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5 October 2020

Dear Shareholder,

Standard Life Investments Global SICAV European Corporate Bond Fund
Standard Life Investments Global SICAV Global Bond Fund
(collectively, the “**Funds**”)

We are writing to inform you of the withdrawal of authorisation of the Funds, being sub-funds of Standard Life Investments Global SICAV (the “**Company**”), with effect from 6 January 2021 (the “**Effective Date**”) with the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (the “**SFC**”), to rationalize the range of funds available to Hong Kong retail investors.

Capitalised terms used in this notice shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the latest version of the Prospectus and Additional Information for Hong Kong Investors of the Company and the Product Key Facts Statement (“**KFS**”) for the Funds (collectively, “**Hong Kong Offering Documents**”) unless the context otherwise requires.

Information relating to the Funds

As at 31 August 2020, the size of Standard Life Investments Global SICAV European Corporate Bond Fund was EUR 3,048,507,197.78, and the size of Standard Life Investments Global SICAV Global Bond Fund was USD 296,766,058.62.

Consequence of withdrawal of authorisation

With effect from the Effective Date, the Funds will (i) cease to be authorised and regulated by the SFC in Hong Kong, (ii) no longer be required to comply with regulatory requirements in relation to SFC-authorized funds in Hong Kong including those stipulated under the SFC’s Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds and (iii) will not be available for public distribution in Hong Kong. From the date of this notice, the Funds are no longer allowed to be marketed to the public in Hong Kong, save that the Funds may continue to accept subscriptions from existing holders by way of regular investment plans until the Dealing Day before the Effective Date, after which they will not be accepted. Subscription orders placed through intermediaries may be subject to an earlier deadline. As a result, shareholders should note that any documents in respect of the Funds including the Funds’ offering documents, product documentation and other marketing materials that are in the possession of shareholders in Hong Kong should be retained for personal use only and should not be circulated to the public in Hong Kong from the date of this notice.

Impact on shareholders

The withdrawal of authorisation will not affect the way the Company and the Funds are currently being managed. The Management Company shall continue to manage the Funds in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Company’s offering documents and constitutive documents and with all applicable laws and regulations after the Effective Date. The Funds will continue to remain in existence and be subject to the supervision by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier in Luxembourg after the Effective Date. There will be no change to the operation (e.g. investment objective, investment policy or dealing and administrative procedures) of the Company and the Funds.

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The level of fees payable by the Company, the Funds and the shareholders as detailed in the current Hong Kong Offering Documents will remain unchanged.

The costs of withdrawal of authorization of the Funds will be borne by Aberdeen Standard Investments Luxembourg S.A..

Options available for shareholders

(i) Take no action

Shareholders would be able to remain invested in the Funds if you wish although the Funds will no longer be authorised and regulated by the SFC from the Effective Date onwards as described under the section “Consequence of withdrawal of authorisation” above.

(ii) Redeem or switch your holding

Alternatively, you may redeem your Shares in the Funds, or switch the Shares in the Funds to another SFC-authorized sub-fund¹ of the Company, free of charge from the date of this notice until 5 p.m. (Hong Kong time) on 5 January 2021, being the Dealing Day before the Effective Date. Redemption and switching orders placed through intermediaries may be subject to an earlier deadline. For further details on redemption and switching procedures, shareholders should refer to the Hong Kong Offering Documents.

Hong Kong tax implications

Shareholders resident in Hong Kong will not be subject to any Hong Kong tax on capital gains realised on the redemption or switching of any shares in the Funds, except that Hong Kong profits tax may arise where the acquisition and realisation of shares in the Funds is or forms part of a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong. The foregoing will remain applicable after the Effective Date.

Shareholders should seek independent advice on the taxation and other consequences of the changes affecting their investment.

Hong Kong Offering Documents

The Hong Kong Offering Documents of the Company will be updated to reflect the withdrawal of the authorisation of the Funds in due course. The revised Hong Kong Offering Documents of the Company will be available during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) at the offices of the Hong Kong Representative (details below).

The Board of Directors accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this notice. To the best of the knowledge and belief of your Board of Directors (who have taken reasonable care to ensure this is the case) the information contained in this notice is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the importance of such information.

If you have any questions or would like any further information please contact us at our registered office or at HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited, the Hong Kong Representative, whose office is at 1 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, Tel. 852 3663 5500.

¹ SFC authorisation is not a recommendation or endorsement of a scheme nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a scheme or its performance. It does not mean the scheme is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

Yours faithfully,



For and on behalf of
the Board of Directors – Standard Life Investments Global SICAV