fund underlying index. Our parent HSBC Holdings plc is currently one of the companies included in the MSCI EAFE Index, the MSCI Europe Index and the FTSE® 100 Index. These unaffiliated companies will not be involved in the offering of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to the securities, including any obligation to take our or your interests into consideration for any reason. These companies will not receive any of the proceeds of the offering of the securities and will not be responsible for, and will not have participated in, the determination of the timing of, prices for, or quantities of, the securities to be issued. These companies will not be involved with the administration, marketing or trading of the securities and will have no obligations with respect to any amounts to be paid to you on the securities.

We And Our Affiliates Have No Affiliation With Any Fund Sponsor Or Fund Underlying Index Sponsor And Have Not Independently Verified Their Public Disclosure Of Information.

We and our affiliates are not affiliated in any way with any fund sponsor or fund underlying index sponsor (collectively, the “sponsors”) and have no ability to control or predict their actions, including any errors in or discontinuation of disclosure regarding their methods or policies relating to the management or calculation of the applicable Fund or its fund underlying index. We have derived the information about any Fund, its fund underlying index and the related sponsors contained in any applicable underlying supplement or in the applicable pricing supplement from publicly available information, without independent verification. You, as an investor in the securities, should make your own investigation into any applicable Fund, its fund underlying index and the sponsors. The sponsors are not involved in the offering of the securities made hereby in any way and have no obligation to consider your interests as an owner of the securities in taking any actions that might affect the value of the securities.

An Investment Linked To The Shares Of A Fund Is Different From An Investment Linked To Its Fund Underlying Index.

The performance of the shares of a Fund may not exactly replicate the performance of the related fund underlying index because such Fund may not invest in all of the securities included in the related fund underlying index and because such Fund will reflect transaction costs and fees that are not included in the calculation of the related fund underlying index. A Fund may also hold securities or derivative financial instruments not included in the related fund underlying index. It is also possible that a Fund may not fully replicate the performance of its fund underlying index due to the temporary unavailability of certain securities in the secondary market or due to other extraordinary circumstances. In addition, because the shares of a Fund are traded on a securities exchange and are subject to market supply and investor demand, the value of a share of a Fund may differ from the net asset value per share of such Fund. As a result, the performance of a Fund may not correlate perfectly with the performance of the related fund underlying index, and the return on the securities based on the performance of a Fund will not be the same as the return on securities based on the performance of the related fund underlying index.

There Are Risks Associated With A Fund.

Although the shares of any Fund to which your securities are linked will be listed for trading on a United States securities exchange and a number of similar products have been traded on such securities exchanges for varying periods of time, there is no assurance that an active trading market will continue for the shares of any Fund or that there will be liquidity in the trading market.

In addition, a Fund will be subject to management risk, which is the risk that a fund sponsor’s investment strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. For example, a fund sponsor may elect to invest certain of its assets in shares of equity securities that are not included in the related fund underlying index. A Fund will also not be actively managed and may be affected by a general decline in market segments relating to its fund underlying index. Further, a fund sponsor may invest in securities included in, or representative of, the applicable fund underlying index regardless of their investment merits, and a fund sponsor will not attempt to take defensive positions in declining markets.

Further, under continuous listing standards adopted by the relevant securities exchange, a Fund will be required to confirm on an ongoing basis that the securities included in its fund underlying index satisfy the applicable listing requirements. In the event that a fund underlying index does not comply with the applicable listing requirements, the applicable Fund would be required to rectify such non-compliance by requesting that the relevant fund underlying index sponsor modify the relevant fund underlying index, transitioning to a new fund underlying index or obtaining relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). There can be no assurance that a fund underlying index sponsor would modify the relevant fund underlying index or that relief would be obtained from the SEC and, therefore, non-compliance with the continuous listing standards may result in a Fund being delisted. If a Fund were delisted, the

calculation agent would select a successor fund or, if no successor fund is available, would determine the fund closing price of such Fund on any date of determination.

These risks may adversely affect the price of the shares of any applicable Fund and, consequently, the value of the securities.

Anti-dilution Adjustments Relating To The Shares Of A Fund Do Not Address Every Event That Could Affect Such Shares.

An adjustment factor, as described herein, will be used to determine the fund closing prices of a Fund. The adjustment factor for a Fund will be adjusted by the calculation agent for certain events affecting the shares of such Fund. However, the calculation agent will not make an adjustment for every event that could affect such shares. If an event occurs that does not require the calculation agent to adjust the adjustment factor, the value of the securities may be adversely affected.

Additional Risk Factors Relating to Securities Linked to An Underlying Stock

The Securities May Become Linked To The Common Stock Of A Company Other Than An Original Underlying Stock Issuer.

Following certain corporate events relating to an Underlying Stock, such as a stock-for-stock merger where the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer is not the surviving entity, the shares of a successor corporation to such Underlying Stock Issuer will be substituted for such Underlying Stock for all purposes of the securities. Following certain other corporate events relating to an Underlying Stock in which holders of such Underlying Stock would receive all of their consideration in cash and the surviving entity has no marketable securities outstanding or there is no surviving entity (including, but not limited to, a leveraged buyout or other going private transaction involving such Underlying Stock Issuer, or a liquidation of such Underlying Stock Issuer), the common stock of another company in the same industry group as such Underlying Stock Issuer will be substituted for such Underlying Stock for all purposes of the securities. Such substitution may also occur if an Underlying Stock consists of ADSs and such ADSs are delisted or the applicable ADS facility is terminated. In any such event, the equity-linked nature of the securities would be significantly altered. We describe the specific events that can lead to these adjustments and the procedures for selecting a replacement stock in the section entitled “General Terms of the Securities—Certain Terms for Securities Linked to an Underlying Stock—Adjustment Events.” The occurrence of such events and the consequent adjustments may materially and adversely affect the value of the securities and any payments on the securities.

We Cannot Control Actions By An Underlying Stock Issuer.

Actions by an Underlying Stock Issuer may have an adverse effect on the price of such Underlying Stock, the stock closing price of such Underlying Stock on any calculation day and the value of the securities. We are not affiliated with any Underlying Stock Issuer. No Underlying Stock Issuer will be involved in the offering of the securities nor will any Underlying Stock Issuer have any obligations with respect to the securities, including any obligation to take our interests or your interests into consideration for any reason. No Underlying Stock Issuer will receive any of the proceeds of the offering of the securities nor will be responsible for, or will have participated in, the determination of the timing of, prices for, or quantities of, the securities to be issued. No Underlying Stock Issuer will be involved with the administration, marketing or trading of the securities nor will have any obligations with respect to any amounts payable on the securities.

We And Our Affiliates Have No Affiliation With Any Underlying Stock Issuer And Have Not Independently Verified Their Public Disclosure Of Information.

We and our affiliates are not affiliated in any way with any Underlying Stock Issuer. This product supplement and any applicable pricing supplement relates only to the securities and does not relate to any Underlying Stock. The material provided in this product supplement and any applicable pricing supplement concerning an Underlying Stock Issuer is derived from publicly available documents without independent verification. Neither we nor the agent has participated in the preparation of any of those documents or made any “due diligence” investigation or any inquiry of the Underlying Stock Issuers. Furthermore, neither we nor the agent knows whether any Underlying Stock Issuer has disclosed all events occurring before the date of this product supplement or the applicable pricing supplement—including events that could affect the accuracy or completeness of the publicly available documents referred to above. Subsequent disclosure of any event of this kind or the disclosure of or failure to disclose material future events concerning an Underlying Stock Issuer could affect the value of the securities and any payments on the securities. You, as an investor in the securities, should make your own investigation into any applicable Underlying Stock Issuer.

In addition, there can be no assurance that an Underlying Stock Issuer will continue to be subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and will distribute any reports, proxy statements, and other information required thereby to its shareholders. In the event that an Underlying Stock Issuer ceases to be subject to such reporting requirements and the securities continue to be outstanding, pricing information for the securities may be more difficult to obtain and the value and liquidity of the securities may be adversely affected. Neither we nor any agent is responsible for the public disclosure of information by any Underlying Stock Issuer, whether contained in filings with the SEC or otherwise.

You Have Limited Anti-dilution Protection.

The calculation agent will, in its sole discretion, adjust the adjustment factor of an Underlying Stock for certain events affecting such Underlying Stock, such as stock splits and stock dividends, and certain other corporate actions involving the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer, such as mergers. However, the calculation agent is not required to make an adjustment for every corporate event that can affect an Underlying Stock. For example, the calculation agent is not required to make any adjustments to the adjustment factor of an Underlying Stock if the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer or anyone else makes a partial tender or partial exchange offer for such Underlying Stock. Consequently, this could affect the value of the securities and any payments on the securities. See “General Terms of the Securities—Certain Terms for Securities Linked to an Underlying Stock—Adjustment Events” for a description of the general circumstances in which the calculation agent will make adjustments to the adjustment factor of an Underlying Stock.

GENERAL TERMS OF THE SECURITIES

HSBC will issue the securities as part of a series of senior debt securities entitled “Notes, Series 1,” which is more fully described in the accompanying prospectus supplement. Information included in this product supplement supersedes information in the accompanying stock-linked underlying supplement, equity index underlying supplement, ETF underlying supplement, prospectus supplement and prospectus to the extent that it is different from that information.

The specific terms of the securities will be described in the applicable pricing supplement. If the terms described in the applicable pricing supplement are inconsistent with those described herein or in the accompanying prospectus supplement, the terms described in the applicable pricing supplement shall control. Defined terms used in this product supplement and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the accompanying prospectus supplement.

Certain Terms for Securities Linked to an Index

Certain Definitions

A “multiple exchange index” means the EURO STOXX 50[®] Index, the EURO STOXX[®] Banks Index, the MSCI ACWI Index[®], the MSCI EAFE Index[®], the MSCI Emerging Markets IndexSM, and any other equity index designated as a multiple exchange index in the applicable pricing supplement.

A “trading day” with respect to an Index (other than a multiple exchange index) means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which (i) the relevant stock exchanges with respect to each security underlying such Index are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions and (ii) each related futures or options exchange with respect to such Index is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session.

A “trading day” with respect to a multiple exchange index means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which (i) the relevant index sponsor is scheduled to publish the level of such Index and (ii) each related futures or options exchange with respect to such Index is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session.

The “relevant stock exchange” for any security underlying an Index means the primary exchange or quotation system on which such security is traded, as determined by the calculation agent.

The “related futures or options exchange” for an Index means an exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect (as determined by the calculation agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to such Index.

The “closing level” with respect to an Index on any trading day means the official closing level of that Index reported by the relevant index sponsor on such trading day, as obtained by the calculation agent on such trading day from the licensed third-party market data vendor contracted by the calculation agent at such time; in particular, taking into account the decimal precision and/or rounding convention employed by such licensed third-party market data vendor on such date. Currently, the calculation agent obtains market data from Thomson Reuters Ltd., but the calculation agent may change its market data vendor at any time without notice. The foregoing provisions of this definition of “closing level” are subject to the provisions set forth below under “—Market Disruption Events,” “—Adjustments to an Index,” “—Discontinuance of an Index” and “General Terms of the Securities—Consequences of a Market Disruption Event; Postponement of a Calculation Day.”

Market Disruption Events

A “market disruption event” with respect to an Index (other than a multiple exchange index) means any of the following events as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion:

- (A) The occurrence or existence of a material suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant stock exchanges or otherwise relating to securities which then comprise 20% or more of the level of such Index or any successor equity index at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on that day, whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by those relevant stock exchanges or otherwise.
- (B) The occurrence or existence of a material suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by any related futures or options exchange or otherwise in futures or options contracts relating to such Index or any successor equity index on any related futures or options exchange at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on that day, whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the related futures or options exchange or otherwise.
- (C) The occurrence or existence of any event, other than an early closure, that materially disrupts or impairs the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, securities that then comprise 20% or more of the level of such Index or any successor equity index on their relevant stock exchanges at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on that day.

- (D) The occurrence or existence of any event, other than an early closure, that materially disrupts or impairs the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to such Index or any successor equity index on any related futures or options exchange at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on that day.
- (E) The closure on any exchange business day of the relevant stock exchanges on which securities that then comprise 20% or more of the level of such Index or any successor equity index are traded or any related futures or options exchange with respect to such Index or any successor equity index prior to its scheduled closing time unless the earlier closing time is announced by the relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange, as applicable, at least one hour prior to the earlier of (1) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange, as applicable, and (2) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange, as applicable, system for execution at such actual closing time on that day.
- (F) The relevant stock exchange for any security underlying such Index or successor equity index or any related futures or options exchange with respect to such Index or successor equity index fails to open for trading during its regular trading session.

For purposes of determining whether a market disruption event has occurred with respect to an Index (other than a multiple exchange index):

- (1) the relevant percentage contribution of a security to the level of such Index or any successor equity index will be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of such index attributable to that security and (y) the overall level of such Index or successor equity index, in each case immediately before the occurrence of the market disruption event;
- (2) the “close of trading” on any trading day for such Index or any successor equity index means the scheduled closing time of the relevant stock exchanges with respect to the securities underlying such Index or successor equity index on such trading day; *provided* that, if the actual closing time of the regular trading session of any such relevant stock exchange is earlier than its scheduled closing time on such trading day, then (x) for purposes of clauses (A) and (C) of the definition of “market disruption event” above, with respect to any security underlying such Index or successor equity index for which such relevant stock exchange is its relevant stock exchange, the “close of trading” means such actual closing time and (y) for purposes of clauses (B) and (D) of the definition of “market disruption event” above, with respect to any futures or options contract relating to such Index or successor equity index, the “close of trading” means the latest actual closing time of the regular trading session of any of the relevant stock exchanges, but in no event later than the scheduled closing time of the relevant stock exchanges;
- (3) the “scheduled closing time” of any relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange on any trading day for such Index or any successor equity index means the scheduled weekday closing time of such relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange on such trading day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside the regular trading session hours; and
- (4) an “exchange business day” means any trading day for such Index or any successor equity index on which each relevant stock exchange for the securities underlying such Index or any successor equity index and each related futures or options exchange with respect to such Index or any successor equity index are open for trading during their respective regular trading sessions, notwithstanding any such relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange closing prior to its scheduled closing time.

A “market disruption event” with respect to a multiple exchange index means, any of (A), (B), (C) or (D) below, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion:

- (A) Any of the following events occurs or exists with respect to any security included in such Index or any successor equity index, and the aggregate of all securities included in such Index or successor equity index with respect to which any such event occurs comprise 20% or more of the level of such Index or successor equity index:
 - a material suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant stock exchange for such security or otherwise at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the scheduled closing time for the relevant stock exchange for such security on that day, whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant stock exchange or otherwise;
 - any event, other than an early closure, that materially disrupts or impairs the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, such security on its relevant stock exchange at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the scheduled closing time for the relevant stock exchange for such security on that day; or
 - the closure on any exchange business day of the relevant stock exchange for such security prior to its scheduled closing time unless the earlier closing is announced by such relevant stock exchange at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such relevant stock exchange and (ii) the

submission deadline for orders to be entered into the relevant stock exchange system for execution at the scheduled closing time for such relevant stock exchange on that day.

- (B) Any of the following events occurs or exists with respect to futures or options contracts relating to such Index or any successor equity index:
- a material suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by any related futures or options exchange or otherwise at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on such related futures or options exchange on that day, whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the related futures or options exchange or otherwise;
 - any event, other than an early closure, that materially disrupts or impairs the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to such Index or successor equity index on any related futures or options exchange at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on such related futures or options exchange on that day; or
 - the closure on any exchange business day of any related futures or options exchange prior to its scheduled closing time unless the earlier closing time is announced by such related futures or options exchange at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such related futures or options exchange and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the related futures or options exchange system for execution at the close of trading for such related futures or options exchange on that day.
- (C) The relevant index sponsor fails to publish the level of such Index or any successor equity index (other than as a result of the relevant index sponsor having discontinued publication of such Index or successor equity index and no successor equity index being available).
- (D) Any related futures or options exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session.

For purposes of determining whether a market disruption event has occurred with respect to a multiple exchange index:

- (1) the relevant percentage contribution of a security included in such Index or any successor equity index to the level of such Index will be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of such Index or any successor equity index attributable to that security to (y) the overall level of such index, in each case using the official opening weightings as published by the relevant index sponsor as part of the market opening data;
- (2) the “scheduled closing time” of any relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange on any trading day means the scheduled weekday closing time of such relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange on such trading day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside the regular trading session hours; and
- (3) an “exchange business day” means any trading day on which (i) the relevant index sponsor publishes the level of such index or any successor equity index and (ii) each related futures or options exchange is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding any related futures or options exchange closing prior to its scheduled closing time.

Adjustments to an Index

If at any time the method of calculating an Index or a successor equity index, or the closing level thereof, is changed in a material respect, or if an Index or a successor equity index is in any other way modified so that such index does not, in the opinion of the calculation agent, fairly represent the level of such index had those changes or modifications not been made, then the calculation agent will, at the close of business in New York, New York, on each date that the closing level of such index is to be calculated, make such calculations and adjustments as, in the good faith judgment of the calculation agent, may be necessary in order to arrive at a level of an index comparable to such Index or successor equity index as if those changes or modifications had not been made, and the calculation agent will calculate the closing level of such Index or successor equity index with reference to such index, as so adjusted. Accordingly, if the method of calculating an Index or successor equity index is modified so that the level of such index is a fraction or a multiple of what it would have been if it had not been modified (*e.g.*, due to a split or reverse split in such equity index), then the calculation agent will adjust such Index or successor equity index in order to arrive at a level of such index as if it had not been modified (*e.g.*, as if the split or reverse split had not occurred).

Discontinuance of an Index

If an index sponsor discontinues publication of an Index, and such index sponsor or another entity publishes a successor or substitute equity index that the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, to be comparable to such Index (a “successor equity index”), then, upon the calculation agent’s notification of that determination to the trustee and HSBC, the calculation agent will substitute the successor equity index as calculated by the relevant index sponsor or any other entity for purposes of calculating the closing level of such

Index on any date of determination. Upon any selection by the calculation agent of a successor equity index, HSBC will cause notice to be given to holders of the securities.

In the event that an index sponsor discontinues publication of an Index prior to, and the discontinuance is continuing on, a calculation day and the calculation agent determines that no successor equity index is available at such time, the calculation agent will calculate a substitute closing level for such Index in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the discontinuance, but using only those securities that comprised such Index immediately prior to that discontinuance. If a successor equity index is selected or the calculation agent calculates a level as a substitute for such Index, the successor equity index or level will be used as a substitute for such Index for all purposes, including the purpose of determining whether a market disruption event exists.

If on a calculation day an index sponsor fails to calculate and announce the level of an Index, the calculation agent will calculate a substitute closing level of such Index in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating such Index last in effect prior to the failure, but using only those securities that comprised such Index immediately prior to that failure; *provided* that, if a market disruption event occurs or is continuing on such day with respect to such Index, then the provisions set forth below under “General Terms of the Securities—Consequences of a Market Disruption Event; Postponement of a Calculation Day” shall apply in lieu of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding these alternative arrangements, discontinuance of the publication of, or the failure by the relevant index sponsor to calculate and announce the level of, an Index may adversely affect the value of the securities.

Certain Terms for Securities Linked to a Fund

Certain Definitions

A “trading day” with respect to a Fund means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which the relevant stock exchange and each related futures or options exchange with respect to such Fund or any successor thereto, if applicable, are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions.

The “relevant stock exchange” for a Fund means the primary exchange or quotation system on which shares (or other applicable securities) of such Fund are traded, as determined by the calculation agent.

The “related futures or options exchange” for a Fund means each exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect (as determined by the calculation agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to such Fund.

The “closing price” for one share of a Fund (or one unit of any other security for which a closing price must be determined) on any trading day means the official closing price on such day published by the principal United States securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act, on which such Fund (or any such other security) is listed or admitted to trading.

The “fund closing price” with respect to a Fund on any trading day means the product of (i) the closing price of one share of such Fund (or one unit of any other security for which a fund closing price must be determined) on such trading day and (ii) the adjustment factor applicable to such Fund on such trading day.

The “adjustment factor” means, with respect to a share of a Fund (or one unit of any other security for which a fund closing price must be determined), 1.0, subject to adjustment in the event of certain events affecting the shares of such Fund. See “—Anti-dilution Adjustments Relating to a Fund; Alternate Calculation” below.

Market Disruption Events

A “market disruption event” with respect to a Fund means any of the following events as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion:

- (A) The occurrence or existence of a material suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant stock exchange or otherwise relating to the shares (or other applicable securities) of such Fund or any successor fund on the relevant stock exchange at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on such day, whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by such relevant stock exchange or otherwise.
- (B) The occurrence or existence of a material suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by any related futures or options exchange or otherwise in futures or options contracts relating to the shares (or other applicable securities) of such Fund or any successor fund on any related futures or options exchange at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on that day, whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the related futures or options exchange or otherwise.
- (C) The occurrence or existence of any event, other than an early closure, that materially disrupts or impairs the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, shares (or other applicable securities) of such Fund or any successor fund on the relevant stock exchange at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on that day.

- (D) The occurrence or existence of any event, other than an early closure, that materially disrupts or impairs the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to shares (or other applicable securities) of such Fund or any successor fund on any related futures or options exchange at any time during the one-hour period that ends at the close of trading on that day.
- (E) The closure of the relevant stock exchange or any related futures or options exchange with respect to such Fund or any successor fund prior to its scheduled closing time unless the earlier closing time is announced by the relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange, as applicable, at least one hour prior to the earlier of (1) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange, as applicable, and (2) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange, as applicable, system for execution at the close of trading on that day.
- (F) The relevant stock exchange or any related futures or options exchange with respect to such Fund or any successor fund fails to open for trading during its regular trading session.

For purposes of determining whether a market disruption event has occurred with respect to a Fund:

- (1) “close of trading” means the scheduled closing time of the relevant stock exchange with respect to such Fund or any successor fund; and
- (2) the “scheduled closing time” of the relevant stock exchange or any related futures or options exchange on any trading day for such Fund or any successor fund means the scheduled weekday closing time of such relevant stock exchange or related futures or options exchange on such trading day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside the regular trading session hours.

Anti-dilution Adjustments Relating to a Fund; Alternate Calculation

Anti-dilution Adjustments

The calculation agent will adjust the adjustment factor with respect to a Fund as specified below if any of the events specified below occurs with respect to such Fund and the effective date or ex-dividend date, as applicable, for such event is after the pricing date and on or prior to the final calculation day for such Fund.

The adjustments specified below do not cover all events that could affect a Fund, and there may be other events that could affect a Fund for which the calculation agent will not make any such adjustments, including, without limitation, an ordinary cash dividend. Nevertheless, the calculation agent may, in its sole discretion, make additional adjustments to any terms of the securities upon the occurrence of other events that affect or could potentially affect the market price of, or shareholder rights in, a Fund, with a view to offsetting, to the extent practical, any such change, and preserving the relative investment risks of the securities. In addition, the calculation agent may, in its sole discretion, make adjustments or a series of adjustments that differ from those described herein if the calculation agent determines that such adjustments do not properly reflect the economic consequences of the events specified in this product supplement or would not preserve the relative investment risks of the securities. All determinations made by the calculation agent in making any adjustments to the terms of the securities, including adjustments that are in addition to, or that differ from, those described in this product supplement, will be made in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner, with the aim of ensuring an equitable result. In determining whether to make any adjustment to the terms of the securities, the calculation agent may consider any adjustment made by the Options Clearing Corporation or any other equity derivatives clearing organization on options contracts on the affected Fund.

For any event described below, the calculation agent will not be required to adjust the adjustment factor for a Fund unless the adjustment would result in a change to such adjustment factor then in effect of at least 0.10%. The adjustment factor resulting from any adjustment will be rounded up or down, as appropriate, to the nearest one-hundred thousandth.

(A) *Stock Splits and Reverse Stock Splits*

If a stock split or reverse stock split has occurred with respect to a Fund, then once such split has become effective, the adjustment factor for such Fund will be adjusted to equal the product of the prior adjustment factor for such Fund and the number of securities which a holder of one share (or other applicable security) of such Fund before the effective date of such stock split or reverse stock split would have owned or been entitled to receive immediately following the applicable effective date.

(B) *Stock Dividends*

If a dividend or distribution of shares (or other applicable securities) of a Fund has been made by such Fund ratably to all holders of record of such shares (or other applicable security), then the adjustment factor for such Fund will be adjusted on the ex-dividend date to equal the prior adjustment factor for such Fund plus the product of the prior adjustment factor for such Fund and the additional number of shares (or other applicable security) of such Fund which a holder of one share (or other applicable security) of such Fund before the ex-dividend date would have been entitled to receive immediately following that date; *provided*, however,

that no adjustment will be made for a distribution for which the number of securities of such Fund paid or distributed is based on a fixed cash equivalent value.

(C) *Extraordinary Dividends*

If an extraordinary dividend (as defined below) has occurred with respect to a Fund, then the adjustment factor for such Fund will be adjusted on the ex-dividend date to equal the product of the prior adjustment factor for such Fund and a fraction, the numerator of which is the closing price per share (or other applicable security) of such Fund on the trading day preceding the ex-dividend date, and the denominator of which is the amount by which the closing price per share (or other applicable security) of such Fund on the trading day preceding the ex-dividend date exceeds the extraordinary dividend amount (as defined below).

For purposes of determining whether an extraordinary dividend has occurred:

- (1) “extraordinary dividend” means any cash dividend or distribution (or portion thereof) that the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, is extraordinary or special; and
- (2) “extraordinary dividend amount” with respect to an extraordinary dividend for the securities of a Fund will equal the amount per share (or other applicable security) of such Fund of the applicable cash dividend or distribution that is attributable to the extraordinary dividend, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion.

A distribution on the securities of a Fund described below under the section entitled “—Reorganization Events” below that also constitutes an extraordinary dividend will only cause an adjustment pursuant to that “—Reorganization Events” section.

(D) *Other Distributions*

If a Fund declares or makes a distribution to all holders of the shares (or other applicable security) of such Fund of any non-cash assets, excluding dividends or distributions described under the section entitled “—Stock Dividends” above, then the calculation agent may, in its sole discretion, make such adjustment (if any) to the adjustment factor as it deems appropriate in the circumstances. If the calculation agent determines to make an adjustment pursuant to this paragraph, it will do so with a view to offsetting, to the extent practical, any change in the economic position of a holder of the securities that results solely from the applicable event.

(E) *Reorganization Events*

If a Fund, or any successor fund, is subject to a merger, combination, consolidation or statutory exchange of securities with another exchange traded fund, and such Fund is not the surviving entity (a “reorganization event”), then, on or after the date of such event, the calculation agent shall, in its sole discretion, make an adjustment to the adjustment factor for such Fund or the method of determining the maturity payment amount or any other terms of the securities as the calculation agent determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the securities of such event, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. If the calculation agent determines that no adjustment that it could make will produce a commercially reasonable result, then the calculation agent may deem such event a liquidation event (as defined below).

Liquidation Events

If a Fund is de-listed, liquidated or otherwise terminated (a “liquidation event”), and a successor or substitute exchange traded fund exists that the calculation agent determines, in its sole discretion, to be comparable to such Fund, then, upon the calculation agent’s notification of that determination to the trustee and HSBC, any subsequent fund closing price for such Fund will be determined by reference to the fund closing price of such successor or substitute exchange traded fund (such exchange traded fund being referred to herein as a “successor fund”), with such adjustments as the calculation agent determines are appropriate to account for the economic effect of such substitution on holders of the securities.

If a Fund undergoes a liquidation event prior to, and such liquidation event is continuing on, the date that any fund closing price of such Fund is to be determined and the calculation agent determines that no successor fund is available at such time, then the calculation agent will, in its discretion, calculate the fund closing price for such Fund on such date by a computation methodology that the calculation agent determines will as closely as reasonably possible replicate such Fund, *provided* that if the calculation agent determines in its discretion that it is not practicable to replicate such Fund (including but not limited to the instance in which a fund underlying index sponsor discontinues publication of the relevant fund underlying index), then the calculation agent will calculate the fund closing price for such Fund in accordance with the formula last used to calculate such fund closing price before such liquidation event, but using only those securities that were held by such Fund immediately prior to such liquidation event without any rebalancing or substitution of such securities following such liquidation event. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a Fund that does not track an index of equity securities, if such Fund undergoes a liquidation event prior to, and such liquidation event is continuing on, the date that any fund closing price of such Fund is to be determined and the calculation agent determines (i) that no successor fund is available at such time and (ii) that it is not practicable to replicate such Fund, then the calculation agent will, in its discretion, calculate the fund closing price for such Fund on such date in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

If a successor fund is selected or the calculation agent calculates the fund closing price as a substitute for a Fund, such successor fund or fund closing price will be used as a substitute for such Fund for all purposes, including for purposes of determining whether a market disruption event exists with respect to such Fund. Notwithstanding these alternative arrangements, a liquidation event with respect to a Fund may adversely affect the value of the securities.

If any event is both a reorganization event and a liquidation event, such event will be treated as a reorganization event for purposes of the securities unless the calculation agent makes the determination referenced in the last sentence of the section entitled “—Anti-dilution Adjustments—Reorganization Events” above.

Alternate Calculation

If at any time the method of calculating a Fund or a successor fund, or the related fund underlying index, is changed in a material respect, or if a Fund or a successor fund is in any other way modified so that such fund does not, in the opinion of the calculation agent, fairly represent the price of the securities of such Fund or such successor fund had such changes or modifications not been made, then the calculation agent may, at the close of business in New York City on the date that any fund closing price is to be determined, make such calculations and adjustments as, in the good faith judgment of the calculation agent, may be necessary in order to arrive at a closing price of an exchange traded fund comparable to such Fund or such successor fund, as the case may be, as if such changes or modifications had not been made, and calculate the fund closing price of such Fund and determine the maturity payment amount and any other terms of the securities with reference to such adjusted closing price of such Fund or such successor fund, as applicable.

Certain Terms for Securities Linked to an Underlying Stock

Certain Definitions

A “trading day” with respect to an Underlying Stock means a day, as determined by the calculation agent, on which trading is generally conducted on the principal trading market for such Underlying Stock (as determined by the calculation agent, in its sole discretion), the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and the Chicago Board Options Exchange and in the over-the-counter market for equity securities in the United States.

The “closing price” for one share of an Underlying Stock (or one unit of any other security for which a closing price must be determined) on any trading day means:

- if such Underlying Stock (or any such other security) is listed or admitted to trading on a national securities exchange, the official closing price on such day published by the principal United States securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act on which such Underlying Stock (or any such other security) is listed or admitted to trading; or
- if such Underlying Stock (or any such other security) is not listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange but is included in the OTC Bulletin Board Service operated by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”), the last reported sale price of the principal trading session on the OTC Bulletin Board Service on such day.

If such Underlying Stock (or any such other security) is listed or admitted to trading on any national securities exchange but the official closing price is not available pursuant to the preceding sentence, then the closing price for one share of such Underlying Stock (or one unit of any such other security) on any trading day will mean the last reported sale price of the principal trading session on the over-the-counter market as reported on the OTC Bulletin Board Service on such day.

If the official closing price or the last reported sale price, as applicable, for such Underlying Stock (or any such other security) is not available pursuant to either of the two preceding sentences, then the closing price per share for any trading day will be the mean, as determined by the calculation agent, of the bid price for such Underlying Stock (or any such other security) obtained from as many recognized dealers in such security, but not exceeding three, as will make such bid prices available to the calculation agent. Bids of HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., any dealer or any of our or such dealer’s respective affiliates may be included in the calculation of such mean, but only to the extent that any such bid is the highest of the bids obtained. The term “OTC Bulletin Board Service” will include any successor service thereto or, if the OTC Bulletin Board Service is discontinued and there is no successor service thereto, the OTC Reporting Facility operated by FINRA.

The “stock closing price” with respect to an Underlying Stock on a trading day, means the product of the closing price of such Underlying Stock and the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock, each on such trading day.

The “adjustment factor” for an Underlying Stock is initially 1.0. The adjustment factor for an Underlying Stock will remain constant for the term of the securities, subject to adjustment for certain corporate events relating to the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer as described in the section entitled “—Adjustment Events” below.

Market Disruption Events

A “market disruption event” means, with respect to an Underlying Stock, the occurrence or existence of any of the following events:

- a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading in such Underlying Stock on its primary market for more than two hours of trading or during the one-half hour before the close of trading in that market, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion;
- a suspension, absence or material limitation of trading in option or futures contracts relating to such Underlying Stock, if available, in the primary market for those contracts for more than two hours of trading or during the one-half hour before the close of trading in that market, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion;
- such Underlying Stock does not trade on the New York Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq Global Select Market, the Nasdaq Global Market or what was the primary market for such Underlying Stock, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion; or
- any other event, if the calculation agent determines in its sole discretion that the event materially interferes with our ability or the ability of any of our affiliates to unwind all or a material portion of a hedge with respect to the securities that we or our affiliates have effected or may effect.

The following events will not be a market disruption event with respect to an Underlying Stock:

- a limitation on the hours or number of days of trading in such Underlying Stock in its primary market, but only if the limitation results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant market; and
- a decision to permanently discontinue trading in the option or futures contracts relating to such Underlying Stock.

For this purpose, a “suspension, absence or material limitation of trading” in the applicable market will not include any time when that market is itself closed for trading under ordinary circumstances. In contrast, a “suspension, absence or material limitation of trading” in the applicable market for such Underlying Stock or option or futures contracts relating to such Underlying Stock, as applicable, by reason of any of:

- a price change exceeding limits set by that market;
- an imbalance of orders relating to such Underlying Stock or those contracts; or
- a disparity in bid and asked quotes relating to such Underlying Stock or those contracts

will constitute a “suspension, absence or material limitation of trading” in such Underlying Stock or those contracts, as the case may be, in the applicable market.

Adjustment Events

The adjustment factor for an Underlying Stock is initially 1.0. However, the adjustment factor for an Underlying Stock is subject to adjustment by the calculation agent as a result of the dilution and reorganization events described in this section. The adjustments described below do not cover all events that could affect the Underlying Stocks and, consequently, the value of your securities, such as a tender or exchange offer by the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer for such Underlying Stock at a premium to its market price or a tender or exchange offer made by a third party for less than all outstanding shares of such Underlying Stock. We describe the risks relating to dilution above under “Risk Factors—Additional Risk Factors Relating to Securities Linked to An Underlying Stock—You Have Limited Anti-dilution Protection.”

How adjustments will be made

If one of the events described below occurs with respect to an Underlying Stock and the calculation agent determines that the event has a dilutive or concentrative effect on the market price of such Underlying Stock, the calculation agent will calculate a corresponding adjustment to the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock as the calculation agent deems appropriate to account for that dilutive or concentrative effect. For example, if an adjustment is required because of a two-for-one stock split, then the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock will be adjusted by the calculation agent by multiplying the existing adjustment factor by a fraction whose numerator is the number of shares of such Underlying Stock outstanding immediately after the stock split and whose denominator is the number of shares of such Underlying Stock outstanding immediately prior to the stock split. Consequently, the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock will be adjusted to double the prior adjustment factor, due to the corresponding decrease in the market price of such Underlying Stock. Adjustments to the adjustment factor for an Underlying Stock will be made for events with an effective date or ex-dividend date, as applicable, from but excluding the pricing date to and including the applicable calculation day for such Underlying Stock (the “adjustment period”).

The calculation agent will also determine the effective date of that adjustment, and the replacement of an Underlying Stock, if applicable, in the event of a consolidation or merger or certain other events in respect of the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer. Upon making any such adjustment, the calculation agent will give notice as soon as practicable to the trustee and the paying agent, stating the adjustment to the adjustment factor of such Underlying Stock. The calculation agent will not be required to make any adjustments to the adjustment factor for purposes of calculating the stock closing price for a calculation day after the close of business on such calculation day; *provided* that any such adjustments to the adjustment factor will be taken into account for purposes of determining the stock closing price for any subsequent calculation day. In no event, however, will an anti-dilution adjustment to the adjustment factor of an Underlying Stock during the term of the securities be deemed to change the face amount per security.

If more than one event requiring adjustment occurs with respect to an Underlying Stock, the calculation agent will make an adjustment for each event in the order in which the events occur, and on a cumulative basis. Thus, having made an adjustment for the first event, the calculation agent will adjust the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock for the second event, applying the required adjustment to the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock as already adjusted for the first event, and so on for any subsequent events.

For any dilution event described below, other than a consolidation or merger, the calculation agent will not have to adjust the adjustment factor for an Underlying Stock unless the adjustment would result in a change to the adjustment factor of such Underlying Stock then in effect of at least 0.10%. The adjustment factor of such Underlying Stock resulting from any adjustment will be rounded up or down, as appropriate, to the nearest one-hundred thousandth.

If an event requiring an anti-dilution adjustment occurs with respect to an Underlying Stock, the calculation agent will make the adjustment with a view to offsetting, to the extent practical, any change in your economic position relative to your securities that results solely from that event. The calculation agent may, in its sole discretion, modify the anti-dilution adjustments as necessary to ensure an equitable result.

The calculation agent will make all determinations with respect to anti-dilution adjustments, including any determination as to whether an event requiring adjustment has occurred with respect to an Underlying Stock, as to the nature of the adjustment required for such Underlying Stock and how it will be made or as to the value of any property distributed in a reorganization event, and will do so in its sole discretion. In the absence of manifest error, those determinations will be conclusive for all purposes and will be binding on you and us, without any liability on the part of the calculation agent. You will not be entitled to any compensation from us for any loss suffered as a result of any of these determinations by the calculation agent. The calculation agent will provide information about the adjustments that it makes upon your written request.

If any of the adjustments specified below is required to be made with respect to an amount or value of any cash or other property that is distributed by an Underlying Stock Issuer organized outside the United States, such amount or value will be converted to U.S. dollars, as applicable, and will be reduced by any applicable foreign withholding taxes that would apply to such distribution if such distribution were paid to a U.S. person that is eligible for the benefits of an applicable income tax treaty, if any, between the United States and the jurisdiction of organization of such Underlying Stock Issuer, as determined by the calculation agent, in its sole discretion.

No adjustments will be made for certain other events, such as offerings of common stock by an Underlying Stock Issuer for cash or in connection with the occurrence of a partial tender or exchange offer for an Underlying Stock by the Underlying Stock Issuer of such Underlying Stock or any other person.

Stock Splits and Reverse Stock Splits

A stock split is an increase in the number of a corporation's outstanding shares of stock without any change in its stockholders' equity. Each outstanding share will be worth less as a result of a stock split.

A reverse stock split is a decrease in the number of a corporation's outstanding shares of stock without any change in its stockholders' equity. Each outstanding share will be worth more as a result of a reverse stock split.

If an Underlying Stock is subject to a stock split or a reverse stock split, then once the split has become effective the calculation agent will adjust the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock to equal the product of the prior adjustment factor of such Underlying Stock and the number of shares issued in such stock split or reverse stock split with respect to one share of such Underlying Stock.

Stock Dividends

In a stock dividend, a corporation issues additional shares of its stock to all holders of its outstanding stock in proportion to the shares they own. Each outstanding share will be worth less as a result of a stock dividend.

If an Underlying Stock is subject to a stock dividend payable in shares of such Underlying Stock that is given ratably to all holders of shares of such Underlying Stock, then once the dividend has become effective the calculation agent will adjust the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock on the ex-dividend date to equal the sum of the prior adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock and the product of:

- the number of shares issued with respect to one share of such Underlying Stock, and
- the prior adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock.

The “ex-dividend date” for any dividend or other distribution is the first day on and after which such Underlying Stock trades without the right to receive that dividend or distribution.

No Adjustments for Other Dividends and Distributions

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, the adjustment factor for an Underlying Stock will not be adjusted to reflect dividends, including cash dividends, or other distributions paid with respect to such Underlying Stock, other than:

- stock dividends described above,
- issuances of transferable rights and warrants as described in “—Transferable Rights and Warrants” below,
- distributions that are spin-off events described in “—Reorganization Events” below, and
- extraordinary dividends described below.

An “extraordinary dividend” means each of (a) the full amount per share of an Underlying Stock of any cash dividend or special dividend or distribution that is identified by the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer as an extraordinary or special dividend or distribution, (b) the excess of any cash dividend or other cash distribution (that is not otherwise identified by the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer as an extraordinary or special dividend or distribution) distributed per share of such Underlying Stock over the immediately preceding cash dividend or other cash distribution, if any, per share of such Underlying Stock that did not include an extraordinary or special dividend (as adjusted for any subsequent corporate event requiring an adjustment as described in this section, such as a stock split or reverse stock split) if such excess portion of the dividend or distribution is more than 5.00% of the closing price of such Underlying Stock on the trading day preceding the ex-dividend date for the payment of such cash dividend or other cash distribution (such closing price, the “extraordinary dividend base closing price”) and (c) the full cash value of any non-cash dividend or distribution per share of such Underlying Stock (excluding marketable securities, as defined below).

If an Underlying Stock is subject to an extraordinary dividend, then once the extraordinary dividend has become effective the calculation agent will adjust the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock on the ex-dividend date to equal the product of:

- the prior adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock, and
- a fraction, the numerator of which is the extraordinary dividend base closing price of such Underlying Stock on the trading day preceding the ex-dividend date and the denominator of which is the amount by which the extraordinary dividend base closing price of such Underlying Stock on the trading day preceding the ex-dividend date exceeds the extraordinary dividend.

Notwithstanding anything herein, the initiation by an Underlying Stock Issuer of an ordinary dividend on such Underlying Stock or any announced increase in the ordinary dividend on such Underlying Stock will not constitute an extraordinary dividend requiring an adjustment.

To the extent an extraordinary dividend is not paid in cash or is paid in a currency other than U.S. dollars, the value of the non-cash component or non-U.S. currency will be determined by the calculation agent, in its sole discretion. A distribution on an Underlying Stock that is a dividend payable in shares of such Underlying Stock, an issuance of rights or warrants or a spin-off event and also an extraordinary dividend will result in an adjustment to the number of shares of such Underlying Stock only as described in “—Stock Dividends” above, “—Transferable Rights and Warrants” below or “—Reorganization Events” below, as the case may be, and not as described here.

Transferable Rights and Warrants

If an Underlying Stock Issuer issues transferable rights or warrants to all holders of such Underlying Stock to subscribe for or purchase such Underlying Stock at an exercise price per share that is less than the closing price of such Underlying Stock on the trading day before the ex-dividend date for the issuance, then the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock will be adjusted to equal the product of:

- the prior adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock, and
- a fraction, (1) the numerator of which will be the number of shares of such Underlying Stock outstanding at the close of trading on the trading day before the ex-dividend date (as adjusted for any subsequent event requiring an adjustment hereunder) plus the total number of shares of such Underlying Stock offered for subscription or purchase pursuant to the rights or warrants and (2) the denominator of which will be the number of shares of such Underlying Stock outstanding at the close of trading on the trading day before the ex-dividend date (as adjusted for any subsequent event requiring an adjustment hereunder) plus the

number of additional shares of such Underlying Stock (referred to herein as the “additional shares”) that the aggregate offering price of the total number of shares of such Underlying Stock so offered for subscription or purchase pursuant to the rights or warrants would purchase at the closing price on the trading day before the ex-dividend date for the issuance.

The number of additional shares will be equal to:

- the product of (1) the total number of shares of such Underlying Stock offered for subscription or purchase pursuant to the rights or warrants and (2) the exercise price of the rights or warrants, divided by
- the closing price of such Underlying Stock on the trading day before the ex-dividend date for the issuance.

If the number of shares of such Underlying Stock actually delivered in respect of the rights or warrants differs from the number of shares of such Underlying Stock offered in respect of the rights or warrants, then the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock will promptly be readjusted to the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock that would have been in effect had the adjustment been made on the basis of the number of shares of such Underlying Stock actually delivered in respect of the rights or warrants.

Reorganization Events

Each of the following is a reorganization event with respect to an Underlying Stock:

- such Underlying Stock is reclassified or changed (other than in a stock split or reverse stock split),
- the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer has been subject to a merger, consolidation or other combination and either is not the surviving entity or is the surviving entity but all outstanding shares of such Underlying Stock are exchanged for or converted into other property,
- a statutory share exchange involving outstanding shares of such Underlying Stock and the securities of another entity occurs, other than as part of an event described above,
- the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer sells or otherwise transfers its property and assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to another entity,
- the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer effects a spin-off, other than as part of an event described above (in a spin-off, a corporation issues to all holders of its common stock equity securities of another issuer), or
- the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer is liquidated, dissolved or wound up or is subject to a proceeding under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or another entity completes a tender or exchange offer for all the outstanding shares of such Underlying Stock.

Adjustments for Reorganization Events

If a reorganization event occurs with respect to an Underlying Stock, then the calculation agent will adjust the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock to reflect the amount and type of property or properties—whether cash, securities, other property or a combination thereof—that a holder of one share of such Underlying Stock would have been entitled to receive in relation to the reorganization event. We refer to this new property as the “reorganization property.”

Reorganization property can be classified into two categories:

- an equity security listed on a national securities exchange, which we refer to generally as a “marketable security” and, in connection with a particular reorganization event, “new stock,” which may include any tracking stock, any stock received in a spin-off (“spin-off stock”) or any marketable security received in exchange for the applicable Underlying Stock; and
- cash and any other property, assets or securities other than marketable securities (including equity securities that are not listed, that are traded over the counter or that are listed on a non-U.S. securities exchange), which we refer to as “non-stock reorganization property.”

For the purpose of making an adjustment required by a reorganization event, the calculation agent, in its sole discretion, will determine the value of each type of the reorganization property. For purposes of valuing any new stock, the calculation agent will use the closing price of the security on the relevant trading day. The calculation agent will value non-stock reorganization property in any manner it determines, in its sole discretion, to be appropriate. In connection with a reorganization event in which reorganization property includes new stock, for the purpose of determining the adjustment factor for any new stock as described below, the term “new stock reorganization ratio” means the product of (i) the number of shares of the new stock received with respect to one share of such Underlying Stock and (ii) the adjustment factor for the applicable Underlying Stock on the trading day immediately prior to the effective date of the reorganization event.

If a holder of shares of the applicable Underlying Stock may elect to receive different types or combinations of types of reorganization property in the reorganization event, the reorganization property will consist of the types and amounts of each type distributed to a holder of shares of such Underlying Stock that makes no election, as determined by the calculation agent in its sole discretion.

If any reorganization event occurs with respect to an Underlying Stock, then on and after the effective date for such reorganization event (or, if applicable, in the case of spinoff stock, the ex-dividend date for the distribution of such spinoff stock) the term “Underlying Stock” in this product supplement will be deemed to mean the following with respect to such Underlying Stock, and for each share of such Underlying Stock, new stock and/or replacement stock so deemed to constitute such Underlying Stock, the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock will be equal to the applicable number indicated:

- (a) if such Underlying Stock continues to be outstanding:
 - (1) that Underlying Stock (if applicable, as reclassified upon the issuance of any tracking stock) at the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock in effect on the trading day immediately prior to the effective date of the reorganization event; and
 - (2) if the reorganization property includes new stock, a number of shares of new stock equal to the new stock reorganization ratio;

provided that, if any non-stock reorganization property is received in the reorganization event, the results of (a)(1) and (a)(2) above will each be multiplied by the “gross-up multiplier,” which will be equal to a fraction, the numerator of which is the closing price of the original Underlying Stock on the trading day immediately prior to the effective date of the reorganization event and the denominator of which is the amount by which such closing price of the original Underlying Stock exceeds the value of the non-stock reorganization property received per share of such Underlying Stock as determined by the calculation agent as of the close of trading on such trading day; or

- (b) if such Underlying Stock is surrendered for reorganization property:
 - (1) that includes new stock, a number of shares of new stock equal to the new stock reorganization ratio; *provided* that, if any non-stock reorganization property is received in the reorganization event, such number will be multiplied by the gross-up multiplier; or
 - (2) that consists exclusively of non-stock reorganization property:
 - (i) if the surviving entity has marketable securities outstanding following the reorganization event and either (A) such marketable securities were in existence prior to such reorganization event or (B) such marketable securities were exchanged for previously outstanding marketable securities of the surviving entity or its predecessor (“predecessor stock”) in connection with such reorganization event (in either case of (A) or (B), the “successor stock”), a number of shares of the successor stock determined by the calculation agent on the trading day immediately prior to the effective date of such reorganization event equal to the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock in effect on the trading day immediately prior to the effective date of such reorganization event multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the value of the non-stock reorganization property per share of such Underlying Stock on such trading day and the denominator of which is the closing price of the successor stock on such trading day (or, in the case of predecessor stock, the closing price of the predecessor stock multiplied by the number of shares of the successor stock received with respect to one share of the predecessor stock); or
 - (ii) if the surviving entity does not have marketable securities outstanding, or if there is no surviving entity (in each case, a “replacement stock event”), a number of shares of replacement stock (selected as defined below) with an aggregate value on the effective date of such reorganization event equal to the value of the non-stock reorganization property multiplied by the adjustment factor for such Underlying Stock in effect on the trading day immediately prior to the effective date of such reorganization event.

If a reorganization event occurs with respect to the shares of an Underlying Stock and the calculation agent adjusts the adjustment factor of such Underlying Stock to reflect the reorganization property in the event as described above, the calculation agent will make further anti-dilution adjustments for any later events that affect the reorganization property, or any component of the reorganization property, comprising the new adjustment factor of such Underlying Stock. The calculation agent will do so to the same extent that it would make adjustments if the shares of such Underlying Stock were outstanding and were affected by the same kinds of events. If a subsequent reorganization event affects only a particular component of the number of shares of such Underlying Stock, the required adjustment will be made with respect to that component as if it alone were the number of shares of such Underlying Stock.

For purposes of adjustments for reorganization events, in the case of a consummated tender or exchange offer or going-private transaction involving reorganization property of a particular type, reorganization property will be deemed to include the amount of cash or other property paid by the offeror in the tender or exchange offer with respect to such reorganization property (in an amount determined on

the basis of the rate of exchange in such tender or exchange offer or going-private transaction). In the event of a tender or exchange offer or a going-private transaction with respect to reorganization property in which an offeree may elect to receive cash or other property, reorganization property will be deemed to include the kind and amount of cash and other property received by offerees who elect to receive cash.

Replacement Stock Events

Following the occurrence of a replacement stock event described in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) above or in “—Delisting of American Depositary Shares or Termination of American Depositary Receipt Facility” below with respect to an Underlying Stock, the stock closing price of the applicable underlying stock on any calculation day on or after the effective date of the replacement stock event will be determined by reference to a replacement stock and an adjustment factor (subject to any further anti-dilution adjustments) for such replacement stock as determined in accordance with the following paragraphs.

The “replacement stock” will be the stock having the closest “option period volatility” to the applicable original Underlying Stock among the stocks that then comprise the replacement stock selection index (or, if publication of such index is discontinued, any successor or substitute index selected by the calculation agent in its sole discretion) with the same GICS Code (as defined below) as the applicable original Underlying Stock Issuer; *provided*, however, that a replacement stock will not include (i) any stock that is subject to a trading restriction under the trading restriction policies of HSBC, the hedging counterparties of HSBC or any of their affiliates that would materially limit the ability of HSBC, the hedging counterparties of HSBC or any of their affiliates to hedge the securities with respect to such stock or (ii) any stock for which the aggregate number of shares to be referenced by the securities (equal to the product of (a) (i) the aggregate face amount outstanding *divided by* (ii) the starting value of the applicable Underlying Stock and (b) the adjustment factor that would be in effect immediately after selection of such stock as the replacement stock) exceeds 25% of the ADTV (as defined in Rule 100(b) of Regulation M under the Exchange Act) for such stock as of the effective date of the replacement stock event (an “excess ADTV stock”).

If a replacement stock is selected in connection with a reorganization event for an original Underlying Stock, the adjustment factor with respect to such replacement stock will be equal to the number of shares of such replacement stock with an aggregate value, based on the closing price on the effective date of such reorganization event, equal to the product of (a) the value of the non-stock reorganization property received per share of such original Underlying Stock and (b) the adjustment factor of such Underlying Stock in effect on the trading day immediately prior to the effective date of such reorganization event. If a replacement stock is selected in connection with an ADS termination event (as defined below), the adjustment factor with respect to such replacement stock will be equal to the number of shares of such replacement stock with an aggregate value, based on the closing price on the change date (as defined below), equal to the product of (x) the closing price of the original Underlying Stock on the change date and (y) the adjustment factor in effect on the trading day immediately prior to the change date.

The “option period volatility” means, in respect of any trading day, the volatility (calculated by referring to the closing price of the applicable Underlying Stock on its primary exchange) for a period equal to the 125 trading days immediately preceding the announcement date of the reorganization event, as determined by the calculation agent.

“GICS Code” means the Global Industry Classification Standard (“GICS”) sub-industry code assigned to the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer; *provided*, however, if (i) there is no other stock in the replacement stock selection index in the same GICS sub-industry or (ii) a replacement stock (a) for which there is no trading restriction and (b) that is not an excess ADTV stock cannot be identified from the replacement stock selection index in the same GICS sub-industry, the GICS Code will mean the GICS industry code assigned to such original Underlying Stock Issuer. If no GICS Code has been assigned to such original Underlying Stock Issuer, the applicable GICS Code will be determined by the calculation agent to be the GICS sub-industry code assigned to companies in the same sub-industry (or, subject to the proviso in the preceding sentence, industry, as applicable) as such original Underlying Stock Issuer at the time of the relevant replacement stock event.

The “replacement stock selection index” means the S&P 500® Index.

Delisting of American Depositary Shares or Termination of American Depositary Receipt Facility. If an Underlying Stock is an American Depositary Share and such Underlying Stock is no longer listed or admitted to trading on a U.S. securities exchange registered under the Exchange Act or included in the OTC Bulletin Board Service operated by FINRA, or if the American depositary receipt facility between the applicable Underlying Stock Issuer and the depositary is terminated for any reason (each, an “ADS termination event”), then, on the last trading day on which the applicable Underlying Stock is listed or admitted to trading or the last trading day immediately prior to the date of such termination, as applicable (the “change date”), a replacement stock event shall be deemed to occur.

Consequences of a Market Disruption Event; Postponement of a Calculation Day

As used in this section, the “final disrupted calculation day” means, with respect to a calculation day, (i) for an Index or a Fund, the eighth trading day for that Index or Fund after such originally scheduled calculation day or (ii) for an Underlying Stock, the eighth scheduled trading day for that Underlying Stock after such originally scheduled calculation day.

Securities Linked to a Single Market Measure

If any calculation day is not a trading day with respect to the Market Measure, such calculation day will be postponed to the next succeeding day that is a trading day with respect to the Market Measure.

If a market disruption event occurs or is continuing with respect to the Market Measure on any calculation day, then such calculation day will be postponed to the first succeeding trading day for the Market Measure on which a market disruption event for the Market Measure has not occurred and is not continuing; however, if such first succeeding trading day has not occurred as of the final disrupted calculation day for the Market Measure, that final disrupted calculation day shall be deemed to be the calculation day. If a calculation day has been postponed to the final disrupted calculation day and a market disruption event occurs or is continuing with respect to the Market Measure on such final disrupted calculation day, the calculation agent will determine the closing value of the Market Measure on such final disrupted calculation day:

- (i) in the case of an Index, in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the closing level of such Index last in effect prior to commencement of the market disruption event, using the closing price (or, with respect to any relevant security, if trading in such security has been materially suspended or materially limited, its good faith estimate of the value of such security at (a) with respect to an Index that is not a multiple exchange index, the scheduled closing time of the relevant stock exchange for such security or, if earlier, the actual closing time of the regular trading session of such relevant stock exchange or (b) with respect to a multiple exchange index, the time at which the official closing level of such Index is calculated and published by the relevant index sponsor) on such date of each security included in such Index;
- (ii) in the case of a Fund, based on its good faith estimate of the value of the shares (or other applicable securities) of such Fund as of the close of trading on such date; and
- (iii) in the case of an Underlying Stock, by using its good faith estimate of the closing price that would have prevailed for such Underlying Stock on such day.

As used in (i) above, “closing price” means, with respect to any security on any date, the relevant stock exchange traded or quoted price of such security as of (a) with respect to an Index that is not a multiple exchange index, the scheduled closing time of the relevant stock exchange for such security or, if earlier, the actual closing time of the regular trading session of such relevant stock exchange or (b) with respect to a multiple exchange index, the time at which the official closing level of such Index is calculated and published by the relevant index sponsor.

Securities Linked to Multiple Market Measures

If any calculation day is not a trading day with respect to any Market Measure, such calculation day for each Market Measure will be postponed to the next succeeding day that is a trading day with respect to each Market Measure.

If a market disruption event occurs or is continuing with respect to any Market Measure on any calculation day, then such calculation day for such Market Measure will be postponed to the first succeeding trading day for such Market Measure on which a market disruption event for such Market Measure has not occurred and is not continuing; however, if such first succeeding trading day has not occurred as of the final disrupted calculation day for such Market Measure, that final disrupted calculation day shall be deemed to be the calculation day for such Market Measure. If a calculation day for a Market Measure has been postponed to the final disrupted calculation day for that Market Measure and a market disruption event occurs or is continuing with respect to such Market Measure on such final disrupted calculation day, the calculation agent will determine the closing value of such Market Measure on such final disrupted calculation day:

- (i) in the case of an Index, in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the closing level of such Index last in effect prior to commencement of the market disruption event, using the closing price (or, with respect to any relevant security, if trading in such security has been materially suspended or materially limited, its good faith estimate of the value of such security at (a) with respect to an Index that is not a multiple exchange index, the scheduled closing time of the relevant stock exchange for such security or, if earlier, the actual closing time of the regular trading session of such relevant stock exchange or (b) with respect to a multiple exchange index, the time at which the official closing level of such Index is calculated and published by the relevant index sponsor) on such date of each security included in such Index;
- (ii) in the case of a Fund, based on its good faith estimate of the value of the shares (or other applicable securities) of such Fund as of the close of trading on such date; and
- (iii) in the case of an Underlying Stock, by using its good faith estimate of the closing price that would have prevailed for such Underlying Stock on such day.

As used in (i) above, “closing price” means, with respect to any security on any date, the relevant stock exchange traded or quoted price of such security as of (a) with respect to an Index that is not a multiple exchange index, the scheduled closing time of the relevant stock

exchange for such security or, if earlier, the actual closing time of the regular trading session of such relevant stock exchange or (b) with respect to a multiple exchange index, the time at which the official closing level of such Index is calculated and published by the relevant index sponsor.

Notwithstanding the postponement of a calculation day for a Market Measure due to a market disruption event with respect to such Market Measure on such calculation day, the originally scheduled calculation day will remain the calculation day for any Market Measure not affected by a market disruption event on such day.

Payment Dates

The applicable pricing supplement will specify the stated maturity date as well as any other date on which amounts will or may be payable on the securities (each referred to in this section as a “payment date”).

If any scheduled payment date is not a business day, the payment (if any) required to be made on the securities on such payment date will be made on the next succeeding business day. If a calculation day with respect to any payment date preceding the stated maturity date is postponed, the relevant payment date will be the business day that follows such postponed calculation day by a number of business days equal to the number of business days between the originally scheduled calculation day and the originally scheduled payment date. If the final calculation day is postponed, the stated maturity date will be the later of (i) the originally scheduled stated maturity date and (ii) three business days after the final calculation day as postponed. If the securities are linked to more than one Market Measure and a calculation day is postponed, the related payment date will be postponed as described in this paragraph after the last such calculation day as postponed.

If any payment date is postponed due to a non-business day, a market disruption event on the related calculation day or otherwise, the payment, if any, due on that payment date will be made on that payment date as so postponed with the same force and effect as if it had been made on the originally scheduled payment date, that is, with no additional amount accruing or payable as a result of the postponement.

Calculations and Calculation Agent

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable pricing supplement, HSBC or one of our affiliates will act as initial calculation agent for the securities. We may appoint a different calculation agent at any time without your consent and without notifying you.

The calculation agent will determine any amounts payable on the securities. In addition, the calculation agent will, among other things:

- determine whether a market disruption event has occurred;
- determine the closing value of a Market Measure under certain circumstances;
- determine if adjustments are required to the closing value of a Market Measure under various circumstances;
- if publication of an Index is discontinued, select a successor equity index or, if no successor equity index is available, determine the closing level of such Index;
- if a Fund undergoes a liquidation event, select a successor fund or, if no successor fund is available, determine the fund closing price of such Fund; and
- select a replacement stock for an Underlying Stock under certain circumstances.

All calculations with respect to the maturity payment amount will be rounded to the nearest one hundred-thousandth, with five one-millionths rounded upward (e.g., 0.000005 would be rounded to 0.00001); and the maturity payment amount will be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent rounded upward.

All determinations made by the calculation agent will be at the sole discretion of the calculation agent and, in the absence of manifest error, will be conclusive for all purposes and binding on us and you. The calculation agent will have no liability for its determinations.

Events of Default and Acceleration

If an event of default with respect to an issue of securities has occurred and is continuing, the amount payable to a holder of a security upon any acceleration permitted by such securities, with respect to each security, will be equal to the maturity payment amount, calculated as provided in the applicable pricing supplement. If the applicable pricing supplement specifies that the securities will pay a coupon, then the amount described in the immediately preceding sentence will also include a portion of a final coupon payment, if any. The maturity payment amount and any final coupon payment will be calculated as though the date of acceleration were the calculation day (or the final calculation day, if there is more than one calculation day). The final coupon payment, if any, will be prorated from and including the immediately preceding coupon payment date to, but excluding, the date of acceleration.

BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS

For a discussion of the benefit plan investor considerations, see “Certain ERISA and Related Considerations” in the accompanying HSBC Prospectus Supplement dated February 21, 2024.

UNITED STATES FEDERAL TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The intended tax treatment of a security issued hereunder will be specified in the applicable pricing supplement. For a discussion of the material United States federal income tax considerations, see “U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” in the accompanying prospectus supplement dated February 21, 2024.