

Important information for investment accounts

Subject to completion of the sale, by the end of March 2024[†], you can expect your HSBC investment accounts to migrate and become accounts of (and the applicable agreements assigned to) the RBC businesses listed below:

HSBC	RBC
HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. ¹	Royal Mutual Funds Inc. or RBC Dominion Securities Inc.*
HSBC InvestDirect ²	RBC Direct Investing Inc.
HSBC Private Investment Counsel (Canada) Inc. ³	RBC Phillips, Hager & North Investment Counsel Inc.

* This will depend on the type of account and/or the holdings in your account, as explained further in Section 4 of the RBC guide.

Details regarding the expected effective time and date for the migration of credit cards, and the migration date for all other products and services (the “migration date”) are included in the migration timeline accompanying this package (the “Migration Timeline”). Once transferred, your new RBC accounts, products and services may have important changes or differences associated with them. Please review Section 4 of the RBC guide for more details.

What you need to know

- You can expect your HSBC investment accounts will be transferred to RBC at no cost to you.
- You have the right to close your account(s) with us or transfer them to another firm. Any transfer-out fees will be waived until the migration date.
- If you have an HSBC Private Investment Counsel (Canada) Inc. account or a HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. account invested in our HSBC World Selection Portfolio® service, please note that if you want to transfer your HSBC Pooled Funds held within these accounts to another firm that is not RBC, you will need to sell your HSBC Pooled Funds and transfer the proceeds in cash.
- If you have a non-registered HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. account holding cash, you will receive a further communication from us regarding your options for your cash.

Questions?

We’re happy to help if you have any questions about your HSBC investment accounts. If you’re not sure which entity you have your account with, refer to your statements or contact us:

- HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. 1-800-830-8888
- HSBC InvestDirect 1-800-760-1180
- HSBC Private Investment Counsel (Canada) Inc. 1-844-756-7783

¹ HSBC Investment Funds (Canada) Inc. (HIFC) is a direct subsidiary of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited (“AMCA”) and an indirect subsidiary of HSBC Bank Canada and provides its services in all provinces of Canada except Prince Edward Island. HIFC is a member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund.

HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited (“AMCA”) is a wholly owned subsidiary of, but separate entity from, HSBC Bank Canada.

² HSBC InvestDirect is a division of HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of, but separate entity from, HSBC Bank Canada. HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc. is a member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund.

³ HSBC Private Investment Counsel (Canada) Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of, but separate legal entity from, HSBC Bank Canada and provides its services in all provinces of Canada, except Prince Edward Island.

[†] The migration date is the date on which the sale of HSBC Bank Canada to RBC is completed, which is currently expected to occur by the end of March 2024, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

Change of Control for HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited, the Manager of the HSBC Mutual Funds and HSBC Pooled Funds

This notice is relevant to you if you hold HSBC Mutual Funds and/or HSBC Pooled Funds (the "Funds") in your HSBC account(s).

The sale of HSBC Bank Canada to Royal Bank of Canada constitutes a change of control of HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited ("AMCA").

AMCA gives notice to you that, on the **Closing Date**[†], subject to the closing of the sale, there will be a change of control of AMCA. Specifically, AMCA is expected to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Bank of Canada or an affiliate thereof. In addition, as of the migration date, AMCA is expected to be renamed RBC Indigo Asset Management Inc. by its new parent company and the Funds are expected to be renamed as set out in Schedule "A".

We are providing you with this change of control notice for informational purposes only, further to our obligations under section 5.8 of National Instrument 81-102 – *Investment Funds*. This notice does not require you to take any action. The Simplified Prospectus and Fund Facts for the Funds are available on each Fund's respective SEDAR+ profile at www.sedarplus.ca.

Additionally, AMCA hereby gives you notice of the following changes, which are also expected to be effective as of the migration date:

- The period upon which the short-term trading fee applies to the Funds will change from 30 days to 7 days. Amongst other exceptions outlined in the Simplified Prospectus, the short-term trading fee will not apply to any sales or switches of units of the Funds conducted more than 7 days after purchase of those units.
- The HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund, HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund and the HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund will make a special distribution **if necessary** on or around the migration date to pay out interest accrued up to the migration date. The distribution for other Funds that would normally distribute income at the end of March may be paid earlier in the month.

HSBC Global Asset Management (Canada) Limited ("AMCA") is a wholly owned subsidiary of, but separate entity from, HSBC Bank Canada.

AMCA is the manager and primary investment advisor for the HSBC Mutual Funds and the HSBC Pooled Funds (collectively, the "HSBC Funds"). HIFC is the principal distributor of the HSBC Mutual Funds, which are also distributed through authorized dealers. HIFC also offers the HSBC Funds through the HSBC World Selection® Portfolio. This is a portfolio investment service under which client's assets are invested in model portfolios which are comprised of investments in the Funds. AMCA provides discretionary investment management services to the model portfolios in the HSBC World Selection Portfolio service. Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees, investment management fees and expenses all may be associated with investments in the HSBC Funds and/or the HSBC World Selection Portfolio service. Please read the prospectus, Fund Facts, applicable account opening documentation and other disclosure documents before investing in the HSBC Funds and/or the HSBC World Selection Portfolio service. The HSBC World Selection Portfolio service and the HSBC Funds are not guaranteed or covered by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, HSBC Bank Canada, or any other government deposit insurer or financial institution, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. For money market funds, there can be no assurances that the fund will be able to maintain its net asset value per security at a constant amount or that the full amount of your investment in the fund will be returned to you.

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Schedule “A” – New Fund Names

Current	New
HSBC Mutual Funds	RBC Indigo Mutual Funds
Cash and Money Market Funds	
HSBC Canadian Money Market Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Money Market Fund
HSBC U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund	RBC Indigo U.S. Dollar Money Market Fund
Income Funds	
HSBC Mortgage Fund	RBC Indigo Mortgage Fund
HSBC Canadian Short/Mid Bond Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Short/Mid Bond Fund
HSBC Canadian Bond Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Bond Fund
HSBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	RBC Indigo Global Corporate Bond Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Fund	RBC Indigo Emerging Markets Debt Fund
Balanced Funds	
HSBC Monthly Income Fund	RBC Indigo Monthly Income Fund
HSBC U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund	RBC Indigo U.S. Dollar Monthly Income Fund
HSBC Canadian Balanced Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Balanced Fund
Domestic Equity Funds	
HSBC Dividend Fund	RBC Indigo Dividend Fund
HSBC Equity Fund	RBC Indigo Equity Fund
HSBC Small Cap Growth Fund	RBC Indigo Small Cap Growth Fund
Foreign Equity Funds	
HSBC Global Equity Fund	RBC Indigo Global Equity Fund
HSBC Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund	RBC Indigo Global Equity Volatility Focused Fund
HSBC U.S. Equity Fund	RBC Indigo U.S. Equity Fund
HSBC European Fund	RBC Indigo European Fund
HSBC AsiaPacific Fund	RBC Indigo AsiaPacific Fund
HSBC Chinese Equity Fund	RBC Indigo Chinese Equity Fund
HSBC Indian Equity Fund	RBC Indigo Indian Equity Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Fund	RBC Indigo Emerging Markets Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Fund II	RBC Indigo Emerging Markets Fund II
Index Funds	
HSBC U.S. Equity Index Fund	RBC Indigo U.S. Equity Index Fund
HSBC International Equity Index Fund	RBC Indigo International Equity Index Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund	RBC Indigo Emerging Markets Equity Index Fund
World Selection® Diversified Funds	
HSBC World Selection Diversified Conservative Fund	RBC Indigo Diversified Conservative Fund
HSBC World Selection Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund	RBC Indigo Diversified Moderate Conservative Fund
HSBC World Selection Diversified Balanced Fund	RBC Indigo Diversified Balanced Fund
HSBC World Selection Diversified Growth Fund	RBC Indigo Diversified Growth Fund
HSBC World Selection Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund	RBC Indigo Diversified Aggressive Growth Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass™ Funds	
HSBC Wealth Compass Conservative Fund	RBC Indigo Strategic Conservative Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass Moderate Conservative Fund	RBC Indigo Strategic Moderate Conservative Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass Balanced Fund	RBC Indigo Strategic Balanced Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass Growth Fund	RBC Indigo Strategic Growth Fund
HSBC Wealth Compass Aggressive Growth Fund	RBC Indigo Strategic Aggressive Growth Fund
HSBC Pooled Funds	
HSBC Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Money Market Pooled Fund
HSBC Mortgage Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Mortgage Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Bond Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Bond Pooled Fund
HSBC Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Global High Yield Bond Pooled Fund
HSBC Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Global Inflation Linked Bond Pooled Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Debt Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Emerging Markets Debt Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Dividend Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Dividend Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Equity Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Canadian Small Cap Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC U.S. Equity Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo U.S. Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC International Equity Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo International Equity Pooled Fund
HSBC Emerging Markets Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Emerging Markets Pooled Fund
HSBC Global Real Estate Equity Pooled Fund	RBC Indigo Global Real Estate Equity Pooled Fund