

FIRST STATE GLOBAL UMBRELLA FUND PLC

an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds

10 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 T380

14 November 2017

To: the Shareholders of First State Global Umbrella Fund Plc (the "Company").

This document is important and requires your immediate attention. You may need to take specific action on receipt of this letter. If you are in any doubt you should seek professional advice.

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used in this letter have the same meaning as capitalised terms used in the Prospectus of the Company dated 6 September 2016, as supplemented by the Supplement to the Prospectus dated 30 March 2017 and any local country supplements (the "Prospectus"). The use of "we" in this letter, refers to the Company.

Dear Shareholder,

Notification of various changes to the Prospectus of the Company

1) What's happening?

The Directors of the Company are writing to inform you that a revised Prospectus will be published on or about **14 December 2017** (the "**Effective Date**"). The purpose of this letter is to provide Shareholders with further details and notice of some of the changes that impact you in the revised Prospectus. These are summarised below:-

- A) The main changes reflect the new Minimum Disclosure Requirements ("**MDR**") introduced by the Hong Kong regulator, the Securities and Futures Commission (the "**SFC**") which apply to the Company because of the registration of certain Funds in Hong Kong.

In order to comply with MDR we have made a number of changes to clarify the existing language or wording in the below sections of the Prospectus:-

- i) Fund investment objectives and policies; and
- ii) relevant risk factors

We confirm that the changes to investment objectives and policies, along with the risk factors are simply for clarification.

The changes do not materially change the investment policies or risk profiles of the Funds you invest in, or the way in which they are managed.

- B) The total direct exposure to China A Shares and China B Shares in the First State China Growth Fund will increase from 25% of the Fund's net assets, to less than 30% of the Fund's net assets. This is not a material change to the Fund's asset type or its risk profile.

C) Change of bank accounts for purchasing shares in the Funds.

We are changing the bank accounts utilised for subscriptions.

With immediate effect please ensure that any subscription monies are paid directly to the accounts set out in Appendix 1. A separate bank account has been set up for each different currency.

The old subscription bank accounts will cease to be available from 14 December 2017.

Registered Office: Arthur Cox Building, 10 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 T380

Registered Number: 288284

Directors: Peter Blessing, Kevin Molony, Kate Dowling (Australian),
Adrian Hilderly (British), Christian Turpin (British) and Bronwyn Wright
First State Global Umbrella Fund PLC is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

- D) The ability to create various new Share Classes for existing Funds.
- E) We will amend the language about the payment of redemption proceeds to confirm that the maximum period between receipt of a redemption request and the payment of redemption proceeds will be 14 calendar days.

For the avoidance of doubt, this is not a change to the existing practice of normally paying redemption proceeds within three to seven business days which we currently disclose in the Prospectus.

- F) The First State China Focus Fund, the First State China Growth Fund and the First State Greater China Growth Fund will also be allowed to access onshore Chinese financial markets via a RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“**RQFII**”) quota. Additional wording will be added to the Prospectus about the RQFII license and any relevant risks.

This is not a material change to the Funds’ asset type or risk profile.

- G) We will remove the ability of the First State Greater China Growth Fund to invest in fixed income securities. This Fund has not made use of the flexibility to invest in fixed income securities at any time since launching, and the portfolio managers no longer consider it necessary to have this flexibility. The Fund’s investment policy has been updated to reflect this change.

This is not a material change to the Funds’ investment policy or risk profile.

- H) At present, a portion of the commission paid by the Company to the executing brokers may be used to purchase third-party research or execution services. After 3 January 2018, all research received by the Investment Manager or the Sub-Investment Managers which is used in relation to the management of the Company’s assets will be paid for out of the relevant firm’s own resources.

This change does not amount to a material change to the Funds or to the Funds’ overall risk profile.

- I) We will make other general updates to the investment objectives of the Equity Funds in “Appendix 1 - INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND RISKS OF THE FUNDS” of the Prospectus including:

- (a) disclosing preference shares and rights issues as additional examples of the type of equity and equity related securities the Equity Funds may invest in;
- (b) disclosing exchange traded funds as an example of a type of open-ended collective investment schemes Equity Funds may invest in;
- (c) disclosing treasury bills as an example of short-term securities in which Equity Funds may invest;
- (d) disclosing Equity Funds may hold fixed or floating rate corporate and/or government debt securities during for example, a market crash or major financial crisis; and
- (e) disclosing the Investment Manager selects investments using a bottom up approach as set out below:-

“Investments may be selected on an individual basis by a dedicated team of portfolio managers within the Investment Manager using a “bottom up” approach (taking into account factors such as historic and expected returns, historic and expected volatility and liquidity) and drawing upon the research of the Investment Manager to assess the prospects for the investment.”

- J) We will update how the Investment Manager selects investments for Bond Funds using a bottom up or top down approach as set out below:

“Investments may be selected on an individual basis by a dedicated team of portfolio managers using a “bottom up” or “top down” approach (taking into account factors such as historic and expected returns, historic and expected volatility and liquidity) and drawing upon the research of the Investment Manager to assess the prospects for the investment.”

- K) We will add any stock exchange in Ho Chi Minh to the list of Regulated Markets set out in Appendix 5 of the Prospectus.
- L) Change of Registered Office of the Company along with the addresses of the Legal Advisers and Company Secretary to 10 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 T380.
- M) The appointment of Money, Inc as a sub-sub investment manager to Funds managed by Colonial First State Asset Management (Australia) Limited has been terminated. Hong Kong investors please note that no SFC authorised Funds are currently managed by Colonial First State Asset Management (Australia) Limited.
- N) Other miscellaneous updates to the Prospectus are set out in **Appendix 2** to this letter.

2) When will these changes take place?

Items 1 C) change of bank account and 1 L) change of registered office address are effective as at the date of this letter

All other changes in this letter will take effect on or around the Effective Date and this letter provides you with at least 1 months' notice.

3) Where can I find more information?

We are issuing an updated Prospectus to reflect the changes described in this letter. Additionally, in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Supplement and the Key Facts Statements ("KFS") of the relevant Funds will be updated accordingly.

The revised Prospectus, any impacted local prospectus supplement (and the KFS) will be available on or around the Effective Date on request and also on the following webpage:

<http://www.firststateinvestments.com/>. This website has not been reviewed or authorised by the SFC and may contain information of funds not authorised by the SFC and not available to Hong Kong investors.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter please contact your investment advisor/consultant or your relationship manager at the Investment Manager or First State Investment's Client Services Team or Investor Services Team as set out below.

4) How can I contact First State Investments?

You can contact our Client Services Team if you have any questions in relation to this letter:

- by telephone: from the UK (0800 917 1717) and from abroad (+44 131 525 8872), telephone calls may be recorded for your security;
- by email: info@firststate.co.uk;
- or in writing: Client Services, 23 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1BB, United Kingdom.

Hong Kong Shareholders may also contact the Investor Services Team of the Company's Hong Kong Representative at:

- by telephone: +852 2846 7566;
- by email: info@firststate.com.hk;
- or in writing: First State Investments (Hong Kong) Limited,
25th Floor, One Exchange Square,
8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong

Yours sincerely,



Bronwyn Wright
Director
for and on behalf of
First State Global Umbrella Fund Plc

Appendix 1 – Bank account details

<u>US Dollar / USD</u>	
Correspondent Bank: Swift: ABA Code:	HSBC Bank USA Inc. MRMDUS33 021001088
Beneficiary Bank: Swift: Sort Code: Bene Bank A/C Num:	HSBC Bank Plc, London 8 Canada Square London E14 5HQ United Kingdom MIDLGB22 40-05-15 000023868
Beneficiary A/C Num: Beneficiary Name: IBAN:	77659942 HSSI FBO FSI House Collections Account USD GB10MIDL40051577659942
<u>Hong Kong Dollar / HKD</u>	
Correspondent Bank: Swift:	HSBC, Hong Kong HSBCHKHH
Beneficiary Bank: Swift: Sort Code: Bene Bank A/C Num:	HSBC Bank Plc, London 8 Canada Square London E14 5HQ United Kingdom MIDLGB22 40-05-15 002896033001
Beneficiary A/C Num: Beneficiary Name: IBAN:	77659985 HSSI FBO FSI House Collections Account HKD GB13MIDL40051577659985
<u>UK Sterling / GBP:</u>	
Beneficiary Bank: Swift: Sort Code:	HSBC Bank Plc, London 8 Canada Square London E14 5HQ United Kingdom MIDLGB22 40-05-15
Beneficiary A/C Num: Beneficiary Name: IBAN:	77659950 HSSI FBO FSI House Collections Account GBP GB85MIDL40051577659950

<u>Euro / EUR:</u>	
Beneficiary Bank:	HSBC Bank Plc, London 8 Canada Square London E14 5HQ United Kingdom
Swift:	MIDLGB22
Sort Code:	40-05-15
Beneficiary A/C Num:	77659969
Beneficiary Name:	HSSI FBO FSI House Collections Account EUR
IBAN:	GB57MIDL40051577659969
<u>Japanese Yen / JPY:</u>	
Correspondent Bank:	HSBC, Tokyo
Swift:	HSBCJPJT
Beneficiary Bank:	HSBC Bank Plc, London 8 Canada Square London E14 5HQ United Kingdom
Swift:	MIDLGB22
Sort Code:	40-05-15
Bene Bank A/C Num:	009-000233-026
Beneficiary A/C Num:	77659977
Beneficiary Name:	HSSI FBO FSI House Collections Account JPY
IBAN:	GB35MIDL40051577659977

Appendix 2 – Miscellaneous Changes

1. Update of the disclosure under the sub-sections “Share Classes” and “Currency Hedged Share Classes” under the section “CHARACTERISTICS OF SHARES” of the Prospectus.
2. Insertion of new sub-section “Collateral” under the section headed “CHARACTERISTICS OF SHARES” of the Prospectus.
3. Clarification update under the sub-section “Buying Shares” under the section “BUYING, SELLING AND SWITCHING SHARES” of the Prospectus, including:
 - a. Where a Class of Shares in any Fund is being re-offered as a consequence of the Class of Shares having been issued and then redeemed in full, then subscriptions for such Shares will be accepted and shares will be offered at the initial offer price.
 - b. The end of the Initial Offer Period is determined by the Directors at their discretion, however, typically the Initial Offer Period ends following the receipt by the Company of the initial subscription in a particular Share Class.For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to existing practice.
4. General update to the disclosures under the section headed “RISK FACTORS” of the Prospectus, including renaming the risk factor from “Risks of Investing in China A Shares via QFII” to “Risks of Investing in China A Shares and other eligible PRC securities via QFII and RQFII” and update of disclosure therein, update of FATCA related risk and currency hedged share class risk etc.
5. Update of the section “TAXATION” in the Prospectus, including removal of the sub-section headed “EU Savings Tax Directive”, updating the sub-section headed “The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act and similar measures”, addition of sub-sections headed “Disclosure of tax information”, “other local authority requirements” and “Customer Information Notice”.
6. Update of the sub-sections “Directors of the Company” and “Investment Manager” under the section “MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION” in the Prospectus.
7. Inclusion of a new sub-section “Information for Distributors” in “Appendix 1 - INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND RISKS OF THE FUNDS” of the Prospectus.
8. Renaming the sub-section headed “Profile of a Typical Investor” to “Profile of a Typical Investor and Target Market Assessment” and minor update therein under “Appendix 1 - INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND RISKS OF THE FUNDS” of the Prospectus.
9. Inclusion of a new sub-section headed “Securities Financing Transactions Regulation” in “Appendix 1 - INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND RISKS OF THE FUNDS” of the Prospectus to comply with the relevant regulatory requirement.
10. Update of disclosure on issuer credit quality in “Appendix 4- INVESTMENT TECHNIQUES AND INSTRUMENTS” of the Prospectus.
11. Update of the defined terms in “Appendix 6 – DEFINITIONS” of the Prospectus:
 - a. Update of the definitions for “China A Shares”, “Initial Offer Period” and “QFII”; and
 - b. Inclusion of the definitions of “Excess Loss”, “FDI”, “FSIM UK”, “RQFII”, “Securities Financing Transactions Regulation”, “Singapore Dollars” or “SG \$” and “Stock Connects”.
12. Update of “Appendix 7 – FUND RISK TABLE” of the Prospectus.
13. Update of list of sub-custodians under “APPENDIX 8 – DELEGATES”.
14. Amendment of the disclosure under the section headed “7. Delegation to Sub-Investment Managers” in the Hong Kong Supplement with effect from the date of this letter to clarify that the Investment Manager, First State Investments (Hong Kong) Limited, may manage all or a portion of the assets of any of the Funds and has also adopted a “pooled investment delegate arrangement” under which the discretionary investment management of all or a portion of the assets of any of the Funds may be delegated to one or more Sub-Investment Managers, namely First State Investment Management (UK) Limited, First State Investments (Singapore) and Colonial First State Investments Limited from time to time.
15. Inclusion of a new section “Liquidity Risk Management” in the Hong Kong Supplement to the Prospectus to comply with “Circular to management companies of SFC-authorized funds on liquidity risk management” issued by the SFC.

16. Inclusion of a new section “Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information” in the Hong Kong Supplement to the Prospectus to comply with “Circular to issuers of SFC-authorized collective investment schemes concerning automatic exchange of financial account information” issued by the SFC.
17. Other editorial/ administrative updates in the Prospectus, Hong Kong Supplement and KFS of the Funds (e.g. update of issuance date, update of content page of the Prospectus, removal of obsolete information).