

HSBC shareholders approve acquisition of Household

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HSBC shareholders approved the acquisition of Household International, Inc., and authorised the Directors of HSBC Holdings plc to allot shares, at an Extraordinary General Meeting held in London today.

The resolution was passed on a poll in which 3,689,993,640 shares (99.38 per cent) were voted in favour and 23,133,458 shares (0.62 per cent) were voted against.

Shareholders in Household International, Inc., are meeting in Prospect Heights, Illinois today at 1600hrs GMT (1000hrs local time) to vote on a resolution to approve the acquisition.

Copies of the resolution have been submitted to the UK Listing Authority and will shortly be available for inspection at the UKLA Document Viewing facility at:

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