

# BNP PARIBAS FUNDS

Luxembourg SICAV – UCITS category

Registered office: 10 rue Edward Steichen, L-2540 Luxembourg

Luxembourg Trade and Companies Register n° B 33.363

## Notice to shareholders

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Dear Shareholders,

### **Withdrawal of Authorization of BNP Paribas Funds Europe Multi-Asset Income**

To streamline the BNP Paribas Funds range of funds offered to clients in Hong Kong and to create economy of scale regarding financial and administrative management in respect of the sub-funds authorized by the Securities and Futures Commission (the “SFC”) under BNP Paribas Funds that are offered to the public in Hong Kong, the Board of Directors of BNP Paribas Funds has decided to withdraw the authorization of BNP Paribas Funds Europe Multi-Asset Income (the “Sub-Fund”) and the Sub-Fund’s product key facts statement from the SFC in Hong Kong.

Notice is hereby given to shareholders that effective from 19 October 2021 (the “Effective Day”), the authorization of the Sub-Fund will be withdrawn. No expenses will be incurred in connection with the withdrawal of authorization of the Sub-Fund and the Sub-Fund has no unamortized preliminary expenses. As of 30 June 2021, the size of the Sub-Fund was approximately EUR 158.78 million.

### *Investments in the Sub-Fund after withdrawal of authorization*

No action is required if shareholders wish to continue holding their shares in the Sub-Fund. However, shareholders should note that whilst the Sub-Fund will continue to exist and continue to be regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (the “CSSF”) in Luxembourg, after the withdrawal of authorization in Hong Kong, the Sub-Fund will no longer be regulated by the SFC and will no longer be subject to the regulatory requirements in relation to SFC-authorized funds in Hong Kong, including those stipulated in the SFC’s Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds. To the extent that changes to the Sub-Fund are proposed in the future, the management company will provide reasonable notice of any material changes to shareholders of the Sub-Fund prior to implementing those changes as determined by the management company in accordance with the Articles of Association of BNP Paribas Funds and applicable laws and regulations of the CSSF. To avoid confusion, the Sub-Fund is no longer available for public distribution in Hong Kong and is not allowed to be marketed to the public in Hong Kong after the issuance of this notice.



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Apart from the withdrawal of authorization of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong, there will be no change in the key features (e.g. investment objective and strategy, fee structures and risk factors etc), operation and administrative arrangement of the Sub-Fund following the withdrawal of authorization. The Sub-Fund will continue to be managed in accordance with the constitutive documents of BNP Paribas Funds. The interest of the share(s) owned by the shareholder remains intact after the withdrawal of authorization of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong.

In addition, any offering documents and other product documentation such as marketing materials that are currently in the possession of Hong Kong investors should be retained for their personal use only and should not be circulated to the public in Hong Kong after the date of this notice. The Sub-Fund is closed for new investments from the date of this notice. This means that further subscriptions and conversion into the Sub-Fund (including regular saving plan) from new and existing investors will not be accepted from the date of this notice.

#### *Free Redemption and Conversion*

Shareholders of the Sub-Fund who do not wish to accept the withdrawal of authorization may choose to request the redemption of their shares free from any redemption fee from the date of this notice until 6pm HK time on 18 October 2021 (i.e. 1 business day prior to the Effective Day). Alternatively, shareholders may also convert their investments in the Sub-Fund, free of charge, into another SFC-authorized sub-fund of BNP Paribas Funds<sup>1</sup> from the date of this notice until 6pm HK time on 18 October 2021 (i.e. 1 business day prior to the Effective Day). Please refer to the Prospectus and the Hong Kong Covering Document (collectively, the “Hong Kong Offering Document”) of BNP Paribas Funds for details of the procedures for placing redemption and conversion requests. Please note, however, that some distributors or similar agents might charge you switching and / or transaction fees.

#### *Hong Kong Taxation*

Shareholders are not expected to be liable for Hong Kong tax in respect of any income or gains made on the issue, redemption, conversion or other disposal in Hong Kong of the shares of the Sub-Fund, save that persons carrying on in Hong Kong a business of trading securities may be subject to Hong Kong profits tax if those gains form part of such business. The Hong Kong tax position for shareholders as set out above remains the same notwithstanding that shareholders may decide to remain invested in the Sub-Fund after the withdrawal of authorization of the Sub-Fund. Individual shareholders should however seek independent advice on the taxation and other consequences of the changes affecting their investment.

The Hong Kong Offering Document will be updated to reflect the withdrawal of authorization of the Sub-Fund. The current Hong Kong Offering Document and financial reports of BNP Paribas Funds are available for inspection free of charge at the office of the Hong Kong Representative<sup>2</sup>, during normal business hours on any Hong Kong business day; and on the website at <http://www.bnpparibas-am.hk><sup>3</sup>. Upon request, copies of the Hong Kong Offering Document could also be obtained upon payment of a reasonable fee at the office of the Hong Kong Representative. The updated Hong Kong Offering Document will be available later.

Hong Kong shareholders may contact BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Asia Limited, the Hong Kong Representative of BNP Paribas Funds, at (852) 2533 0088 for questions.

July 19, 2021

**The Board of Directors**

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Luxembourg, April 28, 2021,

Dear Shareholders,

We hereby inform you of the following changes incorporated in the next version of the Hong Kong Offering Document of BNP Paribas Funds (the “Company”).

The change will be effective immediately.

### **UPDATE TO THE DISCLOSURE RELATING TO RQFII REGIMES**

On 7 May 2020, the People’s Bank of China (“PBOC”) and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (“SAFE”) jointly issued the Regulations on Funds of Securities and Futures Investment by Foreign Institutional Investors (PBOC & SAFE Announcement [2020] No. 2, hereinafter referred to as the “FII Regulations”), which came into effect on 6 June 2020. The FII Regulations unify and supersede the rules applicable to QFII and RQFII regimes. References to “RQFII” in the Hong Kong Offering Document (including the Luxembourg Prospectus) will be replaced with “FII” (i.e. a qualified foreign institutional investor under the FII Regulations). One of the key changes of the FII Regulations is the removal of quota restrictions on investment. Please refer to the updated Hong Kong Offering Document for the disclosure reflecting the FII Regulations.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The changes would not result in any change in fees level or costs in managing the sub-funds. In addition, the Management Company would bear the costs or expenses incurred in connection with the changes. The changes would not materially change the features and overall risk profile of the sub-funds following the change. There would be no change in the operations or the manner in which the sub-funds are being managed. There would also be no material change in the investment objective or policy of the sub-funds as a result of the changes. Further, the changes would not materially prejudice the existing investors’ rights of interest.

Hong Kong shareholders who do not accept the changes mentioned above may ask the redemption of their shares according to the relevant procedures as disclosed in the Hong Kong Offering Document free of charge from the date of this notice until 6pm Hong Kong time on May 28, 2021.

The Hong Kong Offering Document will be updated to reflect the changes above. The current Hong Kong Offering Document of BNP Paribas Funds is available for inspection free of charge at the office of the Hong Kong Representative<sup>1</sup>, during normal business hours on any Hong Kong business day; and on the website at <http://www.bnpparibas-am.hk><sup>2</sup>. The updated Hong Kong Offering Document will be available later.

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Best regards,

**The Board of Directors**

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We hereby inform you the following change which will be effective on April 9, 2021 (Order Trade Date) (the “Effective Day”) and will be incorporated in the next version of the Hong Kong Offering Document.

**Removal of BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Nederland N.V.**

BNP Paribas Funds adopted a “pool approach” whereby the management company has delegated its discretionary investment management functions in respect of each of the sub-funds of BNP Paribas Funds to one or more investment managers.

Due to corporate restructuring within entities of BNP Paribas group, BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Nederland N.V. will no longer act as the investment manager for SFC-authorized sub-funds of BNP Paribas Funds<sup>1</sup> with effect from the Effective Day.

The removal of the investment manager will not result in any change in fees level or costs in managing the sub-funds. In addition, the Management Company would bear the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the change. The change would not materially change the features and overall risk profile of the sub-funds. There would be no change in the operations or the manner in which the sub-funds are being managed. There would be no change in the investment objective or policy of the sub-funds as a result of the change. Further, the change would not materially prejudice the existing investors’ rights of interest.

Hong Kong shareholders who do not accept the change mentioned above may ask the redemption of their shares according to the relevant procedures as disclosed in the Hong Kong Offering Document free of charge from the date of this notice until 6pm Hong Kong time on May 10, 2021.

Details of the relevant portfolio manager(s) responsible for a particular sub-fund will be listed in the annual report of BNP Paribas Funds and will be available for inspection free of charge at the office of the Hong Kong Representative<sup>2</sup>, during normal business hours on any Hong Kong business day.

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April 9, 2021

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Luxembourg, February 11, 2021,

Dear Shareholders,

We hereby inform you of the following changes incorporated in the next version of the Hong Kong Offering Document of BNP Paribas Funds (the “Company”), dated February 2021.

All these changes relate to the integration of ESG characteristics in the investment process of your sub-funds and will be effective on **February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

### **CHANGES APPLICABLE TO ALL SUB-FUNDS**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)**

In order to comply with the Regulation 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector, also known as the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (**SFDR**) and enhance clarification and transparency as regards the extra-financial approach performed by the Company, several wordings have been added either in the “Sustainable Investment Policy” section in Book I and/or directly in the investment policy of some sub-funds.

**All these changes and required disclosures have no material financial impact on your investment, as ESG criteria are already included in the investment process of each sub-fund.**

Please note that currently only the sub-funds below are considered as SFC-authorized<sup>1</sup> green and ESG funds in Hong Kong:

BNP Paribas Funds Aqua
BNP Paribas Funds Energy Transition
BNP Paribas Funds Global Environment
BNP Paribas Funds Green Tigers

#### **Sustainable Investment Policy**

In this context, the presentation of the “Sustainable Investment Policy” section in Book I will be performed as follows:

*BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT’s Global Sustainability Strategy governs the approach to sustainable investment, which consists of the implementation of ESG integration, responsible business conduct standards and stewardship activities (as defined below) into the investment processes applied by the investment managers of each sub-fund.*

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**ESG** stands for **Environmental, Social and Governance**; these are criteria commonly used to assess the level of sustainability of an investment.

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT is committed to have a sustainable investment approach for its investments. Nonetheless, the extent and manner in which this sustainable investment approach is applied varies according to the type of sub-fund, asset class, region and instrument used. Furthermore, some sub-funds may apply additional investment guidelines, as described in the Book 2. Consequently, the implementation of the sustainable investment approach applies individually across all portfolios. Therefore, the sub-fund's extra-financial score is compared to the one of the investment universe, being the main securities and geographical areas targeted by each sub-fund, except if otherwise provided in Book II.

Unless specified in Book II, the extra-financial analysis coverage of each sub-fund must be at least (the "Minimum Extra-Financial Analysis"):

- 90% of its assets for equities issued by large capitalisation companies whose registered office is located in "developed" countries, debt securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating, sovereign debt issued by developed countries ; or
- 75% of its assets for equities issued by large capitalisations whose registered office is located in "emerging" countries, equities issued by small and medium capitalisations, debt securities and money market, instruments with a high yield credit rating and sovereign debt issued by "emerging" countries.

The sustainable investment approach is incorporated at each step of the investment process of each sub-fund and includes the following elements:

- **Responsible business conduct standards:** As defined in the BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT's Responsible Business Conduct policy ("RBC"). They include respecting: 1) norms-based screens, such as the UN Nations Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, and 2) BNP Paribas Asset Management sector policies.

1) **Norms-based screens:** The United Nations Global Compact ([www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org)) defines 10 principles for businesses to uphold in the areas of human rights, labour standards, environmental stewardship and anti-corruption. Similarly, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises sets out principles for the responsible business conduct of businesses. These two shared frameworks are recognized worldwide and applicable to all industry sectors. Companies that violate one or more of the principles are excluded from the sub-funds' investments, and those at risk of breaching them are closely monitored, and may also be excluded.

2) BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT has also defined a series of guidelines relating to investments in sensitive sectors, listed in the RBC. Companies from these sensitive sectors that do not comply with the minimum principles specified in these guidelines are excluded from the sub-funds' investments. The sectors concerned include, but are not limited to, palm oil, wood pulp, mining activities, nuclear, coal-fired power generation, tobacco, controversial weapons, unconventional oil and gas and asbestos.

- **ESG integration:** It involves the evaluation of the below three non-financial criteria at the level of the companies in which the sub-funds invest:

- Environmental: such as energy efficiency, reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases, treatment of waste;
- Social: such as respect of human rights and workers' rights, human resources management (workers' health and safety, diversity);
- Governance: such as Board of Directors independence, managers' remuneration, respect of minority shareholders rights.

ESG scores, as defined by an internal proprietary framework, can be made available to assist in the ESG evaluation of securities' issuers. ESG integration is systematically applied to all investment strategies. The process to integrate and embed ESG factors in the investment decision-making processes is guided by formal ESG Integration Guidelines. However, the way and the extent to which ESG integration, including ESG scores, is embedded in each investment process is determined by its Investment Manager, who is fully responsible in this respect.

- **Stewardship:** It is designed to enhance the long-term value of shareholdings and the management of long-term risk for clients, as part of BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT's commitment to act as an efficient and diligent steward of assets. Stewardship activities include the following categories of engagement:

- **Company Engagement:** the aim is to foster, through dialogue with companies, corporate governance best practices, social responsibility and environmental stewardship. A key component of company engagement is voting at annual general meetings. BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT publishes detailed proxy-voting guidelines on a range of ESG issues.
- **Public Policy Engagement:** BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT aims to embed sustainability considerations more fully into the markets in which it invests and in the rules that guide and govern company behavior as per its Public Policy Stewardship Strategy.

#### **Methodological limitations**

Applying an extra-financial strategy may comprise methodological limitations such as the "Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Investment Risks" as defined in the appendix 3 of this Prospectus.

In the event the extra-financial criteria as specified above or in Book II for any sub-fund are no longer met from time to time, the Investment Manager will promptly adjust the portfolio in the best interest of the shareholders.

#### **Resulting classification**



Consequently, the sub-funds can be classified as “Sustainable” or “Sustainable Plus”:

- “**Sustainable**” means that the sub-funds are submitted to the above-mentioned sustainable investment approach; this category covers all the sub-funds of the Company;
- “**Sustainable Plus**” means that in addition to the above-mentioned sustainable investment approach, these sub-funds also have more specific sustainability guidelines or restrictions as specified below and in book 2.

BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT has implemented a specific taxonomy for “**Sustainable Plus**” sub-funds, as follows:

- ⇒ **Enhanced ESG:** These sub-funds implement more explicit ESG tilts (Invest in the most sustainable companies according to specific criteria and/or incorporating a wider range of exclusions) leading to more stringent ESG and/or Carbon performance targets
- ⇒ **Thematic:** These sub-funds invest in companies that provide products and services providing concrete solutions to specific environmental and/or social challenges, seeking to benefit from future growth anticipated in these areas while contributing capital towards the transition towards a low-carbon, inclusive economy
- ⇒ **Impact:** these sub-funds invest with the intention to contribute to measurable positive social and/or environmental impact alongside financial returns

#### **Categorization as per SFDR**

According to SFDR, sub-funds shall be classified into 3 categories:

- ⇒ Sub-funds having a sustainable investment as their objectives (referred to as “**Article 9**”): Sustainable investment is defined as an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental objective, as measured, for example, by key resource efficiency indicators on the use of energy, renewable energy, raw materials, water and land, on the production of waste, and greenhouse gas emissions, or on its impact on biodiversity and the circular economy, or an investment in an economic activity that contributes to a social objective, in particular an investment that contributes to tackling inequality or that fosters social cohesion, social integration and labour relations, or an investment in human capital or economically or socially disadvantaged communities, provided that such investments do not significantly harm any of those objectives and that the investee companies follow good governance practices, in particular with respect to sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

All the Article 9 sub-funds are part of the “Sustainable Plus” category and listed in the below table.

- ⇒ Sub-funds promoting environmental or social characteristics (referred to as “**Article 8**”): These sub-funds promote among other characteristics, environmental or social characteristics, or a combination of those characteristics, provided that the companies in which the investments are made follow good governance practices.

All the Article 8 sub-funds are categorized either as “Sustainable” or “Sustainable Plus”.

- ⇒ All the sub-funds of the Company are categorized as Article 8 or Article 9, except for the sub-funds comprised in the below listed category, which are all “Sustainable”:

“Absolute Return Global Opportunities”, “Absolute Return Multi-Strategy”, “Asia ex-Japan Bond”, “Asia ex-Japan Small Cap”, “Emerging Bond”, “Emerging Bond Opportunities”, “Euro Inflation-Linked Bond”, “Europe Small Cap Convertible”, “Flexible Opportunities”, “Global Inflation-Linked Bond”, “Harmony”, “Japan Small Cap”, “Local Emerging Bond”, “Pacific Real Estate Securities”, “Premia Opportunities”, “RMB Bond”, “Seasons”, “Target Risk Balanced”.

## **CHANGES APPLICABLE TO SOME SUB-FUNDS (BOOK II)**

### **“Aqua”**

The investment objective of the Sub-fund would be updated as below (by adding the words in bold and removing the crossed words) to provide a more precise disclosure of the current investment practice of the sub-fund. Such disclosure update on investment objective is not a material change.

#### **Investment Objective**

Increase the value of its assets over the medium term by investing primarily in ~~water-related~~ companies **tackling the water-related challenges and helping to accelerate the transition to a more sustainable world.**

#### **UPDATE OF THE “SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT POLICY” SECTION**

In order to clarify the ESG Integration process and to reflect the level of integration, the names and/or the section “Sustainable Investment Policy” of some sub-funds will change, as indicated in the below table:

Sub-funds	New “Sustainable Investment Policy” section
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aqua</li> <li>- Global Environment</li> </ul>	<p>The Investment Manager applies BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT’s Sustainable Investment Policy, which takes into account Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria in the investment process of the sub-fund, falling under the Sustainable Plus/Thematic category, as set out in Book I.</p> <p>The ESG analysis applies to at least 90% of the issuers in the portfolio and along with its thematic focus leads to a reduction of at least 20% of the investment universe, being the large and mid-cap companies across the main markets of developed countries. This approach is supported by an active program of engagement with companies on a range of ESG factors, as well as proxy voting. Impact measurement and reporting is also undertaken to provide post-investment evidence of the intention to help accelerate the transition to a more sustainable economy.</p>
Green Tigers	<p>The Investment Manager applies BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT’s Sustainable Investment Policy, which takes into account Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) criteria in the investment process of the sub-fund, falling under the Sustainable Plus/Thematic category, as set out in Book I.</p> <p>The ESG analysis applies to at least 90% of the issuers in the portfolio and along with its thematic focus leads to a reduction of at least 20% of the investment universe, being the large and mid-cap companies across the main markets of Asian countries. This approach is supported by an active program of engagement with companies on a range of ESG factors, as well as proxy voting. Impact measurement and reporting is also undertaken to provide post-investment evidence of the intention to help accelerate the transition to a more sustainable economy.</p>

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Hong Kong shareholders who do not accept the changes mentioned above may ask the redemption of their shares according to the relevant procedures as disclosed in the Hong Kong Offering Document free of charge from the date of this notice until 6pm Hong Kong time on March 11, 2021.

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## Liquidation Notice to the shareholders of

### **BNP Paribas Funds Pacific Real Estate Securities**

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The Board of Directors of BNP Paribas Funds are the persons responsible for the information contained in this notice to shareholders (the “Notice”). To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Board of Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Notice is, at the date hereof, in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the importance of such information. The Board of Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

<u>LIQUIDATING SUB-FUND</u>	<u>LIQUIDATION EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
BNP Paribas Funds Pacific Real Estate Securities (the “Sub-fund”)	FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Luxembourg, January 26, 2021

Dear Shareholders,

We hereby inform you that the Board of Directors of BNP Paribas Funds decided to **liquidate** the Sub-fund (the **Liquidation**), on the basis of Article 34 of the Articles of Association of BNP Paribas Funds and the provision of the Luxembourg Prospectus. The following share classes are currently offered to the public in Hong Kong:

<b>Share</b>	<b>ISIN code</b>	<b>Ongoing Charges Ratio (as of 31 December 2020)</b>
Classic-CAP	LU0823443220	1.98%
Classic -DIS	LU0823443493	
Classic USD-CAP	LU0823443063	
Classic USD-DIS	LU0823443147	

- ✓ The Ongoing Charges Ratio as disclosed in the table above is calculated by adding all direct fees, indirect fees and external fees of the Sub-fund and then divided by the average net assets. Direct fees refer to charges and payment directly borne by the Sub-fund such as operating costs, remuneration and payment to key operators and service providers. Indirect fees refer to the ongoing charges of the underlying funds which the Sub-fund invests. External fees refer to any remuneration of the management company or other party that derives from fee-sharing arrangement.

**1) Background to and rationale for the Liquidation**

- ✓ In the opinion of the Management Company, the fund size of the Sub-fund is at a level that does not permit an efficient management in the best interest of the shareholders. As of December 31, 2020, the fund size of the Sub-fund is EUR 11.16 million.

**2) Details and arrangements of the Liquidation**

- ✓ The Sub-fund is no longer allowed to be marketed to the public in Hong Kong with effect from the date of this notice.
- ✓ Subscription and conversion-in orders from Hong Kong investors (including underlying ILAS investors and existing monthly saving plan investors) would no longer be accepted from the date of this Notice.
- ✓ Redemption and conversion-out orders of the Sub-fund will be accepted until the cut-off time (6 pm Hong Kong time) on Friday February 19, 2021. Orders received after the cut-off time will be rejected. Investors should note that different distributors may have different dealing cut-off times which may be earlier than the cut-off times specified in the Hong Kong Offering Document. Investors should check with the relevant distributors accordingly.
- ✓ The Liquidation will be effective on **Friday February 26, 2021**.
- ✓ The liquidated value will be calculated and validated by PricewaterhouseCoopers, Société Coopérative, the auditor of BNP Paribas Funds and the Sub-fund, on Monday March 1, 2021, i.e. the next business day from the Liquidation Effective Date.
- ✓ Remaining shareholders' holding in the Sub-fund will be automatically liquidated. Shareholders will receive the redemption proceeds on Wednesday March 3, 2021 i.e. 3 business days from the Liquidation Effective Date.

**3) Tax consequences**

- ✓ The tax position of shareholders in Hong Kong, in respect of their holdings, will generally not be affected following the Liquidation. Shareholders are recommended to consult their tax advisors to seek full information in their country of origin, place of residence or domicile on the possible tax consequences associated with the Liquidation.

**4) Actions to be taken**

- ✓ If you accept the Liquidation, you do not need to take any action. Shareholders' holding in the Sub-fund will be automatically liquidated as disclosed in point 1). The net assets shall be distributed between shareholders in proportion to their holdings in the Sub-fund.
- ✓ You may also request for redemption of your shares or convert your shares to another SFC-authorized<sup>1</sup> sub-funds of BNP Paribas Funds free of charge from the date of this Notice until the cut-off time, on Friday February 19, 2021. Please refer to the Hong Kong Offering Document of BNP Paribas Funds for details of the procedures for placing redemption and conversion requests in respect of the shares; as well as for the details of other SFC-authorized sub-funds of BNP Paribas Funds.

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<sup>1</sup> SFC authorization is not an official recommendation or endorsement of a product nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a product or its performance. It does not mean the product is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

**5) Documents available for inspection**

- ✓ Copies of the current Hong Kong Offering Document, the Articles of Association and the latest financial report of BNP Paribas Funds are available upon request, free of charge, at the office of the Hong Kong Representative – BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Asia Limited at 17/F, Lincoln House, Taikoo Place, 979 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong and on the website at <http://www.bnpparibas-am.hk><sup>2</sup>.

**6) Other information**

- ✓ There is no unamortized preliminary expenses. The costs and expenses of the Liquidation will be borne by BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Luxembourg, the Management Company of BNP Paribas Funds.
- ✓ The Board of Directors of BNP Paribas Funds accepts the responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of this Notice. Hong Kong shareholders may contact BNP PARIBAS ASSET MANAGEMENT Asia Limited, the Hong Kong Representative of BNP Paribas Funds, at (852) 2533 0088 for any questions.
- ✓ Please refer to the Hong Kong Offering Document of BNP Paribas Funds for any term or expression not defined in this Notice.

Best regards,

**The Board of Directors**

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<sup>2</sup> Investors should note that this website has not been reviewed by the SFC.