Date: February 06, 2024

Dear Unitholder,

<u>Sub: Change in fundamental attributes of HSBC Nifty Next 50 Index Fund ("the Scheme") of HSBC Mutual Fund</u>

Unit holders are requested to note that the following Scheme will be undergoing certain changes in the key features as detailed in the table below. The changes, indicated as FAC (Fundamental Attribute Changes) in the below table will be considered as change in the fundamental attributes in line with Regulation 18(15A) read with Regulation 25(26) of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 ("MF Regulations"). Accordingly, these proposed changes shall be carried out by implementing the process for change in the fundamental attributes of the Scheme.

- 1. Name of the Scheme/s: HSBC Nifty Next 50 Index Fund
- 2. **Rationale for the change/s:** To enable the Scheme to optimize the investment portfolios by earning additional returns through securities lending activities, which can enhance overall portfolio performance.
- 3. The comparison between the existing features and the proposed features are as follows (Only change portion to be mentioned):

| Particulars | Existing Scheme Features | | | Proposed Scheme Features | | | | |
|------------------|---|------------|----------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | (Changes to be highlighted in Bold) | | | |
| Asset Allocation | Under normal circumstances, it is | | | Under normal | circu | ımstance | s, it is | |
| Pattern* | anticipated that the asset allocation of | | | anticipated that the asset allocation of the | | | | |
| | the Scheme will be as follows: | | | Scheme will be as follows: | | | | |
| | Instrume Indicative Risk | | | Risk | | | | |
| | nts | Allocatio | on (% of | Profile | Instruments | Indica | tive | Risk |
| | | net assets | s) | | | Alloca | tion (% | Profile |
| | | | | | | of net assets) | | |
| | | Minim | Maximu | | | | | |
| | | um | m | | | Mini | Maxim | |
| | Equity and | 0.50/ | 100% | Mediu | | mum | um | |
| | Equity and Equity | 95% | 100% | m to | Davids and | 95% | 100% | Mediu |
| | related | | | High | Equity and Equity related | 95% | 100% | m to |
| | securities | | | Tilgii | securities | | | High |
| | covered by | | | | covered by | | | riigii |
| | Nifty Next | | | | Nifty Next 50 | | | |
| | 50 Index | | | | Index | | | |
| | Jo maca | | | | Index | | | |
| | Debt & | 0% | 5% | Low to | Debt & money | 0% | 5% | Low to |
| | money | | | mediu | market | | | mediu |
| | market | | | m | instruments* | | | m |
| | instrument | | | | | | | |
| | s* | | | | * Money Mar | rket Ir | nstrument | s would |
| | | | | | • | ificate | of | deposits, |
| | * Money Market Instruments would include certificate of deposits, | | | commercial papers, T-Bills, repo, reverse repos and TREP, bill rediscounting, bills of exchange / promissory notes, Standby | | | | |
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| Particulars | Existing Scheme Features | Proposed Scheme Features (Changes to be highlighted in Rold) | | |
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| | | (Changes to be highlighted in Bold) | | |
| | commercial papers, T-Bills, repo, reverse repos and TREP, bill rediscounting, bills of exchange / promissory notes, Standby Letter of Credit (SBLC) backed commercial papers and government securities | Letter of Credit (SBLC) backed commercial papers and government securities having unexpired maturity of 1 year and such other instruments as eligible from time to time. | | |
| | having unexpired maturity of 1 year and such other instruments as eligible from time to time. The Scheme shall make investment in derivative as permitted under the SEBI Regulations. Investment in derivatives will be upto 100% of the net assets. The cumulative gross exposure through equity, debt, derivative positions, repo transactions and credit default swaps in corporate debt securities, other permitted securities/assets and such other securities/assets as may be | The Scheme shall make investment in derivative as permitted under the SEBI Regulations. Investment in derivatives will be upto 100% of the net assets The cumulative gross exposure through equity, debt, derivative positions, repo transactions and credit default swaps in corporate debt securities, other permitted securities/assets and such other securities/assets as may be permitted by the Board SEBI from time to time shall not exceed 100% of the net assets of the Scheme. | | |
| | permitted by the Board SEBI from time to time shall not exceed 100% of the net assets of the Scheme. | The Scheme may also take exposure to stock lending up to 20% of net assets of the Scheme and not more than 5% of | | |
| | The Scheme invests only in the stocks comprising the Nifty Next 50 Index and as per Regulation 44(1), Schedule 7 of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996. | the net assets of the Scheme shall be deployed in stock/securities lending to any single counter-party / intermediary. However, if the securities lending and borrowing is | | |
| | There can be no assurance that the investment objective of the scheme will be realized. The Fund Manager may churn the portfolio to the extent as considered necessary to replicate the | done through the exchange where Clearing Counterparty (eg: NSCCL, ICCL, etc) is the single counterparty then 5% limit is not applicable. | | |
| | index. The Scheme will not make any investment in Debt Derivatives, ADR / GDR / Foreign Securities/ Securitized | The Scheme invests only in the stocks comprising the Nifty Next 50 Index and will be as per Regulation 44(1), Schedule 7 of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996. | | |
| | Debt /Repo in Corporate Debt Securities. The Scheme may invest in the schemes of Mutual Funds in accordance with the applicable extant SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations as amended from time to time. | There can be no assurance that the investment objective of the scheme will be realized. The Fund Manager may churn the portfolio to the extent as considered necessary to replicate the index. | | |

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| | The Scheme may undertake (i) Credit | (Changes to be highlighted in Bold) | | |
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| | Default Swaps and (ii) Short Selling and such other transactions in | investment in Debt Derivatives, ADR / GDR / Foreign Securities/ Securitized | | |
| | and such other transactions in accordance with guidelines issued by | Debt /Repo in Corporate Debt Securities. | | |
| | SEBI from time to time. | Debt/Repo in Corporate Debt Securities. | | |
| | SEBI ITOM time to time. | The Scheme may invest in the schemes of | | |
| | Change in Asset Allocation Pattern | Mutual Funds in accordance with the | | |
| | As an index linked scheme, the | applicable extant SEBI (Mutual Funds) | | |
| | investment policy is primarily passive | Regulations as amended from time to | | |
| | management. However, the investment | time. | | |
| | pattern is indicative and may change for | | | |
| | short duration. In the event the NIFTY | The Scheme may undertake (i) Credit | | |
| | NEXT 50, is dissolved or is withdrawn, | Default Swaps and (ii) Short Selling and | | |
| | respectively or is not published due to | such other transactions in accordance | | |
| | any reason whatsoever, the Trustee | with guidelines issued by SEBI from time | | |
| | reserves the right to modify the Plan so | to time. | | |
| | as to track a different suitable index | | | |
| | and/or to suspend tracking the NIFTY | Change in Asset Allocation Pattern | | |
| | NEXT 50 and appropriate intimation of | As an index linked scheme, the | | |
| | the same will be sent to the Unit holders | investment policy is primarily passive | | |
| | of the Plan. In such a case, the | management. However, the investment | | |
| | investment pattern will be suitably | pattern is indicative and may change for | | |
| | modified to bring it in line with the | short duration. In the event the NIFTY | | |
| | composition of the securities that are | NEXT 50, is dissolved or is withdrawn, | | |
| | included in the new index to be tracked | respectively or is not published due to | | |
| | and the performance of the scheme will | any reason whatsoever, the Trustee | | |
| | be subject to tracking errors during the | reserves the right to modify the Plan so as | | |
| | intervening period. Subject to the | to track a different suitable index and/or | | |
| | Regulations, the asset allocation pattern | to suspend tracking the NIFTY NEXT 50 | | |
| | indicated above may change from time | and appropriate intimation of the same | | |
| | to time, keeping in view market | will be sent to the Unit holders of the | | |
| | conditions, market opportunities, | Scheme. In such a case, the investment | | |
| | applicable regulations and political and | pattern will be suitably modified to bring | | |
| | economic factors. It must be clearly | it in line with the composition of the | | |
| | understood that the percentages stated | securities that are included in the new | | |
| | above are only indicative and not absolute and that they can vary | index to be tracked and the performance of the scheme will be subject to tracking | | |
| | substantially within the maximum and | errors during the intervening period. | | |
| | minimum allocation limits, depending | Subject to the Regulations, the asset | | |
| | upon the perception of the Investment | allocation pattern indicated above may | | |
| | Manager, the intention being at all | change from time to time, keeping in | | |
| | times to seek to protect the interests of | view market conditions, market | | |
| | the Unit holders. Such changes in the | opportunities, applicable regulations and | | |
| | investment pattern will be for short | political and economic factors. It must be | | |
| | term and defensive considerations. In | clearly understood that the percentages | | |
| | the event of change in the asset | stated above are only indicative and not | | |
| | allocation, the fund manager will carry | absolute and that they can vary | | |
| | out portfolio rebalancing within 7 Days. | substantially within the maximum and | | |
| | Further, in case the portfolio is not | minimum allocation limits, depending | | |
| | Tartifer, in case the portiono is not | minute anocation minus, depending | | |

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| | rebalanced within the period of 7 days, | upon the perception of the Investment | | |
| | justification for the same shall be | Manager, the intention being at all times | | |
| | placed before the investment committee | to seek to protect the interests of the Unit | | |
| | and reasons for the same shall be | holders. Such changes in the investment | | |
| | recorded in writing. The investment | pattern will be for short term and | | |
| | committee shall then decide on the | defensive considerations. In the event of | | |
| | course of action. Provided further and | change in the asset allocation, the fund | | |
| | subject to the above, any change in the | manager will carry out portfolio | | |
| | asset allocation affecting the | rebalancing within 7 Days. Further, in | | |
| | investment profile of the Scheme shall | case the portfolio is not rebalanced within | | |
| | be effected only in accordance with the | the period of 7 days, justification for the | | |
| | provisions of sub regulation (15A) of | same shall be placed before the | | |
| | Regulation 18 of the Regulations. | investment committee and reasons for the | | |
| | | same shall be recorded in writing. The | | |
| | | investment committee shall then decide | | |
| | Change in Composition of the Index | on the course of action. Provided further | | |
| | The changes in the index will be | and subject to the above, any change in | | |
| | communicated to the AMC by the index provider on a regular basis. Once | the asset allocation affecting the investment profile of the Scheme shall be | | |
| | portfolio changes and corporate actions | effected only in accordance with the | | |
| | are informed, the same will be | provisions of sub regulation (15A) of | | |
| | implemented on the effective date as | Regulation 18 of the Regulations. | | |
| | mentioned by the index provider. | Regulation to of the Regulations. | | |
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| | | provider on a regular basis. Once | | |
| | | portfolio changes and corporate actions | | |
| | | are informed, the same will be | | |
| | | implemented on the effective date as | | |
| | | mentioned by the index provider. | | |

* Considered as Fundamental Attribute Change

Note: All other features of the Scheme except those mentioned above will remain unchanged.

Following para shall be included in the risk factors of the Scheme:

Risk associated with Securities Lending and Borrowing (SLB)

Securities Lending is a lending of securities through an approved intermediary to a borrower under an agreement for a specified period with the condition that the borrower will return equivalent securities of the same type or class at the end of the specified period along with the corporate benefits accruing on the securities borrowed. The risks in lending portfolio securities, as with other extensions of credit, consist of the failure of another party, in this case the approved intermediary, to comply with the terms of agreement entered between the lender of securities i.e., the Scheme and the approved intermediary due to various factors including but not limited to bankruptcy. Such failure to comply can result in the possible loss of rights in the collateral put up by the borrower of the securities, the inability of the approved intermediary to return the securities deposited by the lender and the possible loss of any corporate benefits accruing to the lender from the securities deposited

with the approved intermediary. The Mutual Fund may not be able to sell such lent securities, and this can lead to temporary illiquidity.

However, counterparty risk is mitigated if SLB is done through exchanges as it offers an anonymous trading platform and Clearing Counterparty which gives the players the advantage of settlement guarantee without the concerns of counter party default. However, the Fund may not be able to sell such lent securities during contract period or will have to recall the securities which may be at higher cost than at which the security is lent.

- 4. The Board of Directors of HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited and Board of Trustees of HSBC Mutual Fund, have approved the above proposed changes. Further, SEBI, vide letter ref. no. IMD/IMD-RAC2/OW/P/2024/3876/1 dated January 25, 2024,has communicated its no-objection for the proposed changes.
- 5. In line with regulatory requirements, for scheme where a change in fundamental attributes is being proposed, we are offering an exit window ("Exit Option") to the Unit holders of 30 days from Monday, February 12, 2024 to Tuesday, March 12, 2024 (both days inclusive) ("Exit Option Period"). These changes will be effective from Wednesday, March 13, 2024, ("Effective Date"). During the Exit Option Period, unit holders not consenting to the change may either switch to any other scheme of HSBC Mutual Fund or redeem their investments at applicable Net Asset Value without payment of exit load subject to provisions of applicable cut-off time as stated in the Scheme Information Document of the relevant scheme. All transaction requests received on or after Effective date will be subject to applicable exit load (if any), as may be applicable to the respective Scheme mentioned above.
- 6. Redemption / Switch requests, if any, may be lodged at any of the Official Points of Acceptance of HSBC Mutual Fund.
- 7. The above information is also available on the website of HSBC Mutual Fund viz www.assetmanagement.hsbc.co.in.
- 8. Unit holders who have pledged / encumbered their units will not have the option to exit unless they submit a letter of release of their pledges / encumbrances prior to submitting their redemption / switch requests.
- 9. Investors who have registered for Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) in the Scheme and who do not wish to continue their future investments must apply for cancellation of their SIP registrations.
- 10. The redemption warrant/cheque will be mailed or the amount of redemption will be credited to the unit holders bank account (as registered in the records of the Registrar) within 3 (three) working days from the date of receipt of redemption request.
- 11. It may be noted that the offer to exit is purely optional and not compulsory. If the Unit holder has no objection to the aforesaid change, no action is required to be taken and it would be deemed that such Unit holder has consented to the aforesaid change.
- 12. Please note that unit holders who do not opt for redemption on or before Tuesday, March 12, 2024 (upto 3 p.m.) shall be deemed to have consented to the changes specified herein above and shall continue to hold units in the scheme of HSBC Mutual Fund ("the Fund"). In case the unit holders disagree with the aforesaid changes, they may redeem all or part of the units in the respective scheme(s) of the Fund by exercising the Exit Option, without exit load within the Exit Option Period by submitting a redemption request online or through a physical application form at any official point of acceptance/investor service center of HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited or to the depository participant (DP) (in case of units held in Demat mode). Unit holders can also submit the normal redemption form for this purpose.
- 13. The option to redeem the Units without exit load during the Exit Option Period can be exercised in the following manner:

- a. Unit holders can submit redemption requests online or via duly completed physical application form at any official points of acceptance/investor service center of HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited/ HSBC Mutual Fund, or its registrar (CAMS) or to the DP (in case of units held in Demat mode).
- b. The redemption/switch requests shall be processed at applicable NAV as per time stamping provisions contained in the SID of the Scheme.
- c. Unit holders should ensure that any changes in address or pay-out bank details required by them, are updated in the Fund's records at least 10 (Ten) working days before exercising the Exit Option. Unit holders holding Units in dematerialized form may approach their DP for such changes.
- 14. The expenses related to the proposed changes and other consequential changes as outlined above will not be charged to the unit holders of the Scheme of the Fund.

15. Tax Consequences:

Redemption / switch-out of units from the Scheme may entail capital gain/loss in the hands of the unitholder. For unit holders who redeem their investments during the Exit Option Period, the tax consequences as set forth in the Statement of Additional Information of the Fund and Scheme Information Document of the scheme of the Fund would be applicable. In case of NRI investors, TDS shall be deducted from the redemption proceeds in accordance with the prevailing income tax laws. In view of the individual nature of tax consequences, Unitholders are advised to consult their professional tax advisors for tax advice.

Unit holders who require any further information may contact:

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Yours faithfully

For & on behalf of **HSBC** Asset Management (India) Private Limited (Investment Manager to HSBC Mutual Fund)

Authorised Signatory

Enclosures: as above

Product Label

| Scheme Name | Scheme Risk-o-meter | Benchmark Risk-o-meter |
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| HSBC Nifty Next 50 Index Fund | widerale Moderately | Andersite Moderately |
| An open-ended Equity Scheme tracking Nifty Next 50 Index: This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*: | | 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 |
| This product is suitable for investors who are seeking*: | RISKOMETER | RISKOMETER |
| ► Long Term capital appreciation Investment in equity securities covered by the NIFTY NEXT 50 | Investors understand that their principal will be at Very High risk | Benchmark Index: Nifty Next 50 TRI |

Note on Risk-o-meters: Riskometer is as on January 31, 2024, Any change in risk-o-meter shall be communicated by way of Notice cum Addendum and by way of an e-mail or SMS to unitholders of that particular scheme

* Investors should consult their financial advisers if in doubt about whether the product is suitable for them.

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