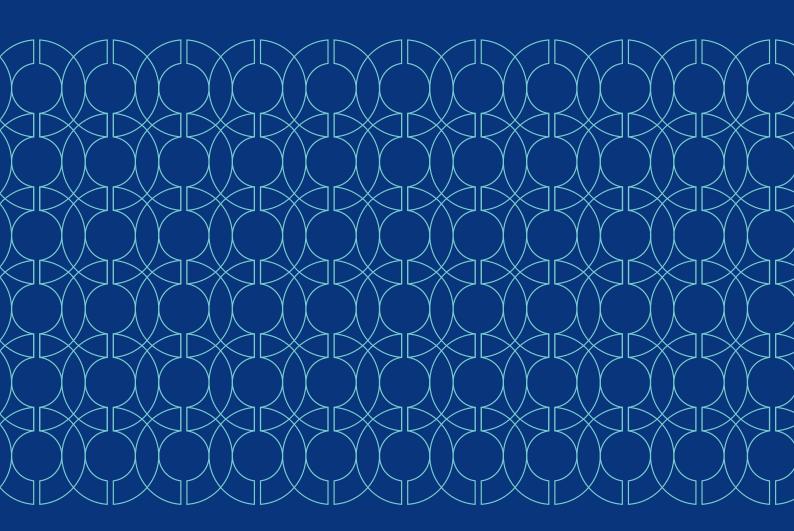
# Schroders SCHRODER CHINA OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Semi-Annual Report & Financial Statements
June 2023



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# **Further Information**

Schroders is a Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") compliant organisation. Please find the FATCA classification of this Fund and its Global Intermediary Identification Number ("GIIN") below.

FATCA entity classification: Nonreporting IGA FFI / Sponsored Investment Entity

GIIN: WM9S4Z.00020.SF.702



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### COMMENTARY

The Fund delivered negative return year-to-date, and underperformed the benchmark for the period. At the regional level, stock selection in China was the key detracting factor. The off-benchmark allocation to Hong Kong was, however, a positive factor and help offset part of the underperformance. From a sector perspective, stock selection was negative. It was notably weaker in technology, financials and communication services. Sector allocation effect was also unfavourable, mainly due to the underweight in financials.

At the individual stock level, select consumer names performed very well on the back of China reopening. Household products retailer Miniso was a key contributor as market expected Miniso, which runs physical retail shops, to substantially benefit from the reopening-led consumption recovery in China. Interestingly, the non-holding of ecommerce company JD.com also helped, as the company is expected to lose market share in 2023 given its under-representation in apparel and cosmetics categories which are more directly benefitting from reopening. Lastly, the automotive sector rebounded near the end of the period on the back of more auto purchase stimulus from the government. Our exposure to auto-parts maker Zhejiang Sanhua was therefore beneficial to return. Conversely, the underweight position in the EV company Li Auto was a detracting factor as Li Auto also rose higher on back of the stimulus policies which aimed at boosting auto consumption and EV demand. Leading Chinese photovoltaic producer, LONGi Green Energy, also traded lower amid investor worries over increasing industry competition and EU and US policies to localise the value chain. Increasing competition in the solar industry was also depressing the performance of the solar sector. Lastly, the share price of the duty-free shops operator China Tourism did not perform well despite the reopening, as investors were getting worried about the rising competition from overseas market.

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# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

|   | 30 Jun 2023  | 30 Jun 2022  |
|---|--------------|--------------|
|   | \$           | \$           |
| Expenses  |              |              |
| Management fees   | 330,167      | 324,141      |
| Less: Management fee rebates  | (110,056)    | (108,047)    |
| Trustee fees  | 29,491       | 29,048       |
| Valuation fees  | 13,044       | 12,840       |
| Audit fees  | 7,779        | 7,736        |
| Transaction costs   | 184          | 237          |
| Others  | 16,288       | 31,417       |
|   | 286,897      | 297,372      |
| Net expense   | (286,897)    | (297,372)    |
| Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives |              |              |
| Net losses on investments   | (9,966,139)  | (11,287,862) |
| Net losses on spot foreign exchange contracts                         | (4,707)      | (9,910)      |
| Net foreign exchange losses   | (7,640)      | (3,362)      |
|   | (9,978,486)  | (11,301,134) |
| Total deficit for the period  | (10,265,383) | (11,598,506) |

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

| 30 Jun 2023   31 Dec 2022   \$  |  |             |             |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|
| Portfolio of investments       134,130,319       138,756,107         Bank balances       1,297,395       1,622,780         Receivables       359,265       457,197         Total assets       135,786,979       140,836,084         LIABILITIES         Payables       454,624       422,694         Total liabilities       454,624       422,694         EQUITY |  |             |             |
| Bank balances       1,297,395       1,622,780         Receivables       359,265       457,197         Total assets       135,786,979       140,836,084         LIABILITIES         Payables       454,624       422,694         Total liabilities       454,624       422,694         EQUITY  | ASSETS                                 |             |             |
| Receivables       359,265       457,197         Total assets       135,786,979       140,836,084         LIABILITIES       454,624       422,694         Total liabilities       454,624       422,694         EQUITY   | Portfolio of investments               | 134,130,319 | 138,756,107 |
| LIABILITIES         Payables       454,624       422,694         Total liabilities       454,624       422,694         EQUITY   |  |             |             |
| Payables  | Total assets                           | 135,786,979 | 140,836,084 |
| Total liabilities 454,624 422,694 EQUITY  | LIABILITIES                            |             |             |
| EQUITY  | Payables                               | 454,624     | 422,694     |
|   | Total liabilities                      | 454,624     | 422,694     |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders 135,332,355 140,413,390  | EQUITY                                 |             |             |
|   | Net assets attributable to unitholders | 135,332,355 | 140,413,390 |

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# STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS OF UNITHOLDERS' FUNDS

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

|   | 30 Jun 2023<br>\$                       | 31 Dec 2022<br>\$                        |
|---|---|--|
| Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of the financial period/year  | 140,413,390                             | 160,616,761                              |
| Operations Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations   | (10,265,383)                            | (34,121,785)                             |
| Unitholders' contributions/(withdrawals) Creation of units Cancellation of units Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units | 16,129,768<br>(10,945,420)<br>5,184,348 | 46,337,619<br>(32,419,205)<br>13,918,414 |
| Total decrease in net assets attributable to unitholders  | (5,081,035)                             | (20,203,371)                             |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of the financial period/year  | 135,332,355                             | 140,413,390                              |

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# STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

| Ρ | ri | m | a | ry |
|---|----|---|---|----|
|---|----|---|---|----|

|             |             | of total net |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|             |             | assets       |
|             |             | attributable |
|             |             | to           |
| Holdings    | Fair value  | unitholders  |
| at          | at          | at           |
| 30 Jun 2023 | 30 Jun 2023 | 30 Jun 2023  |
|             | \$          | %            |

**Percentage** 

# Quoted

# Collective investment scheme

# **LUXEMBOURG**

By geography

(country of domicile)
Schroder Intl Selection Fund
- China Opportunities
C Accumulation Share Clas

| C Accumulation Share Class             | 250,779 | 134,130,319 | 99.11  |
|--|---------|-------------|--------|
| Portfolio of investments               |         | 134,130,319 | 99.11  |
| Other net assets                       |         | 1,202,036   | 0.89   |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders |         | 135,332,355 | 100.00 |

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# STATEMENT OF PORTFOLIO

As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

| Primary (continued)                    |              |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|
|  | Percentage   | Percentage   |
|  | of total net | of total net |
|  | assets       | assets       |
|  | attributable | attributable |
|  | to           | to           |
|  | unitholders  | unitholders  |
|  | at           | at           |
|  | 30 Jun 2023  | 31 Dec 2022  |
| By geography (summary)                 | %            | %            |
| Quoted                                 |              |              |
| Luxembourg                             | 99.11        | 98.82        |
| Portfolio of investments               | 99.11        | 98.82        |
| Other net assets                       | 0.89         | 1.18         |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | 100.00       | 100.00       |

As the Fund invests wholly into an underlying collective investment scheme, it is not meaningful to show any secondary segmentation analysis.

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# **UNITS IN ISSUE**

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

|   | 30 Jun 2023<br>Units                                 | 31 Dec 2022<br>Units                                   |
|---|--|--|
| At the beginning of the financial period/year Created Cancelled At the end of the financial period/year | 84,458,721<br>9,200,819<br>(6,408,479)<br>87,251,061 | 76,757,677<br>25,986,018<br>(18,284,974)<br>84,458,721 |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders  | \$<br>135,332,355                                    | \$<br>140,413,390                                      |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit   | 1.55   | 1.66   |

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# **FINANCIAL RATIOS**

For the financial period ended 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

|  | 30 Jun 2023 | 30 Jun 2022 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Expense ratio¹ (excluding underlying fund's unaudited expense ratio)             | 0.37%       | 0.39%       |
| Expense ratio <sup>2</sup> (including underlying fund's unaudited expense ratio) | 1.65%       | 1.66%       |
| Turnover ratio <sup>3</sup>  | 0.66%       | -           |

The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the Investment Management Association of Singapore ("IMAS"). The calculation of the expense ratio was based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the year. The total operating expenses do not include brokerage and other transaction costs, interest expense, distribution paid out to unitholders, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received. The Fund does not pay any performance fee. The respective values used in the calculation of the expense ratio are disclosed below. The average net asset value is based on the daily balances.

| Expense ratio calculations | 30 Jun 2023 | 30 Jun 2022 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                            | \$          | \$          |
| Total operating expenses   | 531,435     | 611,305     |
| Average net asset value    | 142,404,682 | 158,449,249 |

- The expense ratio is the sum of the Fund's expense ratio and the underlying fund's unaudited expense ratio. The unaudited expense ratio of the underlying fund, a Luxembourg domiciled fund, is obtained from Schroder Investment Management (Europe) SA. There is no requirement for the expense ratio of this Luxembourg domiciled fund to be published or audited.
- The portfolio turnover ratio is calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes. The calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio was based on the lower value of purchases or sales of the underlying investments divided by the average daily net asset value.

| Turnover ratio calculations                         | 30 Jun 2023<br>\$              | 30 Jun 2022<br>\$        |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lower of purchases or sales Average net asset value | 968,408 (sales)<br>146,955,405 | - (sales)<br>145,671,734 |

30 June 2023

The following is a report on the Schroder China Opportunities Fund (the "Fund"):

1. The only security holding of the Fund as at 30 June 2023:

|   | Fair value<br>\$ | Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders |
|---|------------------|--|
| Schroder Intl Selection Fund - China Opportunities C Accumulation Share Class | 134,130,319      | 99.11  |

The only security holding of the Fund as at 30 June 2022:

|   | Fair value<br>\$ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets<br>attributable<br>to<br>unitholders<br>% |
|---|------------------|--|
| Schroder Intl Selection Fund - China Opportunities C Accumulation Share Class | 154,277,129      | 98.54  |

The Fund was not invested in other unit trusts, mutual funds or collective investment schemes as at 30 June 2023 other than as stated in the Statement of Portfolio.

- 2. The Fund did not have any exposure to financial derivatives as at 30 June 2023.
- 3. The Fund did not have any borrowings as at 30 June 2023.
- 4. The amount of subscriptions and redemptions in the period 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 were as follows:

.65%

1.66%

|    |   | \$                       |    |
|----|---|--------------------------|----|
|    | Subscriptions<br>Redemptions              | 16,129,768<br>10,945,420 |    |
| 5. | Expense Ratio (including underlying fund) |                          |    |
|    | 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023               |                          | 1. |

1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

# 6. Turnover of Portfolio

1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

0.66%

1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022

7. Soft dollar commissions/arrangements:

The Fund invests substantially into the underlying fund. In the management of the underlying fund, the manager may enter into soft dollar commission arrangements only where there is a direct and identifiable benefit to their clients, and where the manager is satisfied that the transactions generating the soft dollar commissions are made in good faith, in strict compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and in the best interests of the underlying fund on terms commensurate with best market practice.

In the management of the Fund, the Manager currently does not receive or enter into any soft dollar commissions or arrangements.

# 8. Related Party Transactions

The Manager of the Fund is Schroder Investment Management (Singapore) Ltd. The Trustee is HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited. The Registrar for the Fund is The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited. Both Trustee and Registrar are subsidiaries of the HSBC Group. The registration fees payable by the Fund to the Registrar has been waived by the Registrar. The management fees, net of any management fee rebates, paid to the Manager; trustee fees and valuation fees charged by the HSBC Group are shown in the Statement of Total Return.

As at reporting date, the Fund maintained with the HSBC Group, the following bank balances:

**30 Jun 2023** 31 Dec 2022 \$

Current accounts **1,297,395** 1,622,780

In addition to the above, the respective management fees are chargeable by:

i) Schroder Investment Management (Europe) SA as Management Company of the following underlying fund:

Underlying fund
Schroder Intl Selection Fund
- China Opportunities C Acc

Per annum of Net Asset Value

1.000%

9. Performance of Fund for periods ended 30 June 2023

|             | 3<br>mths | •     | -      | 3<br>yrs* | •     | - •  | Since<br>Launch*# |
|-------------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|------|-------------------|
| Fund        | -10.1%    | -6.7% | -19.8% | -6.9%     | -1.8% | 6.0% | 3.6%              |
| Benchmark** | -8.1%     | -4.6% | -19.1% | -11.2%    | -5.4% | 3.7% | 2.1%              |

<sup>\*</sup> Returns of more than 1 year are annualised

# Source

Fund: Morningstar (\$, bid to bid, net income reinvested, net of fees) Benchmark: Schroders (\$)

- 10. The Fund invests more than 30% of its assets in Schroder International Selection Fund China Opportunities C Accumulation Share Class. The following are the key information on the underlying fund:
  - i. Top 10 holdings as at 30 June 2023:

|  | Market value<br>US\$ | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets<br>% |
|--|----------------------|---|
| Tencent Hldg Ltd                       | 128,834,404          | 9.67                                      |
| Alibaba Group Hldg Ltd                 | 126,702,707          | 9.51                                      |
| Meituan                                | 57,689,035           | 4.33                                      |
| Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd | 40,768,694           | 3.06                                      |
| China Mengniu Dairy Co Ltd             | 31,309,291           | 2.35                                      |
| China Petroleum & Chemical Corp        | 29,444,057           | 2.21                                      |
| LONGi Green Energy Technology Co Ltd   | 29,177,595           | 2.19                                      |
| Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd                 | 28,511,440           | 2.14                                      |
| Shenzhou International Group Hldg Ltd  | 27,179,130           | 2.04                                      |
| PetroChina Co Ltd                      | 25,980,050           | 1.95                                      |

<sup>#</sup> Since launch figures from 1 March 2011

<sup>\*\*</sup> Benchmark: The benchmark of the Fund has been changed from the MSCI TR China Gross to the MSCI TR China Net with effect from 2 April 2013.

# Top 10 holdings as at 30 June 2022:

|     |  | Market value<br>US\$   | Percentage<br>of total net<br>assets<br>%    |
|-----|--|--|--|
|     | Alibaba Group Hldg Ltd Tencent Hldg Ltd Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc Meituan Kweichow Moutai Co Ltd Contemporary Amperex Technology Co Ltd LONGi Green Energy Technology Co Ltd Pinduoduo Inc NIO Inc China Merchants Bank Co Ltd | 167,801,365<br>159,525,747<br>52,647,018<br>51,590,556<br>50,005,863<br>44,371,400<br>41,554,168<br>41,202,014<br>40,673,783<br>40,497,706 | 2.99<br>2.93<br>2.84<br>2.52<br>2.36<br>2.34 |
| ii. | Expense Ratio  |  |  |
|     | 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023  |  | 1.30%  |
|     | 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022  |  | 1.29%  |

Brokerage and other transaction costs, performance fees, interest expense, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds, tax deducted at source or arising out of income received and dividends paid to unitholders are not included in the expense ratio.

# iii. Turnover of Portfolio

| 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 | 83.25% |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 | 74.02% |

