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Fund merger for Schroder UK Alpha Income

Account number: *****

Your financial adviser: *****

I am writing to you because you are invested in the Schroder UK Alpha Income fund, provided by Schroder Unit Trusts Limited.

Schroder Unit Trusts Limited has informed us that the Schroder UK Alpha Income fund will merge into the Schroder Prime UK Equity fund on **18 June 2025**. You'll see the new fund on your valuations and statements after that date.

The merger is subject to shareholder approval. If it isn't approved, we will write to let you know.

You may want to speak to your financial adviser about the impact of the merger. Please speak to them before making any investment decisions, or if you have any questions about this change.

If you don't have a financial adviser, we recommend that you consider the benefits of receiving professional financial advice, which can be especially important when you need to make investment decisions. If you would like to search for an adviser in your area you can start by visiting quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser.

The last date we can sell from the fund before the merger will be 11:00 on 10 June 2025.

How the merger will affect your account

- **The value of your fund holding** – The merger may affect the value of your fund holding, as explained below under the heading "Will the merger cost me anything?"
- **Direct Debits** – If you are paying into the fund by Direct Debit:
 - 1) payments up to and including 10 June 2025 will be allocated to the Schroder UK Alpha Income fund.
 - 2) any payments which are due to be collected whilst the merger is taking place will buy units proportionally across the other assets in your Direct Debit instruction. If the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction, those payments will be allocated to cash. They will stay in cash unless you choose to switch them to another asset in future.
 - 3) payments after the merger will be allocated to the Schroder Prime UK Equity fund.

- **Phased investment** – Instructions using the fund will automatically continue after the merger. Unless you give us an alternative choice, future transactions will be reapportioned across the other assets in your instruction, or cash if the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction.
- **Treasured assets** – if you have treasured the fund to be excluded when deducting units to meet certain scheduled payments from your account (for example charges and ongoing adviser fees), this arrangement will stop. You can arrange to treasure different assets by providing us with a new treasured asset request form.

Cash may not be suitable for your long-term investment needs. If you're happy for the amount to stay in cash, you don't need to do anything. Alternatively, you can switch the cash into an alternative asset(s) from our extensive range. Your financial adviser can give us your switch instruction, or you can switch by logging into our online Customer Centre at quilter.com/login or by sending us a switch form in the post.

A note about cash in your account

We don't take any product or service charges on your cash balance (although the value is still included in the total value calculation for the charge). Instead, we pay you a rate of interest on cash in your account and we are paid by retaining a proportion of the interest we receive from our banking partners.

You can find more information, including the current interest rate payable and how much interest we retain, on our website at quilter.com/interest-on-cash.

- The merger **won't change the fund's risk profile**. You can see more information about the new fund in its Key Investor Information document, available online at (URL). Please note, it may not reflect the charges applicable when accessing the fund through us.
- **Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) / Total Expense Ratio (TER)** - The OCF/TER will change with the merger.

Fund managers apply an Annual Management Charge (AMC) for the investment management they provide. This is reflected within the daily price of the fund and not taken directly from your holdings.

The OCF/TER represents the ongoing charges for the fund, expressed as a percentage. It is the sum of the AMC and all other running costs of the fund. OCF is increasingly replacing the TER.

The table below shows the current and new AMC and OCF/TER of the fund.

| | AMC % | OCF/TER % |
|---------|-------|-----------|
| Current | 0.65 | 0.65 |
| New | 0.30 | 0.30 |

Please note that none of the changes detailed in this letter affect any charges made by Quilter.

Will the merger cost me anything?

The costs in restructuring the portfolio of the merging fund will be borne by the fund and are estimated to be approximately 0.11% of the fund value.

Why the funds are merging

Over the past few years, the assets under management (the "AUM") of the merging fund has been declining. The portfolio AUM of the merging fund was near £100m at the end of 2020 and is now roughly £59m (as at 31 December 2024). The receiving fund, in comparison, is materially larger with £646m in AUM (as at 31 December 2024).

Both funds are managed by the same team, and the portfolios have a commonality of 75% (as at September 2024). The funds also have the same benchmark. Schroder believe the merger will result in a single fund that is more likely to benefit from economies of scale.

You can find more information about the old and new funds below.

The next steps and avoiding the merger

You do not need to take any action unless you would like to choose a new asset from our extensive range. You can switch your holding in the Schroder UK Alpha Income fund at any time up until **11:00 on 10 June 2025**. If you decide to switch into a new asset(s), please note that you will also need to update your asset choice for Direct Debit payments, if applicable.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser who will be able to help you. Alternatively, you can call or email us using the details shown and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely



Callum Earl
Head of Client Services

Fund objectives

| Current fund Schroder UK Alpha Income | New fund Schroder Prime UK Equity |
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| Fund objective: To provide income and capital growth in excess of the FTSE All Share (Gross Total Return) index (after fees have been deducted) over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of UK companies. | Fund objective: To provide capital growth in excess of the FTSE All Share (Gross Total Return) index (after fees have been deducted) over a three to five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities of UK companies. |