

# **Basic Information Document and Prior Information Form**

# HSBC Asset Management Technology Variable Fund (HOA)

This Basic Information Document and Prior Information Form has been prepared to ensure that investors comprehend the structure, fundamental features and risks of the mutual fund and take their investment decisions in a more deliberate manner. This document is not a sales or marketing document. This document has been prepared to ensure that investors understand the fundamental features and potential risks of the fund. It is recommended that investors take a decision after reading this document.

# About Fund

This fund is subject to HSBC Asset Management Variable Umbrella Fund and managed by HSBC Portföy Yönetim A.Ş. which is an entity of HSBC Group. This fund was established for customers of HSBC who are willing to take "**High Risk**" and is managed in accordance with long term investment horizon. For this reason it may not be suitable for the investors who are willing to leave the fund in short term.

\*HSBC Group includes HSBC Holdings plc, its subsidiaries and affiliates.

\*\*References to the HSBC Group of Companies are references to HSBC Holdings

# **Goals and Investment Strategy of Fund**

- Investment purpose of the fund is to generate returns by investing in various companies and ETFs in the technology field in the USA and around the world.

- Minimum 80% of fund portfolio will consist of participation shares, American (ADR) and Global (GDR) depositary receipts and debt instruments and exchange traded fund participation shares of companies operating in the field of technology.

- The value of foreign currency and capital market instruments included in the fund portfolio cannot be 80% or more of the total fund value.

- Domestic and foreign public debt instruments, reverse transactions. monev market transactions. repo domestic/foreign lease certificates and time deposit/participation accounts can also be included in the fund portfolio. Mutual funds of HSBC Group and HSBC Asset Management may be included within the fund's portfolio in condition that they are in line with the fund's investment strategy and CMB Regulations. In compliance with CMB Regulations, HSBC Asset Management takes necessary measures by creating the organizational setup and resolution processes to prevent all means of conflict of interest.

- Fund may invest in future and option contracts based on foreign exchange, , interest rate, financial index ve capital market instruments for speculative and/or hedging purposes.

- HSBC Portföy Yönetim A.Ş. is responsible for determining the financial instruments to be invested in.

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# **Threshold Value of the Fund**

%65 NASDAQ-100 Total Return Index + %35 BIST-KYD\* Repo (Gross) Indices

Footnote 1 Indices are provided by the Institutional Investors Association of Türkiye and are widely used by the asset management industry in Türkiye. (www.tkyd.org.tr).

# **Risk Profile of Fund**

HSBC Asset Management Technology Variable Fund is compatible with the risk profile of customers who are willing to take **"High Risk"**. It is possible to have capital loss in HSBC Asset Management Optimal Dynamic Variable Fund. HSBC Portföy Yönetim A.Ş. does not guarantee any return to customer.

It should be noted that not all the funds have the same risk grade. The ones that have higher-than-average risks potentially offer higher returns but there is also a probability of loss. Although the riskier funds have a higher probability of loss, they may offer higher returns when the market tends to grow.

Low Risk High Risk

Investment Low Risk Level Risk Risk Hig				Moderate Level Risk		Very High Risk
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# **Management Fee and Commission**

Annual management fee of the fund is 1.75%. Fund management fee is calculated daily over total fund amount with determined management fee ratio. There is no subscription/redemption fee, commission or performance premium for this fund.

Details of account opening, maintenance and custody fees and commissions paid to Central Registry Agency ("CRA") for the operations performed on behalf of investors for mutual fund transactions can be found on <a href="http://www.hsbc.com.tr/eng/retail\_banking/interest\_rates\_and\_fees/fees.asp#6">http://www.hsbc.com.tr/eng/retail\_banking/interest\_rates\_and\_fees/fees.asp#6</a> . All of the specified fees and commissions are transferred to CRA as income.

#### Tax

HSBC Asset Management Technology Variable Fund is subject to 10% withholding tax for real persons and subject to 0% withholding tax for corporates. Gains derived by companies other than joint stock companies, companies limited by shares and limited companies and foreign companies with the same characteristics; are subject to 10% withholding tax.

#### **Subscription and Redemption Principles**

- Subscription orders given between 09:00- 13:30 on the working days (in half working days 09:00-11:00) will be realized with the share price announced same day and orders will be executed next working day (T+1).

- Redemption orders given between 09:00- 13:30 on the working days (in half working days 09:00-11:00) will be realized with the share price announced same day and the order will be executed on the third working day (T+3).

- One working day will be added to the above for the realization of subscription and redemption orders given between 13:30-15:00 (in half working days 11:00-12:00).

- Any fund order placed between 09:00 and 13:30 can be cancelled until 13:30 on the same working day whilst any order placed between 13:30 and 15:00 can be cancelled until 15:00 on the same business day or between 09:00 to 13:30 on the next business day.

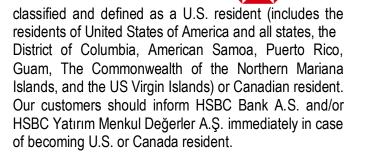
- As per the new Capital Market Law all mutual funds pertaining to institutions that are a member of Türkiye Electronic Fund Distribution Platform (TEFAS "Platform") are traded on TEFAS. Fund subscription prices are announced after 10:00. The trading hours and operational process of the funds may differ. The operational process may be extended on holidays when the foreign markets are closed. Subscription and redemption orders can be given through HSBC Bank branches, Internet Banking, Telephone Banking, Mobile Banking and ATM channels.

- Your fund shares are registered and monitored in the account by MKK (Central Securities Depository) personally opened for you in dematerialized form.

- As per the new Capital Market Law all mutual funds that are a member of Türkiye Electronic Fund Distribution Platform (TEFAS "Platform") are traded on TEFAS. Settlement & Custody Bank. As a result of platform rules, orders placed on the platform may fail to be executed on the day of order until closing time. In such case information can be taken from HSBC Bank Branches.

# Restrictions on Sale of Investment Products to the Residents of US and Canada

According to international and HSBC Group regulations mutual funds could not be offered to the customer who is



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#### **Fundamental Risks for Mutual Funds**

**Market Risk:** Market risk is defined as the risk of loss in value of the financial instruments that represent borrowing, equities, other securities, derivatives positions based on FX and financial instruments based on FX due to fluctuations on FX rates, equity prices and interest rates.

**Interest Rate Risk:** In case interest-driven products exist in the portfolio (such as reverse repo, debt instruments etc.), risk in mentioned assets' value might arise due to fluctuations in interest rates.

**Exchange Risk:** Represents the possibility of loss that might arise due to fluctuations in exchange rate, in case foreign currency denominated assets exist in fund portfolio.

**Partnership Share Price Risk:** In case the partnership share is included in the fund portfolio, it represents the probability of loss that the portfolio will be exposed to due to changes in the prices of partnership shares in the fund portfolio.

**Counterparty Risk:** The possibility of the non-payment risk, in case when the counterparty does not want to and/or cannot fulfill its duties specified on the agreement, or due to consequences of any inconveniences that may arise during the settlement process. **Liquidity Risk:** The possibility of loss that arises in case the investment products held within the fund's portfolio could not be liquidated into cash with market price when required.

Leverage Risk: The possibility of losing more than the initial investment amount of the fund due to usage of the initial investment amount to open bigger positions, by investing in derivative instruments (futures and option contracts), embedded derivatives, SWAP contracts, warrant, certificate, or by creating leverage through bills/bonds with future value-dateor any other method.

**Operational Risk:** The possibility of loss due to disruption in the fund's operational processes. In house factors like; inadequacy of systems used, unsuccessful management, incorrect or tricky transactions of staff and out house factors like natural disasters, conditions of competition, changing politic structure can be causes of operational risk.

**Concentration Risk:** Indicating the risk as a result of intensive investment in a certain asset and / or maturity.

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**Correlation Risk:** It is the probability of loss that may arise due to positive or negative relations of at least two different financial assets in parallel with the simultaneous appreciation or loss of different financial assets under market conditions.

**Legal Risk:** The risk that the fund's shares may be adversely affected by the changes that may occur in the legislation and regulation of regulatory authorities after the sale.

**Country Risk:** Economic, political, social structure and interest and FX strategies of countries can be very effective on price of the product. These risks that can be defined as local risks might be restrictions on FX, transfer risks, moratorium, changes on taxes etc. Moreover, possible changes on global economic and politic balances can be the cause of fluctuations on fund price.

**Issuer Risk:** The possibility of loss arising from the failure of the issuer of the assets included in the fund portfolio to fulfil its obligations in whole or in part.

**Ethical Risk:** The risk of fraud, misconduct, embezzlement, theft, deliberate actions that may harm the Fund or crimes that may adversely affect the reputation of the Founder (e.g. money laundering).

**Base Risk:** It expresses the change in price difference between the current value of futures contracts and the value of the spot price of the relevant financial instrument. At the end of the contractual maturity, the forward price and the spot price are equal to each other. However, the forward price and the spot price may differ from the theoretical pricing in the time elapsed between the transaction date and the maturity date for the related futures financial instruments in the fund portfolio. Therefore, here it refers to the risk of change in the Base Value throughout the contract's term.

Structured Investment Instruments Risk: In the event of unexpected and extraordinary developments, it is possible to lose all of the investment in structured investment instruments within or at the end of the maturity. If the return of the strategies created on the underlying assets of the structured investment instruments is negative in the relevant period, the investor may not receive any income at the end of the maturity period and the value of their investments may decrease below the initial value at the end of the maturity period. There is also counterparty risk in case of investing in structured investment instruments. The investor is exposed to the company's credit risk in relation to structured investment instruments and expects a return in line with this risk. In structured investment instruments, investors also take the payment risk of the issuer. Payment risk refers to the risk that the issuer institution will not be able to fulfill its obligations arising from structured investment instruments. Unusual correlation **Customer Name Surname:** 

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changes and liquidity problems that may arise in adverse market conditions pose significant risks for structured investment instruments. In the absence of market making, the liquidity risk of structured investment instruments is high. Fluctuations in market interest rates and underlying asset prices may affect the daily valuation of Structured Investment Instruments. In the calculation of the Value at Risk (VaR) of the fund, the market risks arising from the Structured Investment Instruments are also taken into account along with the derivative instruments.

Risks Related to Domestic and Foreign Shares of Companies Operating in the Fields in which the Fund Invests: The Fund will invest in accordance with its investment strategy; It should be taken into account that it is exposed to the risks of foreign ownership interests and debt instruments in other technology fields such as information technologies, electronics, biotechnology, telecommunications, electronic commerce, renewable energy technologies, medical technology, defense technologies, aerospace technologies, online communication and electronic payment systems that provide products, processes or services by providing technological progress and developing new technologies. Technology Companies Risk: While technology companies sometimes have a long-term rise and acceptance phase, sometimes they may include experimental fields that decline before they can be used widely and economically by nature. In some cases, even if the technology itself is successful, some of the competitive companies that implement it may come to the fore and others may decline. This situation brings with it investment risk.

In the portfolio of the fund, it is planned to invest mainly in companies in developed country markets. However, it will be possible to invest in companies in Türkiye and other developing countries.

The Fund may invest in companies that are involved in the research, development, production and distribution of technologies, and companies that make financial commitments to research and support that technology that offer related applications to its clients as commercial solutions. Due to their field of activity, they may be adversely affected by government and international regulations, economic conditions and deterioration in credit markets. These companies may carry significant positional risks to individuals and companies, including small companies, in the form of loans and other financial products and services.

Technology companies face intense competition and the risk that their products will wear out quickly. There may be a risk of exposure to cybersecurity attacks and data theft. The realization of the specified risks may have serious negative effects on these companies. Surveillance and

PUBLIC Model No: 828-00008 HSBC Asset Management Technology Variable Fund Basic Information Document and Prior Information Form 07082023 Rev024 audit conditions may change the way these companies do business. limit their activities and, as a result, adversely affect their financial condition, including cost increases. These companies may be adversely affected by malfunctions and damage in hardware and software that disrupt their services, or interruptions and delays in the activities of third-party data center operators or maintenance providers. Small-cap tech companies may show more volatility than companies that are less reliant on technology. Their companies' customers and/or suppliers may be concentrated in a particular region, industry or country. Developments that may adversely affect this region, industry or country may adversely affect the activities of related companies. In case of investing in capital market instruments issued in different countries, the liquidity in the country's market, exchange rate movements, legal regulations, differences in trading hours may adversely affect the value of the fund.

#### Not an Investment Advisory

Investors should select the most suitable funds for themselves according to their risk-return preferences. On condition that it is consistent with the customer's risk profile, General Investment Advice can be provided only for HSBC Portföy Yönetim A.Ş. mutual funds traded on Türkiye Electronic Fund Distribution Platform (TEFAS) and HSBC Asset Management Money Market Fund and HSBC Asset Management Short Term Fixed Income Fund that are not traded on TEFAS, but Investment Advice and Portfolio Management services are not provided by HSBC Bank A.Ş.

The readers should be aware that they are selfresponsible for evaluating and analyzing the underlying instruments, investments and transactions in this document and the information herein should not be considered as investment advisory.

HSBC is not responsible for advising on the topics related to law and tax or any other fields that needs expertise. This document does not contain any opinion on value or suitability of any instruments. An investment may not meet all initial targets and conditions and in case of a hesitation, it is recommended to ask for opinions and advices from professional investment consultants.

# **Guarantee Amount of Investor Compensation Center**

Mutual Funds are under the protection of Investor Compensation Center up to a predetermined announced amount for each investor in accordance with Capital Markets Board regulations. This amount is increased each year by revaluation coefficient. Individuals and institutions excluded from the compensation scope are not subject to this guarantee.



#### More Detailed Information About the Fund

Prospectus, circulations and internal statute of the Funds can be found at www.hsbcportfoy.com.tr and HSBC Bank A.Ş. branches. Investors should consider the conditions mentioned in prospectus and internal statute of the fund before they invest in the fund.

Withdrawal Right: This product cannot be withdrawn.

#### Legal Warning

HSBC Bank A.Ş. is authorized by Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency (BRSA) for banking activities and is authorized by Capital Market Board (CMB) for capital market activities. HSBC Yatırım Menkul Değerler A.S. and HSBC Portföy Yönetim A.Ş. are authorized by CMB for capital market activities. All of these affiliates of HSBC are subject to supervision and scrutiny by those institutions. HSBC Bank A.S. and HSBC Yatırım Menkul Değerler A.Ş. are members of stock exchange to make transactions on BIST authorized by Borsa Istanbul A.S. The phrase of HSBC stands for HSBC Bank A.S., HSBC Yatırım Menkul Değerler A.Ş. and HSBC Portföy Yönetim A.Ş. and the main shareholder in which these are included. Active Distribution Agreements have been signed between HSBC Portföy Yönetim A.S., HSBC Bank A.Ş. and HSBC Yatırım Menkul Değerler A.Ş. in order to ensure that mutual funds whose founder is HSBC Portföy Yönetim A.Ş. can be distributed by HSBC Bank A.Ş. and HSBC Yatırım Menkul Değerler A.Ş. This basic information document and prior information form consists of indicative terms and is prepared for introductory purposes.

#### **General Information**

In accordance with legislation of European Commission, mutual fund buy order of customers located in one of the EEA (European Economic Area) countries might not be executed. In case any change occurs in the legislation mentioned here, the amendment will become effective and you will be informed at the stage of order placement accordingly.

The product's risks should be considered before investing in Mutual Funds. All these conditions specified in this document can change in the future. This document is for product and/or service presentation and it cannot be partially or completely replicated or distributed without HSBC Bank A.S.'s permission or any legal obligation.

By signing this document you will be accepted as you have taken, read and understood the terms, provisions and information in the Basic Information Document and

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Prior Information Form of mutual fund you have demanded and whose descriptions can be found above. This document is issued as bilingual and in case of any dispute Turkish version shall prevail.

A copy of the Basic Information Document and Prior Information Form is given to you.

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