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# Notice to the shareholders of UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions – Bloomberg Euro Area Liquid Corporates UCITS ETF and

UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions – Bloomberg MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable UCITS ETF (collectively referred to as the "Shareholders")

UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions (the "Company"), a "Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable (SICAV)", wishes to inform you of the decision to merge the sub-fund UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions — Bloomberg Euro Area Liquid Corporates UCITS ETF (the "Merging Sub-Fund") into UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions — Bloomberg MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable UCITS ETF (the "Receiving Sub-Fund") (both sub-funds collectively referred to as the "Sub-Funds") on 15 December 2023 (the "Effective Date" and the "Merger").

### 1. Background and Rationale

Given the Merging Sub-Fund's low and further decreasing assets and in order to rationalise and simplify the fund offering, the board of directors of the Company deems it in the Shareholders' best interest to merge the Merging Sub-Fund into the Receiving Sub-Fund pursuant to Article 23 of the articles of association of UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions.

As of the Effective Date, Shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund which are merged into the Receiving Sub-Fund shall in all respects have the same rights as the Shareholders of the Receiving Sub-Fund.

## II. Type of merger

The Merger will be based on the net asset value per share as per 14 December 2023 (the "Reference Date"). In the context of the Merger, the assets and liabilities of the Merging Sub-Fund will be allocated to the Receiving Sub-Fund. The number of new shares to be so issued shall be calculated on the Effective Date based on the exchange ratio corresponding to the net asset value per share of the Merging Sub-Fund on the Reference Date, calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions mentioned in the section "Net asset value, issue and redemption price" of the Prospectus, in comparison with the net asset value per share of the receiving share class of the Receiving Sub-Fund on the Reference Date. The respective net asset value per share of the Merging Sub-Fund and the Receiving Sub-Fund as at the Reference Date will not necessarily be the same. Therefore, while the overall value of their holding should remain the same, shareholders in the Merging Sub-Fund may receive a different number of shares in the Receiving Sub-Fund than the number of shares they had previously held in the Merging Sub-Fund.

Should the application of the exchange ratio result in an allocation of fractional shares in the Receiving Sub-Fund to a Shareholder of the Merging Sub-Fund, the value of such holding following the application of the exchange ratio will be rounded down to the nearest whole share and the value of the fractional entitlement will be distributed to the relevant shareholder of the Merging Sub-Fund by way of a residual cash payment in the base currency of the Merging Sub-Fund. Residual cash payments, where applicable, will be made to shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund as soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date.

The time(s) at which shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund receive any such residual cash payments will depend on the timeframes and arrangements agreed between shareholders and their depositary, broker and/or relevant central securities depositary for processing such payments.

# III. Impact on the shareholders

The Merger will result in the following changes for the shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund:



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	UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions – Bloomberg Euro Area Liquid Corporates UCITS ETF	UBS (Lux) Fund Solutions – Bloomberg MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable UCITS ETF
Merging share classes	(EUR) A-dis: (ISIN: LU0721553864)	(EUR) A-dis: (ISIN: LU1484799769)
Maximum flat fee p.a.	(EUR) A-dis: 0.18%	(EUR) A-dis: 0.20%
Ongoing costs as per key information doc- ument (KID)	(EUR) A-dis: 0.2%	(EUR) A-dis: 0.2%
Tracked index	Bloomberg Euro Area Liquid Corporates™ Index	Bloomberg MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable Index
Description of the tracked index	The Bloomberg Euro Area Liquid Corporates™ Index is a market capitalization weighted index. The Index represents liquid corporate bonds, issued by investment grade companies that are available to investors worldwide. Bonds are screened by age, type and size. Debt issued by financial and non-financial companies is eligible for the Index, which comprises bonds from issuers of different sectors, including such from the financial industry. The issuer domicile is relevant and only an issuer from a Euro Zone country, as defined by Bloomberg Indices, issuing in EUR is included. The bonds are valued daily based on Bid prices, however on rebalancing new bonds enter the index at the Ask price and they are removed based on the Bid Price. The index is rebalanced on a monthly basis.	The Bloomberg MSCI Euro Area Liquid Corporates Sustainable Index is a market capitalization weighted index. The Index represents liquid corporate bonds, issued by investment grade companies that are consistent with specific values based criteria such as religious beliefs, moral standards or ethical views, and targets companies with high sustainability ratings relative to their sector peers and that are available to investors worldwide. Bonds are screened by age, type, size and sustainability rating. Debt issued by financial and non-financial companies is eligible for the Index so that bonds from issuers of different sectors are in the index including such from the financial industry. The issuer domicile is relevant and only an issuer from the Euro zone member state, as defined by Bloomberg Indices, and issuing in EUR is included. The bonds are valued daily based on Bid prices, however on rebalancing new bonds enter the index at the Ask price and they are removed based on the Bid Price. The index is rebalanced on a monthly basis.
Investment policy	The Merging Sub-Fund seeks to hold a representative selection of components comprising the underlying index selected by the Portfolio Manager using a stratified approach (stratified sampling strategy). To this end, the Merging Sub-Fund invests in a representative sample of components of the underlying index selected by the Portfolio Manager using a "portfolio optimisation" technique. For each security, therefore, a decision is made based on its investment characteristics as to whether it should be considered for inclusion in the Merging Sub-Fund replicating the index. The Merging Sub-Fund will take exposure on the components of the Bloomberg Euro Area Liquid Corporates™ Index (Total Return) either through direct investments in all or substantially all of the component securities and/or through the use of derivatives in particular where it may not be possible or practicable to replicate the index through direct investments or in order to generate efficiencies in gaining exposure to the index. Exposure to the index through derivatives may be affected by derivative trading costs. The use of OTC derivatives further engenders counterparty risk which is however mitigated by the Company collateral policy.  • The Merging Sub-Fund will invest its net assets predominantly in bonds, transferable securities, money market instruments, units of undertakings for collective investment, deposits with credit institutions, structured notes listed or dealt in on a regulated market and other assets eligible under the prospectus.	The Receiving Sub-Fund seeks to achieve the objective by tracking the index and, with regard to ESG criteria, giving exposure to European-based companies with high ESG ratings and to exclude the ones with negative social, environmental or governance impact. The Receiving Sub-Fund seeks to hold a representative selection of components comprising the underlying index selected by the Portfolio Manager using a stratified approach (stratified sampling strategy). To this end, the Receiving Sub-Fund invests in a representative sample of components of the underlying index selected by the Portfolio Manager using a "portfolio optimisation" technique. For each security, therefore, a decision is made based on its investment characteristics as to whether it should be considered for inclusion in the Receiving Sub-Fund replicating the index. The proportionate exposure by the Receiving Sub-Fund to the component securities will be substantially achieved either through direct investment or through the use of derivatives or through a combination of both techniques. The Receiving Sub-Fund must invest its net assets predominantly in bonds, transferable securities, money market instruments, units of UCIs, deposits with credit institutions, structured notes listed or dealt in on a Regulated Market and other assets eligible under the rules set forth in the chapter O "Investment restrictions" of this prospectus. Moreover, the Receiving Sub-Fund may enter into derivative transactions as described under chapter C "Investment objectives and investment policy of the sub-funds". This sub-fund promotes environmental and/or social characteristics and complies with article 8 of SFDR.



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	• Currency hedged share classes may also be available in the Merging Sub-Fund. Investors other than Authorized Participants may not subscribe shares directly with the Company, but may purchase and sell shares, through an intermediary, on one of the stock exchanges listed for the share class on the website www.ubs.com/etf. Direct redemptions with the Company are however possible on each business day in Luxembourg. Authorized Participants may subscribe and redeem shares with the Company under the conditions detailed in the relevant Authorized Participant Agreement. This class distributes its net income in order to maintain the maximum tracking accuracy of the Bloomberg Euro Area Liquid Corporates™ Index (Total Return). The Merging Sub-Fund complies with Article 6 of SFDR. As such it does not consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors due to its investment strategy and the nature of the underlying investments (SFDR Art. 7(2)). The investments underlying this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities (TR Art. 7).	Information related to environmental and/or social characteristics is available in annex 17 to this document (SFDR RTS Art. 14(2)).
SFDR classification	Article 6	Article 8

Since a portion of its assets may be rebalanced to align with the Receiving Sub-Fund's portfolio in view of the Merger so that no rebalancing of the Receiving Sub-Fund's portfolio will be required before or after the Merger, the composition of the portfolio of the Merging Sub-Fund may be impacted by the Merger. Any adjustments to the portfolio will be made prior to the Effective Date. As with any merger, this Merger may involve a risk of performance dilution stemming from the restructuring of the portfolio of the Merging Sub-Fund.

Differences of the Sub-Funds' characteristics such as the targeted index or investment policy are described in the table above.

Furthermore, the other characteristics of the Sub-Funds, such as the dealing frequency, global risk calculation method, currency of account, risk indicator and portfolio manager remain the same.

# **IV. Costs**

The legal, advisory and administrative costs and expenses (excluding potential transaction costs related to the sale of assets of the Merging Sub-Fund) associated with the Merger will be borne by UBS Asset Management Switzerland AG and will not impact either the Merging Sub-Fund or the Receiving Sub-Fund. The auditor's fees in connection with the Merger will be borne by the Merging Sub-Fund.

#### V. Timeline

Shareholders of the Sub-Funds who are not in agreement with the Merger may redeem their shares free of charge until 6 December 2023, cut-off time 17:30 CET. The Merging Sub-Fund will subsequently be closed for redemptions. As of today, the Merging Sub-Fund will be allowed to deviate from its investment policy as far as needed in order to align its portfolio as much as possible with the investment policy of the Receiving Sub-Fund. The Merger will come into effect on 15 December 2023 and will be binding for all shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund who have not applied for the redemption of their shares before 6 December 2023, cut-off time 17:30 CET. Shares of the Merging Sub-Fund will be issued on the primary market until 6 December 2023, cut-off time 17:30 CET.

Information for shareholders of the Sub-Funds on the secondary market



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In the morning of 4 December 2023 the trading of the shares of the Sub-Funds on the relevant stock exchanges will be suspended. Last trading day for the Shareholders of the Sub-Funds on the secondary market is 1 December 2023. Further information on such suspension will be published by the relevant stock exchanges.

On the Effective Date, the Shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund, will be entered into the register of Shareholders of the Receiving Sub-Fund and will be able to exercise their rights as Shareholders of the Receiving Sub-Fund, such as participating and voting at general meetings as well as the right to request the repurchase, redemption or conversion of shares of the Receiving Sub-Fund.

# **VI. Summary Table**

1 December 2023
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## VII. Auditor

Ernst & Young, a société anonyme, 35E avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, is in charge of preparing a report validating the conditions foreseen in Article 71 (1), let. a) to c) 1<sup>st</sup> alternative of the Luxembourg law of 17 December 2010 on undertakings for collective investment (the "Law of 2010") for the purpose of the Merger. A copy of this report will be made available upon request and free of charge to the Shareholders sufficiently in advance of the Merger. Ernst & Young will also be engaged to validate the actual exchange ratio determined at the exchange ratio calculation date, as provided for in Article 71 (1), let. c) 2<sup>nd</sup> alternative of the Law of 2010. A copy of this report will be made available upon request and free of charge to the Shareholders. Furthermore, shareholders of the Merging Sub-Fund are advised to consult the KID relating to the Receiving Sub-Fund which is available online at <a href="www.ubs.com/etf">www.ubs.com/etf</a>. Shareholders seeking additional information may contact the Management Company.

#### VIII. Taxes

Please also note that investors may be subject to taxation on their holdings in investment funds. Please contact your tax advisor in respect of any tax queries you may have as a result of the Merger.

If you have any queries in relation to the above please contact <u>ol-etf-pfm@ubs.com</u>.

Basel and Luxembourg, 31 October 2023

The Prospectus, the PRIIPs KID (Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products Key Information Document), the Articles of Association and the annual and semi-annual reports relating to the Company may be



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obtained or ordered free of charge from the Paying Agent in Switzerland, UBS Switzerland AG, Bahnhofstrasse 45, 8001 Zurich and its branches in Switzerland, from the Representative in Switzerland UBS Fund Management (Switzerland) AG and from UBS Infoline (0800 899 899).

The domicile of the collective investment scheme is Luxembourg.

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