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HSBC DISPOSES OF NON-CORE INVESTMENTS IN INDIA

****** India remains a priority market for HSBC ******

HSBC Iris Investments (Mauritius) Ltd ('HSBC'), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, has sold its stakes in two non-core investments in India. The sales of 4.73% in Axis Bank Limited and 4.74% in Yes Bank Limited were undertaken on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India respectively.

The total cash proceeds from the sales were INR24.3bn (approximately US\$425m), comprising INR18.8bn for the 4.73% stake in Axis Bank and INR5.5bn for the 4.74% stake in Yes Bank.

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1. HSBC in India

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