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# **PRODUCT KEY FACTS**

# Schroder International Selection Fund -

# Asian Smaller Companies

#### Issuer: Schroder Investment Management (Europe) S.A.

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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 Management (Europe) S.A.
Investment manager:	Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd, located in Singapore, internal delegation
Sub-investment manager(s) and sub- delegate(s), if any:	Internal delegation to one or more sub-investment manager(s) (if any) and sub- delegate(s) (if any) as described in the section headed "Sub-Investment Managers and Sub-Delegates" in the Hong Kong Covering Document. The list of the latest sub-investment manager(s) and sub-delegate(s) of the fund will be provided on request and shall be further disclosed in the periodic reports of Schroder International Selection Fund.
Depositary:	J.P. Morgan SE – Luxembourg Branch
Ongoing charges over a year*:	Class A USD Acc 1.84% Class A1 USD Acc 2.34%
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.
Financial year end of this fund:	31 December
Minimum investment:	A and A1 share classes: Initial – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent); Subsequent investment – EUR1,000 or USD1,000 (or equivalent)
* The ongoing charges fig may vary from year to ye	gure is based on the expenses for the year ended 31 December 2023. This figure ar.
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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 MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap (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 Asian small-sized companies (excluding Japan).

<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 equities and equity related securities of small-sized companies in Asia (excluding Japan). Small-sized companies are companies which, at the time of purchase, are considered to be in the bottom 30% by market capitalisation of the Asian (excluding Japan) equities market.

The fund may invest directly in China B-Shares and China H-Shares and may invest less than 30% of its assets (on a net basis) directly or indirectly (for example via participatory notes) in China A-Shares through Stock Connect (as defined below) and shares listed on the Science and Technology Innovation Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("STAR Board") and the ChiNext market of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("ChiNext market").

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

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

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

The fund may invest directly in China A-Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively "Stock Connect") (as further described in the section headed "Stock Connect" in the Hong Kong Covering Document). Indirect exposure to China A-Shares may also be sought for the fund through investment in financial instruments such as China market access products and other funds with China access through Qualified Foreign Investor ("QFI") status. The fund does not currently intend to invest 30% or more of the net asset value of the fund directly and indirectly in China A-Shares and China B-Shares.

The fund may use derivatives with the 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 MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap (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 MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index ("Target Benchmark") and compared against the Morningstar Asia ex Japan Small Cap Equities Category ("Comparator Benchmark"). The fund's investment universe is expected to overlap

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to a limited extent with the components of the Target Benchmark. The Comparator Benchmark is only included for performance comparison purposes and does not determine how the investment manager invests the fund's assets. 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. 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.

#### 4. Emerging and less developed markets

The fund may invest in emerging and less developed markets. Investing in emerging and less developed markets is subject to greater risks than investing in securities of developed countries such as ownership and custody risks, political and economic risks, market and settlement risks, liquidity and volatility risk, legal and regulatory risks, execution and counterparty risk, and currency risk, which may adversely affect the net asset value per share of the fund and investors may as a result suffer losses.

#### 5. Risks related to investment in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC")

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

- Change in political, social or economic policy risk The investment will be sensitive to any
  significant change in political, social or economic policy in the PRC which may adversely affect the
  capital growth and thus the fund performance.
- Legal and regulatory risk The regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in the PRC may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. PRC companies are required to follow the PRC accounting standards and practice which may deviate significantly from international accounting standards. The settlement and clearing systems of the Chinese securities markets may not be well tested and may be subject to increased risks of error or inefficiency. Securities exchanges in the PRC typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any security traded on the relevant exchange. The government or the regulators may also implement policies that may affect the financial markets. All these may have a negative impact on the fund.

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- Liquidity and volatility risk Compared with the choice available in other markets, there is a low level
  of liquidity in the A-Shares and B-Shares of the PRC markets. This could potentially lead to severe price
  volatility.
- Currency and exchange risk The PRC government's control of currency conversion and exchange rates may adversely affect the operations and financial results of the companies invested in by the fund.
- PRC taxation consideration The fund investing in securities issued by companies resident in the
  PRC are subject to dividend withholding tax but are not currently subject to capital gains tax in the PRC.
  The tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC are inherently uncertain and liable to change without
  prior notice. They may also be changed with retrospective effect. The fund does not currently make any
  provision for Chinese capital gains tax. If appropriate, a provision may be introduced for the fund to
  cover capital gains tax, withholding taxes or other taxes. Consequently, investors may be advantaged
  or disadvantaged depending upon the final rules.

#### 6. Risks related to investments via the Stock Connect

The relevant rules and regulations on Stock Connect are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. Where a suspension in the trading through the programme is effected, the fund's ability to invest in China A-shares or access the PRC market through the programme will be adversely affected. In such event, the fund's ability to achieve its investment objective could be negatively affected.

#### 7. Risks relating to ChiNext market and/or STAR Board

- Higher fluctuation on stock prices and liquidity risk Listed companies on ChiNext market and/or STAR Board are usually of emerging nature with smaller operating scale. Listed companies on ChiNext market and STAR Board are subject to wider price fluctuation limits, and due to higher entry thresholds for investors may have limited liquidity, compared to other boards. Hence, companies listed on these boards are subject to higher fluctuation in stock prices and liquidity risks and have higher risks and turnover ratios than companies listed on the main board.
- Over-valuation risk Stocks listed on ChiNext market and/or STAR Board may be overvalued and such exceptionally high valuation may not be sustainable. Stock price may be more susceptible to manipulation due to fewer circulating shares.
- Differences in regulation The rules and regulations regarding companies listed on the ChiNext market and STAR Board are less stringent in terms of profitability and share capital than those in the main boards.
- Delisting risk It may be more common and faster for companies listed on ChiNext market and/or STAR Board to delist. ChiNext market and STAR Board have stricter criteria for delisting compared to the main boards. This may have an adverse impact on the fund if the companies that it invests in are delisted.
- Concentration risk STAR Board is a newly established board and may have a limited number of listed companies during the initial stage. Investments in STAR Board may be concentrated in a small number of stocks and subject the fund to higher concentration risk.

Investments in the ChiNext market and/or STAR Board may result in significant losses for the fund and its investor.

#### 8. Risks related to investments in China market access products

The fund may use China market access products (e.g. participatory notes) to gain exposure to China A-Shares indirectly. This involves additional risks including lack of a secondary market in such instruments, illiquidity of the underlying securities, difficulty in selling these instruments at times when the underlying markets are closed and counterparty default risk.

#### 9. Risks related to investments in other funds with China access

- Investing in other funds may result in additional operating fees and expenses from the underlying funds.
- The fund may invest in other funds with China access through QFI status. Therefore, the fund is
  indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the QFI regime such as suspension or revocation of the
  QFI status, as well as repatriation and liquidity risks.

#### 10. 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.

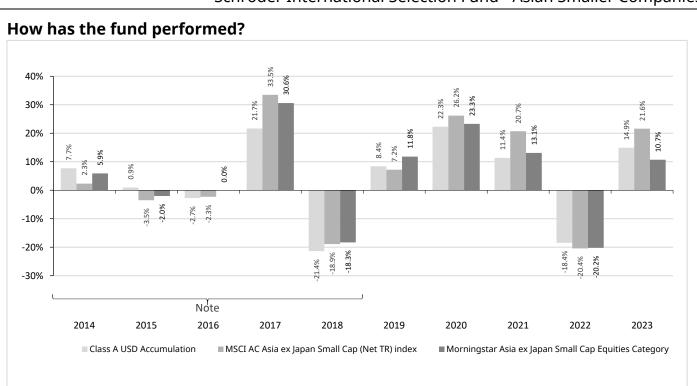
#### 11. Derivatives

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.

#### 12. Currency risks

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

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- 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: MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Small Cap (Net TR) index
- Comparator benchmark: Morningstar Asia ex Japan Small Cap Equities Category
- Fund launch date: 2005
- Class A USD Accumulation launch date: 2005
- The management company views the Class A USD Accumulation, being the retail share class denominated in the base currency of the fund, as the most appropriate representative share class of the fund.

Note: The performance of these years was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. During these years, there were material changes to the fund, namely, changes of investment objective and policy, removal of performance fee and reduction of fee(s).

# Is there any guarantee?

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

# What are the fees and charges?

Charges which may be payable by you

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

Fee	What you pay	
Share class	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%		

**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).
- 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.

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