

Index change – another step towards a sustainable future

In May 2021, we will be changing the index and thereby the fund rules for the funds listed below. The changes are in line with our primary objective of creating financial returns while contributing to a sustainable development.¹

Fund	New index	New fund rules 2001
Handelsbanken Europa Index Criteria	Solactive ISS ESG Screened Paris Aligned Europe Index	21 May
Handelsbanken Global Småbolag Index Criteria	Solactive ISS ESG Screened Paris Aligned Developed Markets Small Cap Index	21 May
Handelsbanken USA Index Criteria	Solactive ISS ESG Screened Paris Aligned USA Index	21 May
Handelsbanken Emerging Markets Index	Solactive ISS ESG Screened Paris Aligned Emerging Markets Index	28 May
Handelsbanken Global Index Criteria	Solactive ISS ESG Screened Paris Aligned Global Markets Index	28 May

Change to index aligned with the Paris Agreement

The sustainability requirements in a Paris Aligned Benchmark has the objective of contributing to a reduction in carbon emissions and other greenhouse gases. The companies in the index are selected and weighted in such a manner that the index portfolio's greenhouse gas emissions are aligned with the long-term global warming targets in the Paris Agreement.

The funds listed above have previously used indices with explicit sustainability criteria and the index service provider continues to be Solactive. The difference with the new Paris Aligned Index² is that the index follows an EU reference value for alignment with the Paris Agreement. The change primarily provides for an additional sustainability dimension to be added to the index, which refers to the reduction of carbon emissions and other greenhouse gases. The index follows, and in several cases exceeds, the minimum requirements set in the Benchmark Regulation for Paris Aligned Benchmarks. Additional information is available in the funds' prospectuses.

Additional information

The new fund rules have been approved by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority and will enter into force as of the dates shown in the table above. In addition to the index changes, the fund rules include smaller editorial modifications. The updated fact sheets, prospectuses and fund rules will be available as of the dates shown above at www.handelsbankenfonder.se.

Sincerely,
Handelsbanken Fonder

¹ Given the management company's business activities, the ambition is to contribute to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals as defined in Agenda 2030 to the greatest extent possible through our asset management that is aligned with the Paris Agreement.

² Paris Aligned Benchmark in accordance with Chapter 3a in the Benchmark Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 and corresponding EU regulations.