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**FIDELITY UK FUND**

a sub-fund of Fidelity Investment Funds IX

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**PROPOSALS REGARDING**

**CHANGE TO THE INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, INVESTMENT POLICY AND NAME OF THE FUND**

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Notice of the Meeting of the Shareholders of the Fund to be held on 24 May 2023 is set out in **Appendix 3** to this document.

**AS A SHAREHOLDER YOU ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE RELEVANT ENCLOSED FORM OF PROXY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS PRINTED ON IT**

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<b>Glossary of terms used in this document</b>
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**Circular:** this document, dated 24 April 2023, including a letter and the Appendices hereto to the Shareholders of the Fund

**Company:** Fidelity Investment Funds IX

**Depository:** J. P. Morgan Europe Limited, the depository of the Company

**Effective Date** (of the Scheme): **30 May 2023** (or such subsequent date as may be agreed in writing between Fidelity and the Depository) provided Shareholder consent has been received.

**Shares:** shares in the Fund

**Extraordinary Resolution:** a resolution proposed at a meeting of the Shareholders of the Fund and carried by a majority of at least 75 per cent of the total number of votes cast for and against the resolution

**FCA:** the Financial Conduct Authority

**FCA Regulations:** the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL), and the Fund Sourcebook (FUND) issued by the FCA (as amended or re-enacted from time to time)

**Fidelity or ACD:** FIL Investment Services (UK) Limited, the authorised corporate director (ACD) of Fidelity Investment Funds IX

**Fund:** the Fidelity UK Fund

**Instrument of Incorporation:** the instrument of incorporation of the Company (as amended)

**Key Investor Information Document(s);** KIID(s)

**Notice of Meeting:** notice of the meeting of the Shareholders of the Fund to be held on 24 May 2023, as set out in **Appendix 3** to this Circular

**OEIC:** an open-ended investment company authorised by the FCA

**OEIC Regulations:** the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (as amended) and the OEIC Regulations 2011 (as amended)

**Prospectus:** the prospectus of the Company

**Register:** the register of Shareholders in the Company

**Regulations:** the FCA Regulations, the OEIC Regulations and the Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities Regulations 2011 (transporting UCITS Directive 2009/65/EC into UK Law)

**Shareholder(s):** registered holder(s) of shares in the Fund

<b>Timetable for the Proposal</b>
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### **Key Dates**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Qualification date for Shareholder voting	7 April 2023
Documentation sent to Shareholders	24 April 2023
Latest time and date for receipt of Proxy Forms	22 May 2023 at 10.30 am
Meeting of Shareholders of the Fund	24 May 2023 at 10.30 am (see <b>Appendix 3</b> )
Results of the Meeting will be made available to Shareholders online at <b>fidelity.co.uk/clients</b>	25 May 2023
Effective Date	30 May 2023

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*To all Shareholders of the:*

**FIDELITY UK FUND**

**24 April 2023**

Dear Shareholder,

**Proposal to change Investment Objective, Investment Policy and Fund name**

I am writing to inform you of our proposal to change the Investment Objective and Investment Policy of the Fidelity UK Fund (the “**Fund**”). The Fund name would also change to the Fidelity Sustainable UK Equity Fund. The proposed changes will be put to Shareholders of the Fund for their approval at a meeting on the 24 May 2023 and we are aiming for the changes to take effect on 30 May 2023 (the “**Effective Date**”).

This document provides you with details of the proposed changes and explains why we think it is in the best interests of Shareholders. It outlines the action you need to take in respect of the proposal and includes your Proxy Form to enable you to vote before the meeting on the 24 May 2023. You will also be able to vote in person at the meeting.

**Rationale for the changes**

The Fund is currently actively managed and invests predominantly in UK equities. We are proposing to repurpose the Fund with a new objective and investment policy to predominantly invest in UK equities which contribute to environmental or social objectives.

Sustainable investing is a key priority for Fidelity and our clients, both from a principle and investment

perspective. We believe that investing in companies which contribute to environmental or social objectives and follow sound ESG practices will lead to better and more sustainable outcomes for investors over time.

The Fund will invest predominately in UK companies and at least 70% of its assets will be shares of companies whose business activities (more than 50% of revenue) contribute to environmental or social objectives aligned with one or more United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”). The SDGs are a series of goals which recognise that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with improvements in health, education, economic growth, a reduction in inequalities, while tackling climate change and working to preserve oceans and forests. The Fund will join Fidelity’s Sustainable Fund Family which applies ESG-related exclusions and screening in the selection of investments.

We believe that making these changes to the Fund will be more conducive to delivering long-term capital growth across a range of different market conditions.

A comparison of the existing Investment Objective and Policy for the Fund against those proposed and their key characteristics is shown in **Appendix 1**.

### **Realignment of Portfolio**

As the investment objective and policy of the Fund will change, we will realign a minimum of 75% of the Fund’s portfolio in the ten working days following the Effective Date to effect the change (the “Transitional Period”). During this time, the Fund may not be managed in accordance with its investment objective and policy.

Please note the Fund’s risk rating has varied between 5 and 6 over the past 12 months due to market volatility. Following the proposed changes, the Fund will have a smaller number of holdings which is likely to result in the risk rating slightly increasing (it is expected to be 6).

Fidelity will bear the costs associated with realignment of the Fund’s portfolio. Please see the Costs section below.

### **Approval of changes by Shareholders of the Fund**

The proposals must be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of Shareholders of the Fund. A meeting of Shareholders of the Fund has therefore been arranged will take place at Windmill Court, Millfield Lane, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth KT20 6RP as set out in **Appendix 3** on 24 May 2023 at 10.30 am. A Notice convening the meeting and setting out the terms of the relevant Extraordinary Resolution is set out in **Appendix 3**. The procedure for holding the meeting is explained in the sections that follow.

A proxy form is enclosed for your use, should you wish to vote prior to the meeting. Please complete and return your proxy form. Fidelity will write to you to inform you of the results of the Shareholder vote. Alternatively, you will also be able to vote in person.

Shareholders' existing holdings in the Fund will not be affected by the passing of the resolution (further details are set out in **Appendix 2**).

### **Comparing the Fund before and after the proposed changes**

Appendix 1 sets out and compares the main features of the Fund and relevant share classes before and after implementation of the changes. The Fund will continue to be constituted and operate in accordance with the same FCA Regulations.

Please review the detailed comparison of the investment objectives, ongoing charges and key characteristics of the class of shares you currently hold in the Fund and any changes proposed after the Effective Date as outlined in **Appendix 1**.

### **Sequence of Events**

The key steps in relation to the proposed changes are as follows:

- The Depositary has given its approval to the proposed changes (as set out below);
- The changes must be approved by Shareholders of the Fund at the meeting to be held on 24 May 2023 or at any adjournment of that meeting;
- If the change is approved the Fund will realign its portfolio during the Transitional Period (the 10 working days after the Effective Date)
- The new investment objective and policy will be implemented from the Effective Date when the Fund will also change its name.
- Shareholders wishing to redeem or switch their Shares in the Fund prior to the Effective Date may do so as normal. We do not charge for this but there may be costs involved in switching to a new fund.

Further details of the various steps are provided below.

### **The Scheme**

If approved by the Shareholders, the changes to the Fund will be implemented under the terms of the Scheme, which is set out in full at **Appendix 2**. The Effective Date of the Scheme, if approved, is expected to be 30 May 2023.

In summary, the Scheme provides for a change in the Investment Objective and Investment Policy and the name of the Fund on the Effective Date. Shares held prior to the Effective Date will remain of the same type (W Accumulation) after the Effective Date.

## **Taxation**

The proposed changes to the Fund will not give rise to any taxation issues for the Fund or Shareholders.

**Please note this summarises Fidelity’s understanding of the current UK legislation and H M Revenue & Customs practice relevant to UK resident investors regarding the issue of New Shares under the Scheme. It may be subject to change. The tax consequences of the Scheme may vary depending on the law and regulations of an investor’s country of residence, citizenship or domicile. Shareholders who are uncertain about the individual tax position as a result of the implementation of the Scheme should consult their professional advisers.**

## **Procedure and Action to be taken by Shareholders**

### **Meeting of Shareholders**

As explained above, implementation of the proposed changes outlined in the Scheme requires the approval of Shareholders of the Fund. A meeting of the Shareholders of the Fund has therefore been convened and will be held at Windmill Court, Millfield Lane, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth KT20 6RP on 24 May 2023 at 10.30 am (as set out in **Appendix 3**).

You are entitled to attend in person at the meeting in respect of shares in the Fund of which you are the registered holder as at 7 April 2023 (the “**Qualification Date**”) and of which you remain the holder at the time of the meeting. Voting for the meeting can be cast at the meeting or by completion and return of the proxy form.

Formal notice of the meeting is set out in **Appendix 3**, and this contains the resolution to be proposed. The resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, meaning that it cannot be passed unless it receives the support of a majority of at least 75 per cent of the total number of votes cast for and against the resolution. Voting on the resolution at the meeting will be conducted on the basis of a poll, so that the Shares held or represented at the Qualification Date and in respect of which votes are cast in person or by proxy will determine the outcome. A poll will be conducted rather than a show of hands of Shareholders present at the meeting.

The meeting will be chaired by a Chairman nominated by the Depositary. In the absence of any votes cast or an equality of votes, the Chairman will have a casting vote in relation to the Extraordinary Resolution.



The quorum for the meeting is two Shareholders present in the meeting or by proxy. If, within half-an-hour from the appointed time for the meeting, a quorum is not present, then the meeting will be adjourned to a date not less than seven days following the date for which the meeting was originally convened. Notice will be given of the date and time of the adjourned meeting, and, if at that meeting a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, one Shareholder present in that meeting or by proxy will form a quorum whatever the number of shares held by that Shareholder.

Fidelity may vote at a meeting if it holds Shares on behalf of or jointly with another person who, if that person were the sole registered Shareholder, would be entitled to exercise those votes and from whom Fidelity receives voting instructions. Fidelity and Associates of Fidelity are entitled to be counted in the quorum at a meeting but may only vote in the same circumstances as above (holding on behalf or joint holdings).

A Shareholder may appoint a proxy to vote at the meeting in his or her place. Please read the notes on the enclosed proxy form, which will help you to complete it, and return it to us as soon as possible in the reply-paid envelope provided or the email address given. **To be valid, the proxy form must be received not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Meeting.**

If duly passed at the meeting, the Extraordinary Resolution will be binding on all Shareholders in the Fund, irrespective of how (or whether) they voted. Therefore, it is important that you exercise your voting rights.

If the resolution is not passed at the meeting (or any adjournment), the proposed changes will not go ahead and Fidelity will explore alternative options in due course.

### **Redemption and Switching**

If you wish to redeem or switch your shares in the Fund prior to the Effective Date you may do so as normal. We do not charge for this but there may be costs involved in switching to a new fund.

### **Automatic exchange of information tax reporting**

Shareholders who have either declared a non-UK tax residency, or for whom a non-UK tax residency is required to be assumed under The International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/878), should be aware that the event may be reported to HMRC as a disposal for onward transmission to a tax authority in a relevant jurisdiction in which they are tax resident.

**Important note regarding overseas Shareholders: any Shareholders resident in jurisdictions other than the UK or any other jurisdiction where the Company is registered for public offer should inform themselves about and observe all applicable legal requirements. This document does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy shares in any Fidelity or third-party funds in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation may be in contravention of applicable law, and restrictions may be imposed accordingly.**

## **Costs**

The costs and expenses relating to the proposals described in this Circular will be paid by Fidelity. These will include the costs of producing and posting this document, the other costs of convening and holding the meeting of Shareholders (and any adjourned meeting), and the costs of preparing and implementing the Scheme. Fidelity will also discharge any stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax or similar foreign tax or duty payable as a result of the transfer of assets under the Scheme. Costs of realignment of the Fund's portfolio will also be paid by Fidelity; please see the Realignment section above.

## **Consents**

### ***The Depositary – J.P. Morgan Europe Limited***

The Depositary has confirmed to Fidelity that, whilst expressing no opinion on the merits of the proposals, it consents to the form and context in which its name appears in this Circular and has no objection to the proposals being put to Shareholders. This confirmation is not a recommendation to Shareholders to vote either for or against the Extraordinary Resolution set out in the Notice of Meeting, which is a matter for each Shareholder's judgement. The Depositary has confirmed that the statements given in this Circular are correct insofar as they relate to the Scheme and conform with the regulatory system, the and the Instrument of Incorporation of the Company.

### ***The Financial Conduct Authority***

The FCA has reviewed the proposals and confirmed to Fidelity that the implementation of the Scheme will not affect the ongoing authorisation of Fidelity Investment Funds IX.

## **Documents Available for Inspection**

Copies of the following documents (as and when they are received by the ACD) will be available electronically on request by emailing Sarah.Gott@fil.com.

- the Instrument of Incorporation of Fidelity Investment Funds IX;
- the current Prospectus of Fidelity Investment Funds IX;
- the Key Investor Information Document of the Fund;
- the confirmations from the Depositary and the FCA referred to under "Consents" above;
- the Regulations; and
- the latest report and accounts for Fidelity Investment Funds IX.

## **Recommendation**

The proposals described in this Circular have been carefully considered and, in our opinion are in the best interests of Shareholders. It is recommended, therefore, that you vote in favour of the Extraordinary Resolution set out in the Notice of Meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposals and the Meeting, please consult your usual Fidelity contact.

We will be happy to clarify any details of the proposals for you, but please note that Fidelity cannot provide advice on the merits of the proposals or give any financial, tax or investment advice based on individual circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

John Clougherty  
Director  
FIL Investment Services (UK) Limited

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## APPENDIX 1

### THE FUND

The investment objective and policy and the key characteristics of the Fund before and after the Effective Date of the proposals are compared in the table below.

<b>Changes to name, Investment Objective and Policy on Effective Date</b>	
<p>Realignment of the Fund portfolio to the new objective and policy will commence on the Effective Date and will be concluded within 10 working days thereafter.</p>	
<b>Fund - Existing</b>	<b>Fund - Proposed</b>
<b>Fidelity UK Fund</b>	<b>Fidelity Sustainable UK Equity Fund</b>
<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>The Fund aims to increase the value of your investment over a period of 5 years or more.</p> <p><b><u>Investment Policy</u></b></p> <p>The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities (and their related securities) of UK companies (those domiciled, incorporated or having significant business in the UK) selected by the Investment Manager based on both qualitative and quantitative criteria, providing a blended exposure to a diversified range of underlying investment styles. The Fund may also invest a proportion of its assets in global companies listed in the UK.</p> <p>The Fund is actively managed without reference to a benchmark.</p> <p>The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes, money market instruments, cash and deposits and is also able to use derivatives for efficient portfolio management.</p>	<p><b><u>Investment Objective</u></b></p> <p>The Fund aims to increase the value of your investment over a period of 5 years or more by making investments which contribute to environmental or social objectives aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”).</p> <p><b><u>Investment Policy</u></b></p> <p>The Fund will invest at least 70% of its assets in the shares of UK companies (those domiciled, incorporated, or having significant business in the UK) and may invest up to 30% of its assets in companies incorporated anywhere in the world including emerging markets.</p> <p>The Fund will invest at least 70% of its assets in the shares of companies in which a majority of business activities (more than 50% of revenue) contribute to environmental or social objectives aligned with one or more to SDGs.</p> <p>The SDGs are a series of goals published by the United Nations that recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with improvements in health and education, economic growth, and a reduction in inequalities, all while tackling climate change and working to preserve the planet’s oceans and forests. For further details see the UN website: <a href="https://sdgs.un.org/goals">https://sdgs.un.org/goals</a>. Environmental focused SDGs include clean water and sanitation; affordable and clean energy; responsible consumption and production; and climate action. Socially focused SDGs include no poverty; zero hunger; economic growth and productive employment; industry, innovation and infrastructure; safe and sustainable cities and</p>

	<p>communities. The investment manager aims to be an active owner and engage with companies held within the Fund to influence positive change towards alignment with the SDGs.</p> <p>The Fund may hold cash, deposits, collective investment schemes, money market instruments and is able to use derivatives for efficient portfolio management.</p> <p>The Fund adheres to the Fidelity Sustainable Family Framework and exclusion policy.</p> <p>The Fund's portfolio will be made up of a blend of larger, medium and smaller sized companies and aims to hold a concentrated portfolio of 30-40 securities. The Investment Manager identifies suitable investment opportunities for the Fund utilising in-house research and investment capability.</p> <p>The Fund is actively managed without reference to a benchmark.</p>
<p><i>Charges</i></p> <p>On-going Charges Figure 0.88%</p> <p>The On-going Charges Figure is made up of the expenses of the fund excluding transaction costs on its portfolio (for example: brokerage fees, taxes and linked charges), interest on borrowing and payments incurred because of financial instruments.</p>	<p><i>Charges</i></p> <p>On-going Charges Figure 0.88%</p> <p>The On-going Charges Figure is an estimate and is made up of the expenses of the fund excluding transaction costs on its portfolio (for example: brokerage fees, taxes and linked charges), interest on borrowing and payments incurred because of financial instruments. The OCF may vary from time to time.</p>
<p><i>Risk Profile (on a scale of 1 up to 7)</i></p> <p>6</p>	<p><i>Risk Profile (on a scale of 1 up to 7)</i></p> <p>6</p>
<p><i>Pricing Procedures</i></p> <p>Daily Pricing at 12.00 Noon on UK business days</p>	<p><i>Pricing Procedures</i></p> <p>No change.</p>
<p><i>Distribution Procedures</i></p> <p>Not applicable</p>	<p><i>Distributions Procedures</i></p> <p>Not applicable</p>
<p><i>Dealing and Settlement Procedures</i></p>	<p><i>Dealing and Settlement Procedures</i></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily dealing on UK business days</li> <li>• Purchases settle on trade date</li> <li>• Redemptions settle on T+3</li> </ul>	No change.
<p><i>Accounting Period</i></p> <p>The Company's annual accounting period ends on 31 October in each year</p>	<p><i>Accounting Period</i></p> <p>No change.</p>
<p><i>Reports</i></p> <p>Annual and half-yearly reports for the Company are published by the last day of February and June respectively. Both short reports and long reports are produced. Short reports are sent to each Shareholder. Long version reports may be obtained from Fidelity on request.</p>	<p><i>Reports</i></p> <p>No change.</p>
<p><i>Realignment costs</i></p> <p>N/A</p>	<p><i>Realignment costs</i></p> <p>Payable by Fidelity</p>
<p><i>Share Classes</i></p> <p>W Accumulation</p>	<p><i>Share classes</i></p> <p>No change.</p>

## APPENDIX 2

### THE SCHEME

1. The proposals in relation to the Scheme are set out in the letter to Shareholders dated 24 April 2023 in this Circular.
2. The definitions set out in this Circular dated 24 April 2023 from the ACD to Shareholders of the Fund shall apply to this Scheme unless the context otherwise requires.
3. The Depositary, the ACD and the Company shall each be entitled to assume that all information contained in the Register as at the Qualification Date and the Effective Date is correct and to utilise the same in effecting the Scheme. The Depositary, the ACD and the Company shall each be entitled to act and rely upon any certificate, opinion, evidence or information furnished to it by any of the others or by its respective professional advisers in connection with the Scheme and shall not be liable or responsible for any loss suffered as a result thereof.
4. For the Scheme to be effective in relation to the Fund, the Shareholders of the Fund must pass an Extraordinary Resolution as set out in the Notice of Meeting of Shareholders dated 24 April 2023, approving the Scheme and authorising the Depositary, the ACD and the Company to implement it.
5. If such Extraordinary Resolution is passed, the Scheme shall be binding on all Shareholders in the Fund (whether or not they voted in favour of it, or whether they voted at all) and shall be carried into effect accordingly.
6. The terms of the Scheme may be amended as agreed by the ACD and the Depositary and approved by the FCA (provided that the FCA's approval will not be required in respect of any amendment consisting of the substitution of a new Effective Date if the Effective Date is not 30 May 2023).
7. The costs and expenses of preparing and implementing the Scheme, including those of calling and holding a meeting of Shareholders (and any adjourned meeting) will be paid by Fidelity.
8. The Scheme shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. If there is any conflict between the Scheme, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Regulations, the Scheme shall prevail over the Instrument of Incorporation and the Regulations shall prevail over the Scheme.

Dated: 24 April 2023

### APPENDIX 3

#### NOTICE OF A MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

#### FIDELITY UK FUND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of Shareholders in the Fidelity UK Fund (the “Fund”) will be held at Windmill Court, Millfield Lane, Lower Kingswood, Tadworth KT20 6RP on 24 May 2023 at 10.30am for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolution, which will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution:

#### EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION

THAT the “Scheme” relevant to the Fund for the change of Investment Objective and Policy and name of the Fund contained in **Appendix 2** to a document dated 24 April 2023 and addressed by FIL Investment Services (UK) Limited (the Authorised Corporate Director (“ACD”)) to Shareholders in the Fund (the “Circular”) be and it is hereby approved, and accordingly that the ACD, J. P. Morgan Europe Limited, as Depositary, and the Company be and they are hereby authorised to implement and give effect to the Scheme in accordance with its terms (as amended, if applicable).

J. P. Morgan Europe Limited, as Depositary of the Fund, has reviewed the circumstances leading to the proposed resolution and considers that the information accompanying this notice contains sufficient information to enable Shareholders of the Fund to make an informed decision regarding the Scheme.

Dated: 24 April 2023

John Clougherty

For

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## NOTES

- 1 In accordance with the Fund's Prospectus, a Shareholder is entitled to vote at the meeting in respect of shares in the Fund of which he or she is the registered holder as at the Qualification Date and of which he or she remains the holder at the time of the meeting. The start time of this Meeting may be subject to delay.
- 2 A Shareholder entitled to vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to vote instead of him or her. A proxy need not also be a Shareholder of the Fund.
- 3 To be valid, a proxy form and any power of attorney or other authority under which the form of proxy is signed (or a notarially certified copy thereof) must be lodged with the ACD not less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof. A proxy form is enclosed.
- 4 The quorum for the meeting is two Shareholders present in the meeting or by proxy or, in the case of a corporation, by a duly authorised representative.
- 5 At the meeting, the votes will be taken by poll. A Shareholder need not cast all the votes he or she uses in the same way.