



Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc

HSBC Holdings plc (“HSBC”) engaged us to provide limited assurance on the information described below as at 31 December 2021 and set out in HSBC’s Annual Report and Accounts 2021.

Our conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter Information as at 31 December 2021 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

This conclusion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of our report.

Subject Matter Information and Reporting Criteria

The scope of our work was limited to assurance over the external reporting of HSBC’s progress as at 31 December 2021 towards the \$750bn - \$1tn Sustainable Finance commitment, as set out in the table below, and on page 53 of HSBC’s Annual Report and Accounts 2021 (the “Subject Matter Information”).

Subject Matter Information	Value (US\$bn)
Total contribution towards \$750bn-\$1tn commitment	126.7

The Reporting Criteria for measuring, recording and reporting the Subject Matter Information are set out in HSBC’s Sustainable Finance and Investment Data Dictionary document, dated December 2021, available in Appendix A.

Our assurance does not extend to information in respect of earlier periods or to any other information included in HSBC’s Annual Report and Accounts and website¹.

Professional standards applied and level of assurance

We performed a limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) ‘Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information’, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Our Independence and quality Control

We complied with the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Code of Ethics, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour, that are at least as demanding as the applicable provisions of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards).

We apply International Standard on Quality Control (UK) 1 and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Understanding reporting and measurement methodologies

The Subject Matter Information reported by HSBC needs to be read and understood together with the Reporting Criteria, which HSBC is solely responsible for selecting and applying. The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure emissions allows for different, but acceptable, measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities and over time.

Inherent Limitations with the Subject Matter Information

Non-financial performance information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the subject matter and the methods used for determining such information. The precision of different measurement techniques may also vary. It is anticipated that the principles and methodologies used to measure and report the Subject Matter will develop over time and may be subject to change in line with market practice and regulation, impacting comparability year-on-year.

Work done

We are required to plan and perform our work in order to consider the risk of material misstatement of the Subject Matter Information might arise. In doing so, we:

- made enquiries of HSBC’s management, including the Sustainable Finance (SF) team, sector specialists and those with responsibility for governance, management and reporting;
- considered the suitability in the circumstances of HSBC’s use of the Reporting Criteria as the basis for preparing the Subject Matter Information;
- understood and evaluated the design of the key structures, systems, processes and controls for recording and reporting the Subject Matter Information;
- performed limited substantive testing on a selective basis of the Subject Matter Information, including:
 - testing the categorisation of sustainable financing activities; and
 - agreeing reported data to internal and external sources, for example, facility agreements and fund fact sheets.
- considered the disclosure and presentation of the Subject Matter Information.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

HSBC’s responsibilities

HSBC management are responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls over information relevant to the preparation of the Subject Matter Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- establishing objective Reporting Criteria for preparing the Subject Matter Information;
- measuring and reporting the Subject Matter Information based on the Reporting Criteria; and
- the content of HSBC’s Annual Report and Accounts 2021 and information presented on HSBC’s website¹.

Our responsibilities

We are responsible for:

- planning and performing the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Subject Matter Information is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- forming an independent conclusion, based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained; and
- reporting our conclusion to the Directors of HSBC.

This report, including our conclusions, has been prepared solely for the Board of Directors of HSBC in accordance with the agreement between us dated 6 December 2021 (the “agreement”), in order to assist the Directors in reporting HSBC’s total contribution towards \$750bn-\$1tn commitment. We permit this report to be disclosed at the website¹, to assist the Directors in responding to their governance responsibilities by obtaining an independent assurance report in connection with the Subject Matter Information.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility or liability to anyone other than the Board of Directors and HSBC for our work or this report except where terms are expressly agreed between us in writing.

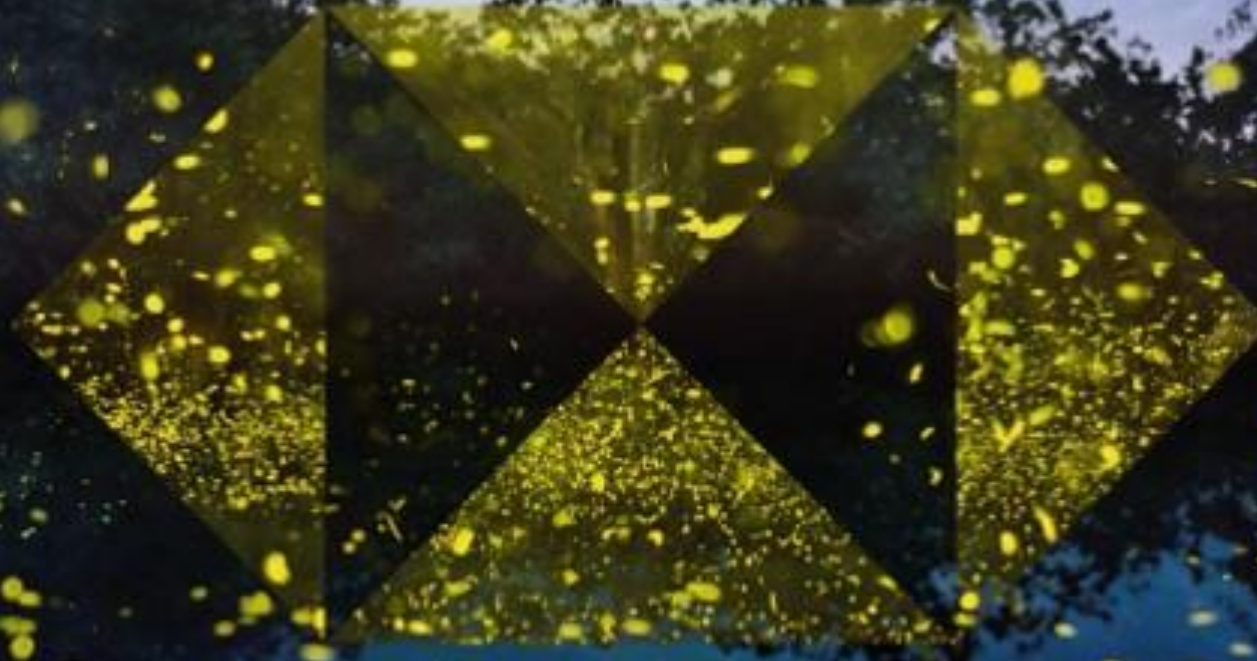
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22 February 2022

¹The maintenance and integrity of HSBC website (<https://www.hsbc.com/who-we-are/esg-and-responsible-business/esg-reporting-centre>) is the responsibility of HSBC; the work carried out by us does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, we accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the reported Subject Matter Information or Reporting Criteria when presented on HSBC’s website.

HSBC Sustainable Finance and Investment Data Dictionary

December 2021



HSBC Sustainable Finance and Investment

Context and introduction

- The **transition to a low carbon, sustainable future** represents one of the **biggest opportunities and risks** for the global economy and society at large
- The financial services sector has an important role to play to help **enable the transition** of the real economy to achieve the UN's **Sustainable Development Goals**, including but not limited to the aims of the **Paris Agreement** on climate change and preserving biodiversity.
- HSBC set out in October 2020 an aim to align its **financed emissions to net-zero** by 2050 or sooner
- We seek to **support our customers with an aim to provide and facilitate \$750bn and \$1tn** of sustainable finance and investment¹ by 2030
- **Our sustainable finance and investment activities fall within three initiatives described at right**, with further details on reporting definitions and scope in the following pages

Reporting structure and definitions overview

Sustainable finance

- ◆ Financing solutions to enable clients' shift to sustainable and low-carbon activities
- ◆ Products and services include underwriting, direct lending, and trade and receivables finance with defined use of proceeds requirements consistent with market established principles
- ◆ Also includes sustainability-linked facilities with defined sustainability performance targets applied

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Sustainable infrastructure

- ◆ Financing and investment solutions to direct capital to support sustainable energy, transport and related infrastructure
- ◆ Products and services include event finance and advisory, investment funds and other vehicles to connect investor capital to sustainable infrastructure projects
- ◆ Also includes underwriting of project bonds and debt capital markets activities with clear use of proceeds however which are not issued in a labelled sustainable bond format

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Sustainable investment

- ◆ Investment solutions to help individuals and institutions to manage Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) risks and invest in sustainability related opportunities
- ◆ Products and services include investment funds, structured products and other ESG related investment solutions provided by HSBC's Asset Management, Markets & Securities Services, Private Banking and Wealth businesses
- ◆ Also includes deposits designated to fund sustainable finance and investment activities

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Sustainable finance (1/4)

Product	Definition	Reporting scope	Primary reference frameworks	Financing type
Green, Social & Sustainability Bonds	<p>Bond issuances labelled as green, social or sustainable (GSS) as defined by the Green and/or Social Bond Principles (GBP, SBP) of the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) or the Climate Bonds Initiative. Qualifying transactions may also include 'transition finance' issuances as set out in the Climate Transition Finance Handbook of the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA).</p> <p>This includes HSBC's own bond issuances.</p>	<p>Apportioned value of HSBC's participation in underwriting the issuance as a bookrunner in the transaction as reported by Dealogic. For private placements, apportioned value as per transaction documentation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMA Green and Social Bond Principles • ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines • Climate Bonds Initiative • ICMA Climate Transition Finance Handbook 2020 	Off-balance sheet
Sustainability-Linked Bonds	<p>Bond issuances aligned with the Sustainability Linked Bond Principles of the International Capital Market Association (ICMA) in which the financial and/or structural characteristics of the issuance may vary depending on whether the issuer achieves predefined sustainability performance targets (SPTs). SPTs should be material to the issuer's core sustainability and business strategy and address relevant environmental, social and/or governance challenges of the industry sector and be under management's control. Qualifying transactions may also include 'transition finance' issuances as set out in the Climate Transition Finance Handbook of the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA).</p>	<p>Apportioned value of HSBC's participation in underwriting of the issuance as reported by Dealogic. For private placements, apportioned value as per transaction documentation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMA Sustainability Linked Bond Principles • ICMA Climate Transition Finance Handbook 2020 	Off-balance sheet

Sustainable finance (2/4)

Product	Definition	Reporting scope	Primary reference frameworks	Financing type
Debt Capital Markets – Short term debt	Short term debt issuances having the same characteristics as a bond, however, with a maturity date less than 18 months from the date of issuance and labelled as green, social or sustainable (GSS) as defined by the Green and/or Social Bond Principles (GBP, SBP) of the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA) or the Climate Bonds Initiative. The use of proceeds must align to one of the eligible project categories of the ICMA Green and Social Bond Principles, or the Climate Bonds Initiative.	Apportioned value of HSBC's participation in underwriting the issuance as a bookrunner in the transaction as reported by Dealogic. For private placements, apportioned value as per transaction documentation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICMA Green and Social Bond Principles • ICMA Sustainability Bond Guidelines • Climate Bonds Initiative 	On-balance sheet
Green Loans	Loans aligned to the Green Loan Principles (GLP) of the Loan Market Association (LMA), including any type of loan instrument made available exclusively to finance or re-finance, in whole or in part, new and/or existing eligible green projects (see notes).	Committed amount (limit at execution) of new facilities provided. The facility terms and conditions must reflect GLP requirements with monitoring and control of the facility incorporated into HSBC's normal credit process and annual review. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Green Loan Principles 	On-balance sheet
Other green qualified lending	Lending for which the use of proceeds meet the criteria for eligible projects of the Green Loan Principles (GLP) of the Loan Market Association (LMA), however the facility is not otherwise labelled as a Green Loan. Facilities may include any type of loan, mortgage, trade or supply chain instrument made available exclusively to finance or re-finance in whole or in part, new and/or existing eligible green projects (see notes).	Committed amount (limit at execution) of new facilities provided. Local business teams identify qualifying lending and evidence of the use of proceeds. These facilities are reviewed on a case by case basis by HSBC's regional and global sustainability governance forums to ensure they comply with the use of proceeds requirements of the GLP. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Green Loan Principles 	On-balance sheet

Sustainable finance (3/4)

Product	Definition	Reporting scope	Primary reference frameworks	Financing type
Social Loans	Loans aligned to the Social Loan Principles (SLP) of the Loan Market Association (LMA), including any type of loan instrument made available exclusively to finance or re-finance, in whole or in part, new and/or existing eligible social projects (see notes).	Committed amount (limit at execution) of new facilities provided. The facility terms and conditions must reflect SLP requirements with monitoring and control of the facility incorporated into HSBC's normal credit process and annual review. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Social Loan Principles 	On-balance sheet
Other Social qualified lending	Lending for which the use of proceeds meet the criteria for eligible projects of the Social Loan Principles (SLP) of the Loan Market Association (LMA), however the facility is not otherwise labelled as a Social Loan. Facilities may include any type of loan, mortgage, trade or supply chain instrument made available exclusively to finance or re-finance in whole or in part, new and/or existing eligible social projects (see notes).	Committed amount (limit at execution) of new facilities provided. Local business teams identify qualifying lending and evidence of the use of proceeds. These facilities are reviewed on a case by case basis by HSBC's regional and global sustainability governance forums to ensure they comply with the use of proceeds requirements of the SLP. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Social Loan Principles 	On-balance sheet
Sustainability-Linked Loans	Loans aligned with Sustainability Linked Loan Principles (SLLP) of the Loan Market Association (LMA), including any type of loan, mortgage, trade or supply chain instrument for which the financial and/or structural characteristics of the instrument may vary depending on whether the borrower achieves predefined sustainability performance targets (SPTs). SPTs should be ambitious and meaningful to the borrower's business and should be tied to a sustainability improvement in relation to a predetermined performance target benchmark.	Committed amount (limit at execution) of new facilities. The facility terms and conditions must reflect SLLP requirements with monitoring and control of the facility incorporated into HSBC's normal credit process and annual review. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Sustainability Linked Loan Principles 	On-balance sheet

Sustainable finance (4/4)

Product	Definition	Reporting scope	Primary reference frameworks	Financing type
Green Trade Finance	Global Trade and Receivables Finance (GTRF) lending facilities aligned to the Green Loan Principles (GLP) of the Loan Market Association (LMA) and made available exclusively to finance or re-finance eligible green trade activities as evidenced by underlying transaction documents. Refinancing in the same calendar year will be excluded. Relevant GTRF products include: (i) trade loans; (ii) receivables finance; (iii) import / export finance; and commodity structured trade finance (CSTF).	Committed amount (limit at execution) of new facilities provided. The facility terms and conditions must reflect GLP requirements with monitoring and control of the facility incorporated into HSBC's normal credit process and annual review. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems. Relevant GTRF facilities will be recognised when the four pillars of the GLP are met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Green Loan Principles 	On-balance sheet
Sustainable Trade Instruments	Global Trade and Receivables Finance (GTRF) contingent liability facilities aligned to HSBC's internal Sustainable Trade Instrument Principles which are based on the Green Loan Principles published by the Loan Market Association (LMA) and reference the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). GTRF contingent liability products include (i) guarantees; (ii) standby letter of credit; and (iii) documentary credit.	Limit amount (at deal execution) of new facilities provided. The facility terms and conditions must reflect SCP requirements with monitoring and control of the facility incorporated into HSBC's normal credit process and annual review. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems and/or GTRF systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Green Loan Principles • UN Sustainable Development Goals 	On-balance sheet
Sustainable Supply Chain Finance	Supply chain finance (SCF) programme through which the characteristics of funding provided to the client's suppliers may vary based on predefined sustainability performance metrics and thresholds in order to promote the sustainability objectives of the client in its supply chain. The metrics applied should be material to the client's core sustainability and business strategy and address relevant environmental, social and/or governance challenges within its supply chain.	Committed amount (limit at execution) of new facilities provided. The SCF programme must apply sustainability performance metrics to the funding provided to the client's suppliers. Monitoring and control of the facility is incorporated into HSBC's normal credit process and annual review. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems and/or GTRF systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Sustainability Linked Loan Principles • UN Sustainable Development Goals 	On-balance sheet

Sustainable infrastructure – Event finance and advisory (1/1)

Product	Definition	Reporting scope	Primary reference frameworks	Financing type
Debt Capital Markets (DCM)	Corporate or project bond issued for a company or project classified as sustainable energy (e.g. wind, solar), low carbon transport or water infrastructure according to the activities listed under the energy, transport and water sections of the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy (see notes).	Apportioned value of HSBC's participation in underwriting the issuance as a bookrunner in the transaction as reported by Dealogic. For private placements, apportioned value as per transaction documentation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy 	Off-balance sheet
Equity Capital Markets (ECM)	Corporate or project equity issued for a company or project classified as sustainable energy (e.g. wind, solar), low carbon transport or water infrastructure according to the activities listed under the energy, transport and water sections of the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy (see notes).	Apportioned value of HSBC's participation in underwriting the issuance as a bookrunner in the transaction as reported by Dealogic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy 	Off-balance sheet
Project Finance	Project loan or other type of lending facility structured to finance a project which meets one of the use of proceeds requirements are classified as sustainable energy (e.g. wind, solar), low carbon transport or water infrastructure according to the activities listed under the energy, transport and water sections of the EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy (see notes).	Committed amount (limit at execution) of new facilities provided, or the value of an increase provided to existing facilities. Facilities are managed and monitored by HSBC's Global Banking & Markets business. The limit is sourced from HSBC's internal risk systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Sustainable Finance Taxonomy 	On-balance sheet

Sustainable investment (1/2)

Product	Definition	Reporting scope	Primary reference frameworks	Financing type
ESG Enhanced	<p>Investment funds and other investment products which intentionally invest in companies based on relative ESG performance.</p> <p>Common approaches include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG Improvers: Strategies that focus on enhancing alpha by targeting ESG improving companies. • ESG tilt: Strategies that focus on delivering a specified outcomes (compared to benchmark) by enhancing portfolio exposure to strong performing ESG companies. • ESG best-in-class: High-conviction strategies that aim to invest in companies that are relatively more advanced in managing ESG risks/opportunities, across sectors. 	Net new flows for investment products provided by HSBC Asset Management and Markets & Securities Services, and 3rd party products and related investments distributed through HSBC's Insurance, Private Banking and Wealth businesses.	n/a	Investments
Thematic	<p>Investment funds and other investments products which actively invest in ESG related growth areas and trends by seeking out companies or sectors that align with specific sustainable outcomes, including strategies that provide exposure to transformative industry trends.</p> <p>Examples of themes related to the environment include low carbon transition readiness, clean energy, responsible consumption, natural capital.</p> <p>Examples of themes related to social issues include gender equality, health and education.</p>	Net new flows for investment products provided by HSBC Asset Management and Markets & Securities Services, and 3rd party products and related investments distributed through HSBC's Insurance, Private Banking and Wealth businesses.	n/a	Investments

Sustainable investment (2/2)

Product	Definition	Reporting scope	Primary reference frameworks	Financing type
Impact	<p>Investment funds and other investments products seeking to deliver a direct, positive and measurable impact on society and/or the environment.</p> <p>Examples include investments in green and sustainable bonds, renewable energy, companies delivering positive outcomes through their products/services and projects or loans ring-fenced around social and/or environmental activities.</p>	Net new flows for investment products provided by HSBC Asset Management and Markets & Securities Services, and 3rd party products and related investments distributed through HSBC's Insurance, Private Banking and Wealth businesses.	n/a	Investment
Green Deposit	Customer deposits where the funds are allocated to finance eligible lending activities aligned to the Green Loan Principles (GLP) of the Loan Market Association (LMA) and HSBC's Green Bond Framework.	New funds (deposits) raised from institutional and corporate clients as well as individuals through green deposit and term deposit propositions provided by HSBC Global Liquidity & Cash Management and Wealth & Personal Banking (WPB) businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMA Green Loan Principles • HSBC Green Bond Framework 	Off-balance sheet
Structured Green Bonds	Structured bonds issued by HSBC through its Markets & Securities Services (MSS) business where the use of proceeds align to eligible projects of HSBC's Green and Sustainable Bond frameworks and the performance (return to the investor) is linked to an ESG market index or an ESG-linked basket of securities (based on Sustainalytics ESG scores) specified as part of the issuance. Reports on the use of proceeds are published annually. The structured bonds are not publicly traded.	Full value of the bond issuance as HSBC is the sole bookrunner. These transactions are private placements and are therefore not recorded or reported on by Dealogic. Issuances are provided by MSS are reviewed by an internal governance committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSBC Green and Sustainable Bond Frameworks 	Off-balance sheet

Governance

We define **sustainable finance and investment** as any form of financial service that integrates ESG criteria into business or investment decisions. This includes financing, investing and advisory activities that support the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including but not limited to the aims of the Paris Agreement on climate change.

Product Design

- ◆ Product teams ensure that labelled sustainable finance and investment products adhere to
 - Our definitions
 - Available internal standards and industry guidelines where appropriate
 - General product governance

Origination

- ◆ Labelled on-balance sheet sustainable finance activities, transactions require approval by sustainable finance forums to ensure alignment to internal standards and industry guidelines
- ◆ The forums include representatives with relevant expertise from; Corporate Sustainability, Reputational and Sustainability Risk, product specialists and business management
- ◆ On-balance sheet sustainable finance activities, facilities are monitored and controlled as part of annual client review processes
- ◆ Specialists within our Debt Capital Markets teams structure labelled issuances with clients

Tracking and monitoring

- ◆ Qualifying transactions and investments are recorded and tracked through HSBC systems
- ◆ On-balance sheet sustainable finance facilities are tracked via internal systems and are reconciled with facilities approved by sustainable finance forums
- ◆ Capital market transactions are validated against external market data for labelled issuances

External Disclosure

- ◆ Internal validation and is undertaken
- ◆ Disclosures follow internal review governance
- ◆ External assurance is provided on our annual disclosures

Notes and additional references

Notes:

1. We define sustainable finance and investment as any form of financial service that integrates ESG criteria into business or investment decisions. This includes financing, investing and advisory activities that support the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including but not limited to the aims of the Paris Agreement on climate change.
2. Apportioned value is calculated as the total issuance value divided by the number of bookrunners participating in the transaction. This methodology is recognised as the industry standard for debt capital markets reporting and league table positioning. Dealogic is an independent third party reporting platform.
3. We began tracking sustainable finance and investment in 2017, and continue to reflect new products in our reporting consistent with developments in the market and our own products and propositions. Additions since 2017 include Sustainability Linked Bonds (2020); Transition Bonds (2020); Green Loans (2018); Green Trade Loans (2019); Sustainable Trade Instruments (2020); and Social Loans (2021). Prior year values are not restated to reflect new products, which are reported only from the time they are introduced.
4. Sustainability Linked Loans and Sustainable Supply Chain Finance were introduced in 2018, however not previously included in the scope of reporting. These have been added from 2020 in order to reflect more fully our activities. We have also clarified our definitions for Sustainable Investments as reflected in this document.
5. Green loans, sustainability linked loans and other lending activity are reviewed by internal committees to validate that transactions meet agreed definitions and standards. Reporting is supported by committees of sustainability experts and controlled by Group Finance.
6. The EU Taxonomy is used as a reference framework only with regard to the classification activities provided. Transactions are not necessarily reviewed against metric & threshold criteria and do no significant harm requirements also set out in the EU Taxonomy.
7. Amounts are converted to USD at the time of recording the transaction as they are a point in time measurement and are not restated to adjust for changes in FX rates. For investments, conversion to USD is done at the time of reporting.
8. All assets under management of HSBC Global Asset Management (HGAM) are subject to ESG integration and corporate engagement as per HGAM's responsible investing policy.
9. Qualifying refinancing facilities include any of the following situations, where (i) an existing green/social-labelled facility is refinanced to support a new qualifying project; (ii) a standard facility is refinanced as a green/social-labelled facility with appropriate amendments to the terms and conditions; or (iii) the structure or product type is changed for a qualifying facility that had not previously been recorded as green/social qualified lending. Extensions to existing facilities that do not meet any one of the conditions stated above will not be counted toward the ambition.

References:

- **HSBC How we do business**
www.hsbc.com/our-approach/how-we-do-business
- **HSBC Green and Sustainability Bonds**
<https://www.hsbc.com/investors/fixed-income-investors/green-and-sustainability-bonds>
- **HSBC Global Asset Management – Responsible investing**
www.global.assetmanagement.hsbc.com/about-us/responsible-investing
- **International Capital Markets Association – Sustainable Finance**
<https://www.icmagroup.org/sustainable-finance>
- **Loan Market Association – Sustainable Lending**
www.lma.eu.com/sustainable-lending
- **Climate Bonds Initiative**
www.climatebonds.net

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