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# **PRODUCT KEY FACTS**

# Schroder International Selection Fund -US Small & Mid-Cap Equity

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This statement provides you with key information about this product. This statement is a part of the offering document. You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.						
Quick facts						
Management company:	Schroder Investment Manager	nent (Euro	pe) S.A.			
Investment manager:	Schroder Investment Management North America Inc., located in the United States of America, internal delegation					
Sub-investment manager(s) and sub- delegate(s), if any:	Internal delegation to one or more sub-investment manager(s) (if any) and sub- delegate(s) (if any) as described in the section headed "Sub-Investment Managers and Sub-Delegates" in the Hong Kong Covering Document. The list of the latest sub-investment manager(s) and sub-delegate(s) of the fund will be provided on request and shall be further disclosed in the periodic reports of Schroder International Selection Fund.					
Depositary:	J.P. Morgan SE – Luxembourg Branch					
Ongoing charges over a year*:	Class A USD Acc	1.82%	Class A1 USD Acc	2.32%		
	Class A USD Dis AV	1.82%	Class A1 EUR Acc	2.32%		
	Class A EUR Acc	1.82%	Class A EUR Hedged Acc	1.85%		
	Class A1 EUR Hedged Acc	2.35%				
Dealing frequency:	Daily					
Base currency:	USD					
Dividend policy:	A and A1 Accumulation share classes – Dividend will not be distributed but will be reinvested into the fund.					
	A and A1 Distribution share classes – The board of directors generally has discretion as to whether or not to make any distribution. The distribution frequency is indicated in the share class designation as follows: M = monthly, Q = quarterly, S = semi-annual, A = annual					
	Distributions may be paid out of capital and reduce the fund's net asset value.					
Financial year end of this fund:	31 December					
Minimum investment:	A and A1 share classes: Initial – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent); Subsequent investment – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent)					

may vary from year to year.

## What is this product?

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

# **Objectives and investment strategy**

#### Investment Objective

The fund aims to provide capital growth in excess of the Russell 2500 Lagged (Net TR) index after fees have been deducted over a three to five year period<sup>Note</sup> by investing in equity and equity related securities of small and mid-sized US companies.

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

#### Investment Policy

The fund is actively managed and invests at least two-thirds of its assets in equity and equity related securities of small and mid-sized US companies. These are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 40% by market capitalisation of the US equities market.

The fund invests in a broad range of small and mid-sized US companies. The investment approach focuses on three types of US companies: companies that the investment manager believes demonstrate strong growth trends and improving levels of cash; companies which the investment manager believes generate dependable earnings and revenues; and companies that the investment manager believes are undergoing positive change that is not being recognised by the market. By doing so, the investment manager believes that we can reduce overall risk and improve returns for our investors over the medium to long term.

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

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

The fund may use derivatives with aim of reducing risk or managing the fund more efficiently. Derivatives can be used for instance to create market exposures through equity, currency, volatility or index related financial derivative instruments and include over-the-counter and/or exchange traded options, futures, contracts for difference, warrants, swaps, forward contracts and/or a combination of the above.

The fund maintains a higher overall sustainability score than the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index based on the investment manager's rating criteria. More details on the investment process used to achieve this can be found in the Fund Characteristics section of the Fund Details, as set out in Appendix III of the Prospectus.

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

The fund's performance should be assessed against its target benchmark being to exceed the Russell 2500 Lagged (Net TR) index ("Target Benchmark") and compared against the Morningstar US Mid-Cap Equity Category and the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index ("Comparator Benchmarks"). The fund's investment universe is expected to overlap materially with the components of the Target Benchmark and the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index. The Comparator Benchmarks are only included for performance comparison purposes and do not determine how the investment manager invests the fund's assets. The S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index is also used for sustainability score comparison. The benchmark(s) does/do not take into account the environmental and social characteristics or sustainable objective (as relevant) of the fund.

# Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the fund's net asset value.

#### What are the key risks?

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

#### 1. General investment risk

The fund's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore your investment in the fund may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.

#### 2. Equity investment risk

Investment in equity securities is subject to the risk that the market value of the stocks may go down as well as up due to numerous factors such as changes in investment sentiment, political environment, economic environment, issuer-specific factors, regional or global economic instability, currency and interest rate fluctuations. If the market value of the stocks go down the net asset value of the fund may be adversely affected.

#### 3. Concentrated geographical locations

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

#### 4. Smaller companies risk

Fund invests in smaller companies may fluctuate in value more than other funds and may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than those in larger companies. During periods where markets are falling, securities of smaller companies may become less liquid and experience short-term price volatility and wide spreads between dealing prices.

#### 5. Derivatives

The fund may use derivatives to meet its specific investment objective. There is no guarantee that the performance of derivatives will result in a positive effect for the fund. Derivative exposure may lead to a high risk of significant capital loss. Risks associated with derivatives include credit risk and counterparty risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk, over-the-counter transaction risks and hedging risk. The leverage element/component of derivatives can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the derivatives by the fund. There is no guarantee that the desired hedging instruments will be available or hedging techniques will achieve their desired result. In adverse situations, the use of hedging instruments may become ineffective in hedging and the fund may suffer significant losses.

#### 6. Risks relating to distributions

- For distribution share classes with a general dividend policy, expenses will be paid out of capital rather than out of gross income. The amount of distributable income therefore increases and the amount so increased may be considered to be dividend paid out of capital; capital growth will be reduced and in periods of low growth capital erosion may occur.
- Distribution share classes with a fixed dividend policy will distribute the dividends based on a fixed amount or fixed percentage of the net asset value per share. This may result in share classes with fixed distributions either paying out both income and capital in distribution payments, or not substantially distributing all the investment income which a share class has earned.
- You should note that in the circumstances where the payment of distributions are paid out of capital, this represents and amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of the amount you originally invested or capital gains attributable to that and may result in an immediate decrease in the net asset value per share.

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The distribution amount and net asset value of the currency hedged share class may be adversely
affected by differences in the interest rates of the reference currency of the currency hedged share
classes and the fund's base currency, resulting in an increase in the amount of distribution that is paid
out of capital and hence a greater erosion of capital than other non-currency hedged share classes.

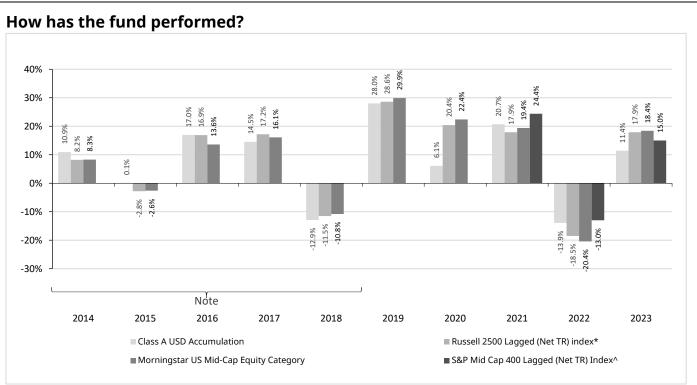
#### 7. Risks relating to hedging and the hedged classes

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

#### 8. Currency risks

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





- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the fund's Class A USD Accumulation increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in USD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Target benchmark: Russell 2500 Lagged (Net TR) index\*
- Comparator benchmarks: Morningstar US Mid-Cap Equity Category and S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index^
- Fund launch date: 2004
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2004
- The management company views the Class A USD Accumulation, being the retail share class denominated in the base currency of the fund, as the most appropriate representative share class of the fund.

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

\* With effect from 1 May 2021, the Target Benchmark of the fund has been changed from Russell 2500 Lagged (TR) index to Russell 2500 Lagged (Net TR) index in order to enhance the accuracy of the Target Benchmark as a performance target for the fund by using a net rather than gross variant.

^ With effect from 29 October 2021, a new Comparator Benchmark, the S&P Mid Cap 400 Lagged (Net TR) Index, has been added for the fund as part of the fund's conversion from SFDR article 6 to article 8.

# Is there any guarantee?

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

#### What are the fees and charges?

Charges which may be payable by you

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

Fee	What you pay		
Share class	A	A1	
Subscription fee (Initial charge)	Up to 5.00% of the total subscription amount	Up to 4.00% of the total subscription amount	
Switching fee (Switching charge)	Up to 1.00% of the value of the shares to be switched		
Redemption fee (Redemption charge)	Nil		

Ongoing fees payable by the fund

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

	Annual rate (as a % of the net asset value of the fund)		
Share class *	A	A1	
Management fee (Annual Management Charge)	1.50%		
Depositary fee	Up to 0.005%		
Performance fee	Nil		
Administration fee	Up to 0.25%		
Distribution charge (Annual Distribution Charge)	Nil	0.50%	
Custody safekeeping fee	Up to 0.3%		
Transaction fees (charged by the Depositary)	Up to USD75 per transaction		
Fund accounting and valuation fees	Up to 0.0083%		

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

Other fees

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

### Additional information

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

#### Important

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