

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMPANELMENT AS A DISTRIBUTOR WITH
HSBC ASSET MANAGEMENT (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED**

1. Submit the form, duly filled in, to the nearest HSBC Asset Management Investor Service Centre. Incomplete application forms will not be processed.
2. Distributors of HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited are expected to adhere to the Code of conduct for Intermediaries and various other circulars and guidelines issued from time to time.
3. Applicants who are not certified by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI/NISM) are not eligible for empanelment.

CHECKLIST FOR DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

Documents	Individual	HUF	Proprietorship firm	Partnership Firm/LLP	Trust	Company/ Bank
Empanelment form	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Empanelment Terms & Conditions - Duly signed in each page	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	NA
Distributor Agreement **(Two Full Sets with distributor Seal and Signature in each page)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	✓
Valid letter of Registration issued by AMFI for Non Individuals OR Valid ARN Card in case of Individual/Sole Proprietor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PAN Card of Distributor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MOA, AOA and Certificate of Incorporation	NA	NA	NA	NA	✓	✓
Bank Details along with supporting (i.e., cancelled Cheque Leaf) Cheque Proof - to be in the name of ARN	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trust Deed/ Partnership Agreement/LLP Agreement/HUF Agreement along with details of Co-Parceners	NA	✓	NA	✓	✓	NA
Board Resolution (mentioning that company is applying to HSBC Asset Management Pvt Ltd for empanelment as a distributor of HSBC Mutual Fund products)	NA	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓
Authorized Signatory List (along with Mode of Operation)	NA	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓
Documents of Karta (Along with PAN + Address Proof)	NA	✓	NA	NA	NA	NA
KYD copy of ARN Holder from CAMS website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Wherever Distribution agreement is mandatory, distributor will be entitled for commission only after signing-off distribution agreement.

HSBC ASSET MANAGEMENT (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED

 Investment Manager to HSBC Mutual Fund
 9-11 Floors, NESCO IT Park, Building No. 3, Western Express Highway,
 Goregaon (East), Mumbai – 400 063. Tel: 1800 419 9800

 ARN No.:
 Passed on:
 Valid Upto:
 PAN No.

 ARN Name (as per AMFI records)
*** KEY CONTACT DETAILS**

 NAME (Mr/ Ms./ M/s) (Block Letters)
 ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION (Block Letters) Pin Code
 Telephone Office - Resi. -
 Mobile Fax -
 E-mail 1. E-mail 2.
*** TAX STATUS (Please tick anyone)**

INDIVIDUALS	NON-INDIVIDUALS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Individuals	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership Firm	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Limited Company	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Limited Company	<input type="checkbox"/> HUF
<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship	<input type="checkbox"/> Society/Trust/Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> LLP	<input type="checkbox"/> Others, Please specify _____	

*** DISTRIBUTOR TYPE (Please tick anyone)**
 MFD National Distributor Corporate Distributor Overseas Distributor Bank Others, Please specify _____

*** ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

INDIVIDUALS	NON-INDIVIDUALS
Date of Birth <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	Date of incorporation <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Father's Name <input type="text"/>	Contact Person <input type="text"/>
Spouse's Name <input type="text"/>	KARTA Name (In case of HUF) <input type="text"/>
Proprietor Name (In case of Sole-Proprietorship Firm) <input type="text"/>	Others <input type="text"/>
PAN No. <input type="text"/>	PAN No. <input type="text"/>

NOMINATION DETAILS FOR BROKERAGE / COMMISSION (for individuals and sole proprietorships)

Name <input type="text"/>	If Nominee is a minor
Address <input type="text"/> Pin <input type="text"/>	Date of Birth of Nominee <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Relationship with Distributor <input type="text"/>	Name of Legal Guardian <input type="text"/>
	Address of Legal Guardian <input type="text"/>
	Signature of Legal Guardian <input type="text"/>

*** BANK DETAILS (Photocopy of the Cheque is mandatory)**

Name <input type="text"/>	Account No. <input type="text"/>
Branch <input type="text"/>	Account Type: (Please ✓) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Others
Address <input type="text"/> Pin <input type="text"/>	IFSC Code (For RTGS/NEFT) <input type="text"/> 11 Digit
	MICR Code <input type="text"/> 9 Digit

DISTRIBUTION FRAMEWORK - Business Details

No. of Branches <input type="text"/>	No. of Sales Employees <input type="text"/>	No. of Sub-Brokers <input type="text"/>	No. of Clients <input type="text"/>
Experience in MF distribution (in years) <input type="text"/>	Experience in Selling: <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> IPOs <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Deposits <input type="checkbox"/> Bonds <input type="checkbox"/> Mutual Funds <input type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Debt <input type="checkbox"/> PMS		

Funds Mobilised in MF	Cumulative to Date (₹) <input type="text"/>	Last one year (₹) <input type="text"/>
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COMPLIANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT

Is there a compliance regime, code of ethics or code of conduct, e.g. policies for countering mis-selling, fraud, bribery, etc.
 Please (✓) Yes No

Have there been any regulatory / statutory levies, penalties, legal suits or customer compensations made? If yes, please provide details. Please (✓) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Details (if any) : <input type="text"/>	Have there been any pending insolvency, administration, serious financial difficulties or any other matter, which could impact your financial credibility or ability to carry out the service? Please (✓) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Details (if any) : <input type="text"/>
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* Mandatory

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- a. **“AMC”** means HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited.
- b. **“AMFI”** means Association of Mutual Funds in India.
- c. **“Applicable Law”** means the laws of the Republic of India or where applicable, any political sub-division thereof, and all the rules, Regulations, ordinances, notifications and policies notified or promulgated pursuant thereto and modifications thereof in force from time to time and shall include but not be limited to any guidelines, notifications, Regulations, policies, procedures that may be framed or issued from time to time by the SEBI, Reserve Bank of India, AMFI, including the Regulations.
- d. **“ARN”** means AMFI Registration Number provided by AMFI.
- e. **“Business Days”** means any day (except Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and such other day as the AMC, may determine) on which banks and stock markets in India are open for normal business.
- f. **“Calendar Days”** or **“days”** means all days in a month, including Saturdays and Sundays and any other holidays.
- g. **“CAMS”** means Computer Age Management Service Limited.
- h. **“Distributor”** means an individual, a sole proprietor, firm, involved in selling and distribution of the products of the MUTUAL FUND for which such person has agreed to this T&C.
- i. **“Fee”** shall mean an amount due from the Mutual Fund as brokerage, service charges or other fees to the Distributor for distribution of Schemes/Investment Strategies of the SIF pursuant to this T&Cs, and such communication shall be provided by the AMC in advance of its coming into effect. All payments made to the Distributor shall be subject to the relevant provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and other Applicable Laws prevailing in India for the time being in force.
- j. **“IT Law”** means and includes provisions of Information technology Act, Information Technology (Reasonable Security Practices and Procedures & Sensitive Personal Data) Rules, 2011, Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and such other rules or regulations which may modify or repeal the same from time to time. A reference to IT Law shall also deem to include all guidelines, directions, regulations, rules and notifications issued by the Government of India or any statutory or regulatory authority or SEBI for the operation and management of the Mutual Fund, or any legislation in regard thereto.
- k. **“Investor”** shall mean any person who invests in the Schemes of the Mutual Fund or Investment Strategies of the SIF through the Distributor. This shall include all the existing and future Investors of the Distributor. Provided that in relation to schemes of the Mutual Fund or investment strategies of the SIF, Investors shall mean such person eligible to invest in units of the Mutual Fund or SIF in terms of the Scheme Information Document/Statement of Additional Information/Investment Strategy Information Document of the scheme(s) or investment strategy(ies) as stipulated from time to time.
- l. **“Investment Strategy(ies)”** means any investment strategy formulated and launched under the SIF by the AMC and shall mean each individual investment strategy of the SIF, whether open-ended, close-ended or interval, and the provisions hereof shall apply to each investment strategy individually.
- m. **“Mutual Fund”** means HSBC Mutual Fund having registration number MF/046/02/5.
- n. **“NAV”** shall mean the net asset value of the Units of the Scheme/Investment Strategy and the plans and options therein, calculated on every Business Day, in the manner provided in the SID/ISID of the respective Schemes/Investment Strategies of the SIF or as may be prescribed by Regulations.
- o. **“NISM”** means National Institute of Securities Markets.
- p. **“PMLA”** means Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, as amended, modified and repealed from time to time. A reference to PMLA shall also deem to include all guidance, directions, regulations, rules and notifications issued by the Government of India or any statutory or regulatory authority or SEBI or any legislation in regard thereto.
- q. **“Regulations”** means the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026, and such other rules or regulations which may modify or repeal the same from time to time. A reference to Regulations shall also deem to include all guidelines, directions, regulations, rules, Code of Conduct, and notifications issued by the Government of India or any statutory or regulatory authority or SEBI for the operation and management of the Mutual Fund, or any legislation in regard thereto.
- r. **“Scheme Information Document (SID)/Statement of Additional Information (SAI)/Key Information Memorandum (KIM)/Investment Strategy Information Document (ISID)”** means a document by which Schemes of Mutual Fund or Investment Strategies of the SIF invites public for subscription of its Units.
- s. **“RTA”** means any Registrar and Transfer Agent with whom the AMC has an arrangement for execution/confirmation of the transaction orders placed through the website/channel of the Distributor and shall have the meaning as specified from time to time in the Scheme Information Document of the Schemes of the Fund or Investment Strategy Information Document of the SIF. The RTA for the Fund at present is CAMS.
- t. **“Regulatory Authority”** means and includes SEBI, AMFI, Reserve Bank of India and/or any other authority appointed by the Indian Government or under Indian laws from time to time to regulate and control mutual funds.
- u. **“Scheme or Investment Strategy”** means any scheme/Investment Strategy formulated and floated by the Mutual Fund/SIF through the AMC and shall mean each individual scheme of the Mutual Fund/Investment Strategy of the SIF and the provisions hereof shall apply to each scheme/Investment Strategy individually. For the purposes of this Agreement, references to Scheme(s) shall, where the context permits, include Investment Strategies launched under the SIF.
- v. **“Scheme/Investment Strategies Documents”** means collectively the SID, SAI, KIM and ISID of the Schemes of Mutual Fund and Investment Strategies of the SIF, as applicable, and includes addendums issued, if any, thereafter.
- w. **“SEBI”** means the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- x. **“SIF”** means a Specialized Investment Fund established by the Mutual Fund through the AMC in accordance with Chapter IX of the Regulations and the circulars issued thereunder, offering Investment Strategies to investors subject to a minimum investment threshold of Rupees Ten Lakhs (INR 10,00,000) across all Investment Strategies.
- y. **“Trustees”** means HSBC Trustees (India) Private Limited, acting as Trustees to Mutual Fund.
- z. **“Unit”** means the interest of the investors in the scheme(s)/Investment Strategies consisting of each Unit representing one undivided share in the assets of that scheme(s)/Investment Strategies as evidenced by a statement of account.
- aa. **“Unit Certificate/Account Statement”** means a certificate/account statement in any form issued to the holder of the Units under the scheme(s) of the Mutual Fund/Investment Strategies of the SIF.
- bb. **“Unit Holder”** means a person holding Units in the Schemes of Mutual Fund/Investment Strategies of the SIF.
- NOW this is agreed, declared, confirmed between the Distributor and AMC:**
- Subject to the Distributor holding a valid ARN and having satisfied the 'fit and proper' criteria as determined by the AMC through its due diligence process in accordance with SEBI and AMFI guidelines, the AMC hereby appoints the Distributor as a distributor of the Units of the Scheme(s) launched by the Mutual Fund and Investment Strategies launched by the SIF through the AMC initially and thereafter from time to time and as may be agreed between the Distributor and the AMC, and the Distributor hereby accepts such appointment on the terms and conditions set out hereinafter.
 - The Distributor shall do all acts, deeds and things necessary whereby the investors' confidence and interest in the Mutual Fund, AMC is fully always protected. The Distributor, if an individual hereby certifies that he/she is certified by AMFI, NISM and holds a valid certificate as required by SEBI. Where the Distributor is a body corporate or any other entity, it shall ensure that all its employees, agents and representatives engaged in sales and marketing of units of the scheme(s) of the Mutual Fund are certified by AMFI, NISM and hold a valid Letter of Registration/Renewal of Registration issued by AMFI. Further the Distributor shall on the request by the AMC at any time and from time to time, provide a declaration to the above effect. In addition, the Distributor shall on request by the AMC at any time, provide a copy of such AMFI, NISM Certificate(s) forthwith.

- Distributor also certifies that it is registered with AMFI and agrees to provide a copy of the same. It also certifies that all its employees engaged in sales and marketing are registered with AMFI and have obtained a photo identity card.
3. The Distributor shall accept from the investor(s) payments only in cheque or bank draft drawn on any bank, which is situated at and is a member of the Banker's clearing house, located at the place where the application is submitted. Applications accompanied by outstation cheques are liable to be rejected by the Distributor. The Distributor is not authorised to accept cash, money orders and postal orders at any point of time from any investor of the Mutual Fund.
 4. The Distributor acknowledges that any purchase or switch transactions received under an invalid, expired, or non-empanelled ARN shall be processed under Direct Plan and no commission shall be payable to the Distributor in respect of such transactions. The Distributor shall have no recourse or claim against the AMC for processing such transactions under Direct Plan.
 5. All applications along with cheque and other transaction documents of the investor(s) shall be lodged with the Investor Service Centers/ designated Collection Centers as notified from time to time. The Distributor is not authorised to issue any receipt on behalf of the Mutual Fund, and AMC.
 6. The Distributor shall take adequate steps to obtain information and identify the investors who invest in the Mutual Fund through the Distributor and shall maintain all information, documents, records in respect of services provided under this T&Cs e.g. customer data base etc. The Distributor confirms adherence to guidelines, circulars issued by SEBI, AMFI, regarding the Anti Money Laundering Laws (AML Laws), and shall follow all procedures with regard to the same as communicated by AMC from time to time, including all regulatory and AMFI Best practices.
 7. The Distributor shall be eligible to receive Fee at such rate as may be decided by the AMC from time to time, on amounts mobilised by such Distributor under each scheme of the Mutual Fund/Investment Strategies of the SIF. The amount of Fee and/or incentive may vary from time to time and from scheme to scheme of the Mutual Fund. Sales charge/Incentives where clawback is applicable is required to be settled between the distributor and the AMC within 30 days of the date of redemption or upon demand by the AMC either by set off against future Fees or direct payment to AMC.
 8. The Fee paid to the distributor shall be inclusive of any cost, charges and expenses incurred by the distributor in connection with the agency and shall be paid to the distributor only after deductions of the requisite taxes at the applicable rate(s) in force. In case of non-compliance with this T&Cs and non-compliance of SEBI, AMFI guidelines, the AMC may suspend further business and pay-out of the Fees etc. until the same is complied with.
 9. In case the Distributor receives any sum of money which is not due or payable to the Distributor, the AMC shall be entitled to recover or adjust all such amounts as are wrongly paid to the Distributor.
 10. The Distributor shall not have any claim against the AMC, for any loss incurred by such Distributor as not anticipated and arisen out of any revision in the rate of Fee or change of terms and conditions of distribution.
 11. The Distributor shall only make representations/statements concerning units of scheme as contained in the current Scheme Information Document and Investment Strategy Information Document and Statement of Additional Information and Abridged Scheme Information Document and Statement of Additional information (Key Information Memorandum) and printed information issued by the AMC as information supplemental to such documents.
 12. The Distributor shall only use the latest advertising/sales material for distributing/selling the units of the Mutual Fund as provided/approved by the AMC.
 13. The Distributor shall not indulge in any kind of malpractice or unethical practice to sell, market or induce any investor to buy the units of the scheme(s) of the Mutual Fund.
 14. The Distributor (including all its employees, agents and representatives) undertakes to maintain strict confidentiality with regard to all matters, documents, reports and information ("Confidential Information") relating to the AMC.
 15. The Distributor represents and undertakes the following regarding the confidential information received from the Fund:-
 - a. The Distributor shall use the Confidential Information only for the purposes of performing and fulfilling the obligations under this Contract;
 - b. The Distributor shall not disclose the Confidential Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the AMC, except as otherwise expressly permitted by this Agreement;
 - c. The Distributor shall immediately notify the AMC when required to disclose Confidential Information under law (to the extent permitted by law);
 - d. The Distributor shall not transfer Confidential Information outside the jurisdiction of INDIA or permit any third party outside the jurisdiction of INDIA to have access to Confidential Information without the prior written consent of AMC, except as otherwise expressly permitted by this Agreement;
 - e. The Distributor shall ensure that any employee, agent or sub-distributor requiring access to any Information is bound (for example, through an employment or agency contract or sub-contract with the Distributor) by the same undertaking herein as the Distributor, not to access, use, disclose or retain the Confidential Information except in performing their duties of employment or terms of any sub-distribution (as the case may be) in connection with and under these T&Cs., and to comply with below;
16. The Distributor shall immediately notify the AMC in writing when the Distributor becomes aware of a breach of this clause by any employees, agents or sub-distributors, identify the cause of breach, use best endeavour to remedy any breach and minimize its consequences, provide AMC with report detailing the cause of and procedure for correcting the breach
 17. The Distributor shall collect, hold and process the Confidential Information consistent with these terms and conditions and any Applicable Laws.
 18. The Distributor shall ensure segregation or compartmentalisation of Confidential Information of AMC from that of other clients.
 19. The distributor shall ensure that no investment applications from persons residing in United States of America or Canada are sourced. Further, applications from persons residing in any country which is declared by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) as a non-compliant country or by HSBC as a sanctioned jurisdiction should also not be sourced. The distributor to ensure for all Non Resident Indian investors, the complete overseas address is procured, including the Country of residence, to avoid rejection of the application. The distributor shall keep investors aware that the AMC reserves the right to reject applications from US/Canada or redeem investments in case of change of address to US/Canada on a later date. The above restriction will also apply to countries subject to sanctions or FATF non-compliant jurisdictions.
 20. Data Protection: Both Parties undertake, where applicable, to comply fully with IT Laws. If Distributor receives personal data (as defined in IT Laws) pursuant to this Agreement, the Distributor shall only use it as strictly necessary for the performance of obligations hereunder and in accordance with these T&Cs.
 21. The performance of the Distributor will be closely monitored and the services of those not meeting the performance criteria may be terminated at the sole discretion of the AMC, which will be final and binding on the Distributor.
 22. The Distributor shall ensure that the terms and conditions mentioned herein or as agreed from time to time are also complied with by the Distributors' employees, agents (including sub-distributors) and representatives, as applicable. The Distributor shall comply with such other terms and conditions as mutually agreed in writing between the Distributor and the AMC. The Distributor certifies that, in the course of its business of distribution of Mutual Fund products it shall adhere to the Code of Conduct issued by SEBI/AMFI from time to time. The Distributor further undertakes to provide the above certificate or such other certificate that the AMC may prescribe on an annual basis or at such frequencies as may be determined by the AMC from time to time. The Distributor acknowledges that it is not entitled to receive Fee on its own investments and shall inform the AMC if it receives such Fee, erroneously or otherwise and shall reimburse such amounts to the AMC together with such sums, as may be prescribed by the AMC.
 23. The Distributor shall irrevocably, unconditionally, and on a full indemnity basis, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the AMC, the Mutual Fund, its Sponsor, Trustees, Directors, employees, officers, Affiliates, and their respective successors and assigns (collectively the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all costs, losses, damages, liabilities, demands, penalties, fines, levies, claims, actions, proceedings, judgments, settlements, and expenses of whatsoever nature (including but not limited to reasonable legal fees, costs of investigation, expert witness fees, and costs of enforcement of indemnity rights) whether actual, contingent, or prospective, arising directly out of or in connection with:
 - a. any misrepresentation, misstatement, omission, concealment, or misleading information (whether by act or omission) made or provided by the Distributor, its employees, agents (including sub-distributors), representatives, or any person acting on behalf of the

- Distributor, whether oral, written, electronic or otherwise, relating to the Scheme(s) of Mutual Fund, the AMC, or any matter connected with this Agreement;
- b. any breach, non-compliance, default, or violation (whether material or otherwise) by the Distributor, its employees, agents (including Sub-Distributors), representatives, or any person acting on behalf of the Distributor, of any obligation, representation, warranty, covenant, undertaking, or term of this Agreement, whether express or implied;
 - c. any act or omission constituting negligence (whether gross or ordinary), misconduct, mis-selling, improper solicitation, unauthorized representation, churning, unsuitable advice, failure to conduct proper suitability assessment, or failure to adhere to the Scheme Documents, KYC/AML requirements, applicable laws, regulations, circulars, guidelines, or directions issued by Regulatory Authorities;
 - d. any fraudulent, unlawful, unethical, dishonest, or wrongful act or omission committed by the Distributor, its employees, agents (including Sub-Distributors), representatives, or any person acting on behalf of the Distributor, including but not limited to collusion with Investor(s), front-running, market manipulation, insider trading, money laundering, terrorist financing, improper business practices such as presenting dishonored cheques, wrongfully claiming dividends or redemptions, forging signatures, tampering with documents, identity theft, or circumventing requirements under Applicable Law;
 - e. any action, inquiry, investigation, inspection, audit, show-cause notice, or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, regulatory, or administrative) initiated or threatened by any regulatory, governmental, judicial, quasi-judicial, or law enforcement authority, or any third party, in connection with the acts or omissions of the Distributor, its employees, agents (including Sub-Distributors), representatives, or any person acting on behalf of the Distributor;
 - f. any failure by the Distributor, its employees, agents (including Sub-Distributors), representatives, or any person acting on behalf of the Distributor, to comply with Applicable Laws of any regulatory authority governing its activities, including but not limited to Regulatory Authorities.
 - g. any investor complaint, grievance, or claim (whether or not meritorious) arising from or relating to the acts, omissions, representations, or conduct of the Distributor, its employees, agents (including Sub-Distributors), or representatives in connection with the distribution of Units;
 - h. any reputational harm, damage to goodwill, or adverse publicity suffered by the Indemnified Parties arising from or attributable to the acts, omissions, or conduct of the Distributor, its employees, agents (including Sub-Distributors), or representatives;
 - i. any third-party claim, demand, or action arising from or relating to the Distributor's distribution activities, including claims by investors, other distributors, competitors, or any other person;
24. The AMC shall have the right to terminate the appointment of a Distributor at any time without assigning any reason thereof. A Distributor may also terminate his/her agency at any time after informing the AMC, through a letter. In case of termination of the contract, the Distributor shall be entitled to receive, only such Fee as is payable to the Distributor in respect of business procured by the Distributor prior to the termination of this Agreement.
 25. Disputes arising out of this arrangement will be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts in Mumbai City only.
 26. The Distributor also undertakes that it will ensure that all the sub-distributors comply with the Applicable Law, in relation to their business. The Distributor also undertakes that it will ensure that the sub-distributor provides all such certificates, any other document/information as may be stipulated by regulatory authorities or the AMC, from time to time.
 27. The distributor shall immediately notify the AMC in writing if any of its personnel or any other person engaged by the distributor has committed any act amounting to moral turpitude, financial irregularities or has been arrested by the police or has been relieved from the services/employment of the distributor. Upon receipt of such notice from the distributor, the AMC may suspend further business and payout of the commissions, etc. as it deems fit in the case.
 28. The Distributor shall not use or display the word/acronym 'HSBC', mark or Logo of HSBC or any part or derivative thereof ("Trademark") and it shall not reproduce, store in a retrieval system or transmit, on any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, the Trademark, without the prior written permission of the AMC.
 29. The Distributor agrees and undertakes that it shall not make any payments or transfers whether directly or indirectly, which would have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery or acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks, or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business.
 30. The AMC offers nomination facility to distributor to enable the nominee to receive trail commissions on the business done before the demise of distributor holding a valid ARN provided the distributor has complied with the Terms and Conditions mentioned herein above.
 31. The Distributor shall abide by all requirements of SEBI, AMFI or any other regulatory/authorized body as applicable to it and communicated from time to time to distributors/intermediaries of the Schemes.
 32. The Distributor has not violated any of the regulations and/or guidelines or directives or statutes and declares that the distributor is not debarred/suspended from carrying on its normal activities. Provided however that if the distributor is found guilty of violation or breach of any of the terms and conditions enumerated herein then in such event the distributor shall be liable to compensate the AMC by way of indemnity for all costs, losses, expenses, penalties and outgoings including legal fees and expenses incurred or suffered by the AMC.
 33. The Distributor shall in particular comply with the Applicable Law.
 34. The Distributor will disclose to the investor all the commissions (in the form of trail commission or any other mode), payable to him for the different competing Schemes of various Mutual Funds from amongst which the Scheme is being recommended to the investor.
 35. KYD (Know your Distributor) norms will be applicable for fresh ARN registration and ARN renewal effective from September 1, 2010. For any subsequent change in static details, distributor needs to submit the request at AMFI unit of CAMS or the CAMS Service Centre and not to individual AMCs/RTAs. Any subsequent change in static details and further registered with KYD will overwrite the records already maintained with the AMC.
 36. The distributor should immediately intimate AMC on receipt of any complaint from an investor. The distributor shall also provide required assistance to the Fund in suitably addressing the complaint received thereof.
 37. The Distributor shall be solely responsible and liable for all persons engaged in the rendition of Services to AMC in accordance with these terms and conditions as well as for all consequences of any act of commission or omission of such persons and irrespective of such persons being temporarily employed or being on probation. No contention to the contrary will be raised at any time by the Distributor.
 38. AMC shall not be liable or responsible for the salaries, remuneration, perquisites or other conditions or services of the personnel of the Distributor. The Distributor shall be liable to punctually pay the salaries (including minimum wages), remuneration, perquisites and all other statutory payments required to be made under the applicable laws to the employees and personnel of the Distributor and full or part time field staff engaged to perform the Services. The Distributor shall indemnify and keep AMC indemnified in the event of any claim being made by any of the employees of the Distributor or their representatives on AMC in relation to such matters.
 39. Nothing in these terms and conditions shall create or be deemed to create a relationship of master and servant between AMC and the Distributor or any employee of the Distributor.
 40. The Distributor shall provide such assistance and response, as may be required by the Registrar/the AMC to redress complaints received against the distributor, within three days of receipt of any such complaint.
 41. All information, forms, agreements, documents, certificates, letters, papers, writings, data, books, records, reports, statements, files, copies and other items or properties whatsoever belonging to the AMC/Mutual Fund which come into the Distributor's power or possession, pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement will remain the sole and absolute property of the AMC/Mutual Fund, as the case may be and the Distributor shall have no claim, lien, charge, right of retention, sale or set-off or other right, title or interest therein for any reason whatsoever (including for the Compensation or other payments) or for the service charges / fee payable to the Distributor for distributing Units of the Mutual Fund. This clause shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
 42. The Distributor agrees to provide to the AMC access to its premises, if the AMC wishes to verify the documents or certifications of the distributor and its employees, including providing copies thereof to the AMC and/or its Registrar, on request.
 43. The Distributor shall abide by the guidelines issued by SEBI vide its circular no. CIR/MIRSD/5/2013 dated August 27, 2013, regarding dealing with Conflicts of Interest.
 44. Identification of Ultimate Beneficial Owner (UBO) Distributors are required to provide details of Ultimate Beneficial Owner(s) ("UBO(s)")

- and submit proofs to identify the UBO, i.e., Identity and address proof. Ultimate Beneficial Owner (UBO) is the natural person, who ultimately owns or controls, directly or indirectly your organisation. Controlling ownership interest has been defined as ownership of/entitlement to;
- a) more than 25% of shares or capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is a company;
 - b) more than 15% of the capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is a partnership or,
 - c) more than 15% of the property or capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is an unincorporated association or body of individuals.
 - d) In case of Trust, beneficial owners of the trust needs to be known by determining the identity of the settler of the trust, the trustee, the protector, the beneficiaries with 10% or more interest in the trust and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust through a chain of control or ownership.
 - e) In case the Distributor is a listed company or a subsidiary where the majority is held by a listed company, then the details of shareholders or beneficial owners is not required. Distributors (other than Individuals & Listed companies) shall be required to submit the following additional documents along with the declaration, to the Fund at the time of an empanelment. f) Copy of the latest share holding pattern including list of all those holding control, either directly or indirectly, in the company in terms of SEBI takeover Regulations, duly certified by the Company Secretary/Whole time director/MD. Documents confirming identity and address of the UBOs of the entity. Distributors are requested to note that, the fund shall reserve the right to seek additional information to ascertain the beneficial or controlling ownership.
45. The Distributor shall ensure that Schemes recommended or sold to Investors are appropriate and suitable based on the Investor's risk profile, financial objectives, and investment experience. The Distributor shall not engage in mis-selling, including but not limited to:
 - a. selling Schemes to Investors for whom they are unsuitable, including small-cap funds, retirement funds, and close-ended funds to senior citizens, minors, and non-individuals.
 - b. providing false, misleading, or incomplete information about the risks associated with the Schemes.
 - c. inducing Investors to make investments primarily for Fee or incentive-driven motives rather than suitability to their financial needs.
 46. The Distributor shall at all times, comply with the Applicable Laws and shall refrain from entering into any arrangement which seeks indemnification from Investor or purports to disclaim liability in relation to any claims arising therefrom.
 47. Representations, warranties and undertakings of the Distributor: The Distributor represents, warrants and undertakes to AMC that:
 - a. it has all necessary powers and authority to enter into this Agreement and that the terms of this Agreement do not breach any obligations by which it is bound, whether arising by operation of law, contract or otherwise;
 - b. it is properly authorised by the applicable regulator/registration body to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
 - c. where the Distributor provides its clients with advice in relation to a fund/scheme/Investment Strategy, it will evaluate its clients to ensure that any investment in such fund/scheme/Investment Strategy is suitable for the client;
 - d. it will not forward transactions to the registrar, which the Distributor knows, or has reason to believe, 1. breach the prescribed cut-off time and/or 2. are an effort to time the market, and will have in place procedures adequate for the identification of such activities;
 - e. it will comply with all relevant laws and regulatory requirements in performing this Agreement;
 - f. it is not subject to any disciplinary action or investigation (other than routine inspection) by any regulator, and the Distributor will notify AMC, to the extent permitted by law, in writing immediately if it so becomes subject to such disciplinary action or investigation;
 - g. there are no regulatory or legal proceedings affecting the Distributor and/or its associated companies that are pending or threatened or other circumstances which may adversely affect the ability of the Distributor to perform its obligations under the Agreement;
 - h. it will perform its obligations under the Agreement in good faith and with all due care, skill and competence;
 - i. it will ensure that any individual performing a service under of pursuant to this Agreement is properly qualified and suitably experienced in accordance with any relevant regulatory requirement, including but not limited to any rule limiting the type and amount of remuneration which a distributor may receive in connection with such distribution.
 - j. it will ensure that its agents or employees comply with any relevant regulatory requirement, including but not limited to any rule limiting the type and amount of remuneration which a distributor may receive in connection with such distribution;
 - k. all distribution fees that it receives from AMC will be received and communicated to the end investor in accordance with all relevant regulatory requirement;
 - l. it will ensure that any Fund/Scheme/Investment Strategy document required by regulatory requirements is provided to investors and potential investors before they decide to invest in a Fund and is provided in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements;
 - m. it will ensure that only the most up-to-date information and fund/scheme document provided to it from AMC is used by it in preparing and distributing information;
 - n. it will observe the requirements relating to the promotion of the Funds imposed by regulatory requirements or contained in the relevant fund/scheme/Investment Strategy documents, and otherwise not undertake any activity that would result in any non-compliance with Regulatory Requirements by or in respect of the Distributor or a Fund;
 - o. it will not carry on any activity in any Jurisdiction that would require the registration of any Fund in that Jurisdiction to the extent that it is not already so registered or otherwise impose any regulatory duty or obligation on AMC as a result of the Fund being distributed in that Jurisdiction;
 - p. it will always provide AMC with such assistance as is necessary for the AMC to discharge any legal duty or contractual duty.
 - q. subject to any applicable duty of confidentiality, it will notify AMC as soon as reasonably practicable if it receives notice of any concern, complaint or investigation by any governmental, state, investigatory, tax, regulatory or any other official body relevant to the subject matter of this Agreement, or the Funds.
 - r. Neither the distributor nor its Associated Companies, if any, shall commit tax evasion nor undertake any activities which may facilitate or otherwise result in another person committing tax evasion, in undertaking its obligations under this Agreement.
 - s. The Distributor and its Associated Companies, if any, shall maintain reasonable controls/procedures designed to prevent any employees, agents or other persons, who perform services for them or on their behalf, from undertaking any activities which would facilitate or otherwise result in another person committing tax evasion.
 48. The Distributor shall promptly report any actual or suspected breach of above clauses to HSBC and co-operate (including procuring cooperation by its personnel, Associated Companies, agents and subcontractors) with HSBC and/or any Regulatory Authority in relation to any investigation relating to the matters referred to in this clause. For the avoidance of doubt, breach of this clause will be deemed a material breach and could entitle HSBC to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect.
 49. For the distribution of Investment Strategies under SIF, the Distributor shall additionally ensure compliance with the following requirements:
 - a. the Distributor shall clearly communicate to prospective Investors the minimum investment threshold of Rupees Ten Lakhs (INR 10,00,000) applicable across all Investment Strategies of the SIF at the PAN level, and ensure that no investment below this threshold is procured;
 - b. the Distributor shall prominently disclose to prospective Investors the standard disclaimer: "Investments in Specialized Investment Fund involves relatively higher risk including potential loss of capital, liquidity risk and market volatility. Please read all investment strategy related documents carefully before making the investment decision.";
 - c. the Distributor shall ensure that Investors are made aware of the subscription and redemption frequencies, notice periods (if any), and liquidity risks associated with each Investment Strategy;
 - d. the Distributor shall ensure that the Investment Strategies are distributed only to such Investors who meet the eligibility criteria and investment threshold requirements specified in the respective Investment Strategy Information Document (ISID) of the SIF.
 50. Confidentiality obligations and rights of parties HSBC would disclose or transfer to any HSBC Group Members information belonging to you that is confidential in nature (including but not limited to your director(s)/key managerial person's name, address, e-mail address, phone number(s) and identification documents etc.) for administrative and contract governance purposes during the term of our agreement or engagement with HSBC.
 51. The Distributor shall not undertake any obligation or incur any liability in any manner whatsoever on behalf of the AMC, Mutual Fund nor in any

way pledge the AMC, Mutual Fund credit in any manner whatsoever. Any breach of this obligation shall be subject to the indemnification provisions under this T&C. This clause shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

52. The Distributor shall not be entitled to assign, transfer, charge or in any manner make or create any third party right or interest in this Agreement or for the Distributor's obligations, liabilities, benefits or rights. The liability and indemnification provisions under this T&C shall continue to apply notwithstanding any purported assignment or transfer.
53. Role, Obligations of the distributor for transacting on Stock Exchange platform SEBI has issued guidelines for facilitating transaction in mutual fund schemes through the Stock Exchange infrastructure. The Stock Exchange platform shall mean a facility whereby the Distributor can buy/redeem units of the Mutual Fund using network, order collection, clearing and settlement mechanism adopted by the Stock Exchange in order to facilitate such activities through the respective platform(s). The Distributor would be allowed to distribute the Schemes of Mutual Fund through the Stock Exchange(s), provided the Distributor represents, agrees and confirms to AMC the following:
 - a. The Distributor is a trading member on the Stock Exchange and holds a valid SEBI Registration Number for NSEIL (as mentioned hereinabove and copy enclosed herewith) and a trading member on BSE and holds a valid SEBI Registration Number for BSE (as mentioned hereinabove and copy enclosed herewith). The Distributor confirms that it has obtained all necessary approvals, registrations and certifications required from relevant authorities for the purpose of participating in the platform offered by the Stock Exchange(s) facility and confirms that such approvals registrations and certifications shall remain in force including by taking prompt steps for the renewal of the same.

The Distributor agrees to submit to AMC all such approvals/authorizations as above as and when required by AMC.
 - b. The Distributor will abide by the terms and conditions as mentioned in the Circulars and Operating Guidelines issued by the Stock Exchange(s) and any other circulars issued in this regard from time to time with regard to the platforms offered by the Stock Exchange.
 - c. The Distributor shall ensure that the clients who wish to transact on the Stock Exchange platform are registered on the platform offered by the respective stock exchange, as per the terms and conditions specified by the Stock Exchange from time to time.
 - d. The Distributor shall comply with the provisions as stated in the Undertaking furnished to the Stock Exchange, terms and conditions of the Eligible Schemes of Mutual Fund as detailed in the Scheme Information Document (SID)/Investment Strategy Information Document (ISID) and Statement of Additional Information (SAI), Addendum issued by AMC for transacting on the Stock Exchange and/or any other addenda that may be issued by AMC in respect of the Eligible Schemes/Investment Strategies of HSBC Mutual/SIF from time to time.
 - e. On receipt of an application for redemption from the Unitholder, the Distributor shall verify the genuineness of the Unitholder including verification of the signature of the Unitholder from the original PAN of such Unitholder and any other document as may be deemed fit for the purposes of verification. The Distributor acknowledges that on the basis of the said verification and online feed on the Stock Exchange Platforms, AMC/Authorised Registrar shall process the redemption request and make the payment to the Unitholder without making any further verification. The Distributor agrees to indemnify AMC for all claims, costs, charges etc that may be suffered or incurred by AMC on account of any fraudulent, erroneous, negligent transaction request(s) (viz., purchase/redemption) that may be forwarded by the Distributor to the Stock Exchange and received by AMC from the Stock Exchange's website.
 - f. An application for purchase/additional purchase without the details relating to PAN (requirement of PAN as detailed above), bank account details and such other regulatory requirement(s), as applicable, will not be accepted and such applications shall be rejected by the Distributor. The Distributor undertakes to correctly quote the PAN of the clients in all cases and agrees to be liable for the same. Any transaction submitted for which validation of PAN proof is required but is not provided by the Distributor, will be rejected by AMC/Authorized Registrar.
 - g. The Distributor shall submit only such transaction requests that are valid in all respects including completeness of the attendant documents as may be required by AMC/Stock Exchange. The

Distributor acknowledges that any transaction request, in respect of which any data is missing/lacking shall be liable to be rejected by AMC/Authorised Registered at its sole discretion.

- h. Any request or order for subscription to the units of the Eligible Schemes/Investment Strategies of Mutual Fund/SIF shall be subject to the final acceptance by AMC in accordance with the relevant SID/ISID/SAI of the respective Eligible Schemes/Investment Strategies and in accordance with the Stock Exchange circulars issued in this regard.
 - i. The Distributor will ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in respect of Know Your Customer (KYC) under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2005 (PMLA) as applicable to the Distributor and shall procure records of its clients as per the provisions of PMLA and SEBI circulars/guidelines issued from time to time. The Distributor shall ensure that the investors investing through his/her ARN code submit all necessary KYC documentation, as applicable. The AMC/RTA reserve the right to reject any application where the investor is not KYC compliant.
 - j. In an event the credit of the subscription amount is not received by the Distributor from the clients due to any reason whatsoever and units have been redeemed by the clients, AMC, the Stock Exchanges and the clearing corporation of respective Stock Exchange(s) shall not be liable or responsible for any loss that may be suffered by the Distributor due to such non receipt of subscription amount from the clients.
 - k. Once the intimation and or subscription amount is received by AMC/Authorised Registrar for transaction in the units of the Eligible Schemes of Mutual Fund/Investment Strategies of the SIF, such intimation shall be final and cannot be modified by the Distributor.
 - l. In an event of termination of the arrangement between AMC and the Stock Exchanges/Clearing Corporation, the Distributor's arrangement with AMC to the extent of only the Stock Exchange platform(s) shall stand terminated forthwith without prior notice.
 - m. AMC shall not be liable for any losses, damages etc. that may be incurred/suffered by the clients on account of any failure of computer systems, telecommunication network and other equipments installed at the office premises of the Distributor and/or any misuse, mishandling, damage, loss, defect, error, negligence on the part of the distributor which causes loss or damage to the client.
54. **Anti Bribery**

Distributor is aware of, understands, and will abide by all of its obligations under all applicable anti-bribery and corruption laws, including but not limited to and to the extent applicable, the U.K. Bribery Act 2010, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act 1977, and the HK Prevention of Bribery Ordinance 1970. In this regard, the Distributor will maintain adequate policies and procedures to ensure compliance with all such applicable anti- bribery and corruption laws. The Distributor will at all times ensure that its directors, officers, employees, affiliates, associated persons, agents, subcontractors, and any other third parties who may be used for the provision of services to the Distributor and/or any HSBC Group Member are aware of and comply with both the letter and spirit of all such applicable anti-bribery and corruption laws such that they will not, directly or indirectly, take any actions or make any omissions which would cause either the Distributor and/or any HSBC Group Member to be in violation of applicable anti- bribery and corruption laws. The Distributor shall document completely and accurately all transactions related to the services provided and any contractual agreement between the Distributor and/or an HSBC Group Member in its books and records, and shall promptly report to HSBC any breach or suspected breach of the obligations or undertakings described in this paragraph. The Distributor shall be responsible for any fines and penalties imposed on AMC arising directly from breach of the Agreement or violation of Anti-Bribery Laws by the Distributor. Distributor shall notify AMC as soon as practicable of any breach or suspected breach of the undertakings contained within this clause of which it becomes aware. Distributor to refer to the policy and procedures for countering bribery summarised on HSBC.com/antibribery.
55. The Distributor shall respect and adhere to the investors' data privacy. Accordingly, it must be ensured that:
 - a. investors data shall not be shared between group entities managing multiple business or products.
 - b. digital platforms owned by the distributor, if any, shall not be promoted to such investors who are not acquired/managed by them directly.
 - c. products and services of group companies shall not be cross-marketed.

DECLARATION

I/We hereby confirm that the information provided above is correct and true to my/our knowledge.

My/our application for empanelment as distributor may accordingly be considered.

I/We hereby accept the attached terms and conditions / Agreement, as amended from time to time, of my/our appointment as a distributor.


I/We hereby declare that none of the employees of the AMC, Mutual Fund, Sponsor, Associate is related to me/us as on this date of empanelment.

Date (Mandatory): _____

Place : _____

Signature (Mandatory)



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RM Name: _____	RM Signature

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