

HSBC Portfolios

World Selection 5

Monthly report 31 December 2023 | Share class AC



Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide long-term capital growth and income by investing in a portfolio of bonds and shares. The Fund seeks to apply a high risk investment strategy.



Investment strategy

The Fund is actively managed and is not constrained by a benchmark. In normal market conditions, at least 90% of the Fund's exposure is to bonds, shares and alternative investment strategies. The Fund gains exposure to bonds that are investment grade, non-investment grade and unrated issued by the government, government-related entities, supranational entities and companies based in developed markets and emerging markets. The bonds can be denominated either in US dollar (USD), other developed markets currencies hedged into USD, or in emerging markets currencies. The Fund gains exposure to shares issued by companies of any size. The Fund may invest up to 100% in other funds although this investment will normally be between 50% and 100%. The Fund can have an exposure to bonds (or other similar securities) of up to 20% of its assets. The exposure to shares (or securities similar to shares) can be up to 100% of assets. The Fund may invest up to 20% in non-investment grade and unrated bonds, and up to 45% in alternative investment strategies. The Fund's primary currency exposure is to USD. See the Prospectus for a full description of the investment objectives and derivative usage.



Main risks

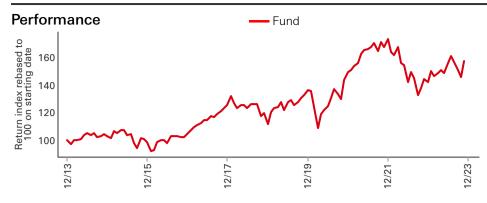
- The Fund's unit value can go up as well as down, and any capital invested in the Fund may be at risk.
- The Fund invests in bonds whose value generally falls when interest rates rise. This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment and the higher its credit quality. The issuers of certain bonds, could become unwilling or unable to make payments on their bonds and default. Bonds that are in default may become hard to sell or worthless. The value of investible securities can change over time due to a wide variety of factors, including but not limited to: political and economic news, government policy, changes in demographics, cultures and populations, natural or human-caused disasters etc.
- The Fund may invest in Emerging Markets, these markets are less established, and often more volatile, than developed markets and involve higher risks, particularly market, liquidity and currency risks.

Key metrics	
NAV per Share	USD 21.48
Performance 1 month	5.00%
Sharpe ratio 3 years	0.10
Fund facts	
UCITS V compliant	Yes
Subscription mode	Cash / SRS
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	Retiremen
	Scheme
Dividend treatment	Accumulating
Dealing frequency	Daily
Valuation Time	10:00 Luxembour
Share Class Base Curr	rency US I
Domicile	Luxembour
Inception date	20 October 2009
Fund Size	USD 356,021,06
Managers	Kate Morrisse
Fees and expenses	
Minimum initial investment (SG) ¹	USD 1,000
Maximum initial charge (SG)	4.170%
Management fee	1.300%
Codes	
ISIN	LU0447611657
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Performance is annualised when calculation period is over one year. Past performance does not predict future returns.Fund return: NAV-to-NAV basis. For comparison with benchmark.
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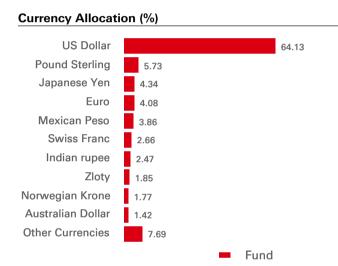
basis. No redemption charge is levied.

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Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann
AC	16.37	5.00	9.95	6.37	16.37	3.44	8.21
AC (Net)*	11.71	0.80	5.55	2.11	11.71	2.04	7.33

Calendar year performance (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AC	22.30	9.64	16.15	-18.12	16.37
AC (Net)*	17.40	5.25	11.50	-21.40	11.71



Asset allocation (%)	Fund
Global Equity	76.99
Global Government Bond	3.45
Global Corporate Bond	0.02
Global High Yield Bonds	1.08
Emerging Market Debt - Hard Currency	1.49
Emerging Market Debt - Local Currency	2.72
Property	3.78
Trend Following	1.49
Commodities	2.41
Cash/Liquidity	2.08
Listed Infrastructure	4.48

Top 10 Holdings	Weight (%)
HSBC S&P 500 UCITS ETF	18.37
HSBC Multi Factor Worldwide Eq ETF	12.20
HSBC FTSE All-World Index Instl Acc	9.43
HSBC GIF Global Sust L/T Eq ZQ1	4.50
HSBC GIF Global Infrastructure Equity ZD	4.48
HSBC European Index Institutional Acc	4.21
HSBC GIF Global RE Eq ZQ1	3.78
HSBC American Index Institutional Acc	3.62
HSBC GIF Global Govt Bd ZQ1	3.45
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF USD Acc	3.16
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Top 10 holdings exclude holdings in cash and cash equivalents and money market funds.

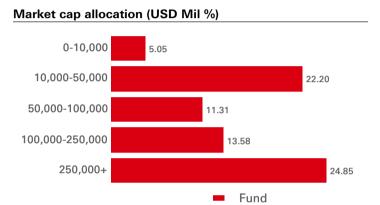
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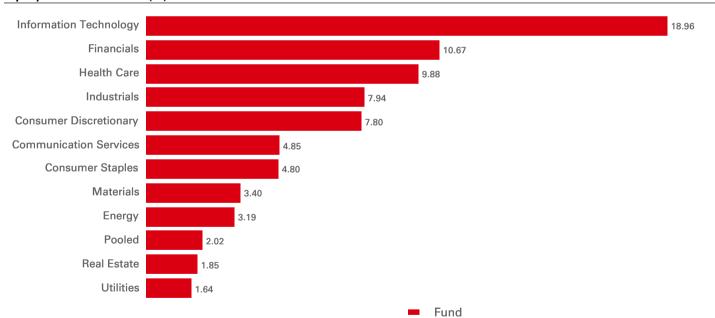
The data displayed in above sections is shown on a look-through basis. This means that the fund may not directly hold these securities and the investment in these securities may be via other funds. Source: HSBC Asset Management, data as at 31 December 2023

Equity top 10 holdings	Location	Sector	Weight (%)
Microsoft Corp	United States	Information Technology	3.52
Apple Inc	United States	Information Technology	3.40
Alphabet Inc	United States	Communication Services	1.73
NVIDIA Corp	United States	Information Technology	1.50
Amazon.com Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary	1.28
Meta Platforms Inc	United States	Communication Services	0.82
Novo Nordisk A/S	Denmark	Health Care	0.63
ASML Holding NV	Netherlands	Information Technology	0.58
Tesla Inc	United States	Consumer Discretionary	0.56
UnitedHealth Group Inc	United States	Health Care	0.53

Equity characteristics	Fund	Reference benchmark
Average Market Cap (USD Mil)	468,571	
Price/earning ratio	16.70	
Portfolio yield	1.90%	



Equity sector allocation (%)



Equity geographical allocation (%)

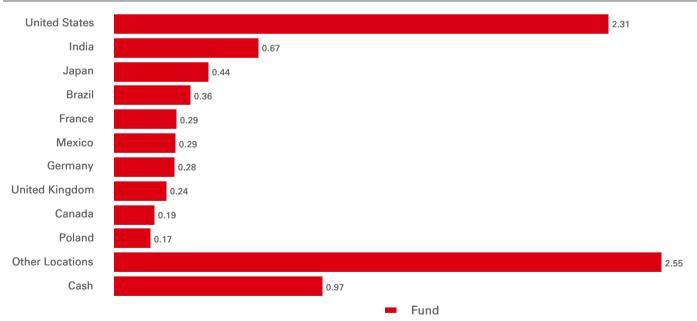


Fixed Income Characteristics		Reference Fund benchmark		
Yield to worst	6.96%			
Yield to maturity	6.99%			
OAD	5.79			
Rating average	A-/BBB+			

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Credit rating (%)	Fund	benchmark	Relative
AAA	0.62		
AA	2.12		
A	0.96		
BBB	1.87		
BB	1.31		
В	0.71		
CCC	0.12		
CC	0.01		
NR	0.08		
Cash	0.97		

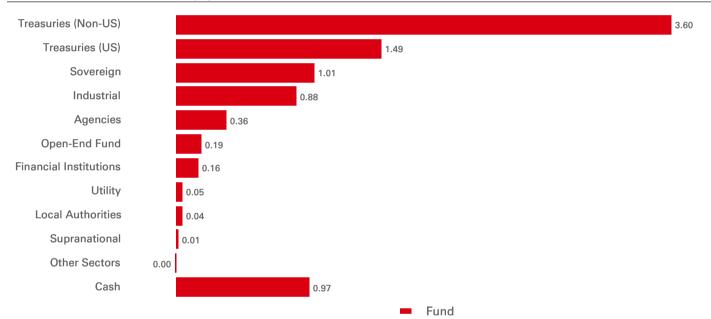
Fixed income top 9 holdings	Location	Instrument type	Weight (%)
TREASURY BILL 0.000 16/05/2024 USD	United States	Treasury Bill	0.17
TREASURY BILL 0.000 25/01/2024 USD	United States	Treasury Bill	0.15
LETRA TESOURO NACIONAL 0.000 01/04/2024 BRL	Brazil	Treasury Bill	0.13
US TREASURY N/B 0.375 31/01/2026 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.10
UNITED KINGDOM GILT 3.750 22/10/2053 GBP	United Kingdom	Government Bond	0.09
US TREASURY N/B 3.000 15/07/2025 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.09
US TREASURY N/B 0.500 28/02/2026 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.08
US TREASURY N/B 3.375 15/05/2033 USD	United States	Treasury Note	0.06
NOTA DO TESOURO NACIONAL 10.000 01/01/2029 BRL	Brazil	Government Bond	0.05

Fixed income geographical allocation (%)



Geographical Allocation (OAD)	Fund	Reference benchmark	Relative
United States	1.92		
India	0.49		
Japan	0.48		
United Kingdom	0.23		
France	0.20		
Mexico	0.18		
Germany	0.16		
Indonesia	0.13		
Australia	0.13		
Spain	0.12		
Other Locations	1.73		
Cash	0.01		

Fixed income sector allocation (%)



	3 year total return (%)		3 Year Volatility (%)
HSBC Portfolios - World Selection 5 AC	3.44	1,106.69	13.99
Peer Group Average - EAA Fund USD Aggressive Allocation	2.11	1,064.75	12.05
Lowest Returning Fund in Peer Group	-8.11	775.81	6.25
Highest Returning Fund in Peer Group	49.66	3,352.17	27.33
Cash	2.72	1,083.94	0.69

HSBC Portfolios offer a choice of five different risk levels, to be selected by investors depending on factors like their financial goals, time horizon and capacity for loss. Typically, the more risk investors take, the more return they would expect to see.

At HSBC Asset Management, we measure risk by volatility – how sharply a Portfolio's share price moves in any given time period (up or down). The higher the volatility, the higher the risk.

The table above shows the Portfolio's return (for the primary share class or hedged currency share class) per year over the last three years (known as annualised) and the level of volatility over the same period. This can be compared against other funds in the peer group, as defined by an independent research company*.

An example of a good outcome would be that the HSBC Portfolio return is higher than the peer group's average return and the volatility (risk taken) is lower. However investors should consider their own priorities when it comes to returns and the risk taken to achieve them.

*Morningstar Categories are used to define the peer group compromising funds they deem similar based on fund objectives and holdings. The average is a median.

Monthly performance commentary

Market Commentary

Global Equities continued rallying in December, driven by expectations for central banks to cut rates sooner than expected. Inflation prints across both US and Europe were softer over the month, and the Fed meeting in December signalled expectation of multiple policy rate cuts over 2024. As a result, US and European ex-UK equities outperformed over the month, encouraged by the softening inflation data, resilient labour markets and continuous fall in energy prices. Emerging markets delivered positive, albeit weaker returns compared to developed markets, influenced by the China markets, which was down over the month on continued growth concerns. Global Government Bonds posted strong returns in December, as yields continued falling on dovish rate projections for 2024 from the Fed. Gilts were the strongest performing market driven by a softer than expected inflation print and wage gains. Japanese yields also fell on the Bank of Japan's December decision to keep monetary policy unchanged. The US dollar weaken further over the month, on the back of the softer inflation prints and more dovish central bank compared to other G10 central banks. Euro gained against the dollar given a slightly hawkish ECB and more positive risk sentiment. Sterling gained against the dollar as Bank of England maintained a more hawkish tone, but currency still underperformed most other G10 currencies as data from the UK was weaker. In the commodity markets, oil fell over the month on concerns of oversupply from non-OPEC sources. OPEC+ hints that it would maintaining production cuts beyond the first quarter of 2024 were not enough to support the market. Gold ended the month higher, encouraged by the dovish Fed stance and the weaker US dollar.

Portfolio performance

Equity and bond markets continued to rally in December. This resulted in strong positive returns across the World Selection range, with higher risk profile funds outperforming lower risk profile funds. The World Selection portfolios are actively positioned against a long-term strategic asset allocation. During December, the cautious positioning of the portfolios detracted, with the tilt away from Equity, High Yield bonds and Property delivering negative contributions. Conversely, our preference for Government Bonds and our Gold position added value. Within intra-equity allocation, our decision to be overweight Japan detracted. Finally, our preference for Brazil and Indian equity had a strong positive contribution.

Investment Team Views and Portfolio Positioning

There are three key themes in markets that we are positioned to capture within the World Selection portfolios.

- 1. Slowing Growth in Developed Markets We see economic activity slowing due to high interest rates and tight financial conditions. As a result, the portfolios are tilted away from growth sensitive asset classes such as Global Equity and High Yield Bonds. We maintain an underweight to Property, given the potential negative impact of higher financing costs. We also maintain an underweight to Emerging market equity exposure, in anticipation of slowing export demand as the developed world enters a slowdown. The portfolios hold a preference for government bonds as they tend to outperform when growth turns negative, additionally yields are currently at very appealing levels. We maintain a US curve steepening position; as the Fed approaches peak rates, we expect shorter dated bond yields to fall. We are tilting towards Technology companies within the US equity market on expectations that increased demand for Artificial Intelligence will support revenues and result in resilient performance despite slowing economic growth. Finally, we hold a preference for UK equity given attractive valuations, strong return on equity, and robust relative performance.
- 2. Bumpy disinflation We expect inflation to continue falling over the next 12 months. We therefore continue to favour Quality companies in the US; our expectation is that the pricing power wielded by these companies will ensure profits remain resilient even as inflation increases their costs. We hold a preference for European Healthcare over broad European equity given its high quality, and tendency to outperform towards the end of the rate hiking cycle. We remain selective within our bond holdings, and currently have a preference towards Treasuries, given the US's positive progress towards controlling inflation and in anticipation of the Fed cutting rates in Q2 next year. We also continue to hold an overweight to UK Gilts, given the highly attractive carry available from the bonds. We maintain a position in Gold, given the heightened level of market risk and Gold's tendency to outperform as real rates fall. We also hold an overweight to broader Commodities. We are underweight the US dollar on the currency's high valuations as well as an expectation of narrowing spreads between US and DM ex-US interest rates. We hold a preference for Swiss Franc, Euro and Sterling given their attractive valuations and strong momentum. We hold an overweight to the Krone versus Euro, as Norwegian inflation remains stickier than in Europe and the Norges Bank maintains a more hawkish stance. We also maintain a position in Polish Zloty against Euro, given strong consumer sentiment, tight labour market and central bank hawkishness, with inflationary pressures from real wages rising at faster rate than in Eurozone.
- 3. Divergence between East and West While Western economies face slowing GDP growth and sticky inflation, the economic backdrop in Eastern markets such as India and Japan is stronger. Additionally, more accommodative monetary policy settings and room for fiscal support in the East, make these markets appealing. We maintain a number of positions to gain access to the specific opportunities we see in Eastern markets: Japan versus developed market equity, given attractive valuations, strong flows from foreign investors, improved corporate governance, and weakening Yen supporting exports; Indian equity versus broad emerging market equity (complementing our Indian government bond position). India remains one of the fastest growing economies globally (real GDP growth of 7.0% YoY as at end July 2023), is making steady productivity improvements, has high foreign direct investments, and favourable demographics; Brazil versus emerging market equity given the country's positive momentum, strong macroeconomic backdrop, and attractive fundamentals.

Risk Disclosure

- Derivatives may be used by the Fund, and these can behave unexpectedly. The pricing and volatility of many derivatives may diverge from strictly reflecting the pricing or volatility of their underlying reference(s), instrument or asset.
- Investment Leverage occurs when the economic exposure is greater than the amount invested, such as when derivatives are used. A Fund that employs leverage may experience greater gains and/or losses due to the amplification effect from a movement in the price of the reference source.
- Where overseas investments are held the rate of currency exchange may cause the value of such investments to go down as well as up.
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AMHSGD SGD

AMHSGD SGD (Net)*

Performance (%)	YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	3 years ann	5 years ann
AC EUR	11.77	3.16	4.82	4.49	11.77	7.02	8.85
AC EUR (Net)*	7.29	-0.97	0.63	0.31	7.29	5.57	7.96
AC GBP	9.84	4.09	5.09	5.90	9.84	5.66	8.07
AC GBP (Net)*	5.44	-0.08	0.88	1.66	5.44	4.23	7.19
AC SGD	13.85	3.58	6.06	3.47	13.85	3.28	7.42
AC SGD (Net)*	9.29	-0.57	1.81	-0.67	9.29	1.88	6.55
AC USD	16.37	5.00	9.95	6.37	16.37	3.44	8.21
AC USD (Net)*	11.71	0.80	5.55	2.11	11.71	2.04	7.33
ACHAUD AUD	13.98	4.85	9.31	5.33	13.98	1.59	5.95
ACHAUD AUD (Net)*	9.42	0.65	4.93	1.12	9.42	0.22	5.09
ACHEUR EUR	13.49	4.80	9.32	5.18	13.49	1.08	5.50
ACHEUR EUR (Net)*	8.95	0.61	4.95	0.97	8.95	-0.29	4.64
ACHSGD SGD	14.39	4.83	9.38	5.31	14.39	2.52	7.18
ACHSGD SGD (Net)*	9.82	0.63	5.01	1.09	9.82	1.13	6.31
AM USD	16.26	4.99	9.93	6.32	16.26	3.35	8.13
AM USD (Net)*	11.61	0.79	5.53	2.06	11.61	1.95	7.25
AMFLXHSGD SGD		4.85	9.39				
AMFLXHSGD SGD (Net)*		0.65	5.01				
AMHEUR EUR	13.38	4.80	9.29	5.13	13.38	0.97	5.38
AMHEUR EUR (Net)*	8.84	0.60	4.92	0.92	8.84	-0.39	4.52
AMHKD HKD	16.55	5.03	9.67	6.00	16.55	3.62	8.09
AMHKD HKD (Net)*	11.89	0.83	5.28	1.76	11.89	2.22	7.21

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Supplemental information sheet

Calendar year performance (%)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
AC EUR	24.82	-0.14	26.09	-13.02	11.77
AC EUR (Net)*	19.82	-4.13	21.04	-16.50	7.29
AC GBP	18.30	5.65	17.13	-8.32	9.84
AC GBP (Net)*	13.56	1.42	12.44	-11.99	5.44
AC SGD	20.72	7.56	18.74	-18.52	13.85
AC SGD (Net)*	15.89	3.25	13.99	-21.78	9.29
AC USD	22.30	9.64	16.15	-18.12	16.37
AC USD (Net)*	17.40	5.25	11.50	-21.40	11.71
ACHAUD AUD	20.29	5.83	14.81	-19.87	13.98
ACHAUD AUD (Net)*	15.48	1.59	10.21	-23.08	9.42
ACHEUR EUR	18.30	6.94	14.68	-20.64	13.49
ACHEUR EUR (Net)*	13.57	2.66	10.09	-23.82	8.95
ACHSGD SGD	21.23	8.29	15.85	-18.70	14.39
ACHSGD SGD (Net)*	16.37	3.96	11.21	-21.95	9.82
AM USD	22.21	9.58	16.08	-18.20	16.26
AM USD (Net)*	17.32	5.19	11.44	-21.48	11.61
AMFLXHSGD SGD					
AMFLXHSGD SGD (Net)*					
AMHEUR EUR	18.20	6.79	14.57	-20.75	13.38
AMHEUR EUR (Net)*	13.47	2.52	9.98	-23.92	8.84
AMHKD HKD	21.54	9.09	16.80	-18.27	16.55
AMHKD HKD (Net)*	16.68	4.73	12.13	-21.54	11.89
AMHSGD SGD	21.07	8.23	15.71	-18.78	14.26
AMHSGD SGD (Net)*	16.23	3.90	11.08	-22.03	9.69

Supplemental information sheet

Share class	Share Class Base Currency	Distribution Frequency	Dividend ex-date	Last Paid Dividend	Annualised Yield based on ex- dividend date
AC	USD				
ACHAUD	AUD				
ACHEUR	EUR				
ACHSGD	SGD				
AM	USD	Monthly	28 December 2023	0.033883	3.46%
AMFLXHSGD	SGD	Monthly	28 December 2023	0.307240	3.71%
AMHEUR	EUR	Monthly	28 December 2023	0.015295	1.65%
AMHKD	HKD	Monthly	28 December 2023	0.034158	3.45%
AMHSGD	SGD	Monthly	28 December 2023	0.016091	1.72%

The above table cites the last dividend paid within the last 12 months only.

Dividend is not guaranteed and may be paid out of capital, which will result in capital erosion and reduction in net asset value. A positive distribution yield does not imply a positive return. Past distribution yields and payments do not represent future distribution yields and payments. Historical payments may comprise of distributed income, capital, or both.

The calculation method of annualised yield prior to August 2019 is the simple yield calculation: (dividend amount / NAV per share or units as of ex-dividend date) x n; The calculation method of annualised yield from August 2019 is the compound yield calculation: ((1 + (dividend amount / ex-dividend NAV))^n)-1, n depends on the distributing frequency. Annually distribution is 1; semi-annually distribution is 2; quarterly distribution is 4; monthly distribution is 12. The annualised dividend yield is calculated based on the dividend distribution on the relevant date with dividend reinvested, and may be higher or lower than the actual annual dividend yield.

Investors and potential investors should refer to the details on dividend distributions of the Fund, which are available on HSBC Asset Management (Singapore) Limited Website.

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			Share Class Base	Minimum Initial	NAV ner	Management	Distribution
Share class	Inception date	ISIN	Currency	Investment	Share	fee	type
AC	20 October 2009	LU0447611657	USD	USD 5,000	21.48	1.300%	Accumulating
ACHAUD	28 April 2014	LU1044387170	AUD	USD 5,000	15.09	1.300%	Accumulating
ACHEUR	20 October 2009	LU0447611731	EUR	EUR 5,000	17.18	1.300%	Accumulating
ACHSGD	4 July 2017	LU1048559030	SGD	USD 5,000	13.55	1.300%	Accumulating
AM	1 July 2014	LU1066050250	USD	USD 5,000	11.95	1.300%	Distributing
AMFLXHSGD	31 July 2023	LU2561745709	SGD	USD 5,000	101.01	1.300%	Distributing
AMHEUR	1 July 2014	LU1066050508	EUR	USD 5,000	11.18	1.300%	Distributing
AMHKD	1 July 2014	LU1066050334	HKD	USD 5,000	12.05	1.300%	Distributing
AMHSGD	1 July 2014	LU1066050763	SGD	USD 5,000	11.29	1.300%	Distributing

Different classes may have different performances, dividend yields and expense ratios. For hedged classes, the effects of hedging will be reflected in the net asset values of such classes. Expenses arising from hedging transactions may be significant and will be borne by the relevant hedged classes. Hedged class performs the required hedging on a best efforts basis.