

## 1. Description of the ILP Sub-Fund

Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund (the "**ILP Sub-Fund**") is an investment-linked policy sub-fund offered by HSBC Life (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. ("**HSBC Life**").

Investment risk rating is a guide to determine the ILP Sub-Fund that is suitable to the risk profile as indicated in the HSBC Bank (Singapore) Limited's (the "**Bank**") Risk Profile Questionnaire (RPQ). It is currently only applicable to customers of the Bank.

## 2. Structure of the ILP Sub-Fund

The ILP Sub-Fund is a single ILP sub-fund which invests 100% into Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund (the "**Fund**"). The Fund is an open-ended collective investment scheme constituted in Luxembourg as a UCITS.

ILP Sub-Fund	Currency	Share Class	Investment Risk Rating
Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund	SGD	Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund – A H1 SGD Hedged	5
Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund	USD	Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund – A USD	5

The ILP Sub-Fund is not classified as an Excluded Investment Product (as defined within the MAS Notice 307 on Investment-Linked Policies (the "**MAS Notice 307**")).

## 3. Information on the Manager

The Management Company of the Fund is Franklin Templeton International Services S.à r.l. (the "**Management Company**") for providing administration, marketing, investment management and advice services in respect of all Funds. The Management Company may delegate part or all of the investment management services to the Investment Managers.

Franklin Advisers, Inc. is the Investment Manager of the Fund. Based in San Mateo, California, Franklin Advisers, Inc. was formed in 1985 and is best known as a fixed income and money market specialist. Franklin Advisers, Inc. is a leading fixed income manager in the U.S., and forms part of the Franklin Fixed Income Group which was one of the pioneers in the development of U.S. Government Securities funds in the 1970s. The Franklin Fixed Income Group also introduced America's first state-specific and double tax-free income fund in 1981. The regulatory authority is the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The monies and assets of the ILP Sub-Fund are not expected to be affected by the insolvency of the Investment Adviser as monies and assets belonging to the ILP Sub-Fund are segregated from the Investment Adviser's assets through the maintenance of separate bank and custodian accounts for the ILP Sub-Fund, and it is not permissible for monies and assets of the ILP Sub-Fund to be used for payment of the Investment Adviser's debts and liabilities under law.

### 3.1 Information on the Depositary of the Fund

J.P. Morgan Bank Luxembourg S.A. has been appointed as the Depositary to provide depositary, custodial, settlement and certain other associated services to the Fund.

## 4. The Auditor

The auditor of the Fund is PricewaterhouseCoopers Société Coopérative.

## 5. Investment Objectives, Focus and Approach

### 5.1 Investment Objectives

The Fund's investment objective is capital appreciation.

## **5.2 Investment Focus and Approach**

The Fund invests at least two-thirds of its net invested assets in equity securities of US and non US companies expected to benefit from the development, advancement, and use of technology and communication services and equipment. These may include, for example, companies in the following industries:

- 1) communication and computing related outsourcing services;
- 2) technology services, including computer software, data services and Internet services;
- 3) electronic technology, including computers, computer products and electronic components;
- 4) telecommunications, including networking, wireless and wire-line services and equipment;
- 5) media and information services, including the distribution of information and content providers;
- 6) semiconductors and semiconductor equipment; and
- 7) precision instruments.

The Fund invests in securities of US and non US large, well-established companies, as well as small to medium-sized companies, that the Investment Manager believes provide good emerging growth opportunities.

The Fund may also invest in equity or debt securities of any type of foreign or US issuer as well as in American, European or Global Depositary Receipts.

The Fund uses a growth approach that employs intensive, bottom-up, fundamental research of companies. The Investment Manager also takes into consideration broad-based trends when considering the selection of investments. In general, the Investment Manager looks for companies it believes display, or will display, some of the following characteristics, among others: quality management; robust growth prospects; strong market positioning; high, or rising profit margins; and good return on capital investment.

### Exposure to securities lending transactions

The expected level of exposure that could be subject to securities lending transactions amounts to 5% of the Fund's net assets, subject to a maximum of 50%.

## **5.3 Investor Profile**

The ILP Sub-Fund is only suitable for potential investors who:

- seek capital appreciation;
- seek a growth investment (concentrated in equities of US issuers) in sectors showing above average growth or growth potential as compared with the overall economy;
- seek an investment concentrated in equities of US issuers; and
- plan to hold their investment for the medium to long term.

The principle may be at risk.

## **6. Central Provident Fund ("CPF") Investment Scheme**

The ILP Sub-Fund is currently not included under the CPF Investment Scheme.

## **7. Risks**

### **7.1 General Risks**

All investments involve risk and there can be no guarantee against loss resulting from an investment in the Fund, nor can there be any assurance that the Funds' investment objectives will be attained. Neither the Fund, the Management Company, the Investment Managers, nor any of their worldwide affiliated entities, guarantee the performance or any future return of the Fund. These investment risks are not purported to be exhaustive and potential investors should review this Singapore Prospectus carefully and consult with their professional advisers before making an application for Shares. The net asset value of Shares may go down as well as up and you may not get back the money invested or the return on your investment.

Please refer to Section 7.2 of this Fund Summary for more information on the risks specific to the Fund.

## **7.2 Specific Risks**

Investors in the Fund should carefully consider the following risks of the Fund.

A comprehensive description of the following risks can be obtained from Section 8 “Risk Factors” in the Fund’s Singapore Prospectus. You can download the Fund’s Singapore Prospectus from website:

<https://www.franklintempleton.com.sg/investor/>

### **7.2.1 Concentration Risk**

Some Funds may have an investment policy which specifically states an intention to maintain a portfolio with holdings in a relatively limited number of issuers or a concentrated allocation to a given economic sector, market segment or geographical area. By being less diversified, such Funds may be more volatile than broadly diversified Funds, or may be exposed to greater risk since under performance of one or a few positions, sectors or geographical areas will have a greater impact on the Funds assets. The Funds may be adversely affected as a result of such greater volatility or risk.

### **7.2.2 Counterparty Risk**

Counterparty risk is the risk to each party of a contract that the counterparty will fail to perform its contractual obligations and/or to respect its commitments under the term of such contract, whether due to insolvency, bankruptcy or other cause.

When over-the-counter (OTC) or other bilateral contracts are entered into (inter alia OTC derivatives, repurchase agreements, security lending, etc.), the Fund may find itself exposed to risks arising from the solvency of its counterparties and from their inability to respect the conditions of these contracts.

### **7.2.3 Market Risk**

The market values of securities owned by a Fund will go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Securities may decline in value due to factors affecting individual issuers, securities markets generally or particular industries or sectors within the securities markets. The value of a security may go up or down due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular issuer, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for revenues or corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They may also go up or down due to factors that affect an individual issuer, a particular industry or sector, such as changes in production costs and competitive conditions within an industry or a specific country. Unexpected events such as natural or environmental disasters (earthquakes, fires, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis) and other severe weather-related phenomena generally, or widespread disease, including pandemics and epidemics, have been and can be highly disruptive to economies of individual companies, sectors, industries, nations, markets and adversely impacting currencies, interest and inflation rates, credit ratings, investor sentiment, and other factors affecting the value of the Fund’s investments. Given the interdependence among global economies and markets, conditions in one country, market, or region are likely to adversely affect markets, issuers, and/or foreign exchange rates in other countries. These disruptions could prevent the Fund from executing advantageous investment decisions in a timely manner and could negatively impact the Fund’s ability to achieve its investment objective.

During a general downturn in the securities markets, multiple asset classes may decline in value. When markets perform well, there can be no assurance that securities held by a Fund will participate in or otherwise benefit from the advance. All investments in financial markets may decrease in value.

### **7.2.4 Securities Lending Risk**

The entering by the Fund into securities lending transactions, as contemplated in Appendix B.4 of this Prospectus “Use of Techniques and Instruments relating to Transferable Securities and Money Market Instruments” involves certain risks and there can be no assurance that the objective sought to be obtained from such use will be achieved.

Investors must notably be aware that in case of default, bankruptcy or insolvency of the borrower of securities lent by a Fund, there is a risk of delay in recovery (that may restrict the ability of a Fund to meet delivery obligations under security sales or payment obligations arising from sale requests) or even loss of rights in collateral received, which risks are mitigated by a careful creditworthiness analysis of borrowers to determine their degree of risk for said borrowers to become involved in insolvency/bankruptcy proceedings within the timeframe contemplated by the loan. If the borrower of securities lent by a Fund fails to return these securities there is a risk that the collateral received may realise less than the value of the securities lent out, whether due to inaccurate pricing, adverse market movements, a deterioration in the credit rating of issuers of the collateral or the illiquidity on the market in which the collateral is traded.

A Fund may reinvest the cash collateral received from borrowers. There is a risk that the value or return of the reinvested cash collateral may decline below the amount owed to those borrowers, and those losses may exceed the amount earned by the Fund on lending the securities.

## **7.2.5 Chinese Market Risk**

Risks associated with the Chinese Market are similar to the Emerging Markets risk with the government having a greater control over allocation of resources, the risks that naturally prevail in this type of market is political and legal uncertainty, currency fluctuations and blockage, no government support on reform or nationalisation and expropriation of assets. Such risks can have a negative impact on the performance of the Fund.

The Chinese market is undergoing economic reform, these reforms of decentralisation are unprecedented or experimental and subject to modification which may not always have a positive outcome on the performance of the economy and then the value of securities in the Fund.

The Chinese economy is also export driven and highly reliant on trade. Adverse changes in the economic conditions of its primary trading partners such as the US, Japan and South Korea would adversely impact the Chinese economy and the Fund investments.

In recent years, political tensions within Hong Kong have risen. Such increased political tensions could have potential impacts on the political and legal structures in Hong Kong. They could also affect investor and business confidence in Hong Kong, which in turn could affect markets and business results.

There are also risk and uncertainties associated with the current Mainland China tax laws, regulations and practice in respect of capital gains realized on the Fund's investment in Mainland China (which may have retrospective effect). Any increased tax liabilities on the Fund may adversely affect the Fund's value.

Funds investing in the Chinese Market may also be subject to other specific risks listed below:

- **China QFII risk**

The Fund may invest in China A-Shares either through a qualified foreign institutional investor (QFII) portfolios or directly through the QFII quota granted to a portfolio manager or sub-manager. Such QFII schemes are authorised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission of Mainland China thus permitting investments in the securities market of Mainland China (China A-Shares). The laws, regulations, including measures allowing QFIIs to invest in China A-Shares, government policies and political and economic climate in China may change with little or no advance notice. Any such change could adversely affect market conditions and the performance of the Chinese economy and, thus, the value of China A-Shares.

The redemption of the China A-Shares may depend, inter alia, on the Mainland China laws and practice affecting Investor's ability to liquidate investments and to remit the proceeds thereof out of Mainland China. The repatriation restrictions, and any failure or delay in obtaining relevant approvals from Chinese authorities could restrict the relevant portfolio's ability to satisfy all or any redemption requests in respect of any particular redemption date.

Investors in a Fund investing in QFII's portfolio and/or China A-Shares should in particular be informed that the liquidity of securities held by the Fund may be substantially limited and might therefore affect the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests.

- **Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect risk**

The Fund may invest and have direct access to certain eligible China A-Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and/or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (together referred to as "Stock Connect"). Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links programme developed by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEx"), Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("ChinaClear"). Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing links programme developed by HKEx, Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") and ChinaClear. The aim of Stock Connect is to achieve mutual stock market access between Mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Stock Connect comprises two Northbound Trading Links, one between SSE and Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK"), and the other between SZSE and SEHK. Stock Connect will allow foreign investors to place orders to trade eligible China A-Shares listed on the SSE ("SSE Securities") or on the SZSE ("SZSE Securities") (the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities collectively referred to as the "Stock Connect Securities") through their Hong Kong based brokers.

The SSE Securities include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed China A-Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on the SEHK, except (i) those SSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB and (ii) those SSE-listed shares which are included in the "risk alert board". The list of eligible securities may be changed subject to the review and approval by the relevant PRC regulators from time to time. The SZSE Securities include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which has a market capitalization of at least RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed China A-Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except those SZSE-listed shares (i) which are not quoted and traded in RMB, (ii) which are included in the "risk alert board"; (iii) which have been suspended from listing by the SZSE; and (iv) which are in the pre-delisting period. The list of eligible securities may be changed subject to the review and approval by the relevant PRC regulators from time to time.

Further information about the Stock Connect is available online at the website:

[http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/market/sec\\_tradinfra/chinaconnect/Documents/Investor\\_Book\\_En.pdf](http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/market/sec_tradinfra/chinaconnect/Documents/Investor_Book_En.pdf)

In addition to the risks associated with the Chinese market and risks related to investments in RMB, investments through the Stock Connect are subject to additional risks, namely, quota limitations, suspension risk, operational risk, restrictions on selling imposed by front-end monitoring, recalling of eligible stocks, clearing and settlement risks, nominee arrangements in holding China A-Shares and regulatory risk.

#### *Quota limitations*

The programmes are subject to a daily quota limitation which may restrict a Funds' ability to invest in Stock Connect Securities through the programmes on a timely basis. In particular, once the Northbound daily quota is reduced to zero or the Northbound daily quota is exceeded during the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (although investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance).

#### *Suspension risk*

Each of the SEHK, SZSE and SSE reserves the right to suspend trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. In case of a suspension, the Funds' ability to access the Mainland China market will be adversely affected.

#### *Differences in trading day*

Stock Connect only operates on days when both Mainland China and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement day. Due to the difference in trading days between the Mainland China and the Hong Kong markets, there may be occasions when it is a normal trading day for the Mainland China market but not in Hong Kong and, accordingly, the Funds cannot carry out any Stock Connect Securities trading. The Funds may therefore be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A-Shares during the periods when Stock Connect is not operational.

#### *Restrictions on selling imposed by front-end monitoring*

Mainland China regulations require that before an investor sells any share, there should be sufficient shares in the account; otherwise both SZSE and SSE will reject the sell order concerned. SEHK will carry out pre-trade checking on China A-Shares sell orders of its participants (i.e. the stock brokers) to ensure there is no over-selling.

#### *Clearing settlement and custody risks*

Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEx ("HKSCC") and ChinaClear establish the clearing links and each is a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. As the national central counterparty of the PRC's securities market, ChinaClear operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and stock holding infrastructure. ChinaClear has established a risk management framework and measures that are approved and supervised by the China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC"). The chances of ChinaClear default are considered to be remote.

Should the remote event of ChinaClear default occur and ChinaClear be declared as a defaulter, HKSCC will in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from ChinaClear through available legal channels or through ChinaClear's liquidation. In that event, the Fund(s) may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from ChinaClear.

The China A-Shares traded through Stock Connect are issued in scripless form, so investors, such as the Funds, will not hold any physical China A-Shares. Hong Kong and overseas investors, such as the Funds, who have acquired Stock Connect Securities through Northbound trading should maintain the Stock Connect Securities with their brokers' or custodians' stock accounts with the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by HKSCC for the clearing securities listed or traded on SEHK. Further information on the custody set-up relating to the Stock Connect is available upon request at the registered office of the Fund.

#### *Operational risk*



The Stock Connect provides a new channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas, such as the Funds, to access the China stock market directly. The Stock Connect is premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this program subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house.

It should be appreciated that the securities regimes and legal systems of the two markets differ significantly and in order for the trial program to operate, market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

Further, the "connectivity" in the Stock Connect program requires routing of orders across the border. This requires the development of new information technology systems on the part of the SEHK and exchange participants (i.e. a new order routing system ("China Stock Connect System") to be set up by SEHK to which exchange participants need to connect). There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems failed to function properly, trading in both markets through the program could be disrupted. The Funds' ability to access the China A-Share market (and hence to pursue their investment strategy) will be adversely affected.

#### *Nominee arrangements in holding China A-Shares*

HKSCC is the "nominee holder" of the Stock Connect securities acquired by overseas investors (including the Fund(s)) through the Stock Connect. The CSRC Stock Connect rules expressly provide that investors such as the Funds enjoy the rights and benefits of the Stock Connect securities acquired through the Stock Connect in accordance with applicable laws. However, the courts in Mainland China may consider that any nominee or custodian as registered holder of Stock Connect securities would have full ownership thereof, and that even if the concept of beneficial owner is recognised under Mainland China law those SSE securities would form part of the pool of assets of such entity available for distribution to creditors of such entities and/or that a beneficial owner may have no rights whatsoever in respect thereof. Consequently, the Fund(s) and the Depositary cannot ensure that the Fund's ownership of these securities or title thereto is assured in all circumstances.

Under the rules of the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by HKSCC for the clearing of securities listed or traded on SEHK, HKSCC as nominee holder shall have no obligation to take any legal action or court proceeding to enforce any rights on behalf of the investors in respect of the Stock Connect securities in Mainland China or elsewhere. Therefore, although the Funds' ownership may be ultimately recognised, these Funds may suffer difficulties or delays in enforcing their rights in China A-Shares.

To the extent that HKSCC is deemed to be performing safekeeping functions with respect to assets held through it, it should be noted that the Depositary and the Fund(s) will have no legal relationship with HKSCC and no direct legal recourse against HKSCC in the event that a Fund suffers losses resulting from the performance or insolvency of HKSCC.

#### *Investor compensation*

Investments of the Funds through Northbound trading under the Stock Connect will not be covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund is established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong.

Since default matters in Northbound trading via the Stock Connect do not involve products listed or traded in SEHK or Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited, they will not be covered by the Investor Compensation Fund. On the other hand, since the Funds are carrying out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not Mainland China brokers, therefore they are not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund in Mainland China.

#### *Trading costs*

In addition to paying trading fees and stamp duties in connection with China A-Share trading, the Funds may be subject to new portfolio fees, dividend tax and tax concerned with income arising from stock transfers which are yet to be determined by the relevant authorities.

#### *Mainland China tax consideration*

The Management Company and/or Investment Manager reserve the right to provide for tax on gains of the Fund that invests in Mainland China securities thus impacting the valuation of the Funds. With the uncertainty of whether and how certain gains on Mainland China securities are to be taxed, the possibility of the laws, regulations and practice in Mainland China changing, and the possibility of taxes being applied retrospectively, any provision for taxation made by the Management Company and/or the Investment Manager may be excessive or inadequate to meet final Mainland China tax liabilities on gains derived from the disposal of Mainland China securities. Consequently, investors may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the final outcome of how such gains will be taxed, the level of provision and when they purchased and/or sold their shares in/from the Fund.

On 14 November 2014, the Ministry of Finance, State of Administration of Taxation and CSRC jointly issued a notice in relation to the taxation rule on the Stock Connect under Caishui 2014 No.81 ("Notice No.81"). Under Notice No.81, Corporate income tax, individual income tax and business tax will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas investors (such as the Funds) on the trading of China A-Shares through the Stock Connect with effect from 17 November 2014. However, Hong Kong and overseas investors (such as the Funds) are required to pay tax on dividends and/or bonus shares at the rate of 10% which will be withheld and paid to the relevant authority by the listed companies.

#### **Regulatory risk.**

The CSRC Stock Connect rules are departmental regulations having legal effect in Mainland China. However, the application of such rules is untested, and there is no assurance that Mainland China courts will recognise such rules, e.g. in liquidation proceedings of Mainland China companies.

The Stock Connect is novel in nature, and is subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in Mainland China and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Stock Connect.

The regulations are untested so far and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. Moreover, the current regulations are subject to change. There can be no assurance that the Stock Connect will not be abolished. The Funds which may invest in the Mainland China markets through Stock Connect may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

### **7.2.6 Foreign Currency Risk**

Since the Fund values the portfolio holdings of each of its Funds in either US dollar, Japanese yen or euro, changes in currency exchange rates adverse to those currencies may affect the value of such holdings and each respective Fund's yield thereon.

Since the securities, including cash and cash equivalents, held by a Fund may be denominated in currencies different from its base currency, the Fund may be affected favourably or unfavourably by exchange control regulations or changes in the exchange rates between such reference currency and other currencies. Changes in currency exchange rates may influence the value of a Fund's Shares, and also may affect the value of dividends and interests earned by the Fund and gains and losses realised by said Fund. If the currency in which a security is denominated appreciates against the base currency, the price of the security could increase. Conversely, a decline in the exchange rate of the currency would adversely affect the price of the security.

To the extent that a Fund or any Share Class seeks to use any strategies or instruments to hedge or to protect against currency exchange risk, there is no guarantee that hedging or protection will be achieved. Unless otherwise stated in any Fund's investment policy, there is no requirement that any Fund seeks to hedge or to protect against currency exchange risk in connection with any transaction.

Currency management strategies may substantially change a Fund's exposure to currency exchange rates and could result in losses to the Fund if currencies do not perform as the Investment Manager expects. In addition, currency management strategies, to the extent that they reduce the Fund's exposure to currency risks, may also reduce the Fund's ability to benefit from favourable changes in currency exchange rates. There is no assurance that the Investment Manager's use of currency management strategies will benefit the Fund or that they will be, or can be, used at appropriate times. Furthermore, there may not be perfect correlation between the amount of exposure to a particular currency and the amount of securities in the portfolio denominated in that currency. Investing in foreign currencies for purposes of gaining from projected changes in exchange rates, as opposed to hedging currency risks applicable to the Fund's holdings, further increases the Fund's exposure to foreign investment losses.

Investors should be aware of the fact that the Chinese Renminbi (RMB) is subject to a managed floating exchange rate based on market supply and demand with reference to a basket of currencies. Currently, the RMB is traded in two markets: one in Mainland China, and one outside Mainland China (primarily in Hong Kong). The RMB traded in Mainland China is not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and certain requirements by the government of Mainland China. The RMB traded outside Mainland China, on the other hand, is freely tradable. Whilst the RMB is traded freely outside Mainland China, the RMB spot, forward foreign exchange contracts and related instruments reflect the structural complexities of this evolving market. Accordingly, Alternative Currency Classes denominated in RMB may be exposed to greater foreign exchange risks.

### **7.2.7 Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk takes two forms: asset side liquidity risk and liability side liquidity risk. Asset side liquidity risk refers to the inability of a Fund to sell a security or position at its quoted price or market value due to such factors

as a sudden change in the perceived value or credit worthiness of the position, or due to adverse market conditions generally. Liability side liquidity risk refers to the inability of a Fund to meet a redemption request, due to the inability of the Fund to sell securities or positions in order to raise sufficient cash to meet the redemption request. Markets where the Fund's securities are traded could also experience such adverse conditions as to cause exchanges to suspend trading activities. Reduced liquidity due to these factors may have an adverse impact on the Net Asset Value of the Fund and, as noted, on the ability of the Fund to meet redemption requests in a timely manner.

Certain securities are illiquid due to a limited trading market, financial weakness of the issuer, legal or contractual restrictions on resale or transfer, or that are otherwise illiquid in the sense that they cannot be sold within seven days at approximately the price at which the Fund values them. Securities that are illiquid involve greater risk than securities with more liquid markets. Market quotations for such securities may be volatile and/or subject to large spreads between bid and ask prices. Illiquidity may have an adverse impact on market price and the Fund's ability to sell particular securities when necessary to meet the Fund's liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event.

## 7.2.8 Smaller and Midsize Companies Risk

While smaller and midsize companies may offer substantial opportunities for capital growth, they also involve substantial risks and should be considered speculative. Historically, smaller and midsize company securities have been more volatile in price than larger company securities, especially over the short term. Among the reasons for the greater price volatility are the less certain growth prospects of smaller and midsize companies, the lower degree of liquidity in the markets for such securities, and the greater sensitivity of smaller and midsize companies to changing economic conditions.

In addition, smaller and midsize companies may lack depth of management, be unable to generate funds necessary for growth or development, have limited product lines or be developing or marketing new products or services for which markets are not yet established and may never become established. Smaller and midsize companies may be particularly affected by interest rate increases, as they may find it more difficult to borrow money to continue or expand operations, or may have difficulty in repaying any loans which are floating-rate.

These risks are typically increased for securities issued by smaller companies registered or performing a significant part of their activities in developing countries and Emerging Markets, especially as the liquidity of securities issued by companies in Emerging Markets may be substantially smaller than with comparable securities in industrialised countries.

**Investors should understand that all investments involve risk and there can be no guarantee against loss resulting from an investment in any Fund(s), nor can there be any assurance that the Fund(s) investment objective(s) will be attained. Neither the Fund, the Management Company, the Investment Managers, nor any of their worldwide affiliated entities, guarantee the performance or any future return of the Fund.**

## 8. Fees and Charges

### 8.1 Payable through deduction from asset value of the ILP Sub-Fund

<b>Management Fee</b>	1.00% p.a.
<b>Annual Maintenance &amp; Servicing Charges</b>	Up to 0.50% p.a.
<b>Others</b>	Annual Custodian Fee: 0.01% to 0.14% p.a. Annual Admin Fee: Max. 0.20% p.a. plus additional amount per investor holding over one-year period.

Please refer to Singapore Prospectus of the Fund under Section 7 “Fees and Charges” for the details of other charges.

### 8.2 Payable by cancellation of units

Please refer to Section 5 of the Product Summary.

## 9. Suspension of Dealings

### 9.1 HSBC Life may suspend the issue, realisation and/or cancellation of units by the Policyholder as and when the issue, realisation and/or cancellation of units of the Fund is suspended.



- 9.2** The circumstances under which the issue, realisation and/or cancellation of units of the Fund may be suspended are set out in the Singapore Prospectus of the Fund (as may be supplemented or replaced from time to time).
- 9.3** In addition, HSBC Life may suspend the issue, realisation and/or cancellation of units by the Policyholder under the following circumstances:
- (a) any 48-hour period (or such longer period as HSBC Life may agree) prior to the date of any meeting of Policyholders (or any adjourned meeting thereof);
  - (b) any period when the dealing of units is suspended pursuant to any order or direction of the MAS; or
  - (c) any period when the business operations of HSBC Life in relation to the operation of the ILP Sub-Fund is substantially interrupted or closed as a result of or arising from pestilence, acts of war, terrorism, insurrection, revolution, civil unrest, riots, strikes or acts of God.
- 9.4** Such suspension shall take effect forthwith upon the declaration in writing thereof by HSBC Life and shall terminate on the day following the first Business Day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension shall have ceased to exist and no other conditions under which suspension is authorized under this paragraph shall exist upon the declaration in writing thereof HSBC Life.

## 10. Performance of the ILP Sub-Fund

Performance of the ILP Sub-Fund against its benchmark as at 30 June 2023.

### Average Annual Compounded Returns

Fund Performance (%)	3mths (%)	6mths (%)	1yr (%)	3yrs* (%)	5yrs* (%)	10yrs* (%)	Since Inception** (%)
Franklin Technology Fund	14.84	36.70	25.64	N/A	N/A	N/A	-19.33
MSCI World Information Technology Index (SGD)	14.75	39.06	37.16	N/A	N/A	N/A	-1.73

Fund Performance (%)	3mths (%)	6mths (%)	1yr (%)	3yrs* (%)	5yrs* (%)	10yrs* (%)	Since Inception** (%)
Franklin Technology Fund (USD)	15.21	37.72	29.01	N/A	N/A	N/A	-17.59
MSCI World Information Technology Index (USD)	14.75	39.06	37.16	N/A	N/A	N/A	-1.31

\* Annualised Return

\*\* Since inception date of ILP Sub-Fund: 22 November 2021.

Benchmark: MSCI World Information Technology Index

Source: Franklin Templeton.

Note: The performance of the ILP Sub-Fund is not guaranteed and the value of investments and income from them may fall as well as rise. Past performance of the ILP Sub-Fund is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

## 10.1 Basis of Calculating the Return

The performance figures are calculated in Singapore Dollars and U.S Dollars using NAV-to-NAV prices, with any income or dividends reinvested. Fees and charges payable through deduction of premium or cancellation of units are excluded from this calculation.

## 11. Expense Ratio

ILP Sub-Fund	Expense Ratio	Period
Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund – A H1 SGD Hedged	1.81%	As of 30 June 2023.
Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund – A USD	1.81%	

The expense ratio of the ILP Sub-Fund does not include charges for insurance coverage, brokerage and other transactions costs, interest expenses, performance fee, foreign exchange gains and losses, front and back end loads and other costs arising from the purchase or sales of other funds, tax deducted at source or arising out of income received and dividends and other distributions to shareholders. The expense ratio of the ILP Sub-Fund is calculated in accordance to the Investment Management Association of Singapore's guidelines as required by MAS Notice 307.

## 12. Turnover Ratio

ILP Sub-Fund	Turnover Ratio	Period
Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund – A H1 SGD Hedged	-22.43%	As of 31 December 2022.
Franklin Templeton Investment Funds – Franklin Technology Fund – A USD		

The turnover ratios of the ILP Sub-Fund and the Portfolio are calculated based on the lesser of purchases or sales expressed as a percentage over average daily net asset value.

## 13. Soft Dollar Commissions/Arrangements

HSBC Life does not receive any soft dollar commission in respect of the ILP Sub-Fund. Soft dollar refers to arrangements under which products or services, other than the execution of securities transactions, are obtained from or through a broker in exchange for the direction by the manager of transactions to the broker.

Consistent with obtaining best execution, brokerage commissions on portfolio transactions for the Fund may be directed by the Management Company and/or the Investment Managers to brokers/dealers in recognition of research services furnished by them as well as for services rendered in the execution of orders by such brokers/dealers. The receipt of investment research and information and related services permits the Management Company and/or the Investment Managers to supplement their own research and analysis and makes available to them the views and information of individuals and research staffs of other firms. Such services do not include travel, accommodation, entertainment, general administrative goods or services, general office equipment or premises, membership fees, employee salaries or direct money payment, which are paid by the Management Company and/or the Investment Managers.

The Management Company and/or the Investment Managers may enter, with brokers/dealers that are entities and not individuals, into soft commission arrangements only where there is a direct and identifiable benefit to the clients of the Management Company and/or the Investment Managers, including the Fund, and where the Management Company and/or the Investment Managers are satisfied that the transactions generating the soft commissions are made in good faith, in strict compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and in the best interest of the Fund. Any such arrangement must be made by the Management Company and/or the Investment Managers on terms commensurate with best market practice. The use of soft commissions shall be disclosed in the periodic reports.

## 14. Conflicts of Interest

The Management Company and/or the Investment Managers may hold Shares in the Fund for their own account. In the event of any conflict of interest arising as a result of such dealing, the Management Company and/or the Investment Managers will resolve such conflict in a just and equitable manner as they deem fit.

There may be instances where purchase or sale orders, or both, are placed simultaneously on behalf of two or more Funds/accounts managed by the Management Company and/or an Investment Manager. Orders for such securities may be aggregated for execution in accordance with established procedures. Generally, for each account, such batched transactions are averaged as to price and allocated as to amount in accordance with daily purchase or sale orders actually placed for such Fund/account. Allocations are made among several accounts in a manner deemed equitable to all by the Management Company and/or the Investment Manager, taking into account the respective

sizes of the accounts and the amount of securities to be purchased or sold. Orders are aggregated whenever possible to facilitate best execution, as well as for the purpose of negotiating more favourable brokerage commissions beneficial to all accounts. Alternatively, trades may be placed according to an alternating sequence or rotation system in order to seek equitable treatment of Funds/accounts seeking to buy or sell the same securities.

## **15. Reports**

The accounting year of HSBC Life ends on June 30 of each year. An audited annual report of the Fund will be made available to Investors (whether by post or electronic means) within four months of the accounting year end. An unaudited semi-annual report of the Fund will be made available to Investors within two months of the accounting half-year end, i.e. December 31. Copies of the audited annual reports and unaudited semi-annual reports will be available at the office of the Singapore Representative at 7 Temasek Boulevard, #38-03, Suntec Tower One, Singapore 038987 during normal Singapore business hours and on the website ([www.franklintempleton.com.sg](http://www.franklintempleton.com.sg)).

HSBC Life's financial year-end for the ILP Sub-Fund is 30 June. The annual audited financial statements will be prepared and made available by 30 September, i.e. 3 months from the financial year end.

HSBC Life's financial half year-end for the ILP Sub-Fund is 31 December. The semi-annual report will be prepared and made available by 28 February, i.e. 2 months from the date of the financial half-year end.

These financial statements and/ or the reports, when available, will be accessible from HSBC Life's website at <http://www.insurance.hsbc.com.sg/annualreport>. A copy will be provided to Policyholders upon request.

## **16. Other material information**

The Fund Summary must be read in conjunction with the Product Highlights Sheet and the Product Summary.

The Fund's Annual Report and Prospectus are available for download at [www.franklintempleton.com.sg](http://www.franklintempleton.com.sg)

### **16.1 Distribution of Income, Capital and Dividends**

There will be no distribution of dividends by the Fund.

### **16.2 Investment Guidelines and Restrictions**

The investment guidelines that have to be complied with by the ILP Sub-Fund are set out within MAS Notice 307 on Investment-Linked Policies, where applicable.

Please refer to Section "Other Material Information" of the Fund's Singapore Prospectus for details on the investment restrictions.