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This dividend currency election form is only applicable for Hong Kong Overseas Branch registered shareholder(s) of HSBC Holdings plc, who own paper share certificate(s) issued in his/her own name(s).

Non-registered shareholders who wish to change their banking instruction or dividend currency election preference should contact and instruct their relevant intermediary such as banks, brokers, custodians, nominees or HKSCC Nominees Limited through which their shares are held.

Hong Kong Stock Code: 5



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Dividend Currency Election Form

The default currency on the Hong Kong Overseas Branch Register is Hong Kong dollars and can also be paid in United States dollars or sterling, or a combination of these currencies. You can change your dividend currency election by completing this form.

The Registrar can arrange for direct credit of Hong Kong dollar cash dividends into your bank account. They can also arrange to send US dollar and/or sterling cheques to the credit of your bank account. You may register or change your banking instructions through the Registrar's Investor Centre at www.investorcentre.com/hk. Before using this facility, you will need to register with Investor Centre. You should register without delay so that the formalities can be completed in time for you to give your instruction for future dividends (please refer to www.hsbc.com for dividend deadline dates).

If you wish to change the currency of your whole dividend, please complete the "one currency election" section overleaf.

GBP	
USD	
HKD	
Total*	

*If the aggregate of the numbers of existing ordinary shares is not equal to the number of ordinary shares registered in your name on the record date, the Registrar will automatically adjust the numbers (except where no number has been indicated) up or down as appropriate to eliminate the difference, in the following order: (i) Hong Kong dollars (ii) United States dollars (iii) sterling.

Shareholders are advised to check their shareholdings as at record date with the Registrar or through the Registrar's Investor Centre at www.investorcentre.com/hk

Name of securities holder (To be completed in English Block Letters)

Shareholder Reference Number (SRN) /Certificate Number(s)

Registered address (To be completed in English Block Letters)

Signature (Please sign in box below)

2nd Joint Holder

3rd Joint Holder

4th Joint Holder

Daytime telephone number (if any)

Date

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In the case of joint holders ALL must sign. In the case of a corporation, this form should be executed under its common seal or by a duly authorised representative. If the form is not signed correctly, you will be paid the dividend as if you had not returned it.

All enquiries regarding this form should be addressed to the Registrar: Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Rooms 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong SAR (telephone +852 2862 8555 or email: hsbc.ecom@computershare.com.hk)

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ONE CURRENCY ELECTION

Until further notice to the contrary, I/we hereby elect to receive any dividends that may be payable to me/us in cash in the following currency (please insert a 'X' in one box only)

sterling

United States dollars

Hong Kong dollars

DIVIDEND PAYMENT INSTRUCTION

This section need only be completed if you wish any dividends payable to you in cash to be sent direct to your bank account, or if you wish to change bank account details you have previously given. The bank account must be denominated in the selected currency.

Please send any dividend cheques, payable in sterling and/or United States dollars, to the credit of my/our bank account(s) specified below; and/or

Please credit any cash dividends, payable in Hong Kong dollars, directly to my/our bank account specified below.

Dividends payable in sterling

Bank:

Branch:

Address:

Bank Sort Code:

Bank Account Number:

Reference or Roll Number: (if applicable)

Dividends payable in United States dollars

Bank:

Branch:

Address:

Please insert a 'X' if this is a Savings Account

ABA/ACH Number:*

* It is advisable to check with your bank regarding the routing number to be used for a payment to be sent direct to your bank account.

Bank Account Number:

Dividends payable in Hong Kong dollars

Bank:

Branch:

Address:

Bank Number: Branch Number:

Bank Account Number:

If no instructions are given here for dividends payable in cash to be sent to a bank, they will be sent in accordance with instructions you have previously given for the payment of your dividends in that currency or, if none have been given, they will be sent to your registered address.

Compliance by HSBC Holdings plc with this authorisation will discharge it from all liability in respect of dividends so paid.

Signature (Please sign in box below)

2nd Joint Holder

3rd Joint Holder

4th Joint Holder

Date

Daytime telephone number (if any)

In the case of joint holders ALL must sign. In the case of a corporation, the One Currency Election and/or Dividend Payment Instruction should be executed under its common seal or by a duly authorised representative.

Completed forms must be returned to the Registrar at the address shown below. The current dividend timetable including the current election deadline date can be viewed at www.hsbc.com/investors. Any instructions received after the election deadline date will not apply for the current dividend but only to subsequent dividends. No acknowledgement of receipt of a form of election will be issued. All enquiries regarding this form should be addressed to Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Rooms 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong SAR (telephone +852 2862 8555 or email: hsbc.ecom@computershare.com.hk)