

# FIRST STATE GLOBAL UMBRELLA FUND PLC

an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds

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**This document is important and requires your immediate attention. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you should seek advice from your investment consultant, tax adviser and/or legal adviser as appropriate.**

**If you have sold or transferred all of your Shares in the First State China A Shares Fund of First State Global Umbrella Fund plc (the "Company") please pass this letter to the purchaser or transferee or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee as soon as possible.**

**Unless otherwise defined, capitalised terms used herein shall bear the same meaning as capitalised terms used in the prospectus for the Company dated 10 December 2019 (the "Prospectus") and any supplements and the applicable local covering documents. A copy of the Prospectus is available upon request during normal business hours from the registered office of the Company.**

**The Directors accept responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this document. To the best of the Directors' knowledge and belief the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.**

30 January 2020

**To: the Shareholders of First State China A Shares Fund (the "Fund"), a sub-fund the Company**

Dear Shareholder,

Further to our previous letter dated 8 January 2020, the Company declared all business days falling on 24 January until 30 January 2020 to be non-business days from the Fund's perspective meaning the Fund has and remains closed to subscriptions, redemptions and switches for Chinese New Year.

The Chinese government has now announced that the public holiday in China in conjunction with the Chinese New Year has been extended from January 30, 2020 (Thursday) to February 2, 2020 (Sunday). This means the Chinese stock market will also be closed during this extended period.

Therefore in order to protect the interests of all investors during this period, we have taken the decision to include Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 as a non-business day from the Fund's perspective to close subscriptions, redemptions and switches.

The declaration of this extension to include Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, as a non-business day has been approved by the depositary of the Company.

In the event the Chinese government extend the public holiday further, the Company may declare further non-business days and extend the period whereby the Fund is closed to subscriptions, redemptions and switches. Further information, including a Questions & Answers document, any update to non-business days or further extension thereof and notice of re-commencement of dealing can be found on our website at [www.firststateinvestments.com](http://www.firststateinvestments.com)\*. Please follow the links to Literature/Shareholder Notifications.

## **Where can I find more information?**

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter please contact your investment advisor/consultant or your relationship manager at the Investment Manager or First State Investment's Client Services Team or Investor Services Team as set out below.

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Further information, including a Questions & Answers document, can be found on our website at [www.firststateinvestments.com](http://www.firststateinvestments.com)\*. Please follow the links to Literature/Shareholder Notifications.

### **How can I contact First State Investments?**

You can contact our Client Services Team if you have any questions in relation to this letter:

by telephone: (00 353 1 635 6798) telephone calls may be recorded for your security;

by email: [ifsinvestorqueries@hsbc.com](mailto:ifsinvestorqueries@hsbc.com)

or in writing: HSBC Securities Services (Ireland) Ltd, 1 Grand Canal Square, Dublin 2, Ireland

Hong Kong Shareholders may also contact the Investor Services Team of the Hong Kong Representative at:

by telephone: +852 2846 7566;

by email: [info@firststate.com.hk](mailto:info@firststate.com.hk);

or in writing: First State Investments (Hong Kong) Limited,  
25th Floor, One Exchange Square,  
8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong

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### **Austria**

The Prospectus, together with the Supplements, the Key Investor Information Documents, the Constitution of the Company and the annual and semi-annual reports of the Company, each in paper form, as well as the issue, repurchase and any exchange prices are available and may be obtained free of charge at the office of the Austrian Paying Agent: Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG, Am Belvedere 1, 1100 Wien, Austria

### **Germany**

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### **Switzerland**

Copies of the Constitution, the Extract Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Documents and the annual and interim reports of the Company may be obtained free of charge from the Representative. Representative and Paying Agent in Switzerland: BNP Paribas Securities Services, Selnaustrasse 16, CH-8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

Yours sincerely,



Director  
for and on behalf of  
First State Global Umbrella Fund plc