San Juan, Puerto Rico

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**UBS Puerto Rico Family of Funds Puerto Rico Residents Family of Funds** 

## **Shareholder Update**

The purpose of this release is to provide you with an update on the most recent developments in connection with the restructuring of the debt of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth") under Title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act ("PROMESA"), in particular as it pertains to the Pension Obligation Bonds issued by the Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS," and the "ERS Bonds"), which was a significant holdings across several of the UBS Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico Residents Families of Funds (the "Funds").

The most recent Plan of Adjustment (the "Plan of Adjustment"), which restructured most of the debt of the Commonwealth remaining in the Title III PROMESA process and included the ERS Bonds, was approved by the U.S. Federal District Court on January 18, 2022 and was declared effective and consummated on March 15, 2022. The Plan of Adjustment incorporated the stipulation executed on April 2, 2021 between the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board") and certain holders of ERS Bonds (the "ERS Stipulation"), which resolved the claims of the ERS bondholders and stayed all pending litigation pertaining to the ERS Bonds.

Under the ERS Stipulation, the holders of allowed claims on the ERS Bonds received a total of \$373 million in cash in settlement of their claims in respect of the ERS Bonds. They were also granted an interest in a trust holding a private equity portfolio owned by ERS (the "ERS Trust"). The Commonwealth has the option to purchase assets of the ERS Trust for \$70.75 million and if it fails to do so, the holders of ERS Bonds will have the option to purchase these assets. If neither option is exercised by April 10. 2023, the Commonwealth will be required to purchase the assets of the ERS Trust for \$70.75 million, which amount will then be distributed to the holders of allowed claims on the ERS Bonds. In addition, the holders of ERS Bonds who were parties to the ERS Stipulation (which includes the Funds) also received their pro rata share of \$75 million in consummation costs in connection with the negotiation and execution of the ERS Stipulation.

The ultimate total recovery to be received by the Funds in settlement of the claims on the ERS Bonds of almost 14% (17% when taking into account the consummation costs) is a multiple of the less than 1% recovery proposed in the initial versions of the Plan of Adjustment. This represents a significant achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication undertaken by the Funds in defending the interests of shareholders. On advice of the Funds' investment advisors, the amounts received will be allocated to making capital returns to certain target maturity funds (as previously announced with respect to those funds), reducing leverage, where appropriate, as well as making suitable investments to take advantage of the current rising interest environment, in an effort to improve long-term dividend returns for Funds' shareholders.

## **Notice to Shareholders**

May 2, 2022

Thank you for your continued support and confidence as we continue to work hard to address the market and other continuing challenges facing the Funds. We will continue to communicate with you as appropriate as we seek to put in place measures to address these challenges.

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