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## Fund merger for AXA Framlington FinTech

Account number: XXXXXX

Your financial adviser: XXXXXX

The AXA Framlington FinTech fund that you invest in as part of a model portfolio set up by your financial adviser is due to merge into the AXA Framlington Global Thematics fund. The merger will take place on **24 January 2025**. You'll see the new fund on your valuations and statements after that date.

The merger is subject to shareholder approval. If it isn't approved, we will write to let you know.

**Your financial adviser will take any action that needs to be taken and, if necessary, help to address any questions you may have.**

### How the merger will affect your account

- **The value of your fund holding** – The merger may affect the value of your fund holding. AXA will reorganise the portfolio of assets held by the merging fund to align it with the receiving fund's portfolio, in readiness for the transfer of assets to the receiving fund on the Effective Date. The costs of such realignment, transfer taxes, transaction costs, and any other costs and taxes associated with the transfer of the assets to the receiving fund will be borne by the merging fund. AXA anticipates that such costs should not exceed 0.28% of the current value of the merging fund.
- **Phasing and Rebalancing** – Any **phased investment** or **rebalancing** instructions using the fund will automatically continue. These will either buy units in your other assets proportionally, or go into cash, depending on how your adviser set up the model portfolio. Alternatively, we will update the instruction if your financial adviser provides a revised asset choice.
- **Direct Debits** – If you are paying into the fund by Direct Debit future payments will either buy units in your other assets proportionally, or go into cash, depending on how your adviser set up the model portfolio. Alternatively, we will update the instruction if your financial adviser provides a revised asset choice.
- **Treasured assets** – if you have treasured the fund to be excluded when deducting units to meet certain scheduled payments from your account (for example charges and ongoing adviser fees), this arrangement will stop. You can arrange to treasure different assets by providing us with a new treasured asset request form.

Cash may not be suitable for your long-term investment needs. If you're happy for the amount to stay in cash, you don't need to do anything. Your financial adviser will take any action that needs to be taken and help to answer any questions you may have.

## A note about cash in your account

We don't take any product or service charges on your cash balance (although the value is still included in the total value calculation for the charge). Instead, we pay you a rate of interest on cash in your account and we are paid by retaining a proportion of the interest we receive from our banking partners.

You can find more information, including the current interest rate payable and how much interest we retain, on our website at [quilter.com/interest-on-cash](http://quilter.com/interest-on-cash)

- The merger **may change the fund's risk profile**. You can see more information about the new fund in its Key Investor Information document, available online at XXXXXX  
Please note, it may not reflect the charges applicable when accessing the fund through us.

## Why the funds are merging

According to AXA, the merging fund has not attracted external investment in recent years. Its assets have declined in the past five years, indicating a fall in the popularity of a more narrowly themed investment strategy. AXA anticipate limited opportunity for the merging fund to grow in size in the future, and they consider it likely that they will have to wind it up on the basis that it can no longer be operated viably for investors as a stand-alone fund.

Rather than closing the fund and returning proceeds to investors, their preferred alternative proposal is a merger with the receiving fund. This will allow Unitholders to remain in a fund with the same overall objective, while benefitting from exposure to the receiving fund's broadly similar, but more flexible, investment focus, covering a wider range of investment themes.

You can find more information about the old and new funds below.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser who will be able to help you. Alternatively, you can call or email us using the details shown and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely,



**Callum Earl**  
*Head of Client Services*

## Fund objectives

Current fund AXA Framlington FinTech	New fund AXA Framlington Global Thematics
<p><b>Fund objective:</b> To provide long-term capital growth over a period of 5 years or more by investing in shares of listed companies, principally (meaning at least 80% of its assets) in companies providing financial services (e.g. banking, insurance, payment and investment related solutions) and companies providing technological applications throughout the financial services supply chain.</p> <p>The fund invests in companies of any size and based anywhere in the world.</p>	<p><b>Fund objective:</b> To provide long-term capital growth over a period of 5 years or more by investing in shares of listed companies which are based anywhere in the world (including countries which the Manager considers to be emerging markets) and which the Manager believes will provide above-average returns.</p> <p>The fund invests principally (meaning at least 80% of its assets) in large and medium-sized companies.</p>