### PRICING SUPPLEMENT

**Pricing Supplement dated 27 October 2023** 

### **HSBC** Bank plc

(a company incorporated in England with registered number 14259; the liability of its members is limited)

### Programme for the Issuance of Notes and Warrants

Issue of USD 1,500,000 Variable Coupon Automatic Early Redemption Reverse Convertible Index-Linked Notes due January 2025 linked to a Basket of Indices

#### **PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

This document constitutes the pricing supplement (the "Pricing Supplement") relating to the issue of the Tranche of Notes described herein for the purposes of listing on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin ("Euronext Dublin") and must be read in conjunction with the offering memorandum dated 1 June 2023 as supplemented from time to time (the "Offering Memorandum") which, together with this Pricing Supplement, constitute listing particulars for the purposes of listing on the Global Exchange Market. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions of the Notes including the Terms and Conditions of the Equity Linked Notes, Index Linked Notes and Inflation Rate-Linked Notes (the "Conditions") set forth in the Offering Memorandum. The Alternative Note General Conditions do not apply.

Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement and the Offering Memorandum. The Offering Memorandum is available for viewing at *HSBC Bank plc*, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, United Kingdom and <a href="www.hsbc.com">www.hsbc.com</a> (please follow the links to 'Investors', 'Fixed income investors', 'Issuance programmes').

The Offering Memorandum does not comprise (i) a base prospectus for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, as amended (the "EUWA") (the "UK Prospectus Regulation") or (ii) a base prospectus for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "EU Prospectus Regulation"). The Offering Memorandum has been prepared solely with regard to Notes that are not to be admitted to listing or trading on any regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II") or Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA ("UK MiFIR") and not to be offered to the public in the United Kingdom (the "UK") (other than pursuant to one or more of the exemptions set out in Section 86 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended, the "FSMA")) or a Member State of the European Economic Area (other than pursuant to one or more of the exemptions set out in Article 1(4) of the EU Prospectus Regulation).

It is advisable that investors considering acquiring any Notes understand the risks of transactions involving the Notes and it is advisable that they reach an investment decision after carefully considering, with their financial, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and other advisers, the suitability of the Notes in light of their particular circumstances (including without limitation their own financial circumstances and investment objectives and the impact the Notes will have on their overall investment portfolio) and the information contained in the Offering Memorandum and this Pricing Supplement. Investors should consider carefully the risk factors set forth under "Part A - Risk Factors" in the Offering Memorandum.

HSBC Bank plc 1. Issuer:

**Tranche Number:** 

**Currency:** 

(i) Settlement Currency: United States Dollar ("USD")

(ii) Denomination Currency: **USD** 

**Aggregate Principal Amount of Notes:** 

(i) Series: USD 1,500,000 (ii) Tranche: USD 1,500,000

**Issue Price:** 100.00 per cent. of the Aggregate Principal Amount

6. Denomination(s): USD 1,000 (i)

(Condition 2)

(ii) Calculation Amount: The Denomination Not applicable (iii) Aggregate Outstanding Nominal

Amount Rounding:

7. (i) Issue Date: 30 October 2023

(ii) Interest Commencement Date: Issue Date

Trade Date: 23 October 2023 (iii)

**Maturity Date:** 30 January 2025, adjusted in accordance with the Following

> Business Day Convention for the purposes of payment only and not for the accrual of interest, subject to early redemption on an Automatic Early Redemption Date. See

paragraph 35(iii).

**Change of Interest Basis or Redemption basis:** Not applicable

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

10. Fixed Rate Note provisions: Not applicable

(Condition 4)

(Condition 7(a))

11. Floating Rate Note provisions: Not applicable

(Condition 5)

12. Zero Coupon Note provisions: Not applicable

(Condition 6)

13. Equity-Linked/Index-Linked Interest Note/ Applicable

variable-linked interest Note other provisions:

(i) Index/formula/other variable:

The Basket as defined in paragraph 31(i)

Provisions for determining interest Unless the Notes have been previously redeemed, or (ii) where calculated by reference to purchased and cancelled in accordance with the Conditions. Equity/ Index and/or formula and/or the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment other variable:

Date shall be an amount in the Settlement Currency (the "Variable Coupon Amount") determined by the

Calculation Agent in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) if the Calculation Agent determines that on the Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>j</sub> (as defined in the Annex(es)) occurring immediately prior to such Interest Payment Date, WO<sub>j</sub> is equal to or greater than the Coupon Trigger Level<sub>j</sub>:

Calculation Amount x Coupon<sub>j</sub>

(b) otherwise, zero.

Where:

"Coupon<sub>j</sub>" means j × 2.855%  $-\sum_{k=0}^{j-1} [Coupon_k]$ 

Where:

"Coupon<sub>0</sub>" means zero;

"j" means, in respect of each Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>j</sub>, the corresponding value set out in Annex 1 (from 1 to 5);

"WO<sub>j</sub>" means, with respect to a Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>j</sub>, the lowest performance (expressed as a percentage) among the Indices comprising the Basket, as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$WO_{j} = \min_{i = 1 \text{ to N}} \left( \frac{S_{j}^{i}}{S_{initial}^{i}} \right)$$

"i" means each Index in the Basket, 1 to N

"N" means the total number of underlyings, 3

In respect of a Variable Coupon Valuation Date,

" $S^i_j$ " means, in respect of an Index (Index<sub>i</sub>), the level of such Index<sub>i</sub> as determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Valuation Time on the relevant Exchange (or, with respect to a Multiple Exchange Index, the official closing level of such Index<sub>i</sub> as calculated and published by the Index Sponsor) on such Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>

"S<sup>i</sup><sub>initial</sub>" means, in respect of an Index (Index<sub>i</sub>) the Initial Index Level (as defined in paragraph 31(vi))

"Coupon Trigger Level<sub>j</sub>" means the level (expressed as a percentage) specified as such in the Annex(es) in respect of the corresponding Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>j</sub>

"Variable Coupon Valuation Date;" means each date specified as such in the Annex(es) (each a "Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>"), provided that (a) if any such date does not constitute a Scheduled Trading Day in respect of an Index in the Basket then such date shall be postponed in respect of such Index only to the next date which is a Scheduled Trading Day in respect of such Index and the provisions of Condition 22(e) apply as if each reference to "Valuation Date" in such Condition (and in the definitions of "Scheduled Valuation Date" and "Disrupted Day Related Payment Date") was deemed to be a reference to "Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>" and (b) if any such date is a Disrupted Day in relation to an Index in the Basket, then in respect of such Index only such date shall be subject to postponement in accordance with Condition 22(e) as if each reference to "Valuation Date" in such Condition (and in the definitions of "Scheduled Valuation Date" and "Disrupted Day Related Payment Date") was deemed to be a reference to "Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>".

(iii) Provisions for determining interest where calculation by reference to Equity/ Index and/or formula and/ or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted:

See adjustment provisions specified in paragraphs 31(x) and 31(xii).

(iv) Interest or Calculation Period(s):

Not applicable

(v) Interest Payment Date(s):

Each date specified as a Variable Coupon Payment Date<sub>j</sub> in the Annex(es), adjusted in accordance with the Business Day Convention for the purposes of payment only, not for the accrual of interest and subject (except in the case of the Maturity Date) to early redemption on an Automatic Early Redemption Date.

(vi) Business Day Convention:

Following Business Day Convention

(vii) Business Centre:

New York

(viii) Minimum Interest Rate:

Not applicable

(ix) Maximum Interest Rate:

Not applicable

(x) Day Count Fraction:

Not applicable

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

14. **Issuer's optional redemption (Call Option):** Not applicable *(Condition 7(c))* 

15. **Noteholders optional redemption (Put** Not applicable **Option):** 

(Condition 7(d))

16. **Final Redemption Amount of each Note:** See paragraph 17(ii) (Condition 7(a))

17. Final Redemption Amount of each Note in cases where the Final Redemption Amount is Equity-Linked, Index-Linked, Inflation Rate-Linked or other variable-linked:

Applicable

(i) Index/formula/other variable:

The Basket as defined in paragraph 31(i)

(ii) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to Equity/ Index and/or formula and/or other variable:

Unless the Notes have been previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the Conditions, if the Calculation Agent determines that:

- (a) If a Barrier Event has not occurred, the Issuer shall redeem the Notes on the Maturity Date by paying an amount in the Settlement Currency in respect of each Note (of the Calculation Amount) equal to 100 per cent. of the Calculation Amount; or
- (b) If a Barrier Event has occurred, the Issuer shall redeem the Notes on the Maturity Date by paying an amount in the Settlement Currency in respect of each Note (of the Calculation Amount) determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

Calculation Amount 
$$\times \frac{WO_{final}}{Strike}$$

Where:

"WO<sub>final</sub>" means the lowest performance (expressed as a percentage) among the Basket as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$WO_{final} = \min_{i = 1 \text{ to N}} \left( \frac{S_{final}^{i}}{S_{initial}^{i}} \right)$$

"i" means each Index in the Basket, 1 to N

"N" means the total number of underlyings, 3

" $S_{\text{final}}$ " means, in respect of an Index<sub>i</sub> and the Final Valuation Date, the Final Index Level (as defined in paragraph 31(vii)) of such Index

" $S_{initial}$ " means, in respect of an Index<sub>i</sub> the Initial Index Level (as defined in paragraph 31(vi)) of such Index

"Strike" means 100.00%

"Barrier Event" means, with respect to the Indices, that the Final Index Level of any Index on the Final Valuation Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent, is less than or equal to the Barrier Level

"Barrier Level" means 65.00% of the Initial Index Level with respect to such Index

(iii) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculation by reference to Equity/Index and/ or formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted:

See adjustment provisions specified in paragraphs 31(x) and 31(xii).

(iv) Minimum Final Redemption Amount: Not applicable

(v) Maximum Final Redemption Amount: 100.00 per cent. per Calculation Amount

18. **Instalment Notes:** 

(Condition 7(a))

19. Early Redemption:

Applicable

(i) Early Redemption Amount (upon redemption for taxation reasons or illegality):

(Conditions 7(b) or 7(f))

Fair Market Value

Not applicable

(ii) Early Redemption Amount (upon redemption following an Event of Default):

(Condition 11)

Fair Market Value

(iii) Early Redemption Amount (upon redemption following an FX Disruption Event or Benchmark Trigger Event): (Conditions 9(f)(Y) or 15A)

Fair Market Value

(iv) Other redemption provisions:

Not applicable

### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

20. Form of Notes: Bearer Notes (Condition 2(a)) 21. New Global Note: No 22. If issued in bearer form: Applicable (i) Initially represented by a Temporary Temporary Global Note Global Note or Permanent Global Note: (ii) Temporary Global Note exchangeable Yes - Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent for Permanent Global Note and/or Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes Definitive Notes: (Condition 2(a)) only in limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note (iii) Permanent Global Note exchangeable Yes at the option of the issuer in circumstances where the Issuer would suffer material disadvantage following a change in law or regulation: Coupons to be attached to Definitive (iv) Yes Notes: Talons for future Coupons to be (v) No attached to Definitive Notes: 23. Exchange Date for exchange of Temporary Not earlier than 40 days after the Issue Date **Global Note:** 24. If issued in registered form (other than Not applicable **Uncertificated Registered Notes):** 25. Payments: (Condition 9) (i) Relevant Financial Centre Day: New York Payment of Alternative Payment (ii) Not applicable Currency Equivalent: Not applicable (iii) Conversion provisions: (iv) Underlying Currency Pair provisions: Not applicable Price Source Disruption: Not applicable (v) (vi) LBMA Physical Settlement provisions: Not applicable (vii) Physical Settlement provisions: Not applicable 26. Redenomination: (Condition 10) Not applicable 27. Other Terms:

### PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO INDEX-LINKED NOTES AND EQUITY-LINKED NOTES

28. Physical Delivery: Not applicable

See Annex(es).

29. **Provisions for Equity-Linked Notes:** Not applicable

30. Additional Provisions for Equity-Linked

Not applicable

**Notes:** 

31. Provisions for Index-Linked Notes: Applicable

(i) Index(ices): The Index or Indices specified in the Annex(es) (the

"Basket")

(ii) Index Sponsor: With respect to an Index, the entity specified in the

Annex(es)

(iii) Index Rules: Not applicable

(iv) Exchange(s): With respect to an Index, each exchange or quotation

system specified as such in respect of such Index in the

Annex(es)

(v) Related Exchange(s): With respect to an Index, each exchange or quotation

system specified as such in respect of such Index in the

Annex(es)

(vi) Initial Index Level: The definition in Condition 22(a) applies, the level in

respect of an Index being the level specified as such in the

Annex(es)

(vii) Final Index Level: The definition in Condition 22(a) applies

(viii) Strike Date: 23 October 2023 (24 October 2023 for NKY)

(ix) Reference Level: Not applicable

(x) Adjustments to Indices: Condition 22 (f) applies

(xi) China Connect Underlying: No

(xii) Additional Disruption Events: The following Additional Disruption Events apply: Change

in Law, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging

(xiii) Index Substitution: Not applicable

(xiv) Alternative Pre-nominated Index: Not applicable

32. Valuation Date(s): 23 January 2025 (the "Final Valuation Date"), each

Variable Coupon Valuation Date<sub>j</sub> and each Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date<sub>j</sub> or in each case, if any date is not a Scheduled Trading Day in respect of the relevant Exchange and the relevant Related Exchange(s) the next following Scheduled Trading Day, subject to adjustment in

accordance with the Disrupted Day provisions.

If a Valuation Date is postponed due to the occurrence of a Disrupted Day, the due date for any related payment (Payment Date including the Maturity Date) may also be postponed, in accordance with the Conditions.

(i) Specified Maximum Number of Disrupted Days:

The definition in Condition 22(a) applies

(ii) Number of local banking days for the purpose of postponing Disrupted Day Related Payment Dates pursuant to Condition 22(e):

The definition in Condition 22(a) applies

33. Valuation Time:34. Averaging Dates:

Not applicable

35. Other terms or special conditions relating to Index-Linked Notes or Equity-Linked Notes:

Applicable

(i) Knock-in Event:

Not applicable

(ii) Knock-out Event:

Not applicable

(iii) Automatic Early Redemption Event:

Applicable

An Automatic Early Redemption Event occurs if  $WO_j$  is equal to or greater than the Automatic Early Redemption Level<sub>j</sub> as of any Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date<sub>j</sub>.

Where:

"WO<sub>j</sub>" means, with respect to an Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date<sub>j</sub>, the lowest performance (expressed as a percentage) among the Indices comprising the Basket, as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$WO_{j} = \min_{i = 1 \text{ to } N} \left( \frac{S_{j}^{i}}{S_{initial}^{i}} \right)$$

"i" means each Index in the Basket, 1 to N

"N" means the total number of underlyings, 3

In respect of an Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>,

" $S_j^i$ " means, in respect of an Index (Index<sub>i</sub>), the level of such Index<sub>i</sub> as determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Valuation Time on the relevant Exchange (or, with respect

to a Multiple Exchange Index, the official closing level of such Index<sub>i</sub> as calculated and published by the Index Sponsor) on such Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>.

"Sinitial" means, in respect of an Index (Index;) the Initial Index Level (as defined in paragraph 31(vi))

**Automatic Early Redemption Valuation** Date(s):

Each date specified as such in the Annex(es) (each an "Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>").

Each Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date shall be subject to postponement in accordance with Condition 22(e) as if each reference to "Valuation Date" in such Condition (and in the definitions of "Scheduled Valuation Date" and "Disrupted Day Related Payment Date") was deemed to be a reference to "Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date".

Automatic Early Redemption Level:

In respect of the Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>, the level specified as such in the Annex(es) (each an "Automatic Early Redemption Level;").

Automatic Early Redemption Date(s):

Each date specified as such in the Annex(es) (each an "Automatic Early Redemption Date;"), subject to adjustment in accordance with the Following Business Day Convention.

Automatic Early Redemption Rate:

In respect of an Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date<sub>i</sub>, the rate specified as such in the Annex(es) (each an "Automatic Early Redemption Rate;").

**Automatic Early Redemption Amount:** 

The definition in Condition 22(a) applies

Accrued interest payable on Automatic

Early Redemption Date:

No, interest does not accrue

Interest adjustment: Not applicable (iv)

### DISTRIBUTION

36. (i) If syndicated, names of Relevant Not applicable Dealer(s):

(ii) If syndicated, names of other Dealers (if any):

Not applicable

37. Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors:

Not applicable

38. Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors:

Not applicable

39. Selling Restrictions:

TEFRA D Rules

United States of America:  40-Day Distribution Compliance Period:	Notes may not be offered or sold within the United States of America or to, or for the account or the benefit of a U.S. Person (as defined in Regulation S).  Not applicable
40. Exemption(s) from requirements under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "EU Prospectus Regulation"):	The offer is addressed to investors who will acquire Notes for a consideration of at least EUR 100,000 (or equivalent amount in another currency) per investor for each separate offer.
41. Exemption(s) from requirements under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "UK Prospectus Regulation"):	The offer is addressed to investors who will acquire Notes for a consideration of at least EUR 100,000 (or equivalent amount in another currency) per investor for each separate offer.
42. Additional U.S. federal income tax considerations:	The Notes are not Section 871(m) Notes for the purpose of Section 871(m).
43. Additional selling restrictions:	Not applicable
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HSBC BANK PLC:	
JU; Mr	
Balajee Swaminathan By:	
Authorised Signatory	

Date: -----

### **PART B - OTHER INFORMATION**

### 1. LISTING

(i) Listing: Application will be made to admit the Notes to listing on the

Official List of Euronext Dublin on or around the Issue Date. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, or when, such

application will be granted.

(ii) Admission to trading: Application will be made for the Notes to be admitted to trading

on the Global Exchange Market with effect from the Issue Date. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, or when, such

application will be granted.

(iii) Estimated total expenses of EUR 1,000

admission to trading:

### 2. RATINGS

Ratings: The Notes are not rated.

### 3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

Save for any fees payable and/or discount to the Issue Price offered to the Dealer(s) and/or distributor(s) in respect of the Notes (the "**Distributors**"), so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the issue. The Distributor(s) and its affiliates have engaged, and may in future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

## 4. PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA/OTHER VARIABLE AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING

Details of past and future performance and volatility of the underlying can be obtained from Bloomberg.

### OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

5. ISIN Code: XS2711325063

6. Common Code: 271132506

7. CUSIP: Not applicable

8. Valoren Number: 129263176

9. SEDOL: Not applicable

10. WKN: Not applicable

11. Other identifier code:

Not applicable

12. Intended to be held in a manner which would Not applicable

allow Eurosystem eligibility:

13. Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear None and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the

relevant identification number(s):

14. Central Depositary: Not applicable

15. Delivery: Delivery against payment

16. Settlement procedures: Medium Term Note

17. Additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): None

18. Common Depositary: HSBC Bank plc

19. Calculation Agent: HSBC Bank plc

20. ERISA Considerations: ERISA prohibited

ANNEX 1
(This Annex forms part of the Pricing Supplement to which it is attached)

j	Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date <sub>j</sub> *	Automatic Early Redemption Date <sub>i</sub> *	Automatic Early Redemption Level <sub>i</sub>	Automatic Early Redemption Rate <sub>i</sub>	Variable Coupon Valuation Date <sub>j</sub> *	Variable Coupon Payment Date <sub>j</sub> *	Coupon Trigger Level <sub>j</sub>
1	-	-	-	-	23 Jan 2024	30 Jan 2024	80.00%
2	-	-	-	-	23 Apr 2024	02 May 2024	80.00%
3	23 Jul 2024	30 Jul 2024	95.00%	100.00%	23 Jul 2024	30 Jul 2024	80.00%
4	23 Oct 2024	30 Oct 2024	95.00%	100.00%	23 Oct 2024	30 Oct 2024	80.00%
5	-	-	-	-	23 Jan 2025	30 Jan 2025	80.00%

<sup>\*</sup>Subject to postponement in accordance with Condition 22(e)

# ANNEX 2 (This Annex forms part of the Pricing Supplement to which it is attached)

### **Information in relation to underlying Indices**

i	Index	Bloomberg Code	Index Sponsor	Exchange	Related Exchange	Initial Index Level	Barrier Level
1	S&P 500	SPX	Standard & Poor's Corporation	Multiple Exchange Index	All Exchanges	4,209.00	2735.85
2	SMI	SMI	Swiss Exchange	SIX Swiss Exchange	All Exchanges	10,303.00	6696.95
3	NIKKEI225	NKY	Nikon Keizai Shinbun, Inc	Tokyo Stock Exchange	All Exchanges	30,842.00	20047.30

### ANNEX 3

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### STATEMENTS REGARDING THE STANDARD & POOR'S 500® INDEX (THE "S&P 500 INDEX")

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