

HSBC HOLDINGS PLC  
Form 6-K  
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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March  
HSBC Holdings plc

42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England

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(Hong Kong Stock Code: 5)

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Change in auditor

The Board of HSBC Holdings plc (the 'Company') announces the resignation of KPMG Audit Plc ('KPMG') as the Company's auditor from 31 March 2015. The Board will appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ('PwC') as the Company's auditor to fill the vacancy following the resignation of KPMG. The appointment of PwC will be put to shareholders at the Company's 2015 annual general meeting to be held on 24 April.

KPMG has confirmed that the circumstances connected with its ceasing to hold office are the holding of a competitive tender for the audit, in which KPMG was unsuccessful in retaining the audit. KPMG has confirmed that there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders.

For and on behalf of HSBC Holdings plc Ben JS Mathews

Group Company Secretary

The Board of Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are: Douglas Flint, Stuart Gulliver, Phillip Ameen†, Kathleen Casey†, Safra Catz†, Laura Cha†, Lord Evans of Weardale†, Joachim Faber†, Rona Fairhead†, Sam Laidlaw†, John Lipsky†, Rachel Lomax†, Iain Mackay, Heidi Miller†, Marc Moses, Sir Simon Robertson† and Jonathan Symonds†.

† Independent non-executive Director

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

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Name: Ben J S Mathews

Title: Group Company Secretary

Date: 18 March 2015