

Important Risk Warning

- Unit Trusts, Bonds and Structured Products (including Equity Linked Investments, Private Placement Notes, Deposit Plus, Structured Investment Deposits and Capital Protected Investment Deposits) are investment products. Together with Certificates of Deposit (CDs), they are NOT equivalent to time deposits. Structured Product is a complex product and you should exercise caution in relation to the product. Some Unit Trusts and Structured Products may involve derivatives. The investment decision is yours but you should not invest unless the intermediary who sells it to you has explained to you that the product is suitable for you having regard to your financial situation, investment experience and investment objectives.
- The price of products may move up or down and may become valueless. Losses may be incurred as well as profits made as a result of buying and selling the products.
- In the worst case scenario, the value of the products may be worth substantially less than the original amount you invested (and in an extreme case could be worth nothing).
- Issuer's Risk – Bonds, CDs and structured products are subject to both the actual and perceived measures of credit worthiness of the issuer. There is no assurance of protection against a default by the issuer in respect of the repayment obligations. In the worst case scenario, you might not be able to recover the principal and interest/coupon if the issuer defaults on the Bonds, CDs and Structured Products.
- Investors should not make investment decisions based on this material alone.
- Investment involves risks. Past performance of the products is no guide to future performance. For details of the products, the related fees and charges and risk factors, please refer to the individual product materials and/or offering materials.
- Currency conversion risk – the value of your foreign currency and RMB products will be subject to the risk of exchange rate fluctuation. If you choose to convert your foreign currency and RMB payments to other currencies at an exchange rate that is less favourable than that exchange rate in which you made your original conversion to foreign currency and RMB, you may suffer loss in principal/ investment.
- RMB denominated products are subject to liquidity risk as there may be no regular trading and active secondary market for RMB Income Instruments. The bid and offer spread of the price of RMB Income Instruments may be large, so investors may incur significant trading and realisation costs and may suffer losses accordingly.

Structured Investment Deposits, Deposit Plus, Capital Protected Investment Deposits and CDs are not protected deposits and are not protected by the Deposit Protection Scheme in Hong Kong. Deposit Plus and CDs are NOT principal protected.

Unit Trusts Risk Disclosure

- In the worst case scenario, the value of the funds may be worth substantially less than the original amount you invested (and in an extreme case could be worth nothing).
- Funds which are invested in certain markets and companies (e.g. emerging markets, commodity markets and smaller companies etc.) may also involve a higher degree of risk and are usually more sensitive to price movements.

- Credit Risk/Interest Rate Risk – a fund that invests in fixed income securities may fall in value if interest rates change, and is subject to the credit risk that issuers may not make payments on such instruments and may involve a greater degree of risk than in the case with conventional securities.
- Counterparty Risk– a fund will be exposed to credit risk on the counterparties with which it trades in relation to financial derivative instrument contracts that are not trade on a recognised exchange. Such instruments are not afforded the same protections as may apply to participants trading financial derivative instruments on organised exchanges, such as the performance guarantee of an exchange clearing house. A fund will be subject to the possibility of insolvency, bankruptcy or default of a counter party with which a fund trades such instruments, which could result in substantial loss to a fund.

Structured products Risk Disclosure:

Deposit Plus (DPS) Risk Disclosure

- DPS is a complex product and investors should exercise caution in relation to the product.
- Not a time deposit - Deposit Plus is NOT equivalent to, nor should it be treated as a substitute for, time deposit. It is NOT a protected deposit and is NOT protected by the Deposit Protection Scheme in Hong Kong.
- Derivatives risk - Deposit Plus is embedded with FX option(s). Option transactions involve risks, especially when selling an option. Although the premium received from selling an option is fixed, you may sustain a loss well in excess of such premium amount, and your loss could be substantial.
- Limited potential gain - The maximum potential gain is limited to the interest on the deposit.
- Maximum potential loss – Deposit Plus is not principal protected. You must be prepared to incur loss as a result of depreciation in the value of the currency paid (if the deposit is converted to the linked currency at maturity). Such loss may offset the interest earned on the deposit and may even result in losses in the principal amount of the deposit.
- Not the same as buying the linked currency - Investing in Deposit Plus is not the same as buying the linked currency directly.
- Market risk – The net return of Deposit Plus will depend upon the exchange rate of deposit currency against the linked currency prevailing at the deposit fixing time on the fixing date. Movements in exchange rates can be unpredictable, sudden and drastic, and affected by complex political and economic factors.
- Liquidity risk - Deposit Plus is designed to be held until maturity. You do not have a right to request early termination of this product before maturity. Under special circumstances, the Bank has the right to accept your early redemption request at its sole discretion and on a case by case basis. The Bank will provide an indication of the redemption price upon such request. Your return upon such early redemption will likely be lower than that if the deposit were held until maturity and may be negative.
- Credit risk of the Bank –Deposit Plus is not secured by any collateral. When you invest in this product, you will be relying on the Bank's creditworthiness. If the Bank becomes insolvent or

defaults on its obligations under this product, you can only claim as an unsecured creditor of the Bank. In the worst case, you could suffer a total loss of your deposit amount.

- Currency risk - If the deposit currency and/or linked currency is not your home currency, and you choose to convert it back to your home currency upon maturity, you may make a gain or loss due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- Risks relating to RMB – You should note that the value of RMB against other foreign currencies fluctuates and will be affected by, amongst other things, the PRC government's control (for example, the PRC government regulates conversion between RMB and foreign currencies), which may adversely affect your return under this product. In case you receive RMB as Linked Currency at maturity and you choose to convert your maturity proceed to other currencies, you may suffer loss in principal. This product will be denominated (if Deposit Currency being RMB) and settled (when receive RMB at maturity) in RMB deliverable in Hong Kong, which is different from that of RMB deliverable in Mainland China.

Capital Protected Investment Deposit (CPI) Risk Disclosure

- CPI is a complex product and investors should exercise caution in relation to the product.
- Not a time deposit – Capital Protected Investment Deposit is NOT equivalent to, nor should it be treated as a substitute for, time deposit. It is NOT a protected deposit and is NOT protected by the Deposit Protection Scheme in Hong Kong.
- Derivatives risk – Capital Protected Investment Deposit is embedded with FX option(s). Option transactions involve risks. If the exchange rate of the currency pair performs against expectation at the fixing time on the fixing date, you can only earn the minimum payout of the structure.
- Limited potential gain - The maximum potential gain is limited to higher payout on the deposit less the principal amount, when exchange rate of currency pair at fixing moves in line with your anticipated direction.
- Not the same as buying the linked currency - Investing in Capital Protected Investment Deposit is not the same as buying the linked currency directly.
- Market risk - The return of Capital Protected Investment Deposit will depend upon the exchange rates of currency pair against trigger rate at the fixing time on the fixing date. Movements in exchange rates can be unpredictable, sudden and drastic, and affected by complex political and economic factors. You must be prepared to take the risk of earning the lower payout/no return (if exchange rate performs against expectation) on the money invested.
- Liquidity risk – Capital Protected Investment Deposit is designed to be held until maturity. You do not have a right to request early termination of this product before maturity. Under special circumstances, the Bank has the right to accept your early redemption request at its sole discretion and on a case by case basis. The Bank will provide an indication of the redemption price upon such request. Your return upon such early redemption will likely be lower than that if the deposit were held until maturity and may be negative.
- Credit risk of the Bank – Capital Protected Investment Deposit is not secured by any collateral. When you invest in this product, you will be relying on the Bank's creditworthiness. If the Bank becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under this product, you can only claim as an unsecured creditor of the Bank. In the worst case, you could suffer a total loss of your deposit amount.

- Currency risk - If the deposit currency is not your home currency, and you choose to convert it back to your home currency upon maturity, you may make a gain or loss due to exchange rate fluctuations.
- Risk of early termination by the Bank - The Bank shall have the discretion to uplift a Deposit or any part thereof prior to the Maturity Date (subject to the deduction of such break costs or the addition of such proportion of the return or redemption amount, which may result in a figure less than the original principal amount of the Deposit) if it determines, in its sole discretion, that this is necessary or appropriate to protect any right of the Bank to combine accounts or set-off, or any security interest, or to protect the Customer's interests.
- Risks relating to RMB - You should note that the value of RMB against other foreign currencies fluctuates and will be affected by, amongst other things, the PRC government's control (for example, the PRC government regulates conversion between RMB and foreign currencies), which may adversely affect your return under this product when you convert RMB into your home currency. The value of your RMB deposit will be subject to the risk of exchange rate fluctuation. If you choose to convert your RMB deposit to other currencies at an exchange rate that is less favourable than that in which you made your original conversion to RMB, you may suffer loss in principal. This product (if denominated in RMB) will be denominated and settled in RMB deliverable in Hong Kong, which is different from that of RMB deliverable in Mainland China.

Equity Linked Investments ("ELIs") Risk Disclosure

The following risks should be read together with the other risks contained in the "Risk Warnings" section in the relevant offering documents of the ELIs.

- ELI is a complex product and investors should exercise caution in relation to the product.
- You should note that the information contained in this material does NOT form part of the offering documents of our ELIs. You should read all the offering documents of our ELIs (including the programme memorandum, the financial disclosure document, the relevant product booklet and the indicative term sheet and any addendum to any of such documents) before deciding whether to invest in our ELIs. If you have doubt on the content of this material, you should seek independent professional advice.
- Not a time deposit - ELI is NOT equivalent to, nor should it be treated as a substitute for, time deposit. It is NOT a protected deposit and is NOT protected by the Deposit Protection Scheme in Hong Kong.
- Not principal protected – ELIs are not principal protected: you could lose all of your investment.
- Limited potential gain – you may not receive any potential cash dividend amount - The maximum potential gain under this product is capped at an amount equal to the sum of the difference between the issue price and the nominal amount of the ELIs (if any) (less any cash settlement expenses) and the maximum periodic potential cash dividend amount(s) payable during the scheduled tenor (i.e. the period from (and including) the issue date to (and including) the settlement date) of the ELIs. It is possible that you may not receive any potential cash dividend amount for the entire scheduled tenor of the ELIs.
- Re-investment risk - If our ELIs are early terminated, we will pay you the nominal amount of the ELIs (less any cash settlement expenses) and any accrued potential cash dividend amount

calculated up to (and including) that call date. No further potential cash dividend amount will be payable following such early termination. Market conditions may have changed and you may not be able to enjoy the same rate of return if you re-invest these proceeds in other investments with similar risk parameters.

- No collateral – ELIs are not secured on any of our assets or any collateral.
- Limited market making arrangements are available and you may suffer a loss if you sell your ELIs before expiry - Our ELIs are designed to be held to their settlement date. Limited market making arrangements are available on a bi-weekly basis for all our ELIs. If you try to sell your ELIs before expiry, the amount you receive for each ELI may be substantially less than the issue price you paid for each ELI.
- Not the same as investing in the reference asset – Investing in our ELIs is not the same as investing in the reference asset. Changes in the market price of the reference asset may not lead to a corresponding change in the market value of, or your potential payout under, the ELIs.
- Not covered by Investor Compensation Fund – Our ELIs are not listed on any stock exchange and are not covered by the Investor Compensation Fund. There may not be any active or liquid secondary market.
- Maximum loss upon HSBC's default or insolvency – Our ELIs constitute general, unsecured and unsubordinated contractual obligations of HSBC as issuer and of no other person (including the ultimate holding company of our group, HSBC Holdings plc). When you buy our ELIs, you will be relying on HSBC's creditworthiness. If HSBC becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under the ELIs, in the worst case scenario, you could lose all of your investment.
- Risks relating to RMB - You should note that the value of RMB against other foreign currencies fluctuates and will be affected by, amongst other things, the PRC government's control (for example, the PRC government regulates conversion between RMB and foreign currencies), which may adversely affect your return under this product when you convert RMB into your home currency. The value of your RMB-denominated ELIs will be subject to the risk of exchange rate fluctuation. If you choose to convert your RMB deposit to other currencies at an exchange rate that is less favourable than that in which you made your original conversion to RMB, you may suffer loss in principal. This product (if denominated in RMB) will be denominated and settled in RMB deliverable in Hong Kong, which is different from that of RMB deliverable in Mainland China.
- You may, at settlement, receive physical delivery of reference asset(s).
- Our ELIs may be terminated early by us according to the terms as set out in offering documents of our ELIs.
- Our ELIs are structured investment products which are embedded with derivatives.
- Investment returns (if any) not denominated in home currency are exposed to exchange rate fluctuations. Rates of exchange may cause the value of investments to go up or down.
- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited is the issuer and product arranger of our ELIs.

Private Placement Notes (PPN) Risk Disclosure

The following risks should be read together with the other risks contained in the "Risk Factors" section in the relevant offering documents of the PPNs

- PPN is a complex product and investors should exercise caution in relation to the product.
- You should note that the information contained in this website does NOT form part of the offering documents of our PPNs. You should read all the offering documents of our PPNs (including the offering memorandum, and the indicative term sheet) before deciding whether to invest in our PPNs. If you have doubt on the content of this website, you should seek independent professional advice.
- Not a time deposit - PPN is NOT equivalent to, nor should it be treated as a substitute for, time deposit. It is NOT a protected deposit and is NOT protected by the Deposit Protection Scheme in Hong Kong.
- Not principal protected – some PPNs are not principal protected: you could lose all of your investment.
- Investment Return Risk –It is possible that you may not receive any potential cash dividend amount for the entire scheduled tenor of the PPNs.
- Re-investment risk - If our PPNs are early terminated, we will pay you the nominal amount of the PPNs (less any cash settlement expenses) and any accrued potential cash dividend amount calculated up to (and including) that call date. No further potential cash dividend amount will be payable following such early termination. Market conditions may have changed and you may not be able to enjoy the same rate of return if you re-invest these proceeds in other investments with similar risk parameters.
- No collateral – PPNs are not secured on any of our assets or any collateral.
- Limited market making arrangements are available and you may suffer a loss if you sell your PPNs before expiry - Our PPNs are designed to be held to their settlement date. Limited market making arrangements are available on a bi-weekly basis for all our PPNs. If you try to sell your PPNs before expiry, the amount you receive for each PPN may be substantially less than the issue price you paid for each PPN.
- Not the same as investing in the reference asset – Investing in our PPNs is not the same as investing in the reference asset. Changes in the market price of the reference asset may not lead to a corresponding change in the market value of, or your potential payout under, the PPNs.
- Not covered by Investor Compensation Fund – Our PPNs are not listed on any stock exchange and are not covered by the Investor Compensation Fund. There may not be any active or liquid secondary market.
- Maximum loss upon HSBC's default or insolvency – Our PPNs constitute general, unsecured and unsubordinated contractual obligations of HSBC as issuer and of no other person (including the ultimate holding company of our group, HSBC Holdings plc). When you buy our PPNs, you will be relying on HSBC's creditworthiness. If HSBC becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under the PPNs, in the worst case scenario, you could lose all of your investment.
- Risks relating to RMB - You should note that the value of RMB against other foreign currencies fluctuates and will be affected by, amongst other things, the PRC government's control (for example, the PRC government regulates conversion between RMB and foreign currencies), which may adversely affect your return under this product when you convert RMB into your home currency. The value of your RMB-denominated PPNs will be subject to the risk of exchange rate fluctuation. If you choose to convert your RMB deposit to other currencies at an exchange rate that is less favourable than that in which you made your original conversion to

RMB, you may suffer loss in principal. This product (if denominated in RMB) will be denominated and settled in RMB deliverable in Hong Kong, which is different from that of RMB deliverable in Mainland China.

- You may, at settlement, receive physical delivery of reference asset(s).
- Our PPNs may be terminated early by us according to the terms as set out in offering documents of our PPNs.
- Our PPNs are structured investment products which are embedded with derivatives.
- Investment returns (if any) not denominated in home currency are exposed to exchange rate fluctuations. Rates of exchange may cause the value of investments to go up or down.

Renminbi (“RMB”) Related Products Risk Disclosure

- There may be exchange rate risks if you choose to convert RMB payments made on the bonds and securities to your home currency.
- RMB debt instruments are subject to interest rate fluctuations, which may adversely affect the return and performance of the RMB products.
- RMB products may suffer significant losses in liquidating the underlying investments if such investments do not have an active secondary market and their prices have large bid/ offer spreads.
- You could lose part or all of your principal if you choose to sell your RMB bonds prior to maturity.

Making available to you any advertisements, marketing or promotional materials, market information or other information relating to a product or service shall not, by itself, constitute solicitation of the sale or recommendation of any product or service. If you wish to receive solicitation or recommendation from us, please contact us and, where relevant, go through our suitability assessment before transacting.

The remuneration for sales staff is determined based on the staff's overall performance with reference to a wide range of factors, and is subject to review from time to time, for the purpose of encouraging the building of deep, long-lasting and mutually valuable relationships with customers. It is not determined solely on financial performance.

You should carefully consider whether any investment products or services mentioned herein are appropriate for you in view of your investment experience, objectives, financial resources and circumstances. The contents of this document have not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission.

Stock - HSBC Top Trader Club Risk Disclosure

Stocks may be considered as part of a healthy, diversified portfolio.

Investment involves risk. You should carefully consider whether any investment products or services mentioned herein are appropriate for you in view of your investment experience, objectives, financial resources and relevant circumstances. The price of stocks may move up or down. Losses may be incurred as well as profits made as a result of buying and selling stocks. Frequent trading in stocks will incur greater fees, in terms of brokerage and associated trading costs, notwithstanding the offer of

preferential rates, and this may impact your investment returns from trading. The information above is neither a recommendation, an offer to sell, no solicitation of an offer to purchase any investment. The Bank does not provide investment advice.

Depending on your monthly trading volume, you may prefer to remain in our standard pricing programme. For US stocks in particular, by opting-in to the HSBC Top Trader Club your current tariff of USD18 for your first 1,000 shares + USD0.015 for additional shares will be replaced with the HSBC Top Trader Club pricing.

Unit trusts Investment Financing Risk Disclosure

1. General risk of Unit Trusts trading

The prices of Unit Trusts vary, sometimes dramatically. The price of a security may move up or down, and may become valueless. It is as likely that you will incur losses rather than making profit when buying or selling Unit Trusts.

2. Risks associated with margin requirements

You must provide us with initial cash amount before subscribing for your investment. The required amount of initial cash is determined by us and can be varied by us from time to time, in our absolute discretion. Any cash and Unit Trusts deposited with us will be charged, pledged and/or assigned to us. If the Portfolio Margin Ratio for your investment exceeds a certain level (e.g. because of a decrease of value of your investment), we may request you to provide additional cash on short notice or sell Unit Trusts to repay all or part of the Investment Loan ("margin call"). The amount of additional cash that we may request you to provide us may be substantial and exceed the amount of initial cash deposited with us. While any Investment Loan provided by us to you remains outstanding, you may be restricted from selling or otherwise dealing with any cash or investments deposited with us.

If you do not act promptly upon receiving of a margin call notice and do not take the required actions (such as selling Unit Trusts and/or repaying the Investment Loans) within the prescribed time, we may have various rights, including the right to sell part or all of your investments, as well as to exercise set-off in relation to any cash that you have deposited with us in connection with your investments ("forced sale"), even in adverse market conditions. You will bear all losses and may remain liable to repay us any resulting deficit in your account (including interests) and any other amounts due from you to us.

Financing your investment with an Investment Loan could expose you to significant losses. As a result of adverse market movements, you may incur losses in excess of your own initial funds and your investments, and you may be required to repay the Investment Loans in full.

We may have the right to sell, at our absolute discretion, part or all of any of your investments and/or appropriate and/or dispose of part or all of the cash or other assets deposited with us and take any other legal action, without notice or demand. For example, we may have such right when due to adverse market conditions the market value of your investments drops significantly and/or your investments cease to be eligible for Investment Financing and/or we need to cover

any shortfall and/or reduce your potential exposure to unacceptable risks or heavy losses and/or where you have not complied with your obligations in relation to Investment Financing.

3. Risk of using leverage

The high degree of leverage in connection with Investment Financing transactions can lead to large losses (e.g. in the event we have to force sell your investment) as well as gains. The higher your leverage is, the bigger your losses can be in adverse market conditions.

4. Interest rate risk

Interest rate fluctuations may have an adverse impact on the value of your investments. In addition, where the interest rates by reference to which interests on your Investment Loan are calculated fluctuate, this may adversely affect the return on your investments. In particular, the cost of borrowing may be equal to or exceed the actual return on your investments.

5. Liquidity risk

Investing in certain products may present liquidity risk as under certain market conditions you may have difficulties to sell your investments. In the event we have to force sell your investments, the price at which such sale is concluded may also be affected where there is no or little liquidity in the market for your investments and/or collateral.

6. Commissions, Fees and Charges

You should familiarize yourself with commissions, fees and charges for which you will be liable under Investment Financing transactions as they may affect your net profit (if any) or increase your loss.

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**FX Risk disclosure**

Currency conversion risk - the value of your foreign currency and RMB deposit will be subject to the risk of exchange rate fluctuation. If you choose to convert your foreign currency and RMB deposit to other currencies at an exchange rate that is less favourable than the exchange rate in which you made your original conversion to that foreign currency and RMB, you may suffer loss in principal.

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