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If you have any questions on this investment opportunity, or any aspects concerning your investments, we have a team of dedicated financial planning specialists ready to help. Simply call 01534 616111 (Int. code +44 1534) or alternatively, get in touch with your financial adviser. To help us continually improve our service and in the interest of security, we may monitor and/or record your telephone call with us.

Your investment, your choice

Few of us want to go it alone when it comes to investments, but experience tells us most people do want control over their financial future. Freedom could offer you a solution if you want to:

Build your own portfolio

- ▶ Freedom offers you an extensive range of sub-funds ("funds"), so you can create your own portfolio. Choose your funds from a variety of geographic regions and asset options such as equities, bonds and other specialist investments

Have your funds managed by investment specialists

- ▶ HSBC Investments combine global expertise with local knowledge to make informed decisions for each fund. So you don't need the time, or expertise, required to keep up with the performance of individual shares

Diversify your existing investments

- ▶ Pick specific funds to complement your existing investments. You can access markets you may not have considered before, or manage the balance of your portfolio by investing in assets with varying levels of risk

Switch your investment as conditions change

- ▶ Once invested, you can reflect changes in your personal circumstances, or the investment climate, by moving your money between funds, without charge, up to six times per year*. Remember, these funds should be considered as a medium to long term commitment, for example at least five years

*with the exception of switches from the US Index Fund – please see page 9 for details.

All of the funds are from HSBC Global Investment Funds which is an investment company incorporated in Luxembourg.

As with any investment where the underlying investments are stocks and shares, the price of shares in HSBC Global Investment Funds and any income from them can go down as well as up, is not guaranteed, and you may not get back the amount of your original investment.

Why Freedom?

There are many reasons why investing in Freedom is popular with so many people:

Control and choice

- ▶ Over 45 individual funds including a variety of assets, countries and regions
- ▶ With six free switches between funds each year (excluding switches from the US Index Fund), you decide what to buy and sell, and when
- ▶ Please remember that there are exchange rate risks, particularly where overseas securities are held, see page 11 for full details

Investment expertise

- ▶ Each fund is managed by HSBC Investments which managed funds in excess of US\$340 billion as at April 2007
- ▶ Investment teams operate on your behalf throughout the world
- ▶ Local knowledge and global research capabilities combine to make informed investment decisions for each fund

Potential of reduced risk

- ▶ Freedom funds are likely to give you access to a wider selection of stocks and shares than you could achieve on your own
- ▶ Diversifying across funds means your returns are less likely to be affected by volatility in one share or market

Lower charges

- ▶ EU legislation allows a range of investment choices under one umbrella. As a result you benefit from lower transaction charges
- ▶ Details of charges for Freedom can be found on page 9

Keep up to date

- ▶ Monitor performance, view indicative share prices and get access to news and information by phone or internet
- ▶ Once invested, view and increase your holdings and sell or switch between funds through the Internet Banking service at www.offshore.hsbc.com. To do this you will need an offshore account. For full details simply visit the web site.

Your investment options

Freedom offers you an extensive range of award-winning funds. Please see the 'Choose your investment' insert for a full list of awards. **Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future returns.** Broadly speaking, the level of risk and potential for returns associated with each of the Freedom funds is reliant on three aspects:

Market

A broad range of funds are available from both developed and emerging markets. Some funds focus on one particular country, geographic region or sector whereas others are spread throughout the globe. These factors can affect the level of volatility and potential for return.

Some of the funds in the Freedom range invest in Emerging Markets securities. Investments in emerging markets are by their nature higher risk and potentially more volatile than those inherent in established markets. Investors choosing these particular funds are advised to consider carefully the special risks of investing in emerging market securities. Please refer to page 26 of the prospectus for full details of emerging markets risk.

Currency

Freedom funds can be used strategically to achieve currency exposure. Where your base currency differs from the currency in which the fund is denominated, or where the investment manager buys stocks and shares in currencies other than that of the fund, you will have an exchange rate exposure, which could affect the value of your investment. Please see page 12 for details.

Asset type

Broadly speaking, higher risk funds are those which invest entirely in equities. This type of investment is exposed to stock market fluctuations, however they also have the potential for higher returns than other assets.

Bond related funds also risk your capital, however the assets in these funds reflect a less volatile market with greater security. Therefore, they may offer a lower potential return.

Please be aware that funds which invest in emerging markets or non-investment grade bonds[†] represent a higher degree of risk in return for greater growth potential.

Freedom funds can be split into five different groups, based on the underlying assets:

Freestyle Funds

- ▶ HSBC Group's global research capabilities are combined with our regional investment teams' local knowledge to select underlying equities without reference to a benchmark or index weighting

Equity Funds

- ▶ Freedom's equity funds normally invest in securities which are registered or listed on the world's major stock market exchanges or regulated securities markets

Bond Funds

- ▶ Most funds invest in investment grade fixed interest securities (at least "BBB" rated by Standard and Poor's or equivalent) and other similar securities. However some may also invest in non-investment grade fixed income bonds[†] which involve a higher risk of default on repayment

Reserve Funds

- ▶ These funds will invest in freely traded securities, money market instruments and other liquid assets. By investing in a reserve fund that is denominated in a currency other than your base currency, you can achieve currency exposure, without the additional investment risk that equities and bonds involve

Other funds

- ▶ These funds offer you an unusual amount of investment flexibility as the investment manager can select both equities and bonds within the investment depending on prevailing market conditions

A leaflet listing of all the funds available can be found in the front pocket of this brochure. This broad range of funds gives you a variety of attractive investment options, whatever your attitude or outlook.

[†] Non-investment grade bonds are bonds rated below "BBB" by Standard and Poor's or equivalent.

If you choose to invest in freestyle or equity funds, you should understand that in return for higher growth potential there is a greater risk that you may not receive back all the money you originally invested.

Where bonds are the underlying assets of the fund, the value of the fund can be affected by interest rates, which can cause the value of bonds to fall as well as rise. Generally they rise when interest rates fall and fall when interest rates rise.

As with any investment where the underlying investments are stocks and shares, the price of shares and any income

from them can go down as well as up, is not guaranteed, and you may not get back the amount of your original investment.

For further details of each individual fund and past performance, please visit the website at www.offshore.hsbc.com/freedom or call 01534 616111 (Int. code +44 1534). To help us continually improve our service and in the interest of security, we may monitor and/or record your telephone call with us.



How to invest

Advice and guidance when you need it

Your HSBC Financial Planning Manager or your financial adviser will be able to give you any guidance and support you need to ensure that the funds you select are the right choice for you.

Should you need advice or are unsure of the suitability of this investment, please contact 01534 616111 (Int. code +44 1534) and we'll arrange for you to speak to our Independent Financial Planning Managers (FPM) who would be pleased to assist you. If you invest in Freedom through an FPM or IFA commission will be payable. Your FPM or IFA will supply details of these charges.

If you decide to invest directly in Freedom, you can complete the application form at the back of this brochure and send it to us, along with your payment or payment instruction, using the envelope provided. Please note that if you do this, you will be investing without receiving any financial planning advice. If you have an administration related query, please call 01534 606389 (Int. code +44 1534).

Lump sum investment or Monthly Investment Plan?

Lump sum

- ▶ Minimum initial investment of US\$/£/€5,000
- ▶ The minimum you can place in any individual fund is US\$/£/€1,000
- ▶ Add lump sums of US\$/£/€1,000 and over, whenever you like
- ▶ No maximum investment amount
- ▶ We can accept settlement in any major currency

Monthly Investment Plan

Many people find that investing a set amount each month is an attractive way of building up a substantial investment portfolio.

- ▶ Minimum monthly investment of only US\$/£/€200
- ▶ The minimum you can place in any individual fund is US\$/£/€100 per month
- ▶ A standing order will be taken from your chosen bank account on a monthly basis
- ▶ You will be required to keep making monthly contributions until you have invested at least US\$/£/€2,000
- ▶ It's easy to increase or reduce the monthly amount – just advise your bank and send us a copy of your instructions along with how you would like the revised monthly amount split between the individual funds
- ▶ No maximum investment amount
- ▶ We can accept settlement in any major currency

If for any reason you need to stop making contributions before reaching US\$/£/€2,000 please contact us as soon as possible to discuss your options

What happens once you've invested

There are a number of ways for you to manage your investment:

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| Online:* | www.offshore.hsbc.com |
| General enquiries: | phone: 01534 616111 (Int. code +44 1534) |
| Dealing: | phone: 01534 606520 fax: 01534 606358 (Int. code +44 1534) |

* To manage your investment through the Internet Banking Service you will need an offshore account. To find out more and for full details of the accounts available simply visit the website.

Prices

You can find indicative prices online or by calling us.

Regular information

- ▶ **Factsheets** for each fund (providing a market review, investment holdings and performance) are available online or by calling us
- ▶ **A valuation of your investment** will be sent to you twice a year
- ▶ **Annual and half-yearly reports** containing the financial accounts for the funds will be available online and can be sent to you on request

Sell, switch, buy

You can give us further instructions to buy, sell, switch or top up your investment easily by phone or fax.

Cashing in your investment

Please remember, these funds should be considered as a medium to long term commitment, for example at least five years.

However, you can cash in all or part of your investment at any time, and no charge will be made. When you cash in your investment you will receive the bid value of the investment multiplied by the number of shares you hold. The minimum withdrawal amount is US\$/£/€250. If you wish to sell only some of your shares in your fund(s), you will need to maintain:

- ▶ **Lump sum investors** – an overall investment of US\$/£/€5,000 (or the currency equivalent)
- ▶ **Monthly Investment Plan investors** – an overall investment of US\$/£/€2,000 (or the currency equivalent)

Dividends

Depending on your choice of fund, dividends may be paid. Where dividends are declared, they are normally paid annually. For certain bond funds interim dividends will also be paid.

If you have invested a lump sum you can choose to have dividends paid, however they must amount to at least US\$/£/€50.

If the above criteria are not met, or you do not choose to have dividends paid, dividends will be used to purchase additional shares in the same fund. We do not make any initial charge for reinvestment of dividends so this can be an efficient and easy way of increasing your investment.

Charges

Naturally there are charges involved when you make any type of investment. There are four types of charges in Freedom:

Initial charge

This fee, currently up to 5.25%, is included in the purchase price of your shares in each fund. The initial charge is a one-off fee and therefore will not be refunded if you decide to cash in your investment. We do not make a charge when you sell your shares.

The US Index Fund is available exclusively from the web site, meaning we can pass on cost savings to you through a lower initial charge of 1%. An additional charge of 4.25% would be applied to switch to another fund.

Switching charge

Switch between funds for free up to six times each year (with the exception of the US Index Fund). Any subsequent switches will incur a 1% fee based on the value of the shares which are being switched.

Switches from the US Index Fund to any other fund will be subject to a 4.25% charge at all times.

Annual management charge

An annual charge is levied on each of the Freedom funds and will be between 0.25% and 1.75% (please see the prospectus for full details). This varies according to the complexity and costs involved in managing the underlying investments of each fund.

Performance fee

Freestyle funds (excluding Asia Freestyle)

As the Freestyle investment approach aims to deliver returns without reference to a benchmark, an annual performance fee may be payable in addition to the annual management charge. An annual performance fee of 20% of excess performance is applied when the fund's performance exceeds 5% annually. However, the 20% fee will only be applied to any growth that exceeds 5% and not growth achieved before this point.

Euroland Value Creation Fund

An annual performance fee of 20% of excess performance is applied when the fund's performance exceeds the average of the MSCI Euro and DJ Eurostoxx indices' total returns. It will not be applied to any growth achieved before this point.

Sustainability Leaders Fund

An annual performance fee of 20% of excess performance is applied when the fund's performance exceeds the MSCI Europe Index's total return in that annual period. It will not be applied to any growth achieved before this point.

New World Income Fund

An annual performance fee of 20% of excess performance is applied when the fund's performance exceeds 5% annually. However, the 20% fee will only be applied to any growth that exceeds 5% and not growth achieved before this point.

Halbis Global Macro

An annual performance fee of 20% of excess performance is applied when the fund's performance exceeds the performance of 1-month EURIBOR.

The performance fee for all of the above funds is calculated daily and reflected in the fund's share prices.

If you have any questions about charges or would like additional up-to-date information please call us on 01534 616111 (Int. code +44 1534).

Other things you need to know

What confirmation will you receive?

A contract note will be sent to you or your financial adviser on the business day following the date your investment is received. A confirmation of ownership document will then be sent to you or your adviser 21 days after payment and registration details have been received. This is evidence of your investment and we recommend that you keep it in a safe place.

Prospectus

The full prospectus for HSBC Global Investment Funds is enclosed. Further copies can be obtained from HSBC Funds Nominee (Jersey) Limited, HSBC House, Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 1HS, Channel Islands or by email at fundsoffshore@hsbc.com or on the website www.offshore.hsbc.com.

Dealing times

Share prices of the funds are calculated at 11am (Luxembourg time) on every business day in Luxembourg. If we receive your investment instructions before 5pm UK time, the purchase and redemption price used will be calculated on the following business day. For instructions received after 5pm UK time, the price will be calculated on the second business day following receipt.

The proceeds from the sale of your shares will be paid to you within five business days following receipt of your written confirmation. Signed instructions are not required if you are using the Internet Banking Service. Please note, instructions to pay proceeds to a third party will not be accepted.

The funds must be viewed as medium to long-term investment. Therefore we recommend you take at least a five year view and have a sufficient cash reserve so you don't have to draw on your investment in an emergency. However, should you need to, you can cash in your investment at any time.

Cancellation rights

You should be aware that there are no cancellation rights when you purchase shares in any of the funds within your

Freedom portfolio. If we have to cancel your investment for any reason, we reserve the right to charge you for all the costs incurred.

Voting rights

While beneficial interest in shares will lie with you, the legal holder of your shares will be HSBC Funds Nominee (Jersey) Limited. This free nominee service provides a speedier and more efficient administration of your holdings. The nominee will forward all documents that are issued to you (with the exception of annual and half-yearly reports which are available on request) and pass on your voting wishes to the fund once received, but you will not hold direct voting rights. Full details of the terms of the nominee service can be found in the application terms and conditions.

Tax

HSBC Global Investment Funds is based in Luxembourg, an internationally recognised financial centre. As a result, the internal taxation of the funds is very low at just 0.05% per annum of their net asset value, except for the US Dollar Reserve and Euro Reserve which carry an even lower charge of only 0.01% per annum of their net asset value.

Investors may be subject to tax in their territory of residence on the income and/or gains from investment in the fund. If you choose to invest in any of the funds of HSBC Global Investment Funds and are a UK resident and domiciled individual, the dividends will be subject to income tax. HSBC Global Investment Funds will, where possible, apply for UK distributor status. In the event that any funds are granted UK distributor status, any capital gains will be liable to capital gains tax. If UK distributor status is not granted, any capital gains will be subject to UK income tax. However, UK resident non-UK domiciled individuals may only be taxable when the income or gains are remitted or considered to be remitted to the UK.

Currently (June 2007) dividends, or payment of redemption proceeds from HSBC Global Investment Funds shares held via our Jersey nominee service, are outside the scope of Jersey's legislation based on the European Savings Directive. Although we expect this position to remain unchanged, as it is based on the asset mix of HSBC Global Investment Funds, we cannot guarantee this.

Please note that this information is based on our current understanding of the impact on our customers of ESD legislation and practice. The accuracy of this information or its completeness cannot be guaranteed. If you require specific details in respect of this legislation we strongly recommend that you consult with your tax or legal adviser, as we cannot provide individual guidance on personal tax matters.

The way your returns are treated for tax purposes will depend on your country of residence, local regulations and your personal circumstances.

As with any investment you should ensure that the fund is appropriate not only to your tax position but also to your personal investment needs. Any tax information in this brochure is based on our understanding of current and proposed legislation and practice. The legislation and practice may be subject to change.

Exchange rate risk

You should be aware of the influence that currency exchange rates may have on your returns. This arises where your base currency differs from the currency in which the fund is denominated*. It also has an impact where the investment manager buys stocks and shares in currencies other than that of the fund.

Take, for example, a sterling based investor in the Global Emerging Markets Equity Fund:

- ▶ The fund is denominated in US dollars and therefore a sterling investment must be converted into US dollars at the prevailing exchange rate on the investment date
- ▶ In order to invest in the emerging markets, the US dollars may have to be converted to the local currency in which the emerging market securities may be priced
- ▶ When you sell, the exchange rates at that time – sterling to US dollar and US dollar to the local currency – will impact upon the return you ultimately receive. This could add to or reduce your profit or loss

You should also be aware that payments in a currency other than US dollars, sterling or euro may incur a small delay before being invested, while the currency conversion is carried out.

*Please note the Japanese Equity Fund is denominated in yen but is offered through this service in US dollars.

Important notes

Any decision to invest in Freedom should be based on the content of the Terms and Conditions and the HSBC Global Investment Funds prospectus.

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Your contract with HSBC Funds Nominee (Jersey) Limited is governed by the laws of Jersey as are our dealings with you up until the contract is concluded. We are required to tell you that the terms and conditions of the contract are in English and we will communicate with you in English.

This offer is not available to residents of the United States of America, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia or New Zealand.

UK and Isle of Man investors will not be protected by statutory compensation arrangements if they invest in HSBC Global Investment Funds.

Should the fund fail, investors are reminded that they will be excluded from the benefit of the rules and regulations made under the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 including the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

HSBC Global Investment Funds is an investment company (Société d'Investissement à Capital Variable) incorporated in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and qualifies as an Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (a "UCITS") complying with the provisions of Part 1 of the law of 20 December 2002 on undertakings for Collective Investment (as amended the "2002 Law"). Shares of all funds may be purchased, sold or converted on a daily basis.

If you have a complaint about the standard of service you receive or if you think we have made a mistake, please let us know by calling 01534 606389 (Int. code +44 1534). We will endeavour to resolve your concerns and put matters right within two weeks. However, if your complaint is not settled to your satisfaction you can contact the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

If you are unhappy in any way with the sale or marketing of this product please contact HSBC Investments (International) Limited at the address on the back of this document. If you are based in the UK please contact:

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Choose your investment

With its comprehensive range of funds covering all types of asset class and geographic areas, Freedom gives you the benefit of real investment choice. Whether you want to build a complete portfolio that meets your needs, aspirations and attitude to risk or whether you are simply seeking exposure to specific markets through individual funds, you have the freedom to choose.

Please refer to the prospectus for details of individual sub-funds.

This is an integral part of the Freedom brochure pack and should be read in conjunction with it.

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A whole world of investment freedom

Global funds

Equity

- ▶ BRIC Markets Equity (\$) ^{2,4}
- ▶ Global Emerging Markets Equity (\$) ²
- ▶ Global Equity (\$)
- ▶ Global Equity SRI (\$) ²
- ▶ Global ex Euroland Equity (€)
- ▶ Sustainability Leaders (€)

Freestyle

- ▶ Global Emerging Markets Equity Freestyle (\$) ²
- ▶ BRIC Freestyle (\$) ^{2,4}

Bond

- ▶ Global Emerging Markets Bond (\$) ^{1,2}
- ▶ Global Core Plus Bond (\$)

Other

- ▶ Halbis Global Macro (\$) ^{2,6}
- ▶ New World Income (\$) ^{1,2}

Americas funds

Equity

- ▶ Brazil Equity (\$) ²
- ▶ US Equity (\$)
- ▶ US Equity (Euro Hedged) (€)
- ▶ US Index (\$) ³

Freestyle

- ▶ Latin American Freestyle (\$) ²

Bond

- ▶ Brazil Bond (\$) ^{1,2}
- ▶ US Dollar High Yield Bond (\$) ¹
- ▶ US Dollar Core Plus Bond (\$)

Other

- ▶ US Dollar Reserve (\$)

Europe funds**Equity**

- ▶ Emerging Europe Equity (€) ²
- ▶ Euroland Equity (€)
- ▶ Euroland Equity Smaller Companies (€) ⁵
- ▶ Europe ex UK Equity (€)
- ▶ Euroland Value Creation (€)
- ▶ Pan-European Equity (€)
- ▶ Pan-European Equity High Dividend (€)
- ▶ UK Equity (£)

Freestyle

- ▶ UK Freestyle (£)

Bond

- ▶ Euro Strategic Credit Bond (€) ¹
- ▶ Euro Core Bond (€)
- ▶ Euro Core Credit Bond (€)
- ▶ Euro High Yield Bond (€) ¹
- ▶ European Government Bond (€)

Reserve

- ▶ Euro Reserve (€)

Other

- ▶ Turkish Convergence (€)

Asia Pacific funds²**Equity**

- ▶ Asia ex Japan Equity (\$)
- ▶ Asia ex Japan Equity (Euro Hedged) (€)
- ▶ Asia ex Japan Equity Smaller Companies (\$) ⁵
- ▶ Asia Pacific ex Japan Equity High Dividend (\$)
- ▶ Chinese Equity (\$)
- ▶ Hong Kong Equity (\$)
- ▶ Indian Equity (\$)
- ▶ Japanese Equity (\$)
- ▶ Korean Equity (\$)
- ▶ Singapore Equity (\$)
- ▶ Thai Equity (\$)

Freestyle

- ▶ Asia Freestyle (\$)

¹ In order to achieve a higher income these funds may also invest in non-investment grade fixed interest securities. These fixed interest securities involve a higher risk of default on repayment, which means a higher risk to your capital.

² Investors are advised to consider carefully the special risks of investing in emerging market securities. Investments in emerging markets are by their nature higher risk and potentially more volatile than those inherent in established markets. Please refer to the prospectus for full details.

³ Investment in this fund can only be made via the website www.offshore.hsbc.com/freedom where full details are available. The initial charge for this fund has been reduced. However, there is an additional charge to switch to another sub-fund. For full details of charges see page 9 of brochure.

⁴ Investments are limited to a relatively narrow segment of the economy which means these sub-funds tend to be more volatile than mutual funds and their portfolio values can increase or decrease more rapidly.

⁵ These funds include smaller capitalisation companies which may involve greater risk than sub-funds investing in larger, more established companies.

⁶ Halbis Capital Management (UK) Limited is part of the HSBC Group, it is a global specialist in active investment management.

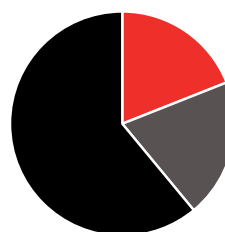
HSBC Investments Freedom Example Portfolios

It is important to arrange your investments under the guidance of your financial adviser. However, these are some example portfolios to give you an idea of the funds you could choose to construct a portfolio.

These are based on three different levels of risk, which may or may not reflect your individual risk profile. The examples given are just some of more than 45 funds offered through Freedom, which we have currently chosen to highlight, and are subject to change.

Example 1 - Cautious

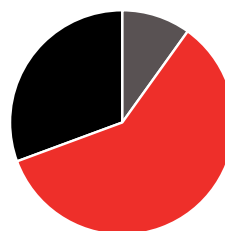
| Asset Type | Proportion | Examples of funds you could choose from Freedom |
|--------------|------------|--|
| Fixed Income | 60% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euro Core Bond (€) • Global Core Plus Bond (\$) |
| Equities | 20% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Equity (£) • US Equity (\$) |
| Cash deposit | 20% | |



■ Fixed Income 60%
 ■ Equities 20%
 ■ Cash Deposit 20%

Example 2 - Moderate

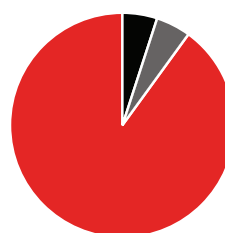
| Asset Type | Proportion | Examples of funds you could choose from Freedom |
|--------------|------------|--|
| Fixed Income | 35% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Dollar Core Plus Bond (\$) • Euro Core Credit Bond (€) |
| Equities | 55% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Equity (\$) • Japanese Equity (\$) |
| Cash deposit | 10% | |



■ Fixed Income 35%
 ■ Equities 55%
 ■ Cash Deposit 10%

Example 3 - Aggressive

| Asset Type | Proportion | Examples of funds you could choose from Freedom |
|--------------|------------|--|
| Fixed Income | 5% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil Bond (\$)* • US Dollar High Yield Bond (\$)* |
| Equities | 90% | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin American Freestyle (\$)† • Emerging Europe Equity (€)† • US Equity (\$) • Global ex Euroland Equity (€) |
| Cash deposit | 5% | |



■ Fixed Income 5%
 ■ Equities 90%
 ■ Cash Deposit 5%

An explanation of each risk level can be found overleaf.

Source: HSBC Investments (International) Limited

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Cautious

For a Cautious investor a high-proportion of fixed income funds is included, but with some exposure to equity funds. Although the capital value of your investment can move up and down, it would normally be less volatile than if you invested solely in equity funds. The geographic regions selected are considered to be highly developed markets and therefore less volatile than less developed or emerging markets.

Balanced

In this category a higher proportion of equities is included than in the Cautious category. Although this means you are more exposed to the risks of the stock markets, you can aim to control the risk by including a proportion of fixed income funds.

Aggressive

In order to improve the opportunity for growth, a higher proportion of equities is included. You could also invest in funds that focus on a particular overseas market, for example emerging markets. Whilst these are often considered to have a higher growth potential than developed markets, they are often more risky as these economies have been and may continue to be adversely affected by economic conditions in the countries in which they trade.

Please note that these risks only serve as a guidance as to the type of funds and assets that the funds invest in. For the specific risks and structure of the individual funds, please refer to the Prospectus.

Please remember that with investments the value of shares and the income from them may go down as well as up, is not guaranteed, and you may not get back the amount you invested. This could also happen as a result of changes in the rate of currency exchange, particularly where overseas securities are held.

*In order to achieve a higher potential income these funds may also invest in non-investment grade fixed interest securities. These fixed interest securities involve a higher risk of default on repayment, which means a higher risk to your capital.

* Investors are advised to consider carefully the special risks of investing in emerging market securities. Investments in emerging markets are by their nature higher risk and potentially more volatile than those inherent in established markets. Please refer to the prospectus for full details.

Award winning investment

Americas Funds

Lipper Fund Awards 2006

HSBC GIF US Dollar Investment Grade Bond PD, 10 years, 'US Dollar Bond' Category, 1st prize

Standard & Poor's Fund Awards 2006 HSBC GIF US Dollar High Yield Bond (A)

HSBC GIF Global Emerging Markets Bond (A)

HSBC GIF USD Investment Grade Bond (A)

Europe Funds

Grands Prix de la Gestion d'Actifs AGEFI Awards 2006

HSBC GIF Euro High Yield Bond, three years, 'High Yield Bonds' Category, 3rd prize

Standard & Poor's UK Fund Awards 2007

HSBC GIF UK Equity Fund, 10 years, 'Equity' Category, 1st place

UK Funds

Standard & Poor's UK Fund Awards 2006

US Dollar Investment Grade Bond, 1st Place, UK Marketed Class, Fixed Income USD Sector

Asia Pacific Funds

Les Pyramides 2006 Investissements Conseils – Silver Medal

HSBC GIF Indian Equity, three years, 'Asia ex Japan Equities' Category

Les Lauriers 2006 Investir Magazine – Gold Medal

HSBC GIF Indian Equity, five years, 'Retail Bank' Category

Standard & Poor's Fund Awards 2007

HSBC GIF Thai Equity Fund, five years, 'Best Fund' Category, 1st place

HSBC GIF Thai Equity Fund, five years, 'Thai Equity' Category, 1st place

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