

# **Schroder Asian Growth Fund**

# This Fund Summary is for the following ILP sub-fund and should be read in conjunction with the Product Summary

Fund code	ILP sub-fund	Underlying Fund
E028	Schroder Asian Growth Fund	Schroder Asian Growth Fund A Dis USD

#### Structure of ILP sub-fund

The ILP sub-fund is an open-ended feeder fund that feed 100% into the Schroder Asian Growth Fund A Dis USD (the "Underlying Fund", an open-ended stand-alone unit trust, an authorised scheme under the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289) of Singapore (the "SFA"). Please refer to the section on "Structure of the Trust" in the Schroder Asian Growth Fund's Prospectus for further information on the structure of the Underlying Fund.

The units in the ILP sub-fund are not classified as Excluded Investment Products.

# Information on the Manager

#### Investment Manager of the Underlying Fund

The Managers of the Underlying Fund are Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd ("Managers"), whose registered office is at 138 Market Street #23-01 CapitaGreen, Singapore 048946. The Managers were incorporated in Singapore in 1992 and have been managing collective investment schemes and discretionary funds in Singapore since 1992. The Managers are licensed and regulated by the Authority. The Managers are a member of the Schroder group ("Schroders"). Schroders has been managing collective investment schemes and discretionary funds in Singapore since the 1970s.

Schroders is a leading global asset management company, whose history dates back over 200 years. The group's holding company, Schroders Plc, is and has been listed on the London Stock Exchange since 1959.

# **Other Parties**

The Custodian of the Underlying Fund is The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited whose registered office is at 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

Please refer to the sections on "The Trustee and Custodian" and "Other Parties" in the Schroder Asian Growth Fund's Prospectus for details of other parties involved in the Underlying Fund.

# **Investment Objectives, Focus & Approach**

The investment objectives of the ILP sub-fund is to achieve long term capital growth primarily through investing in securities of companies quoted on some or all of the stock markets in countries in Asia, including Australia and New Zealand but excluding Japan. The portfolio of the Underlying Fund will be broadly diversified with no specific industry or sectoral emphasis.

The investment philosophy of the Underlying Fund's Managers is founded on the belief that returns over the long term are determined by economic and corporate fundamentals and that the analysis of those factors should be the foundation of the Managers' investment strategy. Given that equity markets are not efficient in Asia and that many of the best investment ideas are not well researched, the Managers believe their style of active management with emphasis on bottom-up stock analysis will add value. The Underlying Fund's Managers' approach is to capitalise on Schroders' strong in-house research capability and exploit market inefficiencies. Over the longer term, the Underlying Fund's Managers believe that share prices should reflect the ability of companies to create value for shareholders. As such, the distinctive focus of their research is to identify companies that have robust business models, good corporate governance and strong management teams to drive shareholder returns. These are companies that exhibit the following:

- Ability to generate sustainable returns on capital greater than cost of capital.
- Ability to grow and reinvest cash productively.
- Willingness to return free cash flow to minority investors.



At the industry level, the Underlying Fund's Managers seek to predict potential industry developments, focusing on competition, supplier power, barriers to entry, buyer power and threat of substitution amongst other things. As part of their analysis, they form a picture of how different companies may find their place within the longer-term structure of each industry. In this regard, Schroders' global resources are a critical asset in a world where markets are becoming increasingly globalised.

At the company level, the Underlying Fund's Managers seek to discern whether a firm has the tangible and intangible resources to support its positioning within its industry. A company's stated strategy and its management's execution track record are key inputs in the analysis. The Underlying Fund's Managers also emphasise profitability by focusing on a company's ability to generate revenue growth and defend profit margins. A company's ability to generate sustainable free cash flows either to fund business growth or to return to shareholders is also paramount.

# **Distribution Policy**

Please refer to the section on "Distribution of Dividends" (if applicable) in the relevant Investment Linked Product (ILP) – Product Summary for further details.

#### Risks

The ILP sub-fund is not listed on the Singapore Exchange and you can redeem only on Business Days through Singapore Life Ltd. In respect of Singapore investors, there is no secondary market for the ILP sub-fund.

Please refer to the section on "Risks" in the Schroder Asian Growth Fund's Prospectus for a description of the risk factors associated with investing in the Underlying Fund.

#### General risks

Investments in the Underlying Fund are subject to different degrees of economic, political, foreign exchange, interest rate, liquidity, default, regulatory and possible repatriation risks depending on the countries that the Underlying Fund invests into. You should be aware that the price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up because the performance of the Underlying Fund may be affected by changes in the market value of securities comprised in the portfolio, which are subject to changes in interest rates, foreign exchange, economic and political conditions and the performance of the corporations whose securities are comprised in the portfolio of the Underlying Fund. While the Managers believe that the Underlying Fund offers potential for capital appreciation, there is no assurance that this objective will be achieved. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future performance of the Underlying Fund. You may not get back your original investment. Investments in the Underlying Fund are meant to produce returns over the long term and are not suitable for short-term speculation. You should not expect to obtain short-term gains from such investment.

#### Market risks

The value of investments may go up and down due to changing economic, political or market conditions, or due to an issuer's individual situation.

In addition, there are risks involved when investing in Asian markets (including the China market), of a nature not generally encountered when investing in securities traded on major international markets. For example:

- (i) government approval may be required to remove capital or profits from the country (or there may be other restrictions causing illiquidity) which may cause delays in or restrictions on removing monies and may impact on the amount of cash available to meet realisations for Units in the Trust or the ability of the Managers to manage its exposure to that market;
- (ii) managing currency risks in the developing market may be more difficult due to the illiquidity of the local currency market or certain regulatory restrictions;
- (iii) the developing market may experience periodic social and political unrest which can disrupt financial markets;
- (iv) (iv) where the developing market relies on foreign capital inflows to fund development, withdrawal of foreign capital during periods of uncertainty can cause financial market weakness; and
- (v) Reporting standards applicable in the developing market may be less demanding, which may result in less complete information available when making investments.



# Equity Risk

The Underlying Fund may invest in stocks and other equity securities and their derivatives which are subject to market risks that historically have resulted in greater price volatility than that experienced by bonds and other fixed income securities.

#### Foreign Securities Risk

Investments in securities throughout the world are subject to numerous risks resulting from market and currency fluctuations, future adverse political and economic developments, the possible imposition of restrictions on the repatriation of currency or other governmental laws or restrictions, reduced availability of public information concerning issuers and the lack of uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards or of other regulatory practices and requirements comparable to those applicable to companies in your domicile. In addition, securities of companies or governments of some countries may be illiquid and their prices volatile and, with respect to certain countries, the possibility exists of expropriation, nationalisation, exchange control restrictions, confiscatory taxation and limitations on the use or removal of funds or other assets, including withholding of dividends.

# Currency Risk

The assets and liabilities of the Underlying Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the Singapore dollar or the United States dollar and the Trust may be affected favourably or unfavourably by exchange control regulations or changes in the exchange rates between the Singapore dollar or the United States dollar and such other currencies. If the currency in which a security is denominated appreciates against the relevant currency of a Class, the value of the security would increase. Conversely, a decline in the exchange rate of the currency would adversely affect the value of the security. The Managers may at their discretion manage the currency risks for either or both Classes of Units by hedging through forward currency contracts, currency futures, currency swap agreements or currency options. Any hedging done for a Class would result in additional hedging costs being borne by such Class. You should note that there is no assurance that the currency risk will be fully hedged.

#### Risks relating to Hedging

There is no guarantee that the desired hedging instruments will be available or hedging techniques will be effective. The Underlying Fund may suffer significant losses in adverse situations.

# Financial Derivatives Risks

The Underlying Fund may use or invest in financial derivatives for the purposes of hedging and/or efficient portfolio management. Where such financial derivatives are financial derivatives on commodities, such transactions shall be settled in cash at all times. The Underlying Fund's use of futures, options, warrants, forwards, swaps or swap options involves increased risk. If the Underlying Fund invests in such instruments, the Underlying Fund's ability to use such instruments successfully depends on the Managers' ability to accurately predict movements in stock prices, interest rates, currency exchange rates or other economic factors and the availability of liquid markets. If the Managers' predictions are wrong, or if the derivatives do not work as anticipated, the Underlying Fund could suffer greater losses than if the Underlying Fund had not used the derivatives. If the Underlying Fund invests in over-the-counter derivatives, there is increased risk that a counterparty may fail to honour its contract. The Underlying Fund will not use derivatives transactions for speculation or leverage. If the Managers use such instruments, it will ensure that the risk management and compliance procedures and controls adopted are adequate and have been or will be implemented and that it has the requisite expertise and experience to manage and contain such investment risks. The global exposure of the Underlying Fund to financial derivative instruments or embedded financial derivative instruments will not exceed 100% of the net asset value of the Underlying Fund at all times. Such exposure will be calculated using the commitment approach as described in, and in accordance with the provisions of, the Code. Investments in derivatives would normally be monitored and controlled by the Managers with regular mark-to-market valuations, careful research prior to investment and - 20 - compliance monitoring to ensure careful compliance with the investment restrictions set out in the Deed with regard to derivatives.

The above should not be considered to be an exhaustive list of the risks which you should consider before investing into the Underlying Fund. You should be aware that an investment in the Underlying Fund may be exposed to other risks of an exceptional nature from time to time.



# Fees and Charges

In addition to the fees and charges shown in the Product Summary, the following fees are also payable through deduction from the asset value of the Underlying Fund. The ILP sub-fund invests into the USD class. The Annual Management Charge (AMC) of the underlying Fund is:

Underlying Fund Name	AMC		
Schroder Asian Growth Fund A Dis USD	1.125%		

# **Past Performance<sup>1</sup>: as at 31 December 2022**

# NOTE: PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE.

Fund / Benchmark^	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	Since Inception <sup>*2</sup> (29 Jul 2004)
Schroder Asian Growth Fund	12.02%	-3.75%	-20.50%	-0.43%	0.19%	5.66%	9.89%
Benchmark: MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Index USD (Net Dividend Reinvested)	12.10%	-2.16%	-17.49%	-0.63%	0.13%	3.70%	7.80%

- <sup>1</sup> Performance shown in fund currency and calculated before sales charges are deducted. Fees and charges payable through deduction of premium or cancellation of units are excluded in deriving the performance. Performance is calculated on the assumption that all dividends and distributions are reinvested, taking into account all charges which would have been payable upon such reinvestment.
- <sup>2</sup> 29 July 2004 is the launch date of the ILP sub-fund. Previously known as 30 April 2004, which was the Underlying Fund's launch date. On 14 March 2022, this ILP sub-fund was made available for investment under Singlife Savvy Invest.
- \* Annualised performance

# **Expense Ratio and Turnover Ratio**

Underlying Fund	Expense Ratio	Turnover Ratio	
Schroder Asian Growth Fund A Dis USD	1.34%	12.02%	

The expense and turnover ratios stated in the table above are for the period ended 31 December 2022.

The expense ratio does not include (where applicable) charges for insurance coverage, brokerage and other transaction costs, performance fee, foreign exchange gains or losses, front or back-end loads arising from the purchase or sale of collective investment schemes and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received.

# Soft Dollar Commissions or Arrangements

We do not receive any soft dollar commissions in respect of the Underlying Fund(s).

# **Conflicts of Interest**

We do not have any conflict of interests which may exist or arise in relation to the Underlying Fund(s) and its management.



#### **Suspension of dealings**

We reserve the right to suspend immediately any issue, withdrawal, exchange or other dealing in relation to the Underlying Funds if the fund manager, or any government or regulatory body of competent jurisdiction, or we (at our reasonable discretion) decide to suspend the issue, withdrawal, exchange or other dealing in the units or shares of the Underlying Funds.

#### Reports

The financial year-end of the ILP sub-fund is 30 June. Singapore Life Ltd. will make available semi-annual report and annual audited report of the ILP sub-fund within 2 months and 3 months respectively from the relevant reporting periods.

In addition, Singapore Life Ltd. will make available financial reports of the Underlying Fund as they become available from the Investment Manager. Policyholders can access these reports via the website at <a href="http://www.singlife.com">www.singlife.com</a>

#### Specialised ILP sub-fund

The ILP sub-fund is not a specialised sub-fund as set out in MAS Notice 307 on Investment-Linked Policies issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.