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Dear (Salutation)

## Fund merger for Alquity Africa

**Account number:** <<Account\_Number>>

**Your financial adviser:** <<BRKName>>

I am writing to you because you were invested in the Alquity Africa fund, provided by Alquity Investment Management Ltd.

Alquity has informed us that the Alquity Africa fund merged into the Alquity Future World fund on **14 March 2024**. You'll see the new fund on your valuations and statements after that date.

When a fund changes, we normally try to write to you as soon as possible, to give you time to discuss the situation with your financial adviser and decide if you need to take any action. On this occasion, we did not tell you about the event until now due to an administrative error. I am sorry that we did not write to you about this change sooner and for any inconvenience or concern that you have experienced because of this delay.

You may want to speak to your financial adviser about the impact of the merger. Please speak to them before making any investment decisions, or if you have any questions about this change.

**If you don't have a financial adviser**, we recommend that you consider the benefits of receiving professional financial advice, which can be especially important when you need to make investment decisions. If you would like to search for an adviser in your area you can start by visiting [quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser](https://quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser).

### How the merger affected your account

- **The value of your fund holding** – the merger may have affected the value of your fund holding, as explained below under the heading "Did the merger cost me anything?"

#### CONDITIONAL IF Charge Basis 1 or 2"

- **Switches in and top ups** - The Alquity Future World fund is not available for switches in or top ups on the charge basis that you are in. **END**
- **Rebalancing** – Any instructions using the fund automatically continued after the merger. Unless you give us an alternative choice, future transactions will be reapportioned across the other assets in your instruction, or cash if the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction.

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. Alternatively, you can switch the cash into an alternative asset(s) from our extensive range. Your financial adviser can give us your switch instruction, or you can switch by logging into our online Customer Centre at [quilter.com/login](https://quilter.com/login) or by sending us a switch form in the post.

- The merger **may have changed the fund's risk profile**. You can see more information about the new fund in its Key Investor Information document, available online at . Please note, it may not reflect the charges applicable when accessing the fund through us.
- **Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) / Total Expense Ratio (TER)\*** - The OCF/TER changed with the merger.

\* The OCF/TER represents the ongoing charges for the fund, expressed as a percentage. It is the sum of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) and all other running costs of the fund. The figure shown is normally the ongoing charges figure (OCF), which is increasingly replacing the total expense ratio (TER). You can find more information about how the merger will affect the OCF / TER and, where applicable, the Reimbursed Amount or Reimbursed Rebate on the last page of this letter.

### Did the merger cost me anything?

The assets of the merging fund were realigned prior to the merger, the transaction costs were borne by the fund and were approximately 0.32% of the fund value.

### Why the funds merged

The Alquity Africa fund had steadily decreased in size. Alquity believe that merging it with the Alquity Future World fund was in the best interests of the Shareholders as it would reduce the total expense ratio currently being incurred by investors, increase the assets under management, and therefore apportion the costs on a wider pool of assets.

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

### The next steps

You do not need to take any action unless you would like to choose a new asset from our extensive range. If you decide to switch into a new asset(s), please note that you will also need to update your asset choice for Direct Debit payments, if applicable

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 Customer Operations*

## Fund information

| Previous fund<br>Alquity Africa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | New fund<br>Alquity Future World                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Fund objective:</b><br/>To achieve long-term capital appreciation for investors, by investing in African securities. The sub-fund promotes, among others, environmental, social and/or governance characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector.</p> <p>The sub-fund will invest at least 70% of its net assets in the shares of companies that are listed in the regulated African stock exchanges.</p> | <p><b>Fund objective:</b><br/>To achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in Latin America, Asia, Africa, Central/Eastern Europe and Middle East securities. The sub-fund promotes, among others, environmental, social and/or governance characteristics within the meaning of article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector.</p> <p>The sub-fund will invest at least 70% of its net assets in equity securities listed on the regulated exchanges of Latin America, Asia, Africa, Central/Eastern Europe and Middle East.</p> |

Your account is currently on Charge Basis XXXX

### AMC and OCF / TER changes for accounts on Charge Basis 1

| Current AMC % | Current OCF/ TER %* | New AMC % | New OCF / TER %* |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1.90          | 5.09                | 1.10      | 2.45             |

### AMC and OCF / TER changes for accounts on Charge Basis 2

|         | AMC % | OCF / TER % | Reimbursed amount %* | Effective OCF / TER % |
|---------|-------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Current | 1.90  | 5.09        | 0.50                 | 4.59                  |
| New     | 1.10  | 2.45        | 0.00                 | 2.45                  |

\*We receive a rebate from the fund manager in respect of this fund. This is effectively a discount that we negotiate on the fund manager's AMC. We reinvest part of this rebate as a 'reimbursed amount' into your account. You can see more details of this in the 'Customer Account Credit' section of your quarterly statements.

### AMC and OCF / TER changes for accounts on Charge Basis 3

|         | AMC % | OCF / TER % | Reimbursed rebate %** | Effective OCF / TER % |
|---------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Current | 1.90  | 5.09        | 0.80                  | 4.29                  |
| New     | 1.10  | 2.45        | 0.00                  | 2.45                  |

\*\*We receive a rebate from the fund manager in respect of this fund. This is effectively a discount on the fund manager's AMC, that we negotiate for you. We reinvest the whole rebate as a 'reimbursed rebate' into your account. You can see more details of this in the 'Customer Account Credit' section of your quarterly statements.

The AMC is the fund manager's Annual Management Charge. The AMC is not taken directly from your investment, but is reflected within the fund manager's pricing of the fund. This change will not affect any charges taken by Quilter.