#### **NEUBERGER BERMAN INVESTMENT FUNDS PLC**

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An umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds

The directors of Neuberger Berman Investment Funds plc (the "Directors") accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this letter and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, there are no other facts, the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

This letter is important and requires your immediate attention. If you are in doubt as to the action you should take you should seek advice from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant, tax adviser or other independent financial adviser. If you have sold or transferred all of your Shares please pass this letter at once to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee as soon as possible.

26 February 2021

Dear Hong Kong Shareholder,

# NEUBERGER BERMAN INVESTMENT FUNDS PLC (THE "COMPANY")

**Neuberger Berman 5G Connectivity Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman China Bond Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman China Equity Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Corporate Debt Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt - Hard Currency Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt - Local Currency Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt Blend Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Emerging Markets Equity Fund** 

Neuberger Berman European High Yield Bond Fund

**Neuberger Berman Global Bond Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Global Real Estate Securities Fund** 

Neuberger Berman High Yield Bond Fund

**Neuberger Berman Next Generation Mobility Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Short Duration Emerging Market Debt Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Short Duration High Yield Bond Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman US Multi Cap Opportunities Fund** 

**Neuberger Berman US Real Estate Securities Fund** 

Neuberger Berman US Small Cap Fund

(together, the "Portfolios")

We are writing to you in your capacity as a Shareholder in the Company. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that it is proposed to amend the Prospectus of the Company and the Portfolios and the Supplements of the Portfolios (collectively referred to as the "Documents"). The Documents are being amended by way of the addition of an annex entitled "Annex VI Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation" to the Prospectus (the "SFDR Annex") in order to comply with the Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation ("SFDR") which comes into effect from 10 March 2021. All capitalised terms used in this letter and not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Prospectus.

#### **SFDR**

SFDR prescribes mandatory disclosures to be made by asset managers and investment funds (financial market participants) relating to sustainable investments and sustainability risks. Much of the specific details of what must be disclosed and what form this should take are due to be covered in regulatory technical standards (the "RTS") which are expected to be in place by 01 January 2022. The Company will comply with high level and principle-based requirements contained in SFDR by 10 March 2021 and will subsequently, comply with the more detailed requirements once the final RTS are published.

#### The SFDR Annex

The SFDR Annex forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus and the Supplement for the relevant Portfolio.

For the purposes of SFDR, each Portfolio of the Company qualifies as a financial product. SFDR compliant disclosures in respect of each in scope Portfolio are set out under the heading "Sustainability Related Disclosures" in the SFDR Annex, including confirmation on whether the relevant Portfolio (i) promotes environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of these (an "Article 8 Portfolio"), or (ii) has sustainable investment as its investment objective (an "Article 9 Portfolio"). Annex I to this letter sets out each Portfolio's SFDR classification.

As at the date of this letter, none of the Portfolios are classified as an Article 9 Portfolio.

#### ESG Policy

The SFDR Annex contains details on Neuberger Berman's ESG policy (the "**ESG Policy**"). The ESG Policy intends to provide a broad framework for the group's approach to ESG integration. The specific approach to ESG integration taken by the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager, in respect of a Portfolio, will depend on multiple factors, including (i) the objectives of the Portfolio's strategy, (ii) the assets held by that Portfolio, (iii) the investment time horizon, (iv) any specific research undertaken by the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager, (v) an assessment of the likely impact of Sustainability Risks¹ on the returns of the Portfolio and (vi) the overall investment process.

The SFDR Annex also notes that in managing certain Portfolios, the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager may disregard the ESG Policy (including the consideration of Sustainability Risks), where the particular strategy does not support the integration of ESG factors. The SFDR Annex and Annex 1 of this letter contain a list of such Portfolios.

### Assessment of the Impact on Likely Returns

The SFDR Annex contains details of how Sustainability Risks are integrated into the investment decisions of an Article 8 Portfolio and the likely impacts of Sustainability Risks on the returns of these Portfolios.

Sustainability Related Disclosures

For each Portfolio classified as an Article 8 Portfolio, a clear indication of this classification (along with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **Sustainability Risks**" means, environmental, social or governance event or condition that, if it occurs, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of an investment, including but not limited to, risks stemming from climate change, natural resource depletion, environmental degradation, human rights abuses, bribery, corruption and social and employee matters;

additional SFDR-related disclosure) is set out in the SFDR Annex for the relevant Portfolio.

These changes do not require the approval of Shareholders and the purpose of this notice is to provide notification to each Shareholder of the impending changes. For the avoidance of doubt, these changes do not amount to a material change to the Portfolios, there will be no material change or increase in the overall risk profile of the Portfolios following these changes; and these changes do not have a material adverse impact on Shareholders' rights or interests.

The proposed changes described herein are subject to a self-certification filing with the Central Bank of Ireland which is expected to take place on or about 01 March 2021.

The Directors believe that the above changes are in the best interests of the Shareholders of the Portfolios.

The revised Documents, as well as copies of the Hong Kong Covering Documents and Product Key Facts Statements of the Portfolios, may be inspected free of charge at the offices of the Hong Kong Representative at 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Jardine House, 1 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong, during normal business hours on any Hong Kong business day.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact your sales representative, or contact Neuberger Berman's client services team in Hong Kong at +852 3664 8868.

Yours faithfully

Director

**Neuberger Berman Investment Funds plc** 

### Annex I

## **Portfolio SFDR Classifications**

For certain Portfolios the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Manager do not apply the ESG Policy and deem Sustainability Risks not to be relevant as the particular strategy of the relevant Portfolio does not support the integration of same. The relevant Portfolio is:

| Neuberger Berman China Equity Fund |  |
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For the purposes of SFDR, the following Portfolios are classified as an Article 8 Portfolio:

| Neuberger Berman High Yield Bond Fund                        | Neuberger Berman Short Duration High Yield<br>Bond Fund        |
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| Neuberger Berman European High Yield Bond<br>Fund            | Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt – Local<br>Currency Fund |
| Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt – Hard Currency Fund   | Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Corporate Debt Fund           |
| 7. Neuberger Berman Short Duration Emerging Market Debt Fund | Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt Blend<br>Fund            |
| 9. Neuberger Berman US Multi Cap Opportunities Fund          | 10. Neuberger Berman China Bond Fund                           |
| 11. Neuberger Berman Emerging Markets Equity Fund            | 12. Neuberger Berman Next Generation Mobility Fund             |
| 13. Neuberger Berman 5G Connectivity Fund                    | 14. Neuberger Berman US Real Estate Securities Fund            |
| 15. Neuberger Berman Global Real Estate Securities Fund      | 16. Neuberger Berman Global Bond Fund                          |
| 17. Neuberger Berman Strategic Income Fund                   | 18. Neuberger Berman US Small Cap Fund                         |