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INVESTING IN A GREENER FUTURE: HSBC UK EXPANDS RANGE OF SUSTAINABLE FUNDS

HSBC UK has reinforced its commitment to promote sustainable investing with the launch of three new funds. This means that the bank now offers sustainable options for most risk profiles.

The Sustainable Multi-Asset Funds offer customers the chance to invest in a greener and more sustainable future by backing global companies that score highly on environmental, social and governance criteria, and have a lower carbon footprint than the market average.

HSBC Asset Management introduced two Sustainable Multi-Asset Funds in December 2018. In 2019 customers invested over £103 million across both the 'Conservative' fund, which aims to reduce volatility, and the 'Balanced' fund which takes a little more risk to achieve a potentially higher return.

In addition to the above, customers can now invest in Adventurous, Cautious and Dynamic risk portfolios and can either self-select a fund or get advice from one of HSBC's qualified advisers.

James Hewitson, Head of Wealth Management, said: "Over the last few years, sustainability has become increasingly important in the investment world. More and more investors now want to know where their money is going and what it's being used for and want to ensure their investments are comfortably aligned with their values.

"At HSBC UK, we care about what our customers care about, so we are delighted to offer them a full range of funds that reflect their desire to invest sustainably, irrespective of their attitude to risk."

The funds invest primarily in a range of collective investment schemes, which in turn invest in fixed interest securities, equities and property securities that meet one or more sustainable investment criteria. The funds may also invest directly in fixed interest securities and equities where the investment objective can be more efficiently achieved.

Investing in a multi-asset fund means customers can spread risk across markets. HSBC funds are invested in 50 countries and in various asset classes, such as stocks and shares, commercial property, corporate and government debt and cash.

The expansion of sustainable funds is part of HSBC'S global pledge to provide USD100 billion in sustainable financing and investment by 2025. Other sustainability commitments include a target of sourcing 100% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

More information on investing in HSBC UK funds can be found here.

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