

# db x-trackers II

Investment Company with Variable Capital  
Registered office: 49, avenue J.F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg  
R.C.S. Luxembourg B-124.284  
(the "**Company**")

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY UCITS ETF  
db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY 1-3 UCITS ETF  
db x-trackers II IBOXX EUR LIQUID COVERED UCITS ETF  
db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY COVERED UCITS ETF

(collectively referred to as the "**Sub-Funds**" and individually a "**Sub-Fund**")

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The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board of Directors**") hereby informs the shareholders of the Sub-Funds (the "**Shareholders**") that it has resolved to make certain changes to the Sub-Funds, as detailed below under *A) OVERVIEW OF THE CHANGES* (such changes in relation to each Sub-Fund collectively referred to as the "**Changes**").

The Changes in relation to each Sub-Fund will be carried out on a date between 19 June 2017 and 19 December 2017 (each an "**Effective Date**"). Once the Changes in relation to a Sub-Fund have been implemented, a notice will be published on the website of the Company, <http://www.etf.deutscheam.com> (the "**Company's Website**"), confirming the relevant Effective Date.

Capitalised terms not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the prospectus of the Company (the "**Prospectus**").

### **A) OVERVIEW OF THE CHANGES**

#### **1) Switch of Investment Policy**

The Board of Directors has resolved to switch the investment policy of each of the Sub-Funds from their current Indirect Investment Policy to a Direct Investment Policy with Optimised Index Replication (the "**DR Switches**").

Currently each Sub-Fund is exposed to the performance of its relevant Current Reference Index (as defined under 3) below) by way of derivative transactions such as individually negotiated (OTC) swap transactions. Once the DR Switches are effective, each of the Sub-Funds will carry out their respective investment objective by directly buying a portfolio of debt securities that may comprise the constituents of its relevant New Reference Index (as defined under 3) below), or unrelated transferable securities or other eligible assets, as determined by the Investment Manager and Sub-Portfolio Manager.

Shareholders' attention is specifically drawn to:

- the "*Investment Objectives and Policies*" and "*Risk Factors*" sections (including "*Risks in relation to the tracking of indices*", "*Taxes on transactions (financial transaction tax)*" and "*Securities lending, sale with right of repurchase transactions and repurchase and reverse repurchase agreement transactions*") of the main part of the Prospectus as well as to the relevant Sub-Fund's Product Annex;
- the fact that, depending on market conditions, for a short period of time (the "**Switch Period**"), the portfolio of a Sub-Fund may be partially exposed to swap transactions as well as direct investments in fixed income securities relating to the Reference Index. The Investment Manager and the Sub-Portfolio Manager will seek to minimise the duration of the Switch Period whilst taking into account prevailing market conditions and acting in the best interests of investors;
- the fact that, following the DR Switches, the Sub-Funds may enter into securities lending transactions as more fully described in the Prospectus. In this context, investors' attention is drawn to the fact that in cases where cash collateral is permitted and accepted, it may be reinvested subject to the Investment Restrictions;
- the fact that, following the DR Switches, in relation to subscriptions or redemptions on the primary market in respect of the Sub-Funds, the Minimum Initial Subscription Amount, the Minimum Subsequent Subscription Amount and the Minimum Redemption Amount (when applicable) may be changed or may be introduced (such terms defined in and as more fully described in the Prospectus and the relevant Sub-Fund's Product Annex);
- the fact that, following the DR Switches, in relation to subscriptions or redemptions on the primary market in respect of the Sub-Funds, the applicable Significant Market will change from Indirect Replication Significant Market to Direct Replication Significant Market, and the applicable Cut-off Time of the Sub-Funds will be amended from 5.00 p.m. Luxembourg time on the relevant Transaction Day to 3.30 p.m. Luxembourg time on the relevant Transaction Day; and
- the fact that, following the DR Switches, Transaction Costs, including any taxes, may be incurred by the Sub-Funds and Primary Market Transaction Costs may be charged to Authorised Participants.

## **2) Change of Investment Manager**

The Board of Directors has resolved to change the Investment Manager of each of the Sub-Funds (the "**IM Change**"). Currently, State Street Global Advisors Limited ("**SSgA**") acts as Investment Manager of the Sub-Funds. SSgA shall be replaced by Deutsche Asset Management Investment GmbH ("**DeAM GmbH**") as the Investment Manager of the Sub-Funds.

DeAM GmbH, was established in the Federal Republic of Germany as a private limited liability company (Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung), having its registered office at Mainzer Landstraße 11-17, D-60329 Frankfurt am Main, Germany and is authorized and regulated by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority in Germany (Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht – BaFin). It is registered with the commercial register of the local court of Frankfurt am Main under number HRB 9135.

DeAM GmbH will sub-delegate certain of its portfolio management functions to Deutsche Asset Management (UK) Limited ("**DeAM (UK)**") under the terms of a Sub-Portfolio Management Agreement as more fully described in the Prospectus. DeAM (UK) is a limited liability company incorporated on 16 September 2004 under the laws of England and Wales, having its registered office at Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London, EC2N 2DB, United Kingdom and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the conduct of its designated investment business (as defined in the FCA Handbook).

Investors should note that both on and after the respective Effective Date, SSgA shall continue to carry out certain functions for the relevant Sub-Fund in order to facilitate the IM Change. Such functions would, for example, include the oversight of settlement of trades initiated before the Effective Date.

The IM Change has been decided in order to optimise and rationalise the portfolio management set-up of the Sub-Funds.

### **3) Change of Reference Indices (in relation to certain Sub-Funds only)**

In relation to db x-trackers II IBOXX EUR LIQUID COVERED UCITS ETF and db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY COVERED UCITS ETF, the Board of Directors has resolved to change the investment objective as follows (in relation to each of those Sub-Fund, the "**IO Change**").

#### a) db x-trackers II IBOXX EUR LIQUID COVERED UCITS ETF

Currently, the investment objective of this Sub-Fund is to reflect the performance of the *Markit iBoxx EUR Liquid Covered Index*<sup>®</sup> (for the purpose of this section a), the "**Current Reference Index**").

Once the IO Change is effective, the investment objective of this Sub-Fund will be to reflect the performance of the *Bloomberg Barclays Euro Aggregate Covered Bond 1 Billion Index* (for the purpose of this section a), the "**New Reference Index**").

Similar to the Current Reference Index, the New Reference Index is designed to reflect the performance of fixed-rate, investment grade euro-denominated covered bonds. A difference is that the Current Reference Index has more restrictive liquidity rules (e.g. time to maturity and age of bonds). As a result, the New Reference Index has a larger number of constituents.

#### b) db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY COVERED UCITS ETF

Currently, the investment objective of this Sub-Fund is to reflect the performance of the *iBoxx € Germany Covered*<sup>®</sup> *Index* (for the purpose of this section b), the "**Current Reference Index**").

Once the IO Change is effective, the investment objective of this Sub-Fund will be to reflect the performance of the *Bloomberg Barclays Euro Covered Germany Bond Index* (for the purpose of this section b), the "**New Reference Index**").

Similar to the Current Reference Index, the New Reference Index is designed to reflect the performance of fixed-rate, investment grade euro-denominated covered bonds issued by German entities. A difference is that the New Reference Index includes bonds with a lower minimum size outstanding. As a result, the New Reference Index has a larger number of constituents.

**For the avoidance of doubt, there will be no changes to the investment objective of db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY UCITS ETF and db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY 1-3 UCITS ETF.**

#### **4) Change of Names**

The Board of Directors has resolved to change the names of the Sub-Funds as detailed in the annex to this document as from the relevant Effective Date.

#### **B) GENERAL INFORMATION**

Any costs or expenses associated with the implementation of the Changes, will not be borne by the Sub-Funds or their Shareholders.

Shareholders who subscribe or redeem Shares in the Sub-Funds on the primary market and who do not agree with the Changes that are applicable to the Sub-Funds in which they hold such Shares, are entitled to redeem their Shares in the applicable Sub-Fund(s) in accordance with the Prospectus. Such redemptions shall be free of any Redemption Charge from the date of this notice until 5:00 p.m. (Luxembourg time) on 16 June 2017. Please note that the Company does not charge any redemption fee for the sale of Shares in the secondary market. Orders to sell Shares through a stock exchange can be placed via an authorised intermediary or stockbroker. Shareholders should note that orders in the secondary market may incur costs over which the Company has no control and to which the above exemption of Redemption Charge does not apply.

Further information regarding the Changes, including more detailed information regarding the Direct Investment Policy, the new Investment Manager and Sub-Portfolio Manager and the New Reference Index in relation to each of the Sub-Funds, will be contained in the revised Prospectus, which will be available on the Company's Website on or around the date of this document, and a copy of which may be obtained free of charge at the Company's registered office or at the foreign representatives' offices.

The updated key investor information document for each Sub-Fund will be available on the Company's Website on or around the relevant Effective Date, and a copy of which may be obtained free of charge at the Company's registered office or at the foreign representatives' offices.

If you have any queries or if any of the above is not clear, you should seek advice from your stockbroker, bank manager, legal adviser, accountant or other independent financial advisor. **All shareholders are strongly advised to consult their tax advisor to assess (1) the impact of the Changes and any potential tax consequences thereof and (2) any potential changes between the current and / or future taxation of their investment under the laws of the countries of their nationality, residence, domicile or incorporation.**

Further information in relation to the Changes may also be obtained from the legal entities mentioned under 'Contact information' below, the offices of foreign representatives or by sending an email to [info.dbx-trackers@db.com](mailto:info.dbx-trackers@db.com).

#### **db x-trackers II**

The board of directors

### **C) CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Annex – Summary of changes**

<b>Current name</b>	<b>Switch of investment policy</b>	<b>Change of investment manager</b>	<b>New name</b>	<b>Share class / ISIN</b>	<b>New Reference Index</b>
db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY UCITS ETF	From Indirect Investment Policy to Direct Investment Policy (Optimised Index Replication)	From SSgA to DeAM GmbH (Sub-Portfolio Management delegated to DeAM (UK))	db x-trackers II GERMANY GOVERNMENT BOND UCITS ETF (DR)	Share class 1C (LU0643975161)	N/A
				Share class 1D (LU0468896575)	
db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY 1-3 UCITS ETF	From Indirect Investment Policy to Direct Investment Policy (Optimised Index Replication)	From SSgA to DeAM GmbH (Sub-Portfolio Management delegated to DeAM (UK))	db x-trackers II GERMANY GOVERNMENT BOND 1-3 UCITS ETF (DR)	Share class 1D (LU0468897110)	N/A
db x-trackers II IBOXX EUR LIQUID COVERED UCITS ETF	From Indirect Investment Policy to Direct Investment Policy (Optimised Index Replication)	From SSgA to DeAM GmbH (Sub-Portfolio Management delegated to DeAM (UK))	db x-trackers II EUR COVERED BOND UCITS ETF (DR)	Share class 1C (LU0820950128)	Bloomberg Barclays Euro Aggregate Covered Bond 1 Billion Index
db x-trackers II IBOXX GERMANY COVERED UCITS ETF	From Indirect Investment Policy to Direct Investment Policy (Optimised Index Replication)	From SSgA to DeAM GmbH (Sub-Portfolio Management delegated to DeAM (UK))	db x-trackers II GERMANY COVERED BOND UCITS ETF (DR)	Share class 1C (LU0321463506)	Bloomberg Barclays Euro Covered Germany Bond Index
				Share class 1D (LU0962081203)	