

## Handelsbanken Norge Index – a step towards a sustainable future

On 1 September 2021, we will be changing the index and thereby the fund rules for the Handelsbanken Norge Index fund. 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: Oslo Børs Benchmark Index (OSEBX)  
Index after change: Solactive ISS ESG Screened Norway Paris Aligned Index

The sustainability requirements in a Paris Aligned Benchmark<sup>2</sup> 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. As a result of the change, the fund will be transferring to the index provider Solactive, which currently provides the majority of the indices for our funds in Handelsbanken.

The oil and gas sectors are significant in the Norwegian stock market. With the change to the sustainability index, the fund will have less consistency with the Norwegian equity market since fossil fuels will be excluded from the fund.

The sustainability requirements provide for the index's exclusion of companies involved in serious and confirmed violations of international norms and conventions, companies that cause significant harm to environmental goals, as well as companies active within controversial sectors. 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.

### Name change

In conjunction with the change of the index, the name of the fund will be changed to:  
*Handelsbanken Norge Index Criteria.*

### New fund rules

The new fund rules have been approved by the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority. The updated fund rules, fact sheet and Prospectus will be available as of 1 September 2021 at [www.handelsbanken.no/fond](http://www.handelsbanken.no/fond).

Sincerely,

Handelsbanken Fonder

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<sup>1</sup> In line with the Paris Agreement as well as 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.

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