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HSBC ASSET MANAGEMENT RECEIVES APPROVAL FROM SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA TO ACQUIRE L&T INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Further to our announcement on 23 December 2021, HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Ltd, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc (HSBC), has received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to fully acquire L&T Investment Management Limited (LTIM), subject to certain conditions and approval. LTIM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of L&T Finance Holdings Limited (LTFH) and the investment manager of the L&T Mutual Fund.

The acquisition marks another milestone in HSBC's strategic progress in becoming a leading wealth manager in Asia. Strengthening HSBC's asset management business in India will add to its ability to serve the wealth needs of its customers in India as well as those of its growing non-resident Indian customer base across the world.

With average assets under management (AAUM) of INR717.03bn (USD8.79bn)* and over 2.2m active folios as of September 2022, LTIM is currently the 14th largest mutual fund management company in India based on the AAUM data available on the website of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) (www.amfiindia.com).

Nicolas Moreau, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Asset Management, said, "We are pleased to have received the necessary regulatory approvals for this strategically important acquisition which will enhance our position as a leading international asset manager in Asia. It gives us the necessary scale and reach across India through an enviable distribution network covering leading banks, regional distributors, an additional 55,000+ Mutual Fund Distributors (MFDs) and established digital platforms. We are also confident that our combined business will allow us to deliver a wider and more competitive range of products and services to better serve wealth management needs in this high-growth market."

Post completion of the acquisition, HSBC will merge the operations of LTIM with that of its existing asset management business in India, which had AAUM of INR136.2bn (USD1.66bn) as of September 2022.

*Considering the rate as INR81.5522/dollar on 30 September 2022.

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