

Handelsbanken Sverigefond Index – fund merger

We have made the decision to consolidate, i.e., merge, Handelsbanken Sverigefond Index (merging fund) with the comparable Handelsbanken Sverige Index Criteria (acquiring fund) for the purpose of refining our mutual fund offerings. The merger will be implemented on December 7, 2019.

The merger does not result in any changes to your savings since Sverigefond Index and Sverige Index Criteria have the same investment focus, management fee and risk level. The difference is that Sverige Index Criteria has specific sustainability criteria for its investments. Sustainability plays an essential role in our fund management. You can read more about how we apply sustainability criteria in the fund's Sustainability Profile.

Do I need to take action?

Your fund units will be automatically transferred to Sverige Index Criteria on the date of the merger. The merger will increase the volume of the acquiring fund, but this will not lead to dilution effects for the unit holders.

- In conjunction with the merger, your holdings will not be available for trading for several days. The last day for trading in Sverigefond Index is December 3, 2019, and your holdings will become available for trading again on December 9, 2019.
- If you have monthly savings from an account at another bank, you will need to redirect the savings yourself after the merger. Monthly savings from an account in Handelsbanken will be switched automatically to Sverige Index Criteria.
- If you do not wish to participate in the merger, you have the right to sell your fund units free of charge no later than December 3, 2019. The sale of fund units can result in a capital gains tax.
- The merger does not result in any tax implications for unit holders with tax residency in Sweden.
- Any accrued income in the merging fund will be transferred to the acquiring fund, since this is included in the net asset value (NAV) of the merging fund.
- The merger does not result in any change of rights for the unit holders.

Additional information

Unit holders have the right to obtain additional information about the merger. In addition, unit holders have the right to request a copy of the statement from our external auditor's review of the merger plan.

Attached is the fact sheet for the acquiring fund, Sverige Index Criteria. In-depth information about the merger and additional effects on monthly savings are included in the appendix, *Details of the Merger*. The information brochure, fund rules and the fund's Sustainability Profile are available at www.handelsbanken.se/funds.

Please contact your bank branch or call 0771-77 88 99 for personal service 24 hours a day if you have any questions about your investments.

Sincerely,

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