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## NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS

### Eastspring Investments Unit Trusts – Global Basics Fund ("Global Basics Fund")

### Eastspring Investments Unit Trusts – Global Balanced Fund ("Global Balanced Fund")

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Dear Unitholder,

### **Proposed changes to the underlying M&G Global Basics Fund (the "Underlying Fund")**

As you are aware, the Global Basics Fund feeds into the Underlying Fund and the Global Balanced Fund feeds into the Underlying Fund for its equity participation. The Underlying Fund is managed by the UK domiciled M&G Investment Management Limited ("**M&G manager**").

We are writing to inform you that the M&G manager is proposing to amend the investment objective and policy of the Underlying Fund.

The proposed change to the investment objective and policy requires shareholders of the Underlying Fund to approve an extraordinary resolution at a shareholders' meeting on Friday 20 October 2017.

As the manager of the Global Basics Fund and the Global Balanced Fund, we will be able to vote at the shareholders' meeting. We have carefully assessed the proposed changes, and have formed the view that they will not materially affect the risk and return profile of the Underlying Fund. Furthermore the inclusion of a market index in the investment objective as a point of reference against which to assess the Underlying Fund's performance provides clients with a more diversified, broad investment universe which the Underlying Fund can invest in. For these reasons, we intend to vote for the proposed change to the investment objective and policy at the shareholders' meeting.

If the proposal is approved at the shareholders' meeting, the change to the Underlying Fund's investment objective and policy, along with other related changes, will take place on Friday 17 November 2017. Changes will also be made to the Global Basics Fund and the Global Balanced Fund. The changes are described in the following Appendices.

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We will notify you of the results of the shareholders' meeting as soon as practicable. Results of the shareholders' meeting will also be posted on our website ([www.eastspring.com.sg](http://www.eastspring.com.sg)) on or around 25 October 2017.

If you have any questions regarding your investment, please do not hesitate to contact us at (65) 6349 9711 or your distributor, during normal business hours.

Thank you for your valuable support and we look forward to continually serving you.

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## Appendix 1

### Global Basics Fund

The Global Basics Fund currently feeds into the Underlying Fund and will continue to feed into the Underlying Fund whether or not the change to the investment objective and policy of the Underlying Fund is approved.

However, you should note that if the change to the investment objective and policy of the Underlying Fund is approved:

- (1) The following changes to the Global Basics Fund (referred to as the “Fund” in the table below in this Appendix 1) will take place on Friday 17 November 2017. This will include a change to the investment objective and policy of the Global Basics Fund to track that of the Underlying Fund.
- (2) The investment approach of the Underlying Fund will be updated as set out in Appendix 3.

There is no change to the fees and charges for the Global Basics Fund.

	<b>Current</b>	<b>New</b>
<b>Investment objective and policy</b>	The investment objective of the Fund is to invest wholly or mainly in companies operating in basic industries (‘primary’ and ‘secondary’ industries) and also in companies that service these industries. The Fund may also invest in other global equities. The sole aim of the Fund is long-term capital growth. The Manager intends to achieve this investment objective by investing all or substantially all of the assets of the Fund into the M&G Global Basics Fund which shares the same investment objective.	The investment objective of the Fund is to provide a higher total return (the combination of capital growth and income) than that of the MSCI All Country World Index over any five-year period.  The Fund will invest at least 80% of its net asset value in the equity securities of companies across any sectors and market capitalisations that are domiciled in any country, including emerging markets.  The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, other transferable securities and may hold cash for liquidity purposes.  Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio

		management.  The Manager intends to achieve this investment objective by investing all or substantially all of the assets of the Fund into the M&G Global Basics Fund <sup>1</sup> which shares the same investment objective.
<b>Name</b>	Global Basics Fund	Global Themes Fund
<b>Benchmark</b>	FTSE Global Basics Composite Index	MSCI All Country World Index
<b>Product suitability<sup>2</sup></b>	<p>The Fund is only suitable for investors who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seek long-term capital growth through global investment in the securities of companies operating wholly or mainly in basic industries also in companies that service these industries; the fund may also invest in other global equities; and</li> <li>• appreciate that their capital will be at risk and that the value of their investment and any derived income may fall as well as rise</li> </ul>	<p>The Fund is only suitable for investors who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seek long-term total return;</li> <li>• are comfortable with the risk of a fund that invests in a diversified global portfolio of equity securities; and</li> <li>• appreciate that their capital will be at risk and that the value of their investment and any derived income may fall as well as rise</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> To be known as M&G Global Themes Fund (please refer to Appendix 3).

<sup>2</sup> You should consult your financial advisers if in doubt whether this product is suitable for you.

## Appendix 2

### Global Balanced Fund

The Global Balanced Fund currently feeds into the Underlying Fund for its equity participation.

The Global Balanced Fund will continue to feed into the Underlying Fund for its equity participation whether or not the change to the investment objective and policy of the Underlying Fund is approved.

If the change to the investment objective and policy of the Underlying Fund is approved:

- This will not affect the current investment objective<sup>3</sup> or focus<sup>4</sup> or product suitability<sup>5</sup> of the Global Balanced Fund.
- However, you should note the changes to the Underlying Fund (as set out in Appendix 3) and that the benchmark of the Global Balanced Fund will be changed on Friday 17 November 2017.

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Current	New
60% FTSE Global Basics Composite Index 40% Citigroup World Government Bond Index ex Japan hedged to Singapore Dollars	60% MSCI All Country World Index 40% Citigroup World Government Bond Index ex Japan hedged to Singapore Dollars

There is no change to the fees and charges for the Global Balanced Fund.

<sup>3</sup> Investment objective of the Global Balanced Fund: To maximise total return in the medium to long term by investing primarily in a portfolio comprising global equities and high quality debt securities of major global bond markets.

<sup>4</sup> Investment focus of the Global Balanced Fund: We adopt a relatively balanced approach towards equities and bonds exposure with the aim of achieving potentially higher returns while minimizing volatility. The asset allocation will normally be 60% invested in the Underlying Fund and 40% invested in Legg Mason Western Asset Global Bond Trust. However, depending on the global market conditions, we will vary the asset allocation in the range of +/- 10%.

<sup>5</sup> Product suitability of the Global Balanced Fund: The Fund is only suitable for investors who seek total return in the medium to long term; seek a fund that invests in both equities and bonds; and appreciate that their capital will be at risk and that the value of their investment and any derived income may fall as well as rise.

## Appendix 3

### Proposed changes to the Underlying Fund

	<b>Current wording</b>	<b>Proposed wording</b>
<b>Investment objective</b>	The sole aim of the Fund is long term capital growth.	The Fund aims to provide a higher total return (the combination of capital growth and income) than that of the MSCI All Country World Index over any five-year period.
<b>Investment policy</b>	The Fund is a global equity fund which invests wholly or mainly in companies operating in basic industries ('primary' and 'secondary' industries) and also in companies that service these industries. The Fund may also invest in other global equities.	The Fund will invest at least 80% of its Net Asset Value in the equity securities of companies across any sectors and market capitalisations that are domiciled in any country, including emerging markets.  The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, other transferable securities and may hold cash for liquidity purposes.  Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management.
<b>Fund name</b>	M&G Global Basics Fund	M&G Global Themes Fund
<b>Performance comparator</b>	FTSE Global Basics Composite Index	MSCI All Country World Index

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#### 1. What changes are being made and why?

The M&G manager is proposing to amend the investment objective and policy of the Underlying Fund (see (a) and (b) below). This change requires shareholder approval.

If shareholders of the Underlying Fund approve this change, the M&G manager will make other changes to the Underlying Fund that do not require shareholder approval (see (c) to (e)).

#### Changes requiring shareholder approval

Under the proposal, the Underlying Fund's investment objective and policy will be changed, which the M&G manager believes will increase the prospects for better returns for investors.

### (a) Proposed new investment objective

The M&G manager is proposing to amend the Underlying Fund's investment objective from one focused on long-term capital growth to one aiming to deliver a long-term total return (the combination of capital growth and income). This is because the fund manager will aim to maximise the combined effect of capital growth and income received by the Underlying Fund. The proposed investment objective also includes a market index as a point of reference against which to assess the Underlying Fund's performance.

**The proposed change is not expected to have any effect on the return profile of the Underlying Fund as the Underlying Fund already holds companies that pay dividends.** (Dividends represent a share in the profits of a company and are paid out to the company's shareholders at set times of the year.) Accordingly, there should be no investor tax implications as a result of these changes. Furthermore, the Underlying Fund's performance is already reported on a total return basis.

### (b) Proposed new investment policy

The M&G manager is proposing to remove the restriction currently placed on the Underlying Fund to invest wholly or mainly in companies that operate in basic industries ('primary' and 'secondary' industries such as mining and manufacturing) and also companies that service these industries.

The Underlying Fund's strategy since launch has been to assess structural trends in the global economy in order to identify companies that are positioned to benefit from these trends. Until recently, a large number of these companies either operated in basic industries, or serviced them. However, in recent years, new global themes have developed such as increased demand for healthcare and medicines to support an ageing population. Removing the basic industry restriction will enable the fund manager to take full advantage of the wider range of themes now developing in the global economy, which the M&G manager believes will provide better return prospects for investors.

The proposed new investment policy also describes more explicitly the types of investments in which the Underlying Fund is permitted to invest. The proposed investment policy allows the Underlying Fund to invest in the equity securities of companies in any sector and of any size that are domiciled in any country, including emerging markets. The Underlying Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, other transferable securities and may hold cash for liquidity purposes. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management.

**The overall risk profile of the Underlying Fund will not be materially affected.**



## **Changes that do not require shareholder approval**

### **(c) Investment approach of the Underlying Fund**

The investment approach of the Underlying Fund (which provides further details on the way the Underlying Fund is managed) will be as follows:

The investment process of the Underlying Fund combines top-down and bottom-up analysis. The fund manager aims to identify themes arising from long-term structural shifts, changes or trends. Stocks that can benefit from these themes are then selected on the basis of their quality, growth and valuation.

Themes are identified through a “top-down” analysis of global macroeconomics, demographics, government policies and spending, and technological innovation, among other considerations.

The bottom-up stock selection process is designed to identify well-run companies which can benefit from those themes and which are trading on attractive valuations with good, sustainable growth prospects.

The Underlying Fund is invested across the market-cap spectrum and is geographically diversified.

### **(d) Proposed new name of the Underlying Fund**

If shareholders of the Underlying Fund vote in favour of the M&G manager’s proposal to change the Underlying Fund’s investment objective and policy, the M&G manager will also change the name of the Underlying Fund to “M&G Global Themes Fund” to better reflect the new investment objective and policy.

### **(e) Proposed new performance comparator of the Underlying Fund**

Additionally, if shareholders of the Underlying Fund vote in favour of the M&G manager’s proposal to change the Underlying Fund’s investment objective and policy, the M&G manager will change the Underlying Fund’s performance comparator currently included in the Underlying Fund’s factsheet and report and accounts from the FTSE Global Basics Composite Index to the MSCI All Country World Index better reflecting the proposed investment policy of the Underlying Fund.

## **2. Are there costs to making these changes?**

Changes to the portfolio will take place over time and there will be no material portfolio realignment costs associated with the changes.