

## Norden Index Criteria – an additional step towards a sustainable future

On 1 September 2021, we will be changing the index and thereby the fund rules for the Handelsbanken Norden Index Criteria. The changes are in line with our primary objective of creating financial returns while contributing to a sustainable development.<sup>1</sup>

### Change to index aligned with the Paris Agreement

Index prior to change: Solactive ISS ESG Screened Nordics All Cap Index  
Index after change: Solactive ISS ESG Screened Paris Aligned Nordic Index

The sustainability requirements in a Paris Aligned Benchmark<sup>2</sup> have 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 fund has previously used an index with explicit sustainability criteria and the index provider continues to be Solactive. The difference is that new Paris Aligned Benchmarks follow 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 fund's prospectus.

### New fund rules

The new fund rules have been approved by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority. In addition to the index change, the fund rules include smaller editorial modifications. The updated fund rules, fact sheet and prospectus will be available as of 1 September at [www.handelsbankenfonder.se/funds](http://www.handelsbankenfonder.se/funds).

Sincerely,

Handelsbanken Fonder

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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