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Stock Code: 3080

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### **Ping An Nasdaq 5HANDL\* ETF**

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LISTING AGENT FOR THE PING AN NASDAQ 5HANDL\* ETF (\*A TRADEMARK OF NASDAQ AND ITS LICENSORS) AND PING AN NASDAQ AI AND ROBOTICS ETF

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ZHANG Yan

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## **PRELIMINARY**

This Prospectus has been prepared in connection with the offer in Hong Kong of Units in the Ping An of China CSI HK Dividend ETF (the “**HK Dividend ETF**”), the Ping An of China CSI 5-10Y CGB ETF (the “**CGB ETF**”), the Ping An MSCI China Multi-Factor ETF (the “**Multi-Factor ETF**”), the Ping An MSCI China Quality Factor ETF (the “**Quality Factor ETF**”), the Ping An Nasdaq 5HANDL\* ETF (\*A trademark of Nasdaq and its licensors) (the “**5HANDL ETF**”) and the Ping An Nasdaq AI and Robotics ETF (the “**AI and Robotics ETF**”) (together, the “**Sub-Funds**” and each a “**Sub-Fund**”). Each of the Sub-Funds is an Index Fund of the Ping An of China Trust (the “**Trust**”), an umbrella unit trust established under Hong Kong law by a trust deed dated 19 April 2010, as amended and restated from time to time, between Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited (the “**Manager**”) and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited (the “**Trustee**”).

The Manager accepts full responsibility and accuracy of the information contained in this Prospectus and the enclosed Product Key Facts Statements (the “**Product KFS**”) as being accurate as at the date of publication and confirms that this Prospectus and the Product KFS include particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**SEHK**”) and the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the “**Code**”) and the overarching principles section of the SFC Handbook for Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds, Investment-Linked Assurance Schemes and Unlisted Structured Investment Products for the purposes of giving information with regard to the Units of the Sub-Funds and that having made all reasonable enquiries, the Manager confirms that, to the best of its knowledge and belief there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this Prospectus or the Product KFS misleading, whether of fact or opinion; any inferences that might reasonably be drawn from any statement in the Prospectus or the Product KFS are true and are not misleading; and all opinions and intents expressed in this Prospectus and the Product KFS have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and are founded on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable. The Trustee is not responsible for the preparation of this Prospectus or the Product KFS and is therefore not responsible for the contents herein or therein, apart from descriptions of or relating to HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited as the Trustee, Custodian and Registrar of the Trust under the section headed “Trustee, Custodian and Registrar” of this Prospectus.

The Trust and the Sub-Funds have been authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission (the “**SFC**”) in Hong Kong pursuant to section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. The Trust and the Sub-Funds are exchange traded funds that fall within section 8.6 of the Code. The SFC takes no responsibility for the financial soundness of the Trust and the Sub-Funds or for the correctness of any statements made or opinions expressed in this Prospectus. Authorisation by the SFC is not a recommendation or endorsement of the product nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of the product or its performance. It does not mean that the product is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

Applicants for Units should consult their financial advisers and take legal advice as appropriate as to whether any governmental or other consents are required, or other formalities need to be observed, to enable them to acquire Units and as to whether any taxation effects, foreign exchange restrictions or exchange control requirements are applicable.

Dealings in the Units in the HK Dividend ETF and the CGB ETF on the SEHK commenced

on 15 February 2012 and 29 December 2017 respectively. Dealings in the Units in the Multi-Factor ETF and the Quality Factor ETF on the SEHK commenced on 30 November 2018. Dealings in the Units in the 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF commenced on 7 December 2018. Units in the HK Dividend ETF, the CGB ETF, the Multi-Factor ETF, the Quality Factor ETF, the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF have been accepted as eligible securities by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“**HKSCC**”) for deposit, clearing and settlement in the Central Clearing and Settlement System (“**CCASS**”) with effect from the date of commencement of dealings in Units on the SEHK.

Settlement of transactions between participants on the SEHK is required to take place in CCASS on the second CCASS settlement day after the trading day.

Applications may be made to list Units in other Index Funds constituted under the Trust in future on the SEHK. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

No action has been taken to permit an offering of Units or the distribution of this Prospectus in any jurisdiction other than Hong Kong where action would be required for such purposes. Accordingly, this Prospectus may not be used for the purpose of an offer or solicitation in any jurisdiction or in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized.

In particular:

- (a) Units in the Sub-Funds have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and, except in a transaction which does not violate such Act, may not be directly or indirectly offered or sold in the United States of America, or any of its territories or possessions or areas subject to its jurisdiction, or for the benefit of a US Person (as defined in Regulation S under such Act).
- (b) The Sub-Funds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended.
- (c) Units in the Sub-Funds may not, except pursuant to a relevant exemption, be acquired or owned by, or acquired with the assets of an ERISA Plan. An “ERISA Plan” is any retirement plan subject to Title 1 of the United States Employee Retirement Income Securities Act of 1974, as amended or any individual retirement account plan subject to section 4975 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Manager shall have the power to impose such restrictions as the Manager may think necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no Units in an Index Fund is acquired or held by an Unqualified Person (as defined in the “Definitions” section on page 10).

Potential applicants for Units in any of the Sub-Funds should inform themselves as to (a) the possible tax consequences, (b) the legal requirements and (c) any foreign exchange restrictions or exchange control requirements which they might encounter under the laws of the countries of their incorporation, citizenship, residence or domicile and which might be relevant to the subscription, holding or disposal of Units in the Sub-Funds.

Any amendment or addendum to this Prospectus will be posted on the HKEX’s website



([www.hkex.com.hk](http://www.hkex.com.hk)) and at the Manager's website. The webpage for each Sub-Fund is as follows:

HK Dividend ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070</a>
CGB ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080</a>
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Quality Factor ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166</a>
5HANDL ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198</a>
AI and Robotics ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023</a>

## **DEFINITIONS**

In this Prospectus, unless the context requires otherwise, the following expressions have the meanings set out below.

**“5HANDL ETF”** means Ping An Nasdaq 5 HANDL ETF, an Index Fund of the Trust.

**“5HANDL Index”** means Nasdaq 5HANDL™ Index, the Underlying Index in respect of the 5HANDL ETF.

**“AI and Robotics ETF”** means Ping An Nasdaq AI and Robotics ETF, an Index Fund of the Trust.

**“AI and Robotics Index”** means Nasdaq CTA Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Index, the Underlying Index in respect of the AI and Robotics ETF.

**“Application”** means, in respect of an Index Fund, a Creation Application or a Redemption Application.

**“Application Cancellation Fee”** means the fee payable by a Participating Dealer in respect of cancellation of an Application as set out in the Trust Deed, and the rate for which is set out in Schedule 1 to the Prospectus in respect of the relevant Index Fund.

**“Application Unit”** means, in relation to each Index Fund, such number of Units of a class or multiples thereof as specified in the Prospectus for the relevant Index Fund or such other multiple of Units of a class from time to time determined by the Manager, approved by the Trustee and notified to the Participating Dealers, either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.

**“A-Shares”** means shares issued by companies incorporated in the PRC and listed on the SSE or the SZSE, traded in RMB and available for investment by domestic investors and Hong Kong investors through, amongst other channels, Stock Connect.

**“Auditors”** means the auditor or auditors of the Trust from time to time appointed by the Manager with the prior written approval of the Trustee pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Deed.

**“Base Currency”** means the currency of account of an Index Fund as specified by the Manager from time to time.

**“Basket”** means, in respect of each Sub-Fund, a portfolio of Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities, which seeks to benchmark the Underlying Index by either a replication strategy or representative sampling strategy or otherwise provided that such portfolio shall comprise only whole numbers of Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities and no fraction or, if the Manager determines, shall comprise only round lots and not odd lots.

**“Basket Value”** means, in respect of each Sub-Fund, the aggregate value of the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities (as the case may be) constituting the Basket at the Valuation Point on the relevant Dealing Day as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

**“B-Shares”** means shares issued by companies listed on the SSE or the SZSE, traded in foreign currencies and available for investment by domestic investors and foreign investors.

**“Business Day”** in respect of each Sub-Fund, means, unless the Manager and the Trustee otherwise agree, a day on which (a) (i) the SEHK is open for normal trading; and (ii) the relevant securities market on which the Index Securities or non-Index Securities comprising the Basket(s) are traded is open for normal trading; and (iii) if there are more than one (1) such securities market, the securities market designated by the Manager is open for normal trading, and (b) the relevant Underlying Index is compiled and published, or such other day or days as the Manager and the Trustee may agree from time to time provided that if on any such day, the period during which the relevant securities or commodities market is open for normal trading is reduced as a result of a Number 8 Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm warning or other similar event, such day shall not be a Business Day unless the Manager and the Trustee otherwise agree.

**“Cancellation Compensation”** means an amount payable by a Participating Dealer in respect of cancellation of an Application pursuant to the Trust Deed.

**“Cash Component”** means, in respect of an Application, the aggregate Net Asset Value of all the relevant Units less the relevant Basket Value.

**“CCASS”** means the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by HKSCC or any successor system operated by HKSCC or its successors.

**“CCASS Operational Procedures”** means the CCASS Operational Procedures as amended from time to time.

**“CCDCC”** means China Central Depository & Clearing Co., Ltd (中央國債登記結算公司) of the PRC.

**“China”** or **“PRC”** means the People’s Republic of China but, for the purposes of this Prospectus for geographical reference excludes Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong.

**“CGB ETF”** means Ping An of China CSI 5-10Y CGB ETF, an Index Fund of the Trust.

**“CGB Index”** means CSI 5-10y Liquid CGB Index, the Underlying Index in respect of the CGB ETF.

**“Code”** means the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the SFC as amended or supplemented from time to time.

**“Collective Investment Scheme”** has the same meaning given to such term in Section 1 of Part I of Schedule 1 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

**“Connected Person”** in relation to a company, means:

- (a) any person or company beneficially owning, directly or indirectly, twenty per cent (20%) or more of the ordinary share capital of that company or able to exercise, directly or indirectly, twenty per cent (20%) or more of the total votes in that company;
- (b) any person or company controlled by a person who or which meets one or both of

the descriptions given in (a) above;

- (c) any member of the group of which that company forms part; or
- (d) any director or other officer of that company or of any of its Connected Persons as defined in (a), (b) or (c) above.

**“Conversion Agent” or “Service Agent”** means HK Conversion Agency Services Limited or such other person as may from time to time be appointed to act as conversion agent or service agent (as the case may be) in relation to an Index Fund.

**“Conversion Agent Fee” or “Service Agent Fee”** means the fee which may be charged for the benefit of the Conversion Agent or the Service Agent (as the case may be) to each Participating Dealer or its agent, which is a CCASS participant, on each Dealing Day upon which an Application has been made by the relevant Participating Dealer.

**“Creation Application”** means, an application by a Participating Dealer for the creation of Units of an Index Fund in accordance with the relevant procedures set out in the Trust Deed, the relevant Operating Guidelines and the relevant Participation Agreement.

**“CSDCC”** means the China Securities Depository and Clearing Co., Ltd (中國證券登記結算有限公司) of the PRC.

**“CSI”** means China Securities Index Co., Ltd.

**“CSI HK Dividend”** means CSI Hong Kong Dividend Index, the Underlying Index in respect of the HK Dividend ETF.

**“CSRC”** means the China Securities Regulatory Commission (中國證券監督管理委員會) of the PRC.

**“Custodian”** means person (or persons) who is duly appointed to be custodian (or custodians) of the Trust. In the absence of the appointment of a custodian, the Trustee shall be the custodian.

**“Dealing Day”** for each Sub-Fund, means, each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.

**“Dealing Deadline”** in relation to any Dealing Day, shall be such time as the Manager may from time to time with the approval of the Trustee determine generally or in relation to a particular class or classes of Units or any particular place for submission of Application(s) by a Participating Dealer.

**“Deposited Property”** means, in respect of each Index Fund, all the assets (including cash) for the time being held or deemed to be held by or to the order of the Trustee upon the trusts of the Trust Deed for the account of the Index Fund excluding (i) the Income Property and (ii) any amount for the time being standing to the credit of the distribution account of the Index Fund.

**“entities within the same group”** means entities which are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with

internationally recognised accounting standards.

**“Extension Fee”** means any fee payable by a Participating Dealer to the Trustee for its own account and benefit on each occasion the Manager grants the request of such Participating Dealer for extended settlement in respect of an Application.

**“FDI”** means financial derivative instrument.

**“Government and other Public Securities”** has the meaning as set out in the Code and as at the date of this Prospectus means any investment issued by, or the payment of principal and interest on, which is guaranteed by a government, or any fixed-interest investment issued by its public or local authorities or other multilateral agencies.

**“HK Dividend ETF”** means the Ping An of China CSI HK Dividend ETF, an Index Fund of the Trust.

**“HKSCC”** means the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited or its successors.

**“Hong Kong”** means the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC.

**“Hong Kong dollar”** or **“HK\$”** mean the lawful currency for the time being and from time to time of Hong Kong.

**“H-Shares”** means shares issued by companies incorporated in China and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and traded in Hong Kong Dollars.

**“IFRS”** means the International Financial Reporting Standards.

**“Income Property”** means, in respect of each Index Fund, (a) all interest, dividends and other sums deemed by the Manager, (after consulting the Auditors), to be in the nature of income (including taxation repayments, if any) received or receivable by the Trustee in respect of the Deposited Property of the relevant Index Fund (whether in cash or, without limitation, by warrant, cheque, money, credit or otherwise or the proceeds of sale of any Income Property received in a form other than cash); (b) all Cash Component payments received or receivable by the Trustee for the account of the relevant Index Fund; (c) all Cancellation Compensation received by the Trustee for the account of the relevant Index Fund; and (d) all interest and other sums received or receivable by the Trustee in respect of (a), (b) or (c) of this definition, but excluding (i) the Deposited Property of the relevant Index Fund; (ii) any amount for the time being standing to the credit of the Distribution Account (as defined in the Trust Deed) for the account of the relevant Index Fund or previously distributed to Unitholders; (iii) gains for the account of the relevant Index Fund arising from the realisation of Securities; and (iv) any sums applied towards payment of the fees, costs and expenses payable by the Trust from the Income Property of the relevant Index Fund.

**“Index Fund”** means a segregated pool of assets and liabilities established under the Trust, including the HK Dividend ETF, the CGB ETF, the Multi-Factor ETF, the Quality Factor ETF, the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF.

**“Index Provider”** means, in respect of each Index Fund, the person responsible for compiling the Underlying Index against which the relevant Index Fund benchmarks its investments and who holds the right to license the use of such Underlying Index to the

relevant Index Fund, and in respect of the HK Dividend ETF and the CGB ETF, means the China Securities Index Co., Ltd; in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF and the Quality Factor ETF, means MSCI Inc.; in respect of the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF, means Nasdaq, Inc.

**“Index Securities”** means, for the HK Dividend ETF, shares of all or any of the constituent companies of the relevant Underlying Index and, for the CGB ETF, the Multi-Factor ETF, the Quality Factor ETF, the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF, Securities included as constituents of the relevant Underlying Index.

**“Initial Offer Period”**, in respect of each Index Fund, means such period as may be agreed between the Trustee and the Manager.

**“Issue Price”** means, in respect of each Index Fund, the issue price per Unit of a particular class during the Initial Offer Period as determined by the Manager in respect of such class of Units and thereafter the issue price per Unit calculated pursuant to the Trust Deed at which Units are from time to time issued or to be issued.

**“Listing Agent”** means, in respect of the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF, Altus Capital Limited.

**“Manager”** means Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited or any other person (or persons) who for the time being is duly appointed as manager (or managers) of the Trust and being approved by the SFC as qualified to act as such for the purposes of the Code.

**“MOF”** means the Ministry of Finance (中華人民共和國財政部) of the PRC.

**“Multi-Factor ETF”** means Ping An MSCI China Multi-Factor ETF, an Index Fund of the Trust.

**“Multi-Factor Index”** means MSCI China Diversified Multiple-Factor Index, the Underlying Index in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF.

**“Net Asset Value”** or **“NAV”** means the net asset value of an Index Fund or, as the context may require, of a Unit calculated pursuant to the Trust Deed.

**“Operating Guidelines”** means in relation to an Index Fund, the operating guidelines governing the Participating Dealers, including without limitation, the procedures for creation and redemption of Units.

**“Participating Dealer”** means, in respect of an Index Fund, a broker or dealer (licensed for Type 1 regulated activity under the Securities and Futures Ordinance) which has entered into a Participation Agreement in the form and substance acceptable to the Manager and the Trustee.

**“Participation Agreement”** means an agreement entered into between the Trustee, the Manager and Participating Dealer, and for the HK Dividend ETF only, the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and the HK Conversion Agency Services Limited, setting out, amongst other things, the arrangements in respect of the Applications.

**“PBOC”** means the People’s Bank of China.

**“P-chips”** means Chinese companies listed on the SEHK and traded in Hong Kong Dollars which are incorporated in the Cayman Islands, Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands with a majority of their business operations in China and controlled by private Chinese shareholders.

**“QFII”** means a qualified foreign institutional investor approved pursuant to the relevant PRC regulations (as amended from time to time).

**“Quality Factor ETF”** means Ping An MSCI China Quality Factor ETF, an Index Fund of the Trust.

**“Quality Factor Index”** means MSCI China Quality Index, the Underlying Index in respect of the Quality Factor ETF.

**“Red Chips”** means shares of companies incorporated outside of China with a majority of their business operations in China and, traded on the SEHK in Hong Kong Dollars.

**“Redemption Application”** means, in respect of an Index Fund, an application by a Participating Dealer for the redemption of Units in accordance with the relevant procedures set out in the Trust Deed, the relevant Participation Agreement and the relevant Operating Guidelines.

**“Redemption Price”** means, in respect of a Unit of an Index Fund, the redemption price per Unit of a particular class calculated in accordance with the Trust Deed at which Units are from time to time redeemed.

**“Register”** the register of Unitholders to be kept pursuant to the Trust Deed.

**“Registrar”** means, such person as may from time to time be appointed by the Manager and the Trustee to keep the Register and in default of any such appointment shall mean the Trustee.

**“reverse repurchase transactions”** means transactions whereby a Sub-Fund purchases Securities from a counterparty of sale and repurchase transactions and agrees to sell such Securities back at an agreed price in the future.

**“RQFII”** means a Renminbi qualified foreign institutional investor approved pursuant to the relevant PRC regulations (as amended from time to time).

**“SAFE”** means the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (國家外匯管理局) of the PRC.

**“sale and repurchase transactions”** means transactions whereby a Sub-Fund sells its Securities to a counterparty of reverse repurchase transactions and agrees to buy such Securities back at an agreed price with a financing cost in the future.

**“Securities”** has the meaning given to such term in Section 1 of Part I of Schedule 1 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

**“SEHK”** means The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or its successors.

**“Securities and Futures Ordinance”** means the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong.

**“securities lending transactions”** means transactions whereby a Sub-Fund lends its Securities to a security-borrowing counterparty for an agreed fee.

**“Settlement Day”** means the Business Day which is two (2) Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day (or such later Business Day as is permitted in relation to such Dealing Day pursuant to the Operating Guidelines) or such other number of Business Days after the relevant Dealing Day as the Manager and the Trustee may from time to time agree and notify to the relevant Participating Dealers, either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.

**“SFC”** means the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong or its successors.

**“SSE”** means the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

**“Sub-Funds”** means the HK Dividend ETF, CGB ETF, the Multi-Factor ETF, the Quality Factor ETF, the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF, and each a **“Sub-Fund”**.

**“substantial financial institution”** has the same meaning as in the Code.

**“SZSE”** means the Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

**“Transaction Fee”** means, in respect of an Index Fund, the fee which may at the discretion of the Trustee be charged for the account and benefit of the Trustee to each Participating Dealer under the Trust Deed, the level of which shall be determined by the Trustee with the consent of the Manager from time to time and set out in this Prospectus.

**“Trust”** means the unit trust constituted by the Trust Deed and called the Ping An of China Trust or such other name as the Trustee and the Manager may from time to time determine.

**“Trust Deed”** means the trust deed dated 19 April 2010 constituting the Trust, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

**“Trustee”** means HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited or such other person (or persons) who for the time being is duly appointed to be trustee (or trustees) of the Trust.

**“Underlying Index”** means, in respect of an Index Fund, the index or benchmark against which the relevant Index Fund is benchmarked or may otherwise be referenced as set out in this Prospectus; in respect of the HK Dividend ETF, means the CSI HK Dividend; in respect of the CGB ETF, means the CGB Index; in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF, means the Multi-Factor Index; in respect of the Quality Factor ETF, means the Quality Factor Index; in respect of the 5HANDL ETF, means the 5HANDL Index; and in respect of the AI and Robotics ETF, means the AI and Robotics Index.

**“Unit”** means such number of undivided shares or such fraction of an undivided share of an Index Fund to which a Unit relates as is represented by a Unit of the relevant class and except where used in relation to a particular class of Unit a reference to Units means and includes Units of all classes.

**“Unitholder”** means the person for the time being entered on the Register as the holder of a Unit or Units including, where the context so admits, persons jointly so registered.



**“US dollar”** or **“US\$”** means the lawful currency for the time being and from time to time of the United States of America.

**“Unqualified Person”** means:

- (a) a person who by virtue of any law or requirement of any country or governmental authority is not qualified to hold a Unit or who would be in breach of any such law or regulation in acquiring or holding a Unit or if, in the opinion of the Manager, the holding of a Unit by such person might result in the Trust incurring any liability to taxation or suffering a pecuniary disadvantage which the Trust might not otherwise have incurred or suffered, or might result in the Trust, the Manager or the Trustee or any of their Connected Persons being exposed to any liability, penalty or regulatory action; or
- (b) any person if the holding of a Unit by such person might, due to any circumstances whether directly affecting such person and whether relating to such person alone or to any other person in conjunction therewith (whether such persons are connected or not), in the opinion of the Manager, result in the Trust incurring any liability to taxation or suffering a pecuniary disadvantage which the Trust might not otherwise have incurred or suffered, or in the Trust, the Manager or the Trustee or any of their Connected Persons being exposed to any liability, penalty or regulatory action;

**“Valuation Point”** means, in respect of a Sub-Fund, the official close of trading on: the securities market on which the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket(s), are listed and, in the case of a Sub-Fund investing in Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities trading on more than one (1) securities market, the official close of trading on the last relevant securities market to close or such other time or times as determined by the Manager and the Trustee from time to time provided that there shall always be a Valuation Point on each Dealing Day other than where there is a suspension of the determination of the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Deed.

## **THE TRUST**

The Trust is an umbrella unit trust constituted by way of a trust deed dated 19 April 2010 and amended and restated from time to time between Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited as Manager and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited as Trustee. The terms of the Trust Deed are governed by the laws of Hong Kong.

The Trust is an umbrella fund under which index-tracking Index Funds may be established. Each of the Sub-Funds is an Index Fund of the Trust, and only one (1) class of Units shall initially be issued for each of the Sub-Funds. The Manager reserves the right to issue further classes of Units for each of the Sub-Funds or to establish other Index Funds in the future.

Each of the Sub-Funds is an exchange traded fund managed by the Manager and authorized by the SFC pursuant to section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. The Sub-Funds are exchange traded funds that fall within section 8.6 of the Code. SFC authorization is not a recommendation or endorsement of a product nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a product or its performance. It does not mean the product is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

To the extent permissible by law, all assets and liabilities attributable to each Sub-Fund shall be segregated from the assets and liabilities of any other Index Funds, and shall not be used for the purpose of, or borne by the assets of, any other Index Fund (as the case may be).

## **MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

### ***Manager***

Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited is the manager of Ping An of China Trust. Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Limited which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd.

Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited is licensed by the SFC in Hong Kong for types 4 (advising on securities) and 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Central Entity Number: AOD938).

### ***Directors of the Manager***

The directors of the Manager are TUNG Hoi, CHAI Chi Kit and ZHANG Yan. Their biographical details are as follows:-

**TUNG Hoi** Mr. Tung is currently the CEO and Chairman of China Ping An Insurance Overseas (Holdings) Limited and the Chairman of Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited. Prior to that, from 2004 to 2014, Mr. Tung was the Chairman and CEO of Ping An Trust Co., Ltd.. From 2014 to 2016, Mr. Tung was the Co-CIO and Chairman of Investment Committee of Ping An Insurance (Group) of China, Ltd. Before joining Ping An, Mr. Tung was an executive director of Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C., advising major financial institutions in the region on restructuring, M&As and capital markets activities. Mr. Tung started his career as a management consultant at McKinsey & Co. Mr. Tung holds a Master's Degree in Engineering Science with first-class honors from Oriel College, University of Oxford, and an MBA from INSEAD.

**CHAI Chi Kit** Mr. Chai joined Ping An as the Head of Capital Markets and CIO in 2017. He is in charge of all capital market investments. Prior to joining Ping An, Mr. Chai worked for Teacher Retirement System of Texas, one of the largest pension funds in the US, for 21 years. He was the senior managing director and head of Internal Public Markets there. Mr. Chai was also on the Management Committee and Investment Committee which approved all external investments. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, a Master of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University as a Dean's Scholar and a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Chai is also a CFA since 1998.

**ZHANG Yan** Mr. Zhang joined Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) in 2017 and currently works as the Global Head of Hedge Funds. Mr. Zhang has had 17 years of experience in global hedge fund investment, including 8 years in New York, 7 years in Singapore and 2 years in Hong Kong. Prior to joining Ping An, he served as Head of Emerging Markets Investments and portfolio manager of Permal for 12 years, based in Singapore and New York. Permal Emerging Markets Holdings Fund, managed by him, was elected as one of the best performing multi-strategy hedge funds in the world by Barron's magazine and InvestHedge. He also served as Head of External Managers Research at Avanda Investment Management Pte. Ltd. in Singapore. Mr. Zhang is a CFA chartered

holder and holds an MBA in Finance from Indiana University in addition to a Bachelor's in Economics from Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade.

***Listing Agent in respect of the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF***

Altus Capital Limited is the listing agent of the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF in accordance with The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in respect of the CGB ETF's listing on the SEHK. The Listing Agent is a licensed corporation which holds, amongst others, a Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) regulated activity license under the Securities and Futures Ordinance with CE Number AGH102.

***Trustee, Custodian and Registrar***

The trustee and custodian of the Trust is HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited. The Trustee was incorporated with limited liability in Hong Kong in 1974 and is registered as a trust company under the Trustee Ordinance (Cap. 29 of Hong Kong) and approved by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority as trustee of registered mandatory provident fund schemes under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (Cap. 485 of Hong Kong). The Trustee is an indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary of HSBC Holdings plc, a public company incorporated in England and Wales.

The Trustee in no way acts as guarantor or offeror of the Units or any underlying investment of any Index Fund. The Trustee has no responsibility or authority to make investment decisions, or render investment advice, with respect to any Index Fund.

Neither the Trustee nor its delegate is responsible for the preparation or issue of this Prospectus and the Product KFS and therefore they accept no responsibility for any information contained in the Prospectus and the Product KFS other than information relating to themselves under this section headed "Trustee, Custodian and Registrar".

Under the Trust Deed, the Trustee is responsible for the safekeeping of the assets of each Index Fund, and such assets will be dealt with as the Trustee may think proper for this purpose. The Trustee may, from time to time and as the Trustee thinks fit, appoint such person or persons (including a Connected Person) as Custodian or co-Custodians of the whole or any part of the assets of an Index Fund and may empower any such Custodian or co-Custodian to appoint sub-Custodians with the Trustee's prior consent in writing.

Where the Trustee appoints any nominee, agent, Custodian or co Custodian in relation to the assets of an Index Fund, the Trustee is required to (i) exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence in the selection, appointment and ongoing monitoring of such nominee, agent, Custodian or co-Custodian; (ii) be satisfied that such nominee, agent, Custodian or co-Custodian retained remains suitably qualified and competent on an ongoing basis to provide the relevant service to the Index Fund and (iii) be liable for the acts and omissions of the nominee, agent, Custodian or co Custodian which is a Connected Person of the Trustee as if the same were the acts and omissions of the Trustee, subject to the provisions of the Trust Deed. The fees and expenses of such Custodian, co-Custodian and sub-Custodians shall be paid out of the relevant Index Fund. The Trustee will take reasonable care to ensure that such fees are reasonable and align with prevailing market

rates as and when such appointment is necessary.

The Trustee will not be liable for any act or omission or insolvency of any agent, nominee, Custodian or co-Custodian which are not Connected Persons of the Trustee or appointed in respect of a market or markets which the Trustee may determine and notify in writing to the Manager from time to time as being emerging markets provided that (i) the Trustee shall exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence in the selection, appointment and ongoing monitoring of its nominees, agents and delegates and (ii) during the term of their appointment, shall satisfy itself that such persons remain suitably qualified and competent on an ongoing basis to provide services to the Sub-Funds. Emerging market is a term commonly used to refer to a market or jurisdiction the infrastructure of which may still be subject to on-going development which results in a degree of uncertainty both for local market participants and their overseas counterparts. Investing in emerging markets may therefore carry significant risks for investors. In respect of the assets of each Sub-Fund, the Trustee does not intend to appoint any Custodian or co-Custodian in respect of emerging markets. Nothing in the Trust Deed shall exempt the Trustee from any liability to Unitholders imposed under Hong Kong law or breaches of trust through fraud or negligence, nor may they be indemnified against such liability by Unitholders or at Unitholders' expense.

Subject to applicable laws and regulations (including the Code), the Trustee shall also be indemnified and shall be entitled to be reimbursed out of the assets of an Index Fund in respect of all reasonable and proper costs, outgoings, disbursements, liabilities, charges, expenses or demands which it may incur in respect of such Index Fund and which it may incur, whether directly or indirectly, or which are or may be imposed on it, in respect of the performance or exercise of its duties and powers under the Trust Deed and in respect of all actions, proceedings, costs, claims and demands relating to any matter or thing done or omitted to be done concerning such Index Fund, except where such actions, proceedings, costs, claims and demands are occasioned by the fraud, negligence, willful default by the Trustee or any officer of the Trustee, as the case may be.

In respect of an Index Fund which is authorized by the SFC, the Trustee will, among other things, take reasonable care to ensure that (a) all applicable reporting requirements (including the preparation of annual reports) in relation to each Index Fund or any conditions under which an Index Fund is authorized by the SFC, will be duly complied with; (b) the issue, redemption and cancellation of Units are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed; (c) the methods adopted by the Manager in calculating the value of Units are adequate to ensure that the Issue Price and Redemption Price are calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed; (d) the instructions of the Manager in respect of investments are carried out unless they are in conflict with the provisions of the Trust Deed; (e) the investment and borrowing limitations set out in the Trust Deed are complied with; and (f) such other relevant and applicable obligations, functions and duties imposed on the Trustee by all applicable law and regulations are complied with.

The Trustee will remain as the trustee of the Trust until the Trustee retires or is removed by the Manager. The circumstances under which the Trustee may be removed are set out in the Trust Deed (please refer to "Removal and Retirement of the Trustee and the Manager" section of the Prospectus for a summary extract). Any change in the trustee of

the Trust is subject to the SFC's prior approval, and Unitholders will be duly notified of any such changes in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the SFC.

The Trustee will also act as the Registrar of the Sub-Funds under the terms of the Trust Deed. As the Registrar, HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited provides services in respect of the establishment and maintenance of the Register of the Unitholders of the Sub-Funds. The Trustee is entitled, in the absence of manifest error, to rely upon the register of Unitholders as conclusive evidence of the matters contained in the register of Unitholders.

The Manager and the Trustee may appoint a Registrar other than the Trustee.

The Trustee will not participate in transactions or activities or make any payments denominated in US dollars, which, if carried out by a US person, would be subject to sanctions of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“**OFAC**”) of the US Department of the Treasury.

### ***Conversion Agent / Service Agent***

HK Conversion Agency Services Limited is the Conversion Agent of the HK Dividend ETF and Service Agent of the CGB ETF, the Multi-Factor ETF, the Quality Factor ETF, the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF under the terms of the conversion agency agreement and the service agreement respectively. Each of the service agreements was entered into among the Manager, the Trustee, the Service Agent, HKSCC, the Registrar and the relevant Participating Dealer and (where applicable) its agent while the conversion agency agreement was entered into among the Manager, the Conversion Agent and the HKSCC. The HK Conversion Agency Services Limited will perform certain services in connection with the creation and redemption of Units by Participating Dealer(s).

### ***Auditors***

The auditors of the Sub-Funds is PricewaterhouseCoopers

### ***Participating Dealers***

The role of the Participating Dealers is to apply to create and redeem Units in the Sub-Funds from time to time. Under the terms of each Participation Agreement, the Participating Dealer may only apply to create Units on the presentation of a Basket by it comprising Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities.

The Manager has the right to appoint the Participating Dealers for the Sub-Funds. The criteria for the eligibility and selection of Participating Dealers by the Manager is as follows: (i) the Participating Dealer must be licensed for at least Type 1 regulated activity pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance with a business presence in Hong Kong; (ii) the Participating Dealer must be acceptable to the Trustee; and (iii) the Participating Dealer itself (or has an agent who) must be a participant in CCASS.

As at 4 December 2019, the HK Dividend ETF has 13 Participating Dealers, namely ABN AMRO Clearing Hong Kong Ltd., Chief Securities Limited, Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd., Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Ltd., J.P. Morgan Broking (Hong Kong) Ltd., Merrill Lynch Far East Ltd., Phillip Securities

(HK) Ltd., UBS Securities Hong Kong Ltd., China Merchants Securities (HK) Co., Limited, Haitong International Securities Company Limited, Head & Shoulders Securities Limited and KGI Asia Limited.

As at 4 December 2019, the CGB ETF has 5 Participating Dealers, namely, China Merchants Securities (HK) Co., Haitong International Securities Company Limited, UBS Securities Hong Kong Ltd., Head & Shoulders Securities Limited and KGI Asia Limited.

As at 4 December 2019, the Multi-Factor ETF has 7 Participating Dealers, namely BNP Paribas Securities Services, Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd., Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited, Haitong International Securities Company Limited, Head & Shoulders Securities Limited and KGI Asia Limited.

As at 4 December 2019, the Quality Factor ETF has 7 Participating Dealers, namely BNP Paribas Securities Services, Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited, Haitong International Securities Company Limited, Head & Shoulders Securities Limited and KGI Asia Limited.

As at 4 December 2019, the 5HANDL ETF has 7 Participating Dealers, namely BNP Paribas Securities Services, Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd., Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited, Haitong International Securities Company Limited, Head & Shoulders Securities Limited and KGI Asia Limited.

As at 4 December 2019, the AI and Robotics ETF has 6 Participating Dealers, namely Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited, Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Limited, Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited, Haitong International Securities Company Limited, Head & Shoulders Securities Limited and KGI Asia Limited.

The latest list of Participating Dealers is also available on the “Overview” page of the Sub-Funds on the Manager’s website. The webpage for each Sub-Fund is as follows:

HK Dividend ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070</a>
CGB ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080</a>
Multi-Factor ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3163">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3163</a>
Quality Factor ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166</a>
5HANDL ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198</a>
AI and Robotics ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023</a>

If a Participating Dealer is not or has ceased to be a participant in CCASS, it must appoint a person who is a CCASS participant to be its agent in connection with certain obligations of the Participating Dealer related to the creation and redemption of Units. The Participating Dealer must also agree to be responsible for the acts and omission of its agent in the performance of such obligations.

Effective from 31 October 2014, the Participating Dealer, Citibank Global Markets Asia Limited, has ceased to be a participant in CCASS, and has appointed Citibank N.A. (who is a CCASS participant) as its agent in accordance with the above.

### ***Market Makers***

A market maker is a broker or a dealer permitted by the SEHK to act as such by making a market for the Units in the secondary market on the SEHK. A market maker's obligations include quoting bid prices to potential sellers and offer prices to potential buyers when there is a wide spread between the prevailing bid prices and offer prices for Units on the SEHK. Market makers accordingly facilitate the efficient trading of Units by providing liquidity in the secondary market when it is required in accordance with the market making requirements of the SEHK. Subject to applicable regulatory requirements, the Manager would use its best endeavours to put in place arrangements so that there is at least one (1) market maker for each of the Sub-Funds, and at least one market maker for each Sub-Fund is subject to 3 months' termination notice requirement. to facilitate efficient trading. The list of market makers in respect of each Sub-Fund from time to time will be displayed on ([www.hkex.com.hk](http://www.hkex.com.hk)).



## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

Each of the Sub-Funds is an index-tracking exchange traded fund, the investment objective of which is to track the performance of its Underlying Index. In general, each Sub-Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by adopting either a Replication Strategy or a Representative Sampling Strategy as described further below under the section titled “Principal Investment Strategies of the Index Funds” and the section titled “Investment Objective and Strategy” for each of the Sub-Funds.

An index is a group of Securities which an Index Provider selects as representative of a market, market segment or specific industry sector. The Index Provider determines the relative weightings of the Securities in the index and publishes information regarding the market value of the index. Generally speaking, the performance of an index should reflect the performance of the companies in the market segment or specific industry sector or the performance of the fixed income portfolio which the index covers.

There can be no assurance that each Sub-Fund will achieve its investment objective.

### ***Indexing Investment Approach***

Unlike traditional “active” investment management, which needs the manager’s own investment judgment from time to time, there is no active investment judgment involved in index investment approach.

Indexing investment approach aims to achieve an investment performance that closely corresponds with the underlying index, either by a Replication Strategy or by a Representative Sampling Strategy as described under “Principal Investment Strategies of the Index Funds”.

The Trust is designed for investors who want a relatively inexpensive passive approach to investing in a portfolio of Securities of a broad market, market segment, or market sector of a single country or region. The Trust offers investors a convenient way to obtain index- based exposure to the stock markets or debt markets of a specific country or region. However, movements in the prices of Units may be volatile. Therefore, if you purchase Units, you should be able to tolerate sudden, or even drastic, changes in the value of your investment.

The Manager generally seeks to achieve the objective of each Index Fund primarily by investing (directly or indirectly) in Securities comprised in the relevant Underlying Index adopting either a Replication Strategy or a Representative Sampling Strategy as described further below under the section titled “Principal Investment Strategies of the Index Funds”.

The Manager cannot assure that any Index Fund will achieve its investment objective. Each Index Fund will not be actively managed; as such, the expectation of adverse performance of a Security from an Index Fund’s portfolio will ordinarily not result in the elimination of the Security from an Index Fund’s portfolio. For different reasons, an Index Fund may not invest in all of the Securities or the same weight of the securities in the Underlying Index. Some Index Funds may, if in the Manager’s opinion it is in the interest of the relevant Index Fund and subject to applicable investment restrictions, even invest in Securities (either directly or indirectly) that are not in their

Underlying Index.

***Investment of Assets***

Each Index Fund has a policy to remain as fully invested as practicable. Each Index Fund will normally have at least 95 per cent of its total assets invested (directly or indirectly) in Securities comprised in the Underlying Index or in other Securities, based on one of the principal investment strategies described below, except, in limited circumstances, to help meet Redemption Applications.

The Manager may, subject to applicable investment restrictions, invest an Index Fund's assets in money market instruments or funds that invest exclusively in money market instruments, in repurchase agreements, in stocks that are in the relevant market but not the Index Fund's Underlying Index (as indicated above), and/or in combinations of stock index futures contracts, options on futures contracts, stock index options, stock index swaps, cash, local currency and forward currency exchange contracts which the Manager believes will help the Index Fund achieve its investment objective.

The Manager may attempt to reduce tracking error by using futures contracts whose behavior is expected to represent the market performance of an Index Fund's Underlying Index, although there can be no assurance that these futures contracts will correlate with the performance of the Index Fund's Underlying Index. The Manager will not use these instruments to leverage, or borrow against, an Index Fund's Securities holdings or for speculative purposes. In some cases, the use of these special investment techniques can adversely affect the performance of an Index Fund.

## **PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES OF THE INDEX FUNDS**

The Replication Strategy and Representative Sampling Strategy are the two most common indexing strategies used by index-tracking funds to pursue their investment objective.

### ***Replication Strategy***

Using a Replication Strategy, an Index Fund will invest in substantially all the Securities constituting the Underlying Index (either directly or indirectly), in substantially the same weightings (i.e. proportions) as these Securities have in the Underlying Index. When the constituents of the Underlying Index change, the portfolio of the Index Fund will change accordingly.

### ***Representative Sampling Strategy***

An Index Fund may not hold (either directly or indirectly) all of the Securities that comprise its Underlying Index if the Manager believes that a Replication Strategy is not the most efficient means to track the performance of Underlying Index after considering the liquidity of such securities, high trading costs, tax and other regulatory restrictions etc.

Under the Representative Sampling Strategy, the Manager uses quantitative models to evaluate the inclusion of each security and its weight in an Index Fund based on its contribution to certain risk factors, industry and fundamental investment characteristics. The Manager may regularly alter (or “rebalance”) the portfolio composition of an Index Fund to reflect changes in the characteristics of its Underlying Index or to bring the performance and characteristics of an Index Fund more in line with that of its Underlying Index.

The Manager may switch between the above strategies, without prior notice to investors, in its absolute discretion as often as it believes appropriate in order to achieve the investment objective of the relevant Index Fund.

## **THE HK DIVIDEND ETF**

### **Key Information**

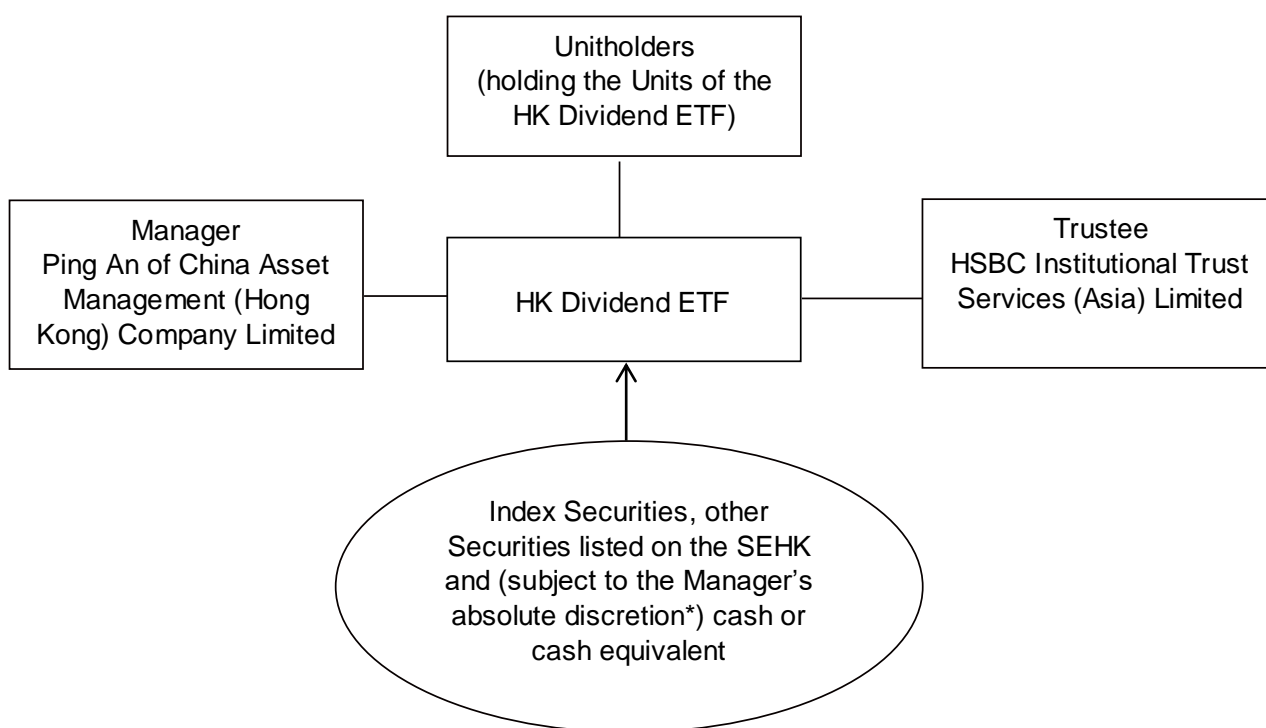
The following table is a summary of key information in respect of the HK Dividend ETF, and should be read in conjunction with the full text of this Prospectus.

Investment Type		Exchange Traded Fund (“ <b>ETF</b> ”)
Underlying Index		Index: CSI Hong Kong Dividend Index Launch Date: 23 July 2009 Base Date: 31 December 2004 Number of constituents: 30 Base Currency of Index: HK\$
Listing Date		15 February 2012
Exchange Listing		SEHK – Main Board
Stock Code		3070
Trading Board Lot Size		100 Units
Base Currency		Hong Kong Dollars (HK\$)
Trading Currency		Hong Kong Dollars (HK\$)
Dividend Payout		Semi-annually (if any) at the discretion of the Manager, usually in or around June and December
Application Unit Size for Creation/ Redemption by Participating Dealers		Minimum 30,000 Units (or multiples thereof)
Method(s) of Creation or Redemption available through Participating Dealers		In-kind or, subject to the Manager’s absolute discretion, in cash
Dealing Deadline		3:45 p.m. on the relevant Dealing Day, or such other time as the Manager may determine from time to time
Parties	Manager	Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited
	Trustee, Custodian and Registrar	HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited
	Conversion Agent	HK Conversion Agency Services Limited
	Participating Dealer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABN AMRO Clearing Hong Kong Ltd.</li> <li>• Chief Securities Limited</li> <li>• Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited</li> <li>• Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.</li> <li>• Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Ltd.</li> <li>• J.P. Morgan Broking (Hong Kong) Ltd.</li> <li>• Merrill Lynch Far East Ltd.</li> <li>• Phillip Securities (HK) Ltd.</li> <li>• UBS Securities Hong Kong Ltd.</li> <li>• China Merchants Securities (HK) Co., Limited</li> <li>• Haitong International Securities Company Limited</li> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>

	Participating Dealer's Agent	Citibank N.A. (as agent of Citibank Global Markets Asia Limited)
	Market Maker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNP Paribas Securities (Asia) Limited</li> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
Management Fee		0.55% p.a. of NAV calculated daily
Investment Strategy		Primarily a replication strategy. The Manager may also adopt a representative sampling strategy
Financial Year End		31 December
Website		on the Manager's website <a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070</a>

### Structure of the HK Dividend ETF

The diagram below briefly summarizes the structure of the HK Dividend ETF:



- \* Normally, creation and redemption of Units will be effected "in kind". Creation and redemption of Units in cash may only be effected at the Manager's discretion under limited circumstances.

### ***Investment Objective and Strategy***

The HK Dividend ETF is an index-tracking exchange traded fund under Chapter 8.6 of the Code which seeks to track the performance of the Underlying Index, CSI HK Dividend Index.

In order to achieve the investment objective, the HK Dividend ETF intends to primarily adopt a replication strategy to track the performance of the relevant Underlying Index. The HK Dividend ETF will directly invest in substantially all of the Index Securities of the

relevant Underlying Index in substantially the same weighting (i.e. proportions) as these Index Securities have in the relevant Underlying Index.

Where the adoption of a replication strategy is not efficient or practicable, or otherwise at the Manager's discretion, the HK Dividend ETF may pursue a representative sampling strategy and directly invests in a representative sample of the Index Securities of the relevant Underlying Index. When adopting this strategy, the HK Dividend ETF may or may not hold all the Index Securities of the relevant Underlying Index and the Manager may overweight certain of the Index Securities relative to the relevant Index Securities' respective weightings in the relevant Underlying Index on the condition that the maximum extra weighting in any Index Security will not exceed 4% or such other percentage as determined by the Manager after consultation with the SFC. The HK Dividend ETF may invest in non-Index Securities which are listed on the SEHK as the Manager considers appropriate. The Manager shall report to the SFC on a timely basis if there is any non-compliance with this limit by the HK Dividend ETF. The annual and semi-annual reports of the HK Dividend ETF shall also disclose whether or not such limit has been complied with during such period.

The Manager may switch between the replication strategy and the representative sampling strategy without prior notice to investors, in its absolute discretion, and as often as it believes is appropriate in order to achieve the investment objective of the HK Dividend ETF by tracking the relevant Underlying Index as closely as possible to the benefit of investors. However, investors should note that the adoption of a representative sampling strategy is associated with certain additional risks, in particular, a possible increased tracking error at the time of the switch, as well as possible increased tracking error in general. Investors should read the "Risk Factors" section below carefully.

There can be no assurance that the HK Dividend ETF will achieve its investment objective. The HK Dividend ETF does not intend to invest in FDIs, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, options and swaps or local currency and foreign currency exchange contracts for hedging or investment purposes. The HK Dividend ETF has no intention of having any direct or indirect exposure to China A Shares or B Shares as the Underlying Index does not comprise China A Shares or B Shares.

### ***Specific Risks***

In addition to the general risks described in the "Risk Factors" section below, the HK Dividend ETF is subject to the following additional special risks.

- *Portfolio Concentration Risk* – As at 31 October 2019, the Underlying Index consists of 30 constituent securities listed on the SEHK, and the aggregate weighting of the top 10 constituent stocks of the Underlying Index accounts for around 75.99% of the Underlying Index. HK Dividend ETF is therefore relatively concentrated in a limited number of stocks. The HK Dividend ETF is likely to be more volatile than a fund tracking an index with a greater number of constituent stocks, as the adverse performance of a constituent stock will have a greater impact on the value of the HK Dividend ETF.
- *Market Concentration Risk* – The HK Dividend ETF is subject to concentration risk as a result of tracking the performance of companies whose operations and

business are primarily from a single region (i.e. China and Hong Kong). As at 8 December 2017, Index Securities accounting for approximately 85.97% of the Underlying Index have exposure to mainland China and Hong Kong. The HK Dividend ETF will likely be more volatile than a broadly-based fund such as a global or regional equity fund as it is more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse conditions in that single region.

- *Distribution Risk* – Dividend distributions are not guaranteed and are subject to the discretion of the Manager. Therefore, investors may not receive any dividends from the HK Dividend ETF, notwithstanding that the constituent securities of the CSI HK Dividend Index may have dividend distributions.

### ***The Index***

The Underlying Index in respect of the HK Dividend ETF, being the CSI Hong Kong Dividend Index, is a diversified index consisting of 30 constituent stocks compiled and managed by the CSI. The Underlying Index in respect of the HK Dividend ETF is a price return index.

The Manager will consult the SFC on any events that may affect the acceptability of any of the Underlying Index (for example, the change in methodology/rules or compiling or calculating the Underlying Index, or a change in the objective or characteristics of the Underlying Index). The Manager shall notify Unitholders as soon as practicable of any significant events relating to any of the relevant Underlying Index.

### **General**

The CSI Hong Kong Dividend Index (the “**CSI HK Dividend**”) seeks to reflect the performance of high dividend yield securities in the Hong Kong market by selecting the 30 securities with high dividend yield, stable dividend payment and good liquidity from the entire universe of securities listed on the SEHK. The CSI HK Dividend was launched on 23 July 2009 and its base date was on 31 December 2004.

CSI is a professional index service company jointly founded by the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, to provide services relating to securities indices. CSI is independent of the Manager and its Connected Persons.

The CSI HK Dividend is calculated by CSI. However, neither CSI nor the SEHK shall be liable (whether in negligence or otherwise) to any person for any error in the CSI HK Dividend or shall be under any obligation to advise any person of any error therein. All intellectual property rights of the Underlying Index and list of constituent securities thereof shall belong to CSI. The HK Dividend ETF is not in any way endorsed, sold, sponsored or promoted by CSI or by the SEHK. Neither the SEHK nor CSI makes any warranty or representation whatsoever, expressly or impliedly, either as to the results of the use of the Underlying Index.

Below is a brief summary of the basic information, selection criteria, selection methodology and maintenance of the CSI HK Dividend as of the date of publication of this Prospectus. Such information is subject to revision from time to time by China Securities Index Co., Ltd. and before making investment decisions, investors should refer to the website of China Securities Index Co., Ltd. ([www.csindex.com.cn](http://www.csindex.com.cn)) for the latest version of such information.

## Basic Information

Index Code	H11140(HKD)
Launch Date	23 July 2009
Base Date	31 December 2004
Base Index	1000
Periodical Review	Next trading day after close of the second Friday of December each year

The constituent list of the CSI HK Dividend, their respective weightings and other information regarding the index, as updated from time to time, is available on CSI's website ([www.csindex.com.cn](http://www.csindex.com.cn)) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

As at 30 October 2020, the breakdown of the constituent stocks of CSI HK Dividend by the geographical location in which they have exposure and their respective weightings are listed below:

Geographical location	Weight (%)
Macau	6.2
Britain	7.0
Hong Kong	23.2
China	63.6
Total	100.00

## Index Dissemination

Information regarding the CSI HK Dividend is widely disseminated in and outside of Hong Kong through the immediate global reporting through the Reuters (Reuters RIC: CSIH11140) and Bloomberg (Bloomberg Ticker: CSIH1140) financial news systems.

## Index Methodology

### Index Universe

The universe of eligible constituents consists of securities which satisfy both paragraph (A) and (B) below.

(A) The security satisfies all of the following conditions:

- the security is a common stock or a real estate investment trust primarily listed on the SEHK (main board or growth enterprise market);
- the security has been listed for more than 3 months in the most recent year unless the daily average total market value of the security since listing is ranked among top 10 among all Hong Kong securities;
- the security has a daily average closing price of not less than HK\$0.10 in the most recent year;
- where the security has a daily average closing price of not less than HK\$0.10 but



less than HK\$0.50 in the most recent year and the security does not have negative earnings per share according to its most recent annual report;

- the daily average turnover ratio of the security in the most recent three months is not less than 0.1%;
- the security is not considered as inappropriate by the Index Advisory Committee (please refer to “Index Advisory Committee” section below for more information); and

(B) Among the securities which satisfy all of the conditions in paragraph (A) above,

- the security is within the top 50% ranked by daily average trading value of the most recent year (with daily average trading value of the most recent year no less than HK\$50 million);
- the security is within the top 50% ranked by daily average market cap of the most recent year; and
- the security has a dividend yield more than zero for the past three (3) years on a consecutive basis.

#### Constituents Selection

Eligible stocks are first sorted in descending order based on the average dividend yield over the 3 years. The securities ranked top 30 stocks on the list are then selected as index constituents, unless considered not suitable to be an index constituent by the Index Advisory Committee.

#### Index Advisory Committee

The Index Advisory Committee is a committee established by CSI and comprises highly qualified and experienced experts and specialists in the asset management industry worldwide with expertise in index creation, indexing and market research. The Index Advisory Committee is responsible for the evaluation, consulting and examination of the index methodologies of CSI HK Dividend, advising on operational issues and ensures the fair and rational management of CSI HK Dividend. The Index Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis and examines the constituent stocks of CSI HK Dividend to ensure that securities that are considered as inappropriate to be included as constituent stocks of CSI HK Dividend are excluded. The Index Advisory Committee is independent of the Manager and its Connected Persons.

In assessing whether a particular constituent stock is to be excluded from CSI HK Dividend, the Index Advisory Committee takes into account a range of basic information, such as trading data, financial data of the particular constituent stock and relevant regulation announcement, including but not limited to its daily average trading value, daily average market cap, daily average closing price, earnings per share and amount of dividend distributed, etc. Such periodic review mechanism ensures that the inclusion of constituent stocks in CSI HK Dividend fulfill the relevant conditions laid down in the index universe, and that such process is rule-based and objectively calculated.

## Index Calculation

The Underlying Index is calculated using the Paasche weighted composite price index formula as follows, subject to a 10% cap on the weight of each individual index constituent:

$$\text{Current index} = \frac{\text{current adjusted market cap of constituents}}{\text{base period}} \times 1000$$

Where: adjusted market cap =  $\sum$  (price x adjusted number of shares x weight cap factor x exchange rate). The adjusted number of shares is obtained through using the category-weighted method. The weight cap factor is between 0 and 1 and is applied at the time of index review.

The category-weighted method is as shown in the following table:

Negotiable Market Cap Ratio (%)	≤10	(10, 20]	(20, 30]	(30, 40]	(40, 50]	(50, 60]	(60, 70]	(70, 80]	>80
Inclusion Factor (%)	Negotiable Market Cap Ratio	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	100

Example: A security with a negotiable market cap ratio (negotiable market cap /total market cap) of 7%, which is below 10%, will have an inclusion factor equals to its negotiable market capitalization ratio. A security with a negotiable market cap ratio of 35% will belong to category (30, 40], and the corresponding inclusion factor is 40%, i.e. 40% of total number of shares will be used for index calculation. The negotiable market cap ratio means the proportion of market cap remaining after excluding the following non- negotiable shares from the total market cap: (a) long term holdings by founders, families, and senior executives; (b) Government holdings; (c) holdings by strategic investors; (d) frozen shares; (e) restricted employee shares; and (f) cross-holdings.

## Exchange Rate

The exchange rate shall be the applicable mid-price quote by Thomson Reuters.

## Index Maintenance

The CSI HK Dividend is maintained using the “divisor adjustment methodology”. In the event of a change in the list of constituents or in a constituent’s structure, or a change in the market capitalization of a constituent due to non-trading factors, the old divisor is adjusted by means of the divisor adjustment methodology. The adjustment formula is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{adjusted market cap before divisor adjustment}}{\text{old divisor}} = \frac{\text{adjusted market cap after divisor adjustment}}{\text{new divisor}}$$

Where: “adjusted market cap after divisor adjustment” = adjusted market cap before divisor adjustment + increase (decrease) in adjusted market cap. The new divisor (i.e. the adjusted divisor, also known as the new base period) is obtained from this formula and is used to calculate the CSI HK Dividend.

Circumstances under which maintenance of the CSI HK Dividend is required include the following:

- (a) ex-right: whenever bonus shares or rights are issued for a constituent stock, the CSI HK Dividend is adjusted the day before such issuance; adjusted market cap after divisor adjustment = ex-right quote x number of shares of capital stock after the stock started to trade ex-right + adjusted market cap before divisor adjustment (excluding ex-right shares);
- (b) suspension of trading: if a constituent stock is suspended from trading, its last trading price is used to calculate the CSI HK Dividend, until trading is resumed;
- (c) other corporate events such as second offering or exercise of warrants:
  - (i) if the cumulative change of constituent shares is more than 5%,  
the CSI HK Dividend is adjusted the day before the change;  
adjusted market cap after the adjustment = closing price x adjusted number of shares after the change;
  - (ii) if the cumulative change of constituent shares is less than 5%,  
the CSI HK Dividend is adjusted in the next regular review; and
- (d) when there is a periodic adjustment or an ad hoc adjustment of the list of constituent stocks of the CSI HK Dividend, the CSI HK Dividend is adjusted prior to the date of the change.

## **Adjustments to Constituent Stock**

### **Regular Adjustments of Constituent Stock**

Regular reviews and adjustments are made to the CSI HK Dividend every December, and such adjustments take effect on the next trading day after close of the second Friday of December.

The number of constituent securities to be adjusted will generally not exceed 20% each time, unless more than 20% of the constituent securities fail to meet the conditions of the stock universe.

### **Ad Hoc Adjustments**

Additionally, ad hoc adjustments are made to the CSI HK Dividend when special events take place in the constituent companies.

- (a) Mergers and Acquisitions

If the merged company satisfies the requirements of the index universe, the stock of the merged company will be added to the CSI HK Dividend. Its fundamental adjustment factors, which is the value obtained from dividing the fundamental weight of the merged company by the negotiable market cap, will be recalculated such that the investment weight of the new company will be equal to that of the aggregate of the merged entities. The resulting vacancy in the CSI HK Dividend will be filled during the next regular adjustment.

In the case of the acquisition of one constituent company by another non-constituent company by way of shares or a combination of shares and cash, the new constituent company, if it satisfies the requirements of the index universe, will replace the previous constituent company. Its fundamental adjustment factors will be recalculated such that the new constituent company will be equal in investment weight to the previous constituent company.

If one constituent company is acquired by a non-constituent company by way of cash, the previous constituent company will be removed from the CSI HK Dividend. The resulting vacancy will be filled during the next regular adjustment.

(b) Spin-off

If a constituent company is spun off into two or more separate entities, all of which satisfy the requirements of the index universe, all the entities will remain in the CSI HK Dividend. The same fundamental adjustment factors will be adopted in the calculation of the investment weight of the new companies so that the combined investment weight of the new companies will equal to that of the old constituent company.

(c) Delisting and etc.

If a constituent company is delisted, or has bankruptcy proceedings commenced against it, it will be removed from the CSI HK Dividend as soon as practicable. The resulting vacancy will be filled during the next regular adjustment.

### **Index Licence Agreement**

For the HK Dividend ETF, the licence agreement between the Index Provider and the Manager was entered into on 1 June 2011, pursuant to which the Manager was granted a licence by the Index Provider to use the Underlying Index as a basis for determining the composition of the HK Dividend ETF and to use certain trade marks in the Underlying Index. The licence granted was for an initial term of 3 years and continued until 1 June 2014, on which date the licence was automatically renewed for one year and should be continually renewed for successive terms of one year unless terminated pursuant to the agreement.

Unless otherwise agreed between the Manager and the Index Provider, the Index Provider may terminate the Manager's license under the following circumstances:

- by mutual agreement between the Manager and the Index Provider;
- if the Manager ceases to manage the Sub-Fund;
- the appointment of the Manager as manager of the Trust terminates;

- if the SFC or SEHK requires the Manager to cease its management of the Sub-Fund or requires the Index Provider to terminate its licence for the use of the Index;
- if the Manager seriously violates relevant laws or statutes, or breaches the operational rules of a stock exchange;
- if the Sub-Fund becomes the subject of major litigation or major investigation by regulatory or administrative authority;
- Index Provider loses its rights and interests in relevant Underlying Index;
- the agreement for the grant of licence cannot be performed or performance of which cannot be continued due to force majeure;
- the Manager ceases to do business or is liquidated or declared insolvent;
- under other circumstances specified by laws.

## **THE CGB ETF**

### ***Key Information***

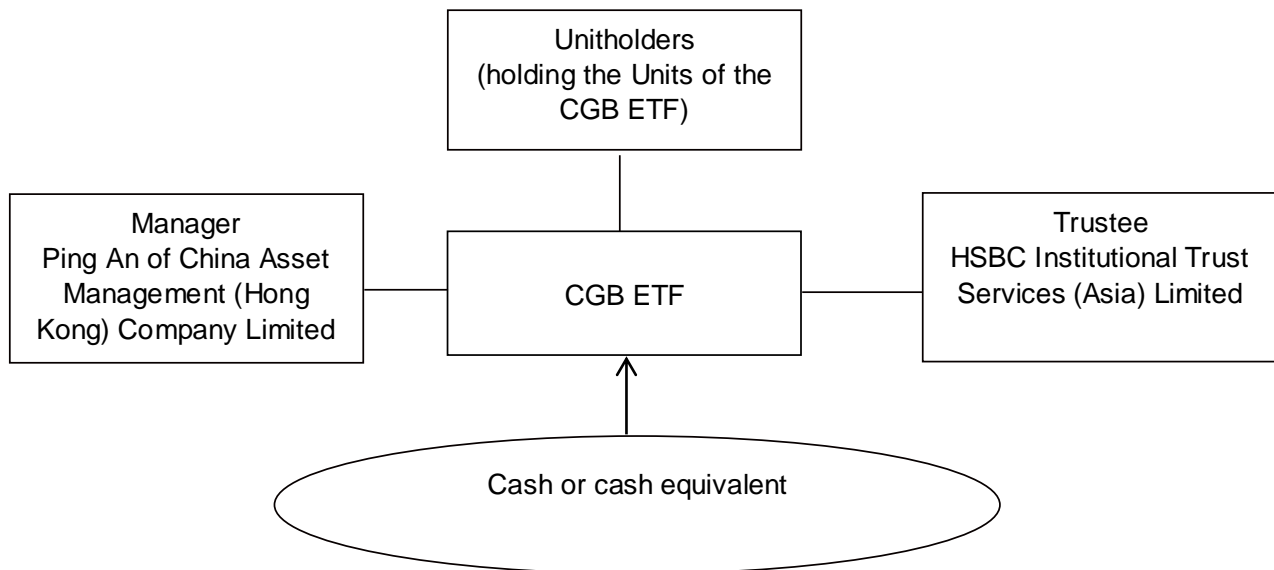
The following table is a summary of key information in respect of the CGB ETF, and should be read in conjunction with the full text of this Prospectus.

Investment Type		Exchange Traded Fund (“ <b>ETF</b> ”)
Underlying Index		Index: CSI 5-10y Liquid CGB Index Launch Date: 25 October 2017 Base Date: 31 December 2011 Number of constituents: 12 (as at 31 October 2019) Base Currency of Index: RMB
Issue Price during the Initial Offer Period		RMB100
Listing Date		29 December 2017
Exchange Listing		SEHK – Main Board
Stock Code		3080
Trading Board Lot Size		100 Units
Base Currency		Renminbi (RMB)
Trading Currency		Hong Kong dollars (HK\$)
Dividend Payout		Semi-annually (if any) at the discretion of the Manager, usually in or around June and December Dividend will not be paid out of capital or effectively out of capital. All Units will receive distributions in the base currency (RMB) only.
Application Unit Size for Creation/ Redemption by Participating Dealers		Minimum 30,000 Units (or multiples thereof)
Method(s) of Creation or Redemption available through Participating Dealers		In cash (RMB only)
Dealing Deadline		11:00 a.m. on the relevant Dealing Day, or such other time as the Manager may determine from time to time
Parties	Manager	Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited
	Trustee, Custodian and Registrar	HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited
	Service Agent	HK Conversion Agency Services Limited
	Participating Dealer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>China Merchants Securities (HK) Co., Limited</li> <li>Haitong International Securities Company Limited</li> <li>UBS Securities Hong Kong Limited</li> <li>Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
	Market Maker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
Management Fee		0.35% p.a. of NAV calculated daily
Investment Strategy		Primarily a replication strategy. The Manager may also adopt a representative sampling strategy.

Financial Year End	31 December
Website	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080</a>

### Structure of the CGB ETF

The diagram below briefly summarizes the structure of the CGB ETF:



### Investment Objective and Strategy

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The CGB ETF is an index-tracking exchange traded fund under Chapter 8.6 of the Code which seeks to track the performance of the Underlying Index, CSI 5-10y Liquid CGB Index.

In order to achieve the investment objective, the CGB ETF intends to primarily adopt a full replication strategy to track the performance of the Underlying Index. The CGB ETF will directly invest in substantially all of the China government bonds issued by the MOF (“CGBs”), denominated and settled in RMB and issued and distributed within Mainland China, which are included as constituents of the Underlying Index in substantially the same weighting (i.e. proportions) as these CGB have in the Underlying Index. Up to 100% of the Net Asset Value will be invested in CGBs.

Where it is not possible to acquire certain CGBs which are constituents of the Index due to restrictions or limited availability, the CGB ETF may also pursue a representative sampling strategy by investing in a portfolio featuring high correlation with the Underlying Index and the Manager may invest other CGBs that are not included as constituents of the Underlying Index. When adopting this strategy, the CGB ETF may or may not hold all the Index Securities of the Underlying Index and the Manager may overweight certain of the CGBs which are included as constituents of the Underlying Index relative to the CGBs’ respective weightings in the Underlying Index. The CGB ETF may invest in CGBs not included as constituents of the Underlying Index as the Manager considers appropriate, but will not invest in securities other than CGBs.

The CGBs which are not constituents of the Underlying Index will have a term to maturity of 5 to 10 years, provided that the sample closely reflects the overall characteristics of the Underlying Index which the Manager believes will help the CGB ETF achieve its investment objective.

As the Underlying Index comprises only CGBs, there is no credit rating requirement for inclusion in the Underlying Index. The credit rating of the PRC government as the issuer of CGBs is A+ by Standard & Poor's and A1 by Moody's.

Exposure to CGBs will be gained via investing in the PRC inter-bank bond market primarily (i.e. at least 70% of its NAV) through the Bond Connect (as defined below), however the Manager may, in exceptional circumstances, invest in CGBs distributed outside of Mainland China and settled in offshore RMB (CNH), provided that the portfolio closely reflects the overall characteristics of the Underlying Index. The CGB ETF may also utilise the Foreign Access Regime (as defined below), and/or other means as may be permitted by the relevant regulations from time to time.

The Manager may switch between the replication strategy and the representative sampling strategy without prior notice to investors, in its absolute discretion, and as often as it believes is appropriate in order to achieve the investment objective of the CGB ETF by tracking the Underlying Index as closely as possible to the benefit of investors. However, investors should note that the adoption of a representative sampling strategy is associated with certain additional risks, in particular, a possible increased tracking error at the time of the switch, as well as possible increased tracking error in general. Investors should read the "Risk Factors" section below carefully.

The investment strategy of the CGB ETF is subject to the investment and borrowing restrictions set out in the section "Investment and Borrowing Restrictions". In particular, Chapters 7.4 and 7.5 of the Code applies to the CGB ETF such that:

- (a) not more than 30% of the Net Asset Value of the CGB ETF may be invested in Government and other Public Securities of the same issue; and
- (b) subject to Chapter 7.4 of the Code, the CGB ETF may invest all of its assets in Government and other Public Securities in at least 6 different issues.

There is no current intention for the CGB ETF to (i) invest in any FDIs (including structured products or instruments) for hedging or non-hedging (i.e. investment) purposes, (ii) invest in urban Investment bonds (城投债), (iii) invest in structured products or instruments, structured deposits, asset backed securities, asset backed commercial papers and mortgage backed securities, or (iv) enter into securities lending, sale and repurchase transactions, reverse repurchase transactions or other similar over-the-counter ("OTC") transactions, but this may change in light of market circumstances and where the CGB ETF does engage in these types of transactions, prior approval shall be obtained from the SFC (if required) and no less than one month's prior notice will be given to the Unitholders.

### ***The Offshore RMB Market***

#### **What Led to RMB Internationalisation?**



RMB is the lawful currency of China. RMB is not a freely convertible currency and it is subject to foreign exchange control policies of and repatriation restrictions imposed by the Chinese government. Since July 2005, the Chinese government began to implement a controlled floating exchange rate system based on the supply and demand in the market and adjusted with reference to a portfolio of currencies. The exchange rate of RMB is no longer pegged to US dollars, resulting in a more flexible RMB exchange rate system.

Over the past two decades, the Chinese economy grew rapidly at an average annual rate of 9.8% in real terms. This enables it to overtake Japan to become the second largest economy and trading country in the world. As the Chinese economy becomes increasingly integrated with the rest of the world, it is a natural trend for its currency – the RMB, to become more widely used in the trade and investment activities.

### **Accelerating the Pace of the RMB Internationalisation**

China has been taking gradual steps to increase the use of RMB outside its borders by setting up various pilot programmes in Hong Kong and neighbouring areas in recent years. For instance, banks in Hong Kong were the first permitted to provide RMB deposits, exchange, remittance and credit card services to personal customers in 2004. Further relaxation occurred in 2007 when the authorities allowed PRC financial institutions to issue RMB bonds in Hong Kong. As of the end of December 2018, the total RMB deposits with licensed banks in Hong Kong amounted to RMB 615.81 billion.

The pace of RMB internationalisation has accelerated since 2009 when Chinese authorities permitted cross-border trade between Hong Kong / Macau and Shanghai / 4 Guangdong cities, and between ASEAN and Yunnan/Guangxi, to be settled in RMB. In December 2018, the arrangement was expanded to 20 provinces / municipalities in China and to all countries / regions overseas. About RMB 4.2 trillion worth of cross border trade was settled in Hong Kong using RMB in 2018.

### **Onshore versus Offshore RMB Market**

Following a series of policies introduced by the Chinese authorities, an RMB market outside China has gradually developed and started to expand rapidly since 2009. RMB traded outside China is often referred as “offshore RMB” with the denotation “CNH”, which distinguishes it from the “onshore RMB” or “CNY”.

Both onshore and offshore RMB are the same currency but are traded in different markets. Since the two RMB markets operate independently where the flow between them is highly restricted, onshore and offshore RMB are traded at different rates and their movement may not be in the same direction. Due to the strong demand for offshore RMB, CNH used to be traded at a premium to onshore RMB, although occasional discount may also be observed. The relative strength of onshore and offshore RMB may change significantly, and such change may occur within a very short period of time.

Notwithstanding that the offshore RMB market showed a meaningful growth during the past 2 years, it is still at an early stage of the development and is relatively sensitive to negative factors or market uncertainties. For instance, the value of offshore RMB had once dropped by 2% against the US dollars in the third week of September 2011 amidst the heavy selloff of the equities market. In general, the offshore RMB market is more volatile than the

onshore one due to its relatively thin liquidity.

There have been talks on the potential convergence of the 2 RMB markets but that is believed to be driven by political decisions rather than just economics. It is widely expected that the onshore and offshore RMB markets would remain 2 segregated, but highly related, markets for the next few years.

### **Recent Measures**

More measures to relax the conduct of offshore RMB business were announced in 2010. On 19 July 2010, restrictions on interbank transfer of RMB funds were lifted, and permission was granted for companies in Hong Kong to exchange foreign currencies for RMB without limit. One month later, the Chinese authorities announced the partial opening up of PRC's interbank bond market for foreign central banks, RMB clearing banks in Hong Kong and Macau and other foreign banks participating in the RMB offshore settlement programme.

The National Twelfth Five-Year Plan adopted in March 2011 explicitly supports the development of Hong Kong as an offshore RMB business centre. In August 2011, PRC Vice-Premier Li Keqiang has announced more new initiatives during his visit, such as allowing investments on the Chinese equity market through the RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor scheme and the launch of an exchange-traded fund with Hong Kong stocks as the underlying constituents in China. Also the Chinese government has given approval for the first non-financial PRC firm to issue RMB-denominated bonds in Hong Kong.

### **RMB Internationalisation is a Long-Term Goal**

Given China's economic size and growing influence, the RMB has the potential to become an international currency in the same rank as the US dollar and the euro. But China has to first accelerate the development of its financial markets and gradually make the RMB fully convertible on the capital account. Although the internationalisation of the RMB will bring benefits such as increasing political influence and reduced exchange rate risks, it also entails risks including rising volatility of RMB exchange rate.

The process of RMB internationalisation is a long and gradual one. It took the US dollar many decades to replace the British pound to become a dominant reserve currency. It will also take time for RMB to gain importance in coming years. RMB will not be in a position to challenge the US dollar's main reserve currency status for some time to come.

### ***The Chinese Onshore Bond Market***

The PRC bond market consists of three markets: (i) the interbank bond market regulated by the PBOC and functions as a wholesale market for institutional investors; (ii) the exchange bond market regulated by the CSRC and targets non-bank institutions and individuals investors; and (iii) the bank over-the-counter market regulated by the PBOC and targets non-financial institutions and individual investors. However, the current size and trading volume of the bank over-the-counter market is much smaller than the interbank bond market and the exchange bond market.

With its dominant market position, the interbank bond market accounts for more than 85% of the total bonds outstanding as at the end of December 2018. At the same time, the

interbank bond market had a diversified investor base of which most have direct access to the centralised trading system, which covers all types of financial institutions such as commercial banks, securities firms, fund houses, insurance companies and various kinds of investment products like mutual funds and pension funds. The remaining which include small financial institutions, non-financial enterprises and foreign entities as well, gain access to the market through settlement agencies.

The CCDC acts as the central custodian of all marketable RMB bonds. For the exchange bond market, it adopts a two-level custody system, with the CCDC acting as the primary custodian and the CSDCC acting as the secondary custodian.

The main features of the different PRC bond markets are set out in the table below.

	<b>Inter-bank bond market</b>	<b>Exchange-traded bond market</b>
Market size	Approximately RMB67.5 trillion outstanding, as of end of 2018 (source: CCDC)	Approximately RMB9.0 trillion, as of end of 2018
Major types of products traded	CGB, local government bonds, central bank bills, financial bonds, enterprise bonds, short-term financing bills, medium term notes, asset-backed securities, panda bonds (i.e. RMB-denominated bonds issued by international financial institutions within the boundaries of China)	CGB, local government bonds, enterprise bonds, corporate bonds, financial bonds, convertible bonds, asset back securities
Key market participants	Institutional investors (such as commercial banks, securities firms, funds and trust investment companies), QFIIs, RQFIIs	Individuals and non-bank institutions (such as insurance companies and funds), QFIIs, RQFIIs
Trading and settlement mechanism	Trading mechanism: a quote-driven OTC market between institutional investors  Settlement mechanism: primarily delivery versus payment (DVP), on either a T+0 or T+1 settlement cycle	Trading an electronic automatic matching system where Securities are traded on the SSE or SZSE  Settlement mechanism: clearing and settlement are through the CSDCC on T+1 settlement cycle
Regulator	PBOC	CSRC
Counterparty with whom investors will	The trading counterparty (i.e. the	CSDCC, which acts as the central counterparty to all Securities

trade	other market participants)	transactions on the SSE and the SZSE
Central clearing	CCDCC; short-term financing bills issued on or after 1 September 2011 are cleared through the Shanghai Clearing House (上海清算所)	CSDCC
Liquidity	High	Medium to low
Associated risks	Interest rate risk, credit risk, counterparty risk	Interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk
Minimum rating requirements	<p>No requirement</p> <p>However, market participants typically require a rating of at least “BBB” given by a local credit rating agency.</p>	<p>No requirement</p> <p>However, if upon listing a corporate bond or enterprise bond does not have a credit rating of at least “AA” given by a local credit rating agency, then such bond can only be traded on the fixed income electronic platform of the relevant exchange (固定收益證券綜合電子平臺), which is open only to institutional investors. Bonds that do not satisfy this minimum requirement cannot be traded via the quote-driven platform (競價交易系統), which is open to all investors, including retail investors.</p>
Types of debt instruments commonly seen and the issuers	<p>Government bonds, treasury bonds: issued by the MOF</p> <p>Central bank bills: issued by PBOC</p> <p>Financial bonds: issued by policy banks (China Development Bank, Agricultural Development Bank of China and Export-Import Bank of China), commercial banks and other financial institutions</p> <p>Enterprise bonds: issued by government-related, state-owned or state-held entities</p>	<p>Government bonds, treasury bonds: issued by the MOF</p> <p>Enterprise bonds: issued by government-related, state-owned or state-held entities</p> <p>Corporate bonds: issued by listed companies</p> <p>Convertible bonds: issued by listed companies</p>

The major types of bonds available in the PRC inter-bank bond market can be grouped into 6 broad categories: (i) Central bank bills issued by the PBOC; (ii) Treasury Bonds issued by the MOF; (iii) Policy bank bonds issued by policy banks, including China Development Bank, Export-Import Bank of China and Agricultural Development Bank of China; (iv) Financial bonds, including commercial bank bonds and non-bank financial institution bonds; (v) Non-financial credit bonds issued by non-financial institution corporates, including enterprise bonds, commercial papers (“**CP**”), medium-term notes (“**MTN**”) and corporate bonds; (vi) other types of bonds or instruments such as local government bonds issued by provincial or city governments, foreign bonds issued by foreign entities, asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities, etc.

The PRC central government (through the MOF) issues the Chinese government bonds, so called “Treasury Bonds” in the PRC bonds markets. It is generally considered by market participants that Treasury Bonds have a solid financial foundation and therefore they have received the widest market acceptance. The outstanding amount of Treasury Bonds in the interbank bond market is over RMB14,000 billion, comprising approximate 25% of the whole market. It offers the most diverse tenors and the best liquidity in secondary market amongst all types of bonds.

Besides Treasury Bonds, the central government also allows local provinces and cities to issue bonds, so called “local government bonds”. The local government needs to seek permission from the central government before issuing such bonds, and the MOF acts as the proxy agent on local government debt issuance and interest and principal payment. This mechanism aims to afford better protection for investors on the financial transparency.

On the other hand, local governments may set up corporate vehicles (local government financing vehicles) to issue bonds, to avoid the budget control regulations imposed by the central government. The bonds issued by local government financing vehicles are called urban investment bonds (城投債), which are a type of credit bonds.

### **Investment in the PRC Inter-bank Bond Market via Northbound Trading Link under Bond Connect**

Bond Connect is a new initiative launched in July 2017 for mutual bond market access between Hong Kong and Mainland China (“**Bond Connect**”) established by China Foreign Exchange Trade System & National Interbank Funding Centre (“**CFETS**”), CCDCC, Shanghai Clearing House, and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Central Moneymarkets Unit.

Bond Connect is governed by rules and regulations as promulgated by the PRC authorities. Such rules and regulations may be amended from time to time and include (but are not limited to):

- the “Interim Measures for the Administration of Mutual Bond Market Access between Mainland China and Hong Kong (Decree No.1 [2017])” (內地與香港債券市場互聯互通合作管理暫行辦法(中國人民銀行令[2017]第 1 號)) issued by the PBOC on 21 June 2017;

- the “Guide on Registration of Overseas Investors for Northbound Trading in Bond Connect” (中國人民銀行上海總部“債券通”北向通境外投資者准入備案業務指引) issued by the Shanghai Head Office of PBOC on 22 June 2017; and
- any other applicable regulations promulgated by the relevant authorities.

Under the prevailing regulations in China, eligible foreign investors will be allowed to invest in the bonds circulated in the PRC inter-bank bond market through the northbound trading of Bond Connect (“**Northbound Trading Link**”). There will be no investment quota for Northbound Trading Link.

Under the Northbound Trading Link, eligible foreign investors are required to appoint the CFETS or other institutions recognised by the PBOC as registration agents to apply for registration with the PBOC.

Pursuant to the prevailing regulations in China, an offshore custody agent recognised by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (currently, the Central Moneymarkets Unit) shall open omnibus nominee accounts with the onshore custody agent recognised by the PBOC (currently, the CSDCC and Interbank Clearing Company Limited). All bonds traded by eligible foreign investors will be registered in the name of Central Moneymarkets Unit, which will hold such bonds as a nominee owner.

### **Investment in the PRC Inter-bank Bond Market via Foreign Access Regime**

Pursuant to the “Announcement (2016) No 3” issued by the PBOC (中國人民銀行公告[2016]第 3 號) on 24 February 2016, foreign institutional investors can invest in the PRC inter-bank bond market (“**Foreign Access Regime**”) subject to other rules and regulations as promulgated by the Mainland Chinese authorities, i.e., PBOC and the SAFE. Such rules and regulations may be amended from time to time and include (but are not limited to):

- the “Implementation Rules for Filing by Foreign Institutional Investors for Investment in Interbank Bond Markets” (境外機構投資者投資銀行間債券市場備案管理實施細則) issued by the Shanghai Head Office of PBOC on 27 May 2016;
- the “Circular concerning the Foreign Institutional Investors’ Investment in Interbank bond market in relation to foreign currency control” (國家外匯管理局關於境外機構投資者投資銀行間債券市場有關外匯管理問題的通知) issued by SAFE on 27 May 2016; and
- any other applicable regulations promulgated by the relevant authorities.

Under the prevailing regulations in China, foreign institutional investors who wish to invest directly in the PRC inter-bank bond market may do so via an onshore settlement agent, who will be responsible for making the relevant filings and account opening with the relevant authorities. There is no quota limitation.

In terms of fund remittance, foreign investors (such as the CGB ETF) may remit

investment principal in RMB or foreign currency into China for investing in the PRC inter-bank bond market. An investor will need to remit investment principal matching at least 50% of its anticipated investment size within nine months after the completion of the filing with the Shanghai Head Office of PBOC, or else an updated filing will need to be made through the onshore settlement agent. For repatriation, where the CGB ETF repatriates funds out of Mainland China, the ratio of RMB to foreign currency ("**Currency Ratio**") should generally match the original Currency Ratio when the investment principal was remitted into Mainland China, with a maximum permissible deviation of 10%.

### ***PRC Tax Implications***

By investing in Renminbi denominated government bonds issued in the PRC, the CGB ETF may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed in the PRC.

### **Corporate income tax ("CIT")**

Under current PRC Corporate Income Tax Law ("**PRC CIT Law**") and regulations, if the CGB ETF is considered to be a tax resident enterprise of the PRC, it would be subject to PRC Corporate Income Tax ("**PRC CIT**") at the rate of 25% on its worldwide taxable income. If the CGB ETF is considered to be a non-PRC tax resident enterprise but with a permanent establishment ("PE") in the PRC, the profits attributable to the PE would be subject to CIT at 25%.

The Manager intends to operate the affairs of CGB ETF in such a manner that it should not be treated as tax resident enterprise of the PRC or non-tax resident enterprise with a PE in the PRC for CIT purpose, although this cannot be guaranteed.

If the CGB ETF is a non-PRC tax resident enterprises without a PE in the PRC, the PRC sourced income derived by it from the investment in PRC securities would be subject to 10% PRC withholding income tax ("WIT") in the PRC, unless exempt or reduced under the PRC tax law and regulations or relevant tax treaty.

### Interests

Under the PRC CIT Law and regulations, interests derived from government bonds issued by the in-charge Finance Bureau of the State Council and/or local government bonds approved by the State Council shall be exempt from PRC income tax.

### Capital gains

Under current PRC tax law, there are no specific rules or regulations governing the taxation of the disposal of debt securities issued by PRC tax resident enterprises. The tax treatment for investment in debt securities issued by PRC tax residents is governed by the general taxing provisions of the CIT Law. Under such general taxing provision, the CGB ETF would be potentially subject to 10% PRC WIT on the PRC-sourced capital gains, unless exempt or reduced under relevant double tax treaties.

Pursuant to Article 7 of the Detailed Implementation Regulations of the PRC CIT Law, where the property concerned is a movable property, the source shall be determined

according to the location of the enterprise, establishment or place which transfers the property. The PRC tax authorities have verbally indicated that debt instruments issued by PRC tax resident enterprises are movable property. In this case, the source shall be determined based on the location of the transferor. As the CGB ETF is located outside the PRC, gains derived by the CGB ETF from debt instruments issued by PRC tax resident enterprises could be argued as offshore source and thus not subject to PRC WIT. However, there is no written confirmation issued by the PRC tax authorities that the debt instruments issued by PRC tax resident enterprises are movable property.

In addition to the verbal comments, Article 13.6 of the "Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income" (the "China-HK Arrangement") provides that any gains derived by a Hong Kong tax resident from the disposal of PRC properties that are not referred to in Articles 13.1 to 13.5 of the China-HK Arrangement shall be taxable only in Hong Kong. As the debt instruments issued by the PRC tax resident enterprises are not referred to in Articles 13.1 to 13.5 of the China-HK Arrangement, capital gains derived by the Hong Kong tax resident from the disposal of debt instruments issued by the PRC tax resident enterprises should technically be exempt from PRC WIT provided all the other relevant treaty conditions are satisfied, subject to agreement by the PRC tax authorities. In order to qualify for this preferential treatment, the Manager will further assess and seek agreement from the PRC tax authorities in relation to the CGB ETF, although this cannot be guaranteed.

However in practice, the PRC authorities have not actively enforced the collection of PRC WIT in respect of gains realized by non-PRC tax resident enterprise from the trading of PRC debt securities.

### **Value-added tax ("VAT") and other surtaxes**

#### Interest income

On 23 March 2016, the MOF and the STA jointly issued the "Notice on the Comprehensive Roll-out of the B2V Transformation Pilot Program (the "B2V Pilot Program") Caishui [2016] No.36 ( "Circular 36 " ) announcing that the B2V Pilot Program will be rolled out to cover all remaining industries, including financial services. Circular 36 has taken effect from 1 May 2016, unless otherwise stipulated therein.

Pursuant to Circular 36, interest income derived from bonds issued by PRC tax resident enterprises should technically be subject to 6% VAT plus local surtaxes, unless specifically exempted. Interest income received from PRC government bonds issued by the in-charge Finance Bureau of the State Council and/or local government bonds approved by the State Council are exempted from VAT.

#### Capital gains

Pursuant to Circular 36, gains realized from the trading of PRC marketable securities would generally be subject to VAT at 6%. Based on Article 4 of the "Supplementary Notice Regarding the VAT Policies on Inter-bank Financial Transactions by Financial Institutions" (Caishui [2016] No. 70), income derived by approved foreign investors from the trading of RMB denominated debt securities in the China Interbank Bond Market should be exempt from China VAT. There is no specific VAT rules on Bond Connect, by making reference to the above circular and other related prevailing tax



regulations, it is anticipated that gains derived by foreign investors from the trading of PRC bonds through “Northbound Trading” should also not be subject to China VAT.

If VAT is applicable, there are also other surtaxes (which include Urban Construction and Maintenance Tax, Education Surcharge and Local Education Surcharge) that would also be charged at an amount as high as 12% of the VAT payable

#### Tax Provision

In this connection, the Manager, having taken and considered independent professional tax advice, has determined that no WIT and VAT provision will be made on the gross realised and unrealised capital gains derived from the CGB ETF's disposal of debt instruments issued by the PRC issuers.

In light of the above-mentioned uncertainty and in order to meet the potential tax liability for gains on disposal of debt securities via the PRC inter-bank bond market, the Manager reserves the right to provide for the withholding tax on such gains or income, and withhold income tax of 10% for the account of the CGB ETF in respect of any potential tax on the gross realised and unrealised capital gains.

#### General

There is a possibility that the current tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC will be changed with retrospective effect in the future and any such change may result in higher taxation on investments in China than currently contemplated. Any tax provision made by the Manager in respect of the CGB ETF may be more than or less than the CGB ETF's respective actual tax liabilities, which may potentially cause substantial loss to the CGB ETF. The Manager will closely monitor any further guidance by the relevant PRC tax authorities and adjust the withholding policy of the CGB ETF accordingly.

Upon any future resolution of the above-mentioned uncertainty or further changes to the tax law or policies, the Manager will, as soon as practicable, make relevant adjustments to the amount of tax provision (if any) as they consider necessary. The amount of any such tax provision will be disclosed in the accounts of the CGB ETF.

Any such withholding tax on gains on disposal of debt securities via the PRC inter-bank bond market may reduce the income from, and/or adversely affect the performance of, the CGB ETF. The amount withheld will be retained by the Manager for the account of the CGB ETF until the position with regard to Mainland China taxation of the CGB ETF in respect of its gains and profits from trading via the PRC inter-bank bond market has been clarified. In the event that such position is clarified to the advantage of the CGB ETF, the Manager may rebate all or part of the withheld amount to the CGB ETF. The withheld amount so rebated shall be retained by the CGB ETF and reflected in the value of its Units. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Unitholder who redeemed his/her Units before the rebate of any withheld amounts shall be entitled to claim any part of such rebate.

It should also be noted that the actual applicable tax imposed by the PRC tax

authorities may be different and may change from time to time. There is a possibility of the rules being changed and taxes being applied retrospectively. As such, any provision for taxation made by the Manager for the account of the CGB ETF may be excessive or inadequate to meet final PRC tax liabilities. Consequently, Unitholders of the CGB ETF may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the final tax liabilities, the level of provision and when they subscribed and/or redeemed their Units in/from the CGB ETF.

If the actual applicable tax levied by the PRC tax authorities is higher than that provided for by the Manager so that there is a shortfall in the tax provision amount, investors should note that the Net Asset Value of the CGB ETF may suffer more than the tax provision amount as that Fund will ultimately have to bear the additional tax liabilities. In this case, the then existing and new Unitholders will be disadvantaged. On the other hand, if the actual applicable tax rate levied by the PRC tax authorities is lower than that provided for by the Manager so that there is an excess in the tax provision amount, Unitholders who have redeemed Units in the relevant Fund before the PRC tax authorities' ruling, decision or guidance in this respect will be disadvantaged as they would have borne the loss from the Manager's over-provision. In this case, the then existing and new Unitholders may benefit if the difference between the tax provision and the actual taxation liability under that lower tax amount can be returned to the account of the CGB ETF as assets thereof.

Various tax reform policies have been implemented by the PRC government in the recent years, and the existing tax laws and regulations may be revised or amended in the future. Moreover, there is no assurance that the tax incentives currently offered to the foreign investors, if any, will not be abolished and the existing tax laws and regulations will not be revised or amended in the future. Any changes in the tax policies may reduce the incomes of the CGB ETF, thereby reducing the income from, and/or value of the Units. Unitholders should seek their own tax advice on their own tax position with regard to their investment in the CGB ETF.

### ***Specific Risks***

In addition to the general risks described in the "Risk Factors" section below, the CGB ETF is subject to the following additional special risks.

- *Risks associated with PRC Inter-bank Bond Market* – Market volatility and potential lack of liquidity due to low trading volume of certain debt securities in the PRC inter-bank bond market may result in prices of certain debt securities traded on such market fluctuating significantly. The CGB ETF is therefore subject to liquidity and volatility risks. The bid and offer spreads of the prices of such securities may be large, and the CGB ETF may therefore incur significant trading and realisation costs and may even suffer losses when selling such investments.

The CGB ETF is also exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. The counterparty which has entered into a transaction with the CGB ETF may default in its obligation to settle the transaction by delivery of the relevant security or by payment for value.

For investments via the Foreign Access Regime and/or Bond Connect, the relevant

filings, registration with the PBOC and account opening have to be carried out via an onshore settlement agent, offshore custody agent, registration agent or other third parties (as the case may be). As such, the CGB ETF is subject to the risks of default or errors on the part of such third parties.

Investing in the PRC inter-bank bond market via Foreign Access Regime and/or Bond Connect is also subject to regulatory risks. The relevant rules and regulations on these regimes are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. In the event that the relevant Mainland Chinese authorities suspend account opening or trading on the PRC inter-bank bond market, the CGB ETF's ability to invest in the PRC inter-bank bond market will be adversely affected. In such event, the CGB ETF's ability to achieve its investment objective will be negatively affected.

- *Risks associated with Bond Connect* – The relevant rules and regulations on Bond Connect are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. Where a suspension in the trading through Bond Connect is effected, the CGB ETF's ability to invest in CGBs or access the PRC market through the programme will be adversely affected. In such event, the CGB ETF will have to increase its reliance on the Foreign Access Regime, and its ability to achieve its investment objective could be negatively affected.
- *Portfolio Concentration Risk* – As at 31 October 2019, the Underlying Index consists of 12 constituents, and the aggregate weighting of the top 10 constituents of the Underlying Index accounts for around 99.61% of the Underlying Index. The CGB ETF is therefore relatively concentrated in a limited number of CGB. The CGB ETF is likely to be more volatile than a fund tracking an index with a greater number of constituents, as the adverse performance of a constituent will have a greater impact on the value of the CGB ETF.
- *Market Concentration Risk* – The CGB ETF is subject to concentration risk as a result of tracking the performance of CGBs which are debt securities from a single region (i.e. China). The CGB ETF will likely be more volatile than a broadly-based fund such as a global or regional bond fund as it is more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse conditions in that single region.
- *Distribution Risk* – Dividend distributions are not guaranteed and are subject to the discretion of the Manager. Therefore, investors may not receive any dividends from the CGB ETF, notwithstanding that the CGB ETF may receive dividend distributions from the CGBs it holds.

Unitholders will receive distributions in the base currency (RMB) only. In the event that a Unitholder has no RMB account, the Unitholder may have to bear the fees and charges associated with the conversion of such distributions from RMB to HKD, and bear bank or financial institution fees and charges associated with the handling of the distribution payment. Unitholders are advised to check with their brokers regarding arrangements for distributions

- *Interest Rate Risk* - Because the CGB ETF invests in fixed-income securities, the CGB ETF is subject to interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of

the CGB ETF's portfolio will decline because of rising interest rates. Interest rate risk is generally lower for shorter term fixed income investments and higher for longer term fixed income investments.

As the CGB ETF invests in CGB, the CGB ETF is additionally subject to policy risk as changes in macro-economic policies in China (including monetary policy and fiscal policy) may have an influence over China's capital markets and affect the pricing of the bonds in the CGB ETF's portfolio, which may in turn adversely affect the return of the CGB ETF.

- *Liquidity Risk* - Liquidity risk exists when a particular investment is difficult to purchase or sell. If the CGB ETF invests in illiquid Securities or the current market become illiquid, it may reduce the returns of the CGB ETF because the CGB ETF cannot sell the illiquid Securities at an advantageous time or price. The cost of dealing may be high in such illiquid markets. A disruption in the asset allocation in the CGB ETF is also possible if underlying Securities cannot be purchased or sold. The CGB ETF is subject to liquidity risk as continued regular trading activity and active secondary market for CGB is not guaranteed. The CGB ETF may suffer losses in trading such instruments. The bid and offer spread of the price of CGB may be large, so the CGB ETF may incur significant trading and realisation costs and may suffer losses accordingly.
- *Credit Risk* - The value of the CGB ETF is affected by the credit worthiness of its underlying investments. A deterioration of credit quality (e.g. an issuer credit downgrade or credit event leading to widening of credit spread) of an underlying investment will adversely impact the value of such investment.
- *Credit Rating Downgrades Risk* – Credit rating of issuers of fixed income instruments and credit rating of investment grade Securities may be downgraded, thus adversely affecting the value and performance of a CGB ETF holding such investments.
- *Credit Rating Agency Risk* – The credit appraisal system in Mainland China and the rating methodologies employed in Mainland China may be different from those employed in other markets. Credit ratings given by Mainland rating agencies may therefore not be directly comparable with those given by other international rating agencies
- *PRC Sovereign Debt Risk* - The CGB ETF invests in CGB which are sovereign debt Securities and such investments involve special risks. The Chinese governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due in accordance with the terms of such debt. A Chinese governmental entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest due in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of the debt service burden to the economy as a whole, the Chinese governmental entity's policy towards the International Monetary Fund and the political constraints to which a governmental entity may be subject. Chinese governmental entities may also be dependent on

expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies and others abroad to reduce principal and interest arrearage on their debt. The commitment on the part of these governments, agencies and others to make such disbursements may be conditioned on a Chinese governmental entity's implementation of economic reforms and/or economic performance and the timely service of such debtor's obligations. Failure to implement such reforms, achieve such levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of such third parties' commitments to lend funds to the Chinese governmental entity, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to service its debt on a timely basis. Consequently, governmental entities may default on their sovereign debt. Holders of PRC sovereign debt, including the CGB ETF, may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities. As at the date of this Prospectus, there is no bankruptcy proceeding by which sovereign debt on which a Chinese governmental entity has defaulted may be collected in whole or in part. The CGB ETF's recourse against a defaulting sovereign is limited.

In addition, the credit rating of the Chinese government is A+ by Standard & Poor's and A1 by Moody's. A lowering of the credit rating of the Chinese government may also affect the liquidity of CGB, making it more difficult to sell. In general, debt instruments that have a lower credit rating or that are non-rated will be more susceptible to the credit risk of the issuers. In the event of a credit rating downgrade of the Chinese government, the CGB ETF's value will be adversely affected and investors may suffer a substantial loss as a result.

- *Valuation Risk* - In a thinly traded market, it may be more difficult to achieve fair value when purchasing or selling underlying Securities because of the wide bid-ask spread. The inability to transact at advantageous times or prices may result in a reduction in the CGB ETF's returns. Further, changing market conditions or other significant events, such as credit rating downgrades affecting issuers or major financial institutions, may also pose valuation risk to the CGB ETF as the value of the CGB ETF's portfolio of fixed income instruments may become more difficult or impossible to ascertain. In such circumstances, valuation of the CGB ETF's investments may involve uncertainties and judgmental determinations as there is a possibility that independent pricing information may at times be unavailable. If such valuations should prove to be incorrect, the Net Asset Value of the CGB ETF may need to be adjusted and may be adversely affected. Such events or credit rating downgrades may also subject the CGB ETF to increased liquidity risk as it may become more difficult for the CGB ETF to dispose of its holdings of bonds at a reasonable price or at all.
- *Chinese Economic, Political and Social Risk* - The economy of China, which has been in a state of transition from a planned economy to a more market oriented economy, differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including the level of government involvement, its state of development, its growth rate, control of foreign exchange, and allocation of resources.

Although the majority of productive assets in China are still owned by the Chinese government at various levels, in recent years, the Chinese government has

implemented economic reform measures emphasising utilisation of market forces in the development of the economy of the PRC and a high level of management autonomy. The economy of the PRC has experienced significant growth in the past 20 years, but growth has been uneven both geographically and among various sectors of the economy. Economic growth has also been accompanied by periods of high inflation. The Chinese government has implemented various measures from time to time to control inflation and restrain the rate of economic growth.

For more than 20 years, the Chinese government has carried out economic reforms to achieve decentralisation and utilisation of market forces to develop the economy of China. These reforms have resulted in significant economic growth and social progress. There can, however, be no assurance that the Chinese government will continue to pursue such economic policies or, if it does, that those policies will continue to be successful. Any such adjustment and modification of those economic policies may have an adverse impact on the Securities market in China as well as the underlying Securities of the CGB ETF. Further, the Chinese government may from time to time adopt corrective measures to control the growth of the Chinese economy which may also have an adverse impact on the capital growth and performance of the CGB ETF.

Political changes, social instability and adverse diplomatic developments in China could result in the imposition of additional government restrictions including expropriation of assets or confiscatory taxes.

- *Chinese Laws and Regulations Risk* - The regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in China may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. PRC laws and regulations affecting equities and fixed income markets are relatively new and evolving, and because of the limited volume of published cases and judicial interpretation and their non-binding nature, interpretation and enforcement of these regulations involve significant uncertainties. In addition, as the Chinese legal system develops, no assurance can be given that changes in such laws and regulations, their interpretation or their enforcement will not have a material adverse effect on their business operations.
- *Accounting and reporting standards risk* – Accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to PRC companies may be different to those standards and practices applicable to countries that have more developed financial markets. For example, there are differences in the valuation methods of properties and assets and in the requirements for disclosure of information to investors.
- *Over-the-counter Market Risk* – OTC markets such as the PRC inter-bank bond market are subject to less governmental regulation and supervision of transactions than organised exchanges. In addition, many of the protections afforded to participants on some organised exchanges, such as the performance guarantee of an exchange clearing house, may not be available in connection with transactions on OTC markets. Therefore, by entering into transactions on OTC markets, the CGB ETF will be subject to the risk that its direct counterparty will not perform its obligations under the transactions and that the CGB ETF will sustain losses.

- *Tracking Error Risk* – At the Manager’s discretion, the CGB ETF may only hold a representative sample of Securities that represents the profile of the Underlying Index and may invest in CGB not included in the Underlying Index. The Net Asset Value of the CGB ETF may not have exactly the same net asset value of the Underlying Index. Factors such as the fees and expenses of the CGB ETF, the investments of the CGB ETF not matching exactly the securities which make up the Underlying Index (e.g. where it uses representative sampling), an inability to rebalance the CGB ETF’s holdings of Securities in response to changes to the Securities which make up the Underlying Index, rounding of Security prices, timing variances on buying or selling of Securities which make up the Underlying Index, changes to the Underlying Index and regulatory policies that may affect the Manager’s ability to achieve close correlation with the Underlying Index. This may cause the CGB ETF’s returns to deviate from the Underlying Index. Further, the fact that the Manager is adopting a representative sampling strategy may lead to a greater risk of tracking error.
- *Income Risk* – Falling market interest rates can lead to a decline in income for the CGB ETF. This can result when, in declining interest rate environment, the CGB ETF reinvests into securities at a lower yield than then-current CGB ETF portfolio yield.
- *Illiquidity of Bonds Close to Maturity Risk* - The CGB ETF’s underlying fixed income securities may become more illiquid when nearing maturity. It therefore may be more difficult to achieve fair valuation in the market.
- *Operational and Settlement Risks* - Trading errors are an intrinsic factor in any complex investment process, and will occur, notwithstanding the execution of due care and special procedures designed to prevent such errors. Such trade errors may have adverse consequences (for example, due to an inability to correct effectively such an error when detected).

Settlement procedures in China are less developed and less reliable and may involve the CGB ETF’s delivery of Securities, or transfer of title to Securities, before receipt of payment for their sale. The CGB ETF may be subject to a risk of substantial loss if a securities firm defaults in the performance of its responsibilities. The CGB ETF may incur substantial losses if its counterparty fails to pay for Securities the CGB ETF has delivered, or for any reason fails to complete its contractual obligations owed to the CGB ETF. On the other hand, significant delays in settlement may occur in certain markets in registering the transfer of Securities. Such delays could result in substantial losses for the CGB ETF if investment opportunities are missed or if the CGB ETF is unable to acquire or dispose of a security as a result.

The CGB ETF is subject to operational risks that may arise from any breaches by the Manager’s investment management staff of the Manager’s operational policies or technical failures of communication and trading systems. Whilst the Manager has in place internal control systems, operational guidelines and contingency procedures to reduce the chances of such operational risks, there is no guarantee events beyond the control of the Manager (such as unauthorised trading, trading errors or

system errors) will not occur. The occurrence of any such events may adversely affect the value of the CGB ETF.

To the extent that CGB ETF transacts in the inter-bank bond market in China, the CGB ETF may also be exposed to risks associated with settlement procedures and default of counterparties. All trades settled through CCDCC are on delivery versus payment basis. If a counterparty defaults in delivering the securities, the trade may be cancelled and this may adversely affect the value of the CGB ETF.

The CGB ETF may invest in the Chinese bond market via the exchange market and all bond trades will be settled through the CSDCC. If a counterparty defaults in payment or delivery obligation, a trade may be delayed and this may adversely affect the value of the CGB ETF.

- *Large Redemptions Risk* – If significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, it may not be possible to liquidate the CGB ETF's investments at the time such redemptions are requested or the Manager may be able to do so only at prices which the Manager believes does not reflect the true value of such investments, resulting in an adverse effect on the return to investors. Where significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the right of Participating Dealers to require redemptions in excess of 10% of the total number of Units in the CGB ETF then in issue (or such higher percentage as the Manager may determine) may be deferred, or the period for the payment of redemption proceeds may be extended. In addition, the Manager may also in certain circumstances suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value of the CGB ETF for the whole or any part of any period. Please see the section on "Determination of Net Asset Value" for further details.
- *Currency Risk* - Underlying investments of the CGB ETF may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency of the CGB ETF. The Net Asset Value of the CGB ETF may be affected unfavorably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the Base Currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.

### ***The Underlying Index***

The Underlying Index in respect of the CGB ETF, being the CSI 5-10y Liquid CGB Index, is a rule-based index designed to effectively reflect and track the liquid 5-10 years tenor CGB market for market participants' reference. The Underlying Index in respect of the CGB ETF is a total return index. A total return index calculates the performance of the index constituents on the basis that any dividends or distributions are reinvested.

The Manager will consult the SFC on any events that may affect the acceptability of any of the Underlying Index (for example, the change in methodology/rules or compiling or calculating the Underlying Index, or a change in the objective or characteristics of the Underlying Index). The Manager shall notify Unitholders as soon as practicable of any significant events relating to any of the relevant Underlying Index.



## General

The CSI 5-10y Liquid CGB Index (the “**CGB Index**”) seeks to objectively reflect the benchmark rates and price trends in Mainland China’s interest rate bond markets, and with a view to tracking the liquidity and price discovery process in the secondary market. The CGB Index was launched on 25 October 2017 and its base date was on 31 December 2011. The Underlying Index is calculated and denominated in RMB.

CSI is a professional index service company jointly founded by the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, to provide services relating to securities indices. CSI is independent of the Manager and its Connected Persons.

CSI shall not be liable (whether in negligence or otherwise) to any person for any error in the CGB Index or shall be under any obligation to advise any person of any error therein. All intellectual property rights of the Underlying Index and list of constituent securities thereof shall belong to CSI. The CGB ETF is not in any way endorsed, sold, sponsored or promoted by CSI. CSI does not make any warranty or representation whatsoever, expressly or impliedly, either as to the results of the use of the CGB Index.

Below is a brief summary of the basic information, selection criteria, selection methodology and maintenance of the CGB Index as of the date of publication of this Prospectus. Such information is subject to revision from time to time by CSI and before making investment decisions, investors should refer to the website of CSI ([www.csindex.com.cn](http://www.csindex.com.cn)) for the latest version of such information.

## Basic Information

Index Code	931018
Launch Date	25 October 2017
Base Date	31 December 2011
Base Level	100

As at October 31 2019, the CGB Index had a total free-float market capitalisation of RMB234 billion and 12 constituents.

The constituent list of the CGB Index, their respective weightings and other information regarding the index, as updated from time to time, is available on CSI’s website ([www.csindex.com.cn](http://www.csindex.com.cn)) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

## Index Dissemination

Information regarding the CGB Index is widely disseminated in and outside of Hong Kong through the immediate global reporting through Bloomberg (Ticker: SH931018).

## Index Methodology

### Eligibility criteria

Bonds issued by the MOF that meet all the following criteria are eligible for inclusion in the CGB Index:

1. *Bond type*: Government Bonds listed on both PRC inter-bank bond market and Stock

Exchange Market with issue terms of 5, 7, and 10 years.

2. *Remaining Term to maturity:*

- No less than 4 years for 5-year CGB
- No less than 5.5 years for 7-year CGB
- No less than 8 years for 10-year CGB

3. *Bond size:* Minimum par of RMB10 billion

4. *Coupon type:* Fixed-rate

The constituents are sufficiently liquid and may be readily acquired or disposed of under normal market circumstances and in the absence of trading restrictions.

Index Calculation

(i) Calculation formula

From the base point of 100, the CGB Index on a valuation day is calculated based on that of the previous day on a chain-linked basis. The basic calculation principle is:

$$\text{Index} = \left[ \frac{\sum (\text{Total Bond Market Value} + \text{Total Interest Paid})}{\text{Divisor}} \right] \times 100,$$

Where:

Total Market Value =  $\sum$  (Full Price x Amount Outstanding x Weight Factor)

Full price = Clean Price + Accrued Interest

Weight Factor depends on bond weight, and limit weight of each constituent no more than 20%. Weight is calculated as:

$$Wi = \frac{Mi \times Ti \times Si}{\sum_{i=1}^n (Mi \times Ti \times Si)} \times 100\%,$$

- Size Factor ( $Mi$ ): the larger bond size, the higher size factor.
- Age Decay Factor ( $Ti$ ): the younger bond age, the higher age decay factor.
- Term Stability Factor ( $Si$ ): the more remaining term is close to 5, 7 or 10 years, the higher term stability factor.

(ii) Pricing

If there is an active and reasonable quote/trade price, quote/trade prices will be used in index calculation. Otherwise, CSI model prices will be used. Prices used by CSI are available on its website daily.

After the close of market, CSI will obtain market data, including but not limited to transaction volume and quotes (from market makers and brokers), from all exchanges and the PRC

inter-bank bond market. CSI will then carry out a liquidity analysis in respect of each bond, based on data (in the past few days) including the number of days with closing quotes, transaction volume, volatility, and valuation discrepancies etc. If the bond fulfills the “reasonable liquidity” criteria, CSI will use value the bond at its market price. If the bond does not fulfill the criteria, the CSI model price will be used.

The CSI model price is derived using a discounted cash flow model. A CGB yield curve for the day will be constructed according to the yields of each key maturity. According to the CGB yield curve of the day, the bonds that do not fulfil the “reasonable liquidity” criteria using the theoretical pricing model will be valued, and the results will be taken as the valuation price.

## Index Maintenance

The CGB ETF is maintained using the “divisor adjustment methodology”. In the event of a change in the list of constituents or in a constituent’s structure, or a change in the market capitalisation of a constituent due to non-trading factors, the old divisor is adjusted by means of the divisor adjustment methodology. The adjustment formula is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{adjusted market cap before divisor adjustment}}{\text{old divisor}} = \frac{\text{adjusted market cap after divisor adjustment}}{\text{new divisor}}$$

Where: “adjusted market cap after divisor adjustment” = adjusted market cap before divisor adjustment + increase (decrease) in adjusted market cap. The new divisor (i.e. the adjusted divisor, also known as the new base period) is obtained from this formula and is used to calculate the CGB ETF.

Circumstances under which maintenance of the CGB ETF is required include the following:

- (a) Any constituent changes.
- (b) Any constituent’s amount outstanding changes.
- (d) On the last trading day of each month, cumulative interest paid during the month will be deducted from the index.

## Index Review

- (i) Periodical Review

In principle, the constituents are reviewed and adjusted each month. Eligible bonds will be added to the index from its first trading day of the next month. After the last trading day of every month, ineligible bonds will be deleted from the index.

- (ii) Provisional Review

Under other particular circumstance, CSI will temporarily adjust the index sample.

## **Index Licence Agreement**

For the CGB ETF, the licence agreement between the Index Provider and the Manager was entered into on 14 November 2017, pursuant to which the Manager was granted a licence by the Index Provider to use the Underlying Index as a basis for determining the composition of the CGB ETF and to use certain trade marks in the Underlying Index. The licence granted is for an initial term of 5 years commencing from the date of the agreement, and shall successively continue on a 3-year basis unless terminated pursuant to the agreement.

Unless otherwise agreed between the Manager and the Index Provider, the Index Provider may terminate the Manager's licence to use the CGB Index upon written notice under the following circumstances:

- if the Index Provider ceases to formulate the Underlying Index (the Index Provider shall provide 90 days' advance notice to the Manager);
- the Manager ceases to develop and manage the CGB ETF;
- the listing of the CGB ETF is terminated;
- material breach of the Manager of the licence agreement and fails to take any action to remedy the breach within 30 days of the Index Provider providing a notice to the Manager for such breach;
- if any securities exchange ceases to provide the Index Provider data for providing the Underlying Index;
- if the Manager seriously violates any applicable laws or regulations, or any material litigation or regulatory proceeding regarding the CGB ETF is commenced and the Index Provider reasonably believes that such litigation or regulatory proceeding is likely to have a material and adverse effect on the good name or reputation of the Index Provider;
- if the termination of the index licence agreement is ordered by mandatory provision of applicable law.

## **THE MULTI-FACTOR ETF**

### **Key Information**

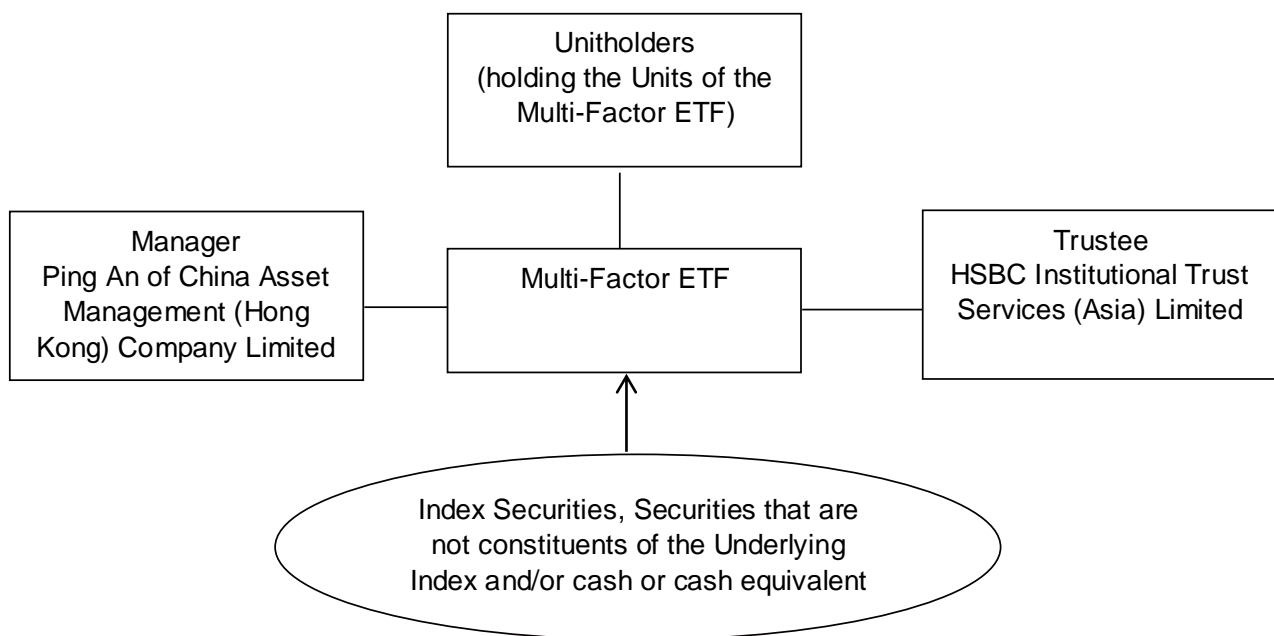
The following table is a summary of key information in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF, and should be read in conjunction with the full text of this Prospectus.

Investment Type		Exchange Traded Fund (“ <b>ETF</b> ”)
Underlying Index		Index: MSCI China Diversified Multiple-Factor Index Launch Date: 6 October 2017 Base Date: 31 May 2002 Number of constituents: 82 (as at 31 October 2019) Base Currency of Index: HK\$
Issue Price during the Initial Offer Period		HK\$30
Listing Date		30 November 2018
Exchange Listing		SEHK – Main Board
Stock Code		3163
Trading Board Lot Size		100 Units
Base Currency		Hong Kong dollars (HK\$)
Trading Currency		HK\$
Dividend Payout		Semi-annually (if any) at the discretion of the Manager, usually in or around June and December  Dividend will not be paid out of capital or effectively out of capital.  All Units will receive distributions in the base currency (HK\$) only.
Application Unit Size for Creation/ Redemption by Participating Dealers		Minimum 100,000 Units (or multiples thereof)
Method(s) of Creation or Redemption available through Participating Dealers		In cash (HK\$) or in-kind
Dealing Deadline		2:00 p.m. on the relevant Dealing Day, or such other time as the Manager may determine from time to time
Parties	Manager	Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited
	Trustee, Custodian and Registrar	HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited
	Service Agent	HK Conversion Agency Services Limited
	Participating Dealer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNP Paribas Securities Services</li> <li>• Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.</li> <li>• Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited</li> <li>• Haitong International Securities Company Limited</li> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
	Participating Dealer's Agent	Citibank N.A. (as agent of Citibank Global Markets Asia Limited)
	Market Maker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNP Paribas Securities Services</li> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
Management Fee		0.55% p.a. of NAV calculated daily
Investment Strategy		Primarily a replication strategy. The Manager may also adopt a representative sampling strategy.
Financial Year End		31 December
Website		<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3163">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3163</a>

### Structure of the Multi-Factor ETF

The diagram below briefly summarizes the structure of the Multi-Factor ETF:



### Investment Objective and Strategy

The Multi-Factor ETF is an index-tracking exchange traded fund under Chapter 8.6 of the Code the investment objective of which is to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Underlying Index, MSCI China

## Diversified Multiple-Factor Index.

In order to achieve the investment objective, the Multi-Factor ETF intends to primarily adopt a full replication strategy to track the performance of the Underlying Index. The Multi-Factor ETF will directly invest in substantially all of the Securities that are included in the Underlying Index. These include H-Shares, A-Shares, B-Shares, Red chips, P chips and foreign listings (e.g. ADRs). Investment in A-Shares will be via the Stock Connect (as discussed below).

Where it is not possible to acquire certain Securities which are constituents of the Underlying Index due to restrictions or limited availability, the Multi-Factor ETF may also pursue a representative sampling strategy by investing in a portfolio featuring high correlation with the Underlying Index and the Manager may invest other Securities that are not included as constituents of the Underlying Index. When adopting this strategy, the Multi-Factor ETF may or may not hold all the Index Securities of the Underlying Index and the Manager may overweight certain of the Securities which are included as constituents of the Underlying Index relative to the Securities' respective weightings in the Underlying Index on the condition that the maximum extra weighting in any Index Security will not exceed 4% or such other percentage as determined by the Manager after consultation with the SFC. The Multi-Factor ETF may invest in Securities not included as constituents of the Underlying Index as the Manager considers appropriate, provided that the sample closely reflects the overall characteristics of the Underlying Index which the Manager believes will help the Multi-Factor ETF achieve its investment objective.

The Manager may switch between the replication strategy and the representative sampling strategy without prior notice to investors, in its absolute discretion, and as often as it believes is appropriate in order to achieve the investment objective of the Multi-Factor ETF by tracking the Underlying Index as closely as possible to the benefit of investors. However, investors should note that the adoption of a representative sampling strategy is associated with certain additional risks, in particular, a possible increased tracking error at the time of the switch, as well as possible increased tracking error in general. Investors should read the "Risk Factors" section below carefully.

The investment strategy of the Multi-Factor ETF is subject to the investment and borrowing restrictions set out in the section "Investment and Borrowing Restrictions".

There is no current intention for the Multi-Factor ETF to (i) invest in any FDIs (including structured products or instruments) for hedging or non-hedging (i.e. investment) purposes, (ii) invest in structured products or instruments, structured deposits, asset backed securities, asset backed commercial papers and mortgage backed securities, or (iv) enter into securities lending, sale and repurchase transactions, reverse repurchase transactions or other similar over-the-counter ("**OTC**") transactions, but this may change in light of market circumstances and where the Multi-Factor ETF does engage in these types of transactions, prior approval shall be obtained from the SFC (if required) and no less than one month's prior notice will be given to the Unitholders.

## What is Stock Connect?

Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by the HKEX, the SSE, the SZSE and the CSDCC, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong. It comprises the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Trading Link and a Southbound Trading Link. Under the Northbound Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Multi-Factor ETF), through their Hong Kong brokers and securities trading service companies established by the SEHK and the HKSCC (in Shanghai and Qianhai Shenzhen respectively), are able to trade eligible shares listed on the SSE and the SZSE by routing orders to the SSE and the SZSE (as the case may be). Under the Southbound Trading Link, eligible investors, through PRC securities firms and securities trading service companies established by the SSE and the SZSE respectively, are able to trade eligible shares listed on the SEHK by routing orders to the SEHK.

### *Eligible securities*

Initially, Hong Kong and overseas investors are only able to trade certain stocks listed on the SSE market (the “**SSE Securities**”) and the SZSE market (the “**SZSE Securities**”).

SSE Securities include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed A-Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are under “risk alert”.

SZSE Securities will include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalisation of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed A-Shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- (b) SZSE-listed shares which are under “risk alert”.

At the initial stage of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, shares listed on the ChiNext Board of SZSE under Northbound Trading Link will be limited to institutional professional investors. Subject to resolution of related regulatory issues, other investors may subsequently be allowed to trade such shares.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review.



### *Trading day*

Investors (including the Multi-Factor ETF) will only be allowed to trade on the other market on days where both markets are open for trading, and banking services are available in both markets on the corresponding settlement days.

### *Trading quota*

Trading under Stock Connect will be subject to a daily quota (“**Daily Quota**”), which will be separate for Northbound and Southbound trading. The Daily Quota limits the maximum net buy value of cross-boundary trades under Stock Connect each day. The quotas do not belong to the Multi-Factor ETF and are utilised on a first-come-first-serve basis. The SEHK will monitor the quota and publish the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota at scheduled times on the HKEX’s website. The Daily Quota may change in future. The Manager will not notify investors in case of a change of quota.

### *Settlement and Custody*

The HKSCC is responsible for the clearing, settlement and the provision of depository, nominee and other related services of the trades executed by Hong Kong market participants and investors. Accordingly investors do not hold SSE Securities or SZSE Securities directly – these are held through their brokers’ or custodians’ accounts with CCASS.

### *Corporate actions and shareholders’ meetings*

Notwithstanding the fact that HKSCC does not claim proprietary interests in the SSE Securities or SZSE Securities held in its omnibus stock account in the CSDCC, the CSDCC as the share registrar for SSE or SZSE listed companies will still treat the HKSCC as one of the shareholders when it handles corporate actions in respect of such SSE Securities or SZSE Securities. The HKSCC will monitor the corporate actions affecting SSE Securities or SZSE Securities and keep participants of CCASS informed of all such corporate actions that require CCASS participants to take steps in order to participate in them.

### *Currency*

Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Multi-Factor ETF) trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities in RMB only.

### *Trading fees and taxes*

In addition to paying trading fees and stamp duties in connection with A-Share trading, the Multi-Factor ETF may be subject to other fees and taxes concerned with income arising from stock transfers which are determined by the relevant authorities.

### *Coverage of Investor Compensation Fund*

The Multi-Factor ETF’s investments through Northbound trading under Stock Connect is not covered by Hong Kong’s Investor Compensation Fund. Hong Kong’s Investor Compensation

Fund is established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong. Since default in Northbound trading via Stock Connect do not involve products listed or traded in the SEHK or the Hong Kong Futures Exchanges Limited, such trading is not covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. On the other hand, since the Multi-Factor ETF is carrying out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not PRC brokers, such trading is not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund (中國投資者保護基金) in the PRC.

Further information about Stock Connect is available at the website: <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/csm/index.htm>.

### ***PRC Tax Implications***

By investing in securities (including A-Shares) issued by PRC tax resident enterprises, irrespective of whether such securities are issued or distributed onshore or offshore, the Multi-Factor ETF may be subject to PRC taxes.

### **Corporate Income Tax**

Under current Mainland China Corporate Income Tax Law (“**Mainland China CIT Law**”) and regulations, if the Multi-Factor ETF is considered to be a tax resident of the Mainland China, it would be subject to Mainland China enterprise income tax (“**Mainland China CIT**”) at the rate of 25% on its worldwide taxable income. If the Multi-Factor ETF is considered to be a non-resident enterprise with a “permanent establishment” in Mainland China, it would be subject to Mainland China CIT on the profits attributable to the permanent establishment. The Manager intends to operate the Multi-Factor ETF in a manner that will prevent them from being treated as tax resident of the Mainland China and from having a permanent establishment in the Mainland China, although this cannot be guaranteed. It is possible however, that the Mainland China could disagree with the conclusion or that changes in Mainland China tax law could affect the Mainland China CIT status of the Multi-Factor ETF.

### **Dividend Income**

Unless a specific exemption or reduction is available under current PRC tax laws and regulations or relevant tax treaties, non-tax resident enterprises without an establishment or place of business in China are subject to Mainland China CIT on a withholding basis (“**WHT**”), generally at a rate of 10%, to the extent it directly derives PRC sourced passive income.

The MOF, the SAT and the CSRC have jointly issued a circular concerning the tax treatment for the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (Caishui [2014] No. 81 – The Circular Concerning the Tax Treatment for the Pilot Program of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) (“**Circular 81**”) and a circular concerning the tax treatment for the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (Caishui [2016] No. 127 – The Circular Concerning the Tax Treatment for the Pilot Program of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong

Stock Connect) ("**Circular 127**"). Pursuant to Circular 81 and N Circular 127, dividends received by Hong Kong market investors (including the Multi-Factor ETF) from A-Shares investment via Stock Connect will be subject to 10% WHT and the company distributing the dividend has the withholding obligation. If the recipient of the dividend is entitled to a lower treaty rate, it can apply to the tax bureau in-charge of the payer for a refund.

Under the "Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income" (the "**China-HK Arrangement**"), dividends received by a Hong Kong tax resident holder of shares issued by a PRC tax resident enterprise will be subject to a reduced PRC WHT rate of 5% on the gross amount of the dividends, if (i) the Hong Kong tax resident is the beneficial owner of the dividends; (ii) the Hong Kong tax resident directly holds at least 25% of the equity of the company paying the dividends; and (iii) other relevant treaty conditions are satisfied. Due to the Multi-Factor ETF's investment restriction, the Multi-Factor ETF will not hold more than 10% of any ordinary shares issued by any single issuer. In this connection, dividends derived from A-Shares invested through Stock Connect will not be able to benefit from the reduced WHT rate of 5% and the general WHT rate of 10% will be applicable to the Multi-Factor ETF.

#### Capital gains

Based on the Mainland China CIT Law and its Implementation Rules, "income from the transfer of property" sourced from the PRC by a non-PRC tax resident enterprise should be subject to WHT of 10%. However, pursuant to Circular 81 and Circular 127, Mainland China CIT will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong market investors (including the Multi-Factor ETF) on the trading of A-Shares through Stock Connect. Based on Circular 81 and Circular 127, no provision for gross realised or unrealised gains derived from trading of A-Shares via the Stock Connect is made by the Manager on behalf of the Multi-Factor ETF.

#### **Value-added Tax ("VAT") and other surtaxes**

With the Caishui [2016] No. 36 ("**Circular 36**") regarding the final stage of VAT reform coming into effect on 1 May 2016, gains derived from the trading of PRC marketable securities are subject to VAT instead of Business Tax ("**BT**") starting from 1 May 2016.

Based on Circular 36 and Circular 127, the gains derived by Hong Kong market investors (including the Multi-Factor ETF) from trading of A-Shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect are exempt from VAT since 1 May 2016 and the gains derived from transfer of A-Shares through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are exempt from VAT since 5 December 2016.

Dividend income or profit distributions on equity investment derived from the PRC are not included in the taxable scope of VAT.

If VAT is applicable, there are also other surtaxes (which include Urban Construction

and Maintenance Tax, Education Surcharge and Local Education Surcharge) that would amount to as high as 12% of VAT payable.

### **Stamp duty**

Stamp duty under the PRC laws generally applies to the execution and receipt of all taxable documents listed in the PRC's Provisional Rules on Stamp Duty. Stamp duty is levied on the execution or receipt in China of certain documents, including contracts for the sale of China A- and B-shares traded on the PRC stock exchanges. In the case of contracts for sale of China A- and B-shares, such stamp duty is currently imposed on the seller but not on the purchaser, at the rate of 0.1% on the sales consideration. The Multi-Factor ETF will be subject to this tax on each disposal of A-Shares and B-Shares.

According to Circular 127, the borrowing and return of shares in relation to shares guarantee and short-selling by Hong Kong market investors through Stock Connect are exempt from stamp duty since 5 December 2016.

### **General**

It should be noted that the actual applicable tax imposed by PRC tax authorities may be different and may change from time to time. There is a possibility of the rules and practices being changed and taxes being applied retrospectively. As such, any provision for taxation made by the Manager may be excessive or inadequate to meet final PRC tax liabilities. Consequently, Unitholders may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the final tax liabilities, the level of provision and when they subscribed and/or redeemed their Units.

The Manager reserves the right to make tax provision for any tax liabilities arising from the income derived from the Multi-Factor ETF's investments in the PRC. If the actual applicable tax levied by PRC tax authorities is higher than that provided for by the Manager so that there is a shortfall in the tax provision amount, investors should note that the Net Asset Value of the Multi-Factor ETF may suffer more than the tax provision amount as the Multi-Factor ETF will ultimately have to bear the additional tax liabilities. In this case, the then existing and new Unitholders will be disadvantaged. On the other hand, if the actual applicable tax levied by PRC tax authorities is lower than that provided for by the Manager so that there is an excess in the tax provision amount, Unitholders who have redeemed their Units before PRC tax authorities' ruling, decision or guidance in this respect will be disadvantaged as they would have borne the loss from the Manager's overprovision. In this case, the then existing and new Unitholders may benefit if the difference between the tax provision and the actual taxation liability under that lower tax rate can be returned to the account of the Multi-Factor ETF as assets thereof. Notwithstanding the above provisions, Unitholders who have already redeemed their Units in the Multi-Factor ETF before the return of any overprovision to the account of the Multi-Factor ETF will not be entitled or have any right to claim any part of such overprovision.

Unitholders should seek their own tax advice on their tax position with regard to their

investment in the Multi-Factor ETF.

It is possible that the current tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC will change, including the possibility of taxes being applied retrospectively, and that such changes may result in higher taxation on PRC investments than currently contemplated.

### ***Specific Risks***

In addition to the general risks described in the “Risk Factors” section below, the Multi-Factor ETF is subject to the following additional special risks.

- *Multi-Factor Weighted Index Risks* – The Underlying Index is a multi-factor weighted index whereby constituents are selected and weighted based on certain style factors. While the Underlying Index seeks to enhance return by focusing on such factors which may have historically outperformed the overall market, there can be no assurance that the Underlying Index will outperform the market at any time. It is possible that the Underlying Index may underperform capitalisation weighted indices or other benchmarks in some market environments, potentially for extended periods. The Underlying Index methodology of focusing on certain factors may lead to unintended portfolio concentration in, for example, specific industry sectors. The Multi-Factor ETF by tracking the Underlying Index may also have relatively large holdings in companies with relatively smaller market capitalisation than it would have held if tracking a capitalisation weighted index. The Multi-Factor ETF may be subject to higher concentration risk as a result and the Multi-Factor ETF’s returns may be adversely affected.
- *Market Concentration Risk* – The Multi-Factor ETF is subject to concentration risk as a result of tracking the performance of Securities related to the economic development of a single region (i.e. China). The NAV of the Multi-Factor ETF will likely be more volatile than a broadly-based fund such as a global or regional fund as it is more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse conditions in that single region.
- *Mid-capitalisation companies risk* - The stocks of mid-capitalisation companies may have lower liquidity and their prices are typically more volatile and more vulnerable to adverse business or economic developments than those of larger capitalisation companies. This may impact the net asset value of the Multi-Factor ETF to a larger extent than those of funds that invest in stocks of larger capitalisation companies. Mid-capitalisation companies generally have less diverse product lines than large-capitalisation companies and thus are more susceptible to adverse developments concerning their products, as well as the markets and sectors in which they operate. Mid-capitalisation companies may be less financially secure than larger and more established companies, and they are more vulnerable to loss of key personnel.
- *Distribution Risk* – Dividend distributions are not guaranteed and are subject to the discretion of the Manager. Therefore, investors may not receive any dividends from the Multi-Factor ETF, notwithstanding that the Multi-Factor ETF may receive dividend distributions from the Securities it holds.

- *Risks Associated with A-Shares*

*A-Shares Market Suspension and Volatility Risk* – A-Shares may only be bought from, or sold to, the Multi-Factor ETF from time to time where the relevant A-Shares may be sold or purchased on the SSE or the SZSE, as appropriate. Given that the A-Shares market is considered volatile and unstable (with the risk of suspension of a particular stock or government intervention), the creation and realisation of Units may be disrupted. A Participating Dealer is unlikely to realise or create Units if it considers that A-Shares may not be available. High market volatility and potential settlement difficulties in the A-Shares market may also result in significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities traded on the A-Shares market and thereby may adversely affect the value of the Multi-Factor ETF.

*PRC Taxation Risk* – The Manager reserves the right to provide for PRC withholding income tax or other taxes on capital gains or income and withhold the tax for the account of the Multi-Factor ETF if there is any future change in the PRC tax rules. The Manager will closely monitor any further guidance by the relevant PRC tax authorities and change its tax provision policy and the tax provision amount in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF accordingly. Any change to the tax provision policy or the amount of tax provision in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF will be notified to the Unitholders.

If actual tax is collected by the SAT and the Multi-Factor ETF is required to make payments reflecting tax liabilities for which no provision has been made, the Net Asset Value of the Multi-Factor ETF may be adversely affected, as the Multi-Factor ETF will ultimately have to bear the full amount of tax liabilities. In this case, the tax liabilities will only impact Units in issue at the relevant time, and the then existing Unitholders and subsequent Unitholders will be disadvantaged as such Unitholders will bear, through the Multi-Factor ETF, a disproportionately higher amount of tax liabilities as compared to that borne at the time of investment in the Multi-Factor ETF.

Please refer to the section entitled “PRC Tax Implications” above for further information in this regard.

- *Risks Associated with the Stock Connect*

*Quota Limitations* – The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. In particular, once the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota drops to zero or the Northbound Daily Quota is exceeded during the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (though investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance). The Multi-Factor ETF’s ability to invest in A-Shares through the Stock Connect may be affected.

*Suspension Risk* – It is contemplated that both the SEHK and the SSE would reserve the right to suspend Northbound and/or Southbound trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. Consent from the relevant regulator would be sought before a suspension is triggered. Where

a suspension in the Northbound trading is effected, the Multi-Factor ETF's ability to access the PRC market through the Stock Connect will be adversely affected.

*Differences in Trading Day* – The Stock Connect will only operate on days when both the PRC and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. So it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC market but Hong Kong investors (such as the Multi-Factor ETF) cannot carry out any A-Shares trading.

*Operational Risk* – The Stock Connect provides a new channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas to access the China stock market directly. Market participants are able to participate in this programme subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house. Market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

Further, the “connectivity” in the Stock Connect requires routing of orders across the border. This requires the development of new information technology systems on the part of the SEHK and exchange participants. There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading in both markets through the programme could be disrupted.

*Recalling of Eligible Stocks* – If a stock is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connect, the stock can only be sold and cannot be bought. This may affect the Multi-Factor ETF's tracking of the Index if, for example, a constituent of the Index is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks.

*Clearing and Settlement Risk* – The HKSCC and CSDCC establish clearing links and each has become a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearing house of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house. Should the remote event of CSDCC default occur and the CSDCC be declared as a defaulter, HKSCC's liabilities in Northbound trades under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against the CSDCC. HKSCC will in good faith seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from the CSDCC through available legal channels or through the CSDCC's liquidation. In that event, the Multi-Factor ETF may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from the CSDCC.

*Regulatory Risk* – The Stock Connect is novel in nature, and will be subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and

cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Stock Connect. The regulations are untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied, and are subject to change. There can be no assurance that the Stock Connect will not be abolished.

*No Protection by Investor Compensation Fund* – The Multi-Factor ETF's investments through the Stock Connect will not be covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund is established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong. Since default matters in Northbound trading via the Stock Connect do not involve products listed or traded in SEHK or Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited, they will not be covered by the Investor Compensation Fund. On the other hand, since the Multi-Factor ETF is carrying out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not PRC brokers, it is protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund (中國投資者保護基金) in the PRC. Therefore the Multi-Factor ETF is exposed to the risks of default of the broker(s) it engages in its trading in A-Shares through the programme.

- *Risks Associated with B-Shares* – The B-Share market is generally smaller, less liquid and has a smaller issuer base than the A-Share market. The issuers that compose the B-Share market include a broad range of companies, including companies with large, medium and small capitalisations. Further, the B-Share market may behave very differently from other portions of the Chinese equity markets, and there may be little to no correlation between the performance of the two.
- *Risks associated with Red Chip companies* – Red Chip companies are controlled, either directly or indirectly, by the central, provincial or municipal governments of the PRC. Red Chip shares are traded in Hong Kong Dollars on the SEHK and may also be traded by foreigners. Because Red Chip companies are controlled by various PRC governmental authorities, investing in Red Chips involves risks that political changes, social instability, regulatory uncertainty, adverse diplomatic developments, asset expropriation or nationalisation, or confiscatory taxation could adversely affect the performance of Red Chip companies. Red Chip companies may be less efficiently run and less profitable than other companies.
- *Risks associated with P-Chip companies* – P-Chip companies are often run by the private sector and have a majority of their business operations in China. P-Chip shares are traded in Hong Kong Dollars on the SEHK, and may also be traded by foreigners. Because they are traded on the SEHK, P-Chips are also subject to risks similar to those associated with investments in H-Shares. They are also subject to risks affecting their jurisdiction of incorporation, including any legal or tax changes.
- *Risks associated with depositary receipts* – Exposure to depositary receipts including American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) may generate additional risks



compared to a direct exposure to the corresponding underlying stocks, in particular, the risk of non-segregation under applicable law of the depositary bank who hold the underlying stock as collateral and its own assets. In case of bankruptcy of the depositary bank, there could be a risk that the underlying shares would not be attributed to holders of depositary receipts, although segregation is an integral part of the depositary agreement regulating the issuance of the ADRs. In such case, the most likely scenario would be the trading suspension and thereafter a freeze of the price of the depositary receipts impacted by such bankruptcy event. Bankruptcy events in respect of the depositary banks issuing the depositary receipts may negatively affect the performance and/or the liquidity of the Multi-Factor ETF. There are fees related to depositary receipts, for example fees charged by banks for the custody of underlying assets of depositary receipts, which may impact the performance of the depositary receipts. Also, holders of depositary receipts are not direct shareholders of the underlying company and generally do not have voting and other shareholder rights as shareholders do. The Multi-Factor ETF may also be subject to liquidity risk as depositary receipts are often less liquid than the corresponding underlying stocks.

- *Chinese Economic, Political and Social Risk* - The economy of China, which has been in a state of transition from a planned economy to a more market oriented economy, differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including the level of government involvement, its state of development, its growth rate, control of foreign exchange, and allocation of resources.

Although the majority of productive assets in China are still owned by the Chinese government at various levels, in recent years, the Chinese government has implemented economic reform measures emphasising utilisation of market forces in the development of the economy of the PRC and a high level of management autonomy. The economy of the PRC has experienced significant growth in the past 20 years, but growth has been uneven both geographically and among various sectors of the economy. Economic growth has also been accompanied by periods of high inflation. The Chinese government has implemented various measures from time to time to control inflation and restrain the rate of economic growth.

For more than 20 years, the Chinese government has carried out economic reforms to achieve decentralisation and utilisation of market forces to develop the economy of China. These reforms have resulted in significant economic growth and social progress. There can, however, be no assurance that the Chinese government will continue to pursue such economic policies or, if it does, that those policies will continue to be successful. Any such adjustment and modification of those economic policies may have an adverse impact on the Securities market in China as well as the underlying Securities of the Multi-Factor ETF. Further, the Chinese government may from time to time adopt corrective measures to control the growth of the Chinese economy which may also have an adverse impact on the capital growth and performance of the Multi-Factor ETF.

Political changes, social instability and adverse diplomatic developments in China could result in the imposition of additional government restrictions including

expropriation of assets or confiscatory taxes.

- *Chinese Laws and Regulations Risk* - The regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in China may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. PRC laws and regulations affecting equities and fixed income markets are relatively new and evolving, and because of the limited volume of published cases and judicial interpretation and their non-binding nature, interpretation and enforcement of these regulations involve significant uncertainties. In addition, as the Chinese legal system develops, no assurance can be given that changes in such laws and regulations, their interpretation or their enforcement will not have a material adverse effect on their business operations.
- *Accounting and reporting standards risk* – Accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to PRC companies may be different to those standards and practices applicable to countries that have more developed financial markets. For example, there are differences in the valuation methods of properties and assets and in the requirements for disclosure of information to investors.
- *Tracking Error Risk* – At the Manager's discretion, the Multi-Factor ETF may only hold a representative sample of Securities that represents the profile of the Underlying Index and may invest in Securities not included in the Underlying Index. The Net Asset Value of the Multi-Factor ETF may not have exactly the same net asset value of the Underlying Index. Factors such as the fees and expenses of the Multi-Factor ETF, the investments of the Multi-Factor ETF not matching exactly the securities which make up the Underlying Index (e.g. where it uses representative sampling), an inability to rebalance the Multi-Factor ETF's holdings of Securities in response to changes to the Securities which make up the Underlying Index, rounding of Security prices, timing variances on buying or selling of Securities which make up the Underlying Index, changes to the Underlying Index and regulatory policies that may affect the Manager's ability to achieve close correlation with the Underlying Index. This may cause the Multi-Factor ETF's returns to deviate from the Underlying Index. Further, the fact that the Manager is adopting a representative sampling strategy may lead to a greater risk of tracking error.
- *Operational and Settlement Risks* - Trading errors are an intrinsic factor in any complex investment process, and will occur, notwithstanding the execution of due care and special procedures designed to prevent such errors. Such trade errors may have adverse consequences (for example, due to an inability to correct effectively such an error when detected).

The Multi-Factor ETF is subject to operational risks that may arise from any breaches by the Manager's investment management staff of the Manager's operational policies or technical failures of communication and trading systems. Whilst the Manager has in place internal control systems, operational guidelines and contingency procedures to reduce the chances of such operational risks, there is no guarantee events beyond the control of the Manager (such as unauthorised trading, trading errors or system errors) will not occur. The occurrence of any such events

may adversely affect the value of the Multi-Factor ETF.

- *Large Redemptions Risk* – If significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the Manager may not be possible to liquidate the Multi-Factor ETF's investments at the time such redemptions are requested or the Manager may be able to do so only at prices which the Manager believes does not reflect the true value of such investments, resulting in an adverse effect on the return to investors. Where significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the right of Participating Dealers to require redemptions in excess of 10% of the total number of Units in the Multi-Factor ETF then in issue (or such higher percentage as the Manager may determine) may be deferred, or the period for the payment of redemption proceeds may be extended. In addition, the Manager may also in certain circumstances suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value of the Multi-Factor ETF for the whole or any part of any period. Please see the section on "Determination of Net Asset Value" for further details.
- *Currency Risk* - Underlying investments of the Multi-Factor ETF may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency of the Multi-Factor ETF. The Net Asset Value of the Multi-Factor ETF may be affected unfavorably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the Base Currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.
- *Trading Difference Risk* - As the stock exchanges in which the Multi-Factor ETF invests may be open when Units are not priced, the value of the securities in the Multi-Factor ETF's portfolio may change on days when investors will not be able to purchase or sell the Multi-Factor ETF's units. Differences in trading hours between the stock exchanges in which the Multi-Factor ETF invests and the SEHK may also increase the level of premium or discount of the unit price to its Net Asset Value.

### ***The Underlying Index***

The Underlying Index in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF, being the MSCI China Diversified Multiple-Factor Index (the "**Underlying Index**"), is a rule-based index designed to represent the performance of a strategy that seeks higher exposure to four style factors – value, momentum, low size and quality while maintaining market risk exposure similar to the underlying parent index, namely, the MSCI China Index (the "**Parent Index**"), which comprises large and mid cap stocks of the Chinese equity market, including H-shares, Red chips and P chips listed on the SEHK, A-Shares and B-Shares listed on the SSE and SZSE and foreign listed companies (such as companies listed on NASDAQ, New York Stock Exchange and Singapore Stock Exchange). Further information regarding the Parent Index is available on the website of MSCI ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)).

The Underlying Index is a net total return index. A net total return index calculates the performance of the index constituents on the basis that regular cash dividends are reinvested on the ex-date after deduction of withholding tax by applying the maximum rate of the company's country of incorporation applicable to institutional investors.

The Manager will consult the SFC on any events that may affect the acceptability of any

of the Underlying Index (for example, the change in methodology/rules or compiling or calculating the Underlying Index, or a change in the objective or characteristics of the Underlying Index). The Manager shall notify Unitholders as soon as practicable of any significant events relating to any of the relevant Underlying Index.

## General

Single factor indexes are designed to represent the performance of systematic exposures to certain stock characteristics. The Underlying Index is constructed from the stock-level upwards using individual stock exposures to four factors as having historically demonstrated long-term risk-adjusted outperformance – value, momentum, low size and quality. The Underlying Index is rebalanced on a semi-annual basis.

MSCI Inc. (“**MSCI**” or “**Index Provider**”) is the index provider of the Underlying Index. MSCI is a professional index service company that provides services relating to securities indices. MSCI is independent of the Manager and its Connected Persons.

Below is a brief summary of the basic information, selection criteria, selection methodology and maintenance of the Underlying Index as of the date of publication of this Prospectus. Such information is subject to revision from time to time by MSCI and before making investment decisions, investors should refer to the website of MSCI ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)) for the latest version of such information.

## Basic Information

Index Code	715673
Launch Date	6 October 2017
Base Date	31 May 2002
Base Level	1000

As at 31 October 2019, the Underlying Index had a total free-float market capitalisation of HKD7,527.44 billion and 82 constituents.

The constituent list of the Underlying Index, their respective weightings and other information regarding the Underlying Index, as updated from time to time, is available on MSCI's website ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

## Index Dissemination

Information regarding the Underlying Index is widely disseminated in and outside of Hong Kong through the immediate global reporting through Bloomberg (Ticker: NH715673).

## Index Methodology

### Constituent selection

The applicable universe includes all the existing constituents of the Parent Index. All the securities from the Parent Index become part of the applicable universe. The optimisation relies on the factor exposures for all the securities in the Parent Index and the factor

covariance matrix of the relevant Barra Equity Model. The optimisation is performed using a base currency. The default currency is the USD.

Identification of the constituents from the applicable universe is done by the process of optimisation. The optimisation objective is to maximise the alpha score (representative of the exposures to the set of target factors) under the “target risk” constraint where the risk target is equal to the ex-ante risk of the Parent Index at the time of rebalancing.

### Index Calculation

The basic calculation principle is:

$$\text{Alpha score} = 0.25 * F_{1,i} + 0.25 * F_{2,i} + 0.25 * F_{3,i} + 0.25 * F_{4,i}$$

Where:

$F_{j,i}$  = Factor exposure of each security  $i$  for each of the target factors.

The factor exposures for the target factors are sourced as follows:

1. Momentum – The momentum factor reflects excess returns to stocks with relatively stronger performance in recent past. It is captured through measuring security's sustained relative performance against the global market over a two-year period and against other securities based in the same country over the previous 12 months (with a one-month lag). The momentum score for each security is same as the Momentum factor score taken from the relevant Barra Equity Model (currently GEMTL). The Momentum factor score from the Barra Equity Model is a standardized z-score calculated based on relative strength and historical alpha.

The non-lagged Relative Strength (RS) is first computed from the returns from the trailing 252 days using the following formula:

$$RS(t) = \sum_{\tau=0}^{251} w_{\tau} [\ln(1 + r_{t-\tau}) - \ln(1 + r_{m,t-\tau})]$$

where,  $r_t$  is the stock excess return, and  $r_{m,t}$  is the capitalization-weighted market excess return on day  $t$ , and  $w_{\tau}$  is the exponential weight with a 126-day half-life.

To compute the historical alpha, first, non-lagged values of historical alpha are computed by the time-series regression of Historical Beta. Historical alpha is then computed as the equal-weighted average of non-lagged values over the previous 11 to 21 trading days. This treatment introduces a lag while avoiding undue jumps in historical alpha exposures when large returns enter the estimation window.

The final RSTR descriptor is then computed as the equal-weighted average of the RS from an 11-day window lagged by 11 days.

2. Low Size – The size factor reflects excess returns of smaller firms (by market capitalization) relative to their larger counterparts. Companies are assigned a relatively higher size score if they have lower market capitalization than other

companies based in the same country. The size score for each security is the negative of the Size factor score taken from the relevant Barra Equity Model (currently GEMLTL). The Size factor score from the Barra Equity Model is a standardized z-score based on the logarithm of the market capitalisation of the relevant issuer.

3. Value – The value factor reflects excess returns to stocks that have low prices relative to their fundamental value. A company's valuation metrics is captured by indicators such as book-to-price and earnings yield. The value score for each security is currently based on earnings-based, asset-based and whole firm-based valuation metrics – currently captured by the following two factors, book-to-price and earnings yield, from the relevant Barra Equity Model (currently GEMLTL). A sector-relative score is derived from the combined score by standardizing the latter within each sector and winsorizing at +/- 3.

$$\text{Value}_i = (0.33) \times \text{BtoPi} + (0.67) \times \text{EarningsYield}_i$$

4. Quality – The quality factor reflects excess returns to stocks of good “quality” companies i.e. companies characterized by low debt, stable earnings growth etc. Companies are scored on the basis of quality indicators such as profitability, investment quality, earnings quality, leverage and earnings variability. The quality score for each security is currently based on all quality factors, profitability, investment quality, earnings quality, leverage and earnings variability, from the relevant Barra Equity Model (currently GEMLTL). A sector-relative score is derived from the combined score by standardizing the latter within each sector and winsorizing at +/- 3.

$$\text{Quality}_i = (0.2) \times \text{Profitability}_i + (0.2) \times \text{InvestmentQuality}_i + (0.2) \times \text{EarningsQuality}_i + (-1) \times (0.2) \times \text{EarningsVariability}_i + (-1) \times (0.2) \times \text{Leverage}_i$$

At each semi-annual index review, the following optimisation constraints are employed, which aim to ensure investability while achieving total risk in line with that of the Parent Index.

- The maximum weight of an index constituent will be restricted to the lower of (the weight of the security in the Parent Index + 2%) or 10 times the weight of the security in the Parent Index. The minimum weight of an index constituent will be restricted to the higher of the (weight of the security in the Parent Index - 2%) or 0.
- Exposure of the Underlying Index to non-target Barra style factors such as volatility, growth and liquidity will be restricted to +/-0.25 standard deviations relative to the Parent Index.
- The sector weights of the Underlying Index will not deviate more than +/-5% from the sector weights of the Parent Index.
- For countries with weight greater than 2.5% in the Parent Index, the weight in the Underlying Index will not deviate more than +/-5% from the country weight in the Parent Index.
- The above country weight constraint will also apply on China A Stock Connect

listings as a group separately in addition to the usual country weight constraint on China.

- For countries with weight less than 2.5% in the Parent Index, the weight in the Underlying Index will be capped at 3 times their weight in the Parent Index.
- The one-way turnover of the Underlying Index is constrained to a maximum of 20% at each index review.

The Underlying Index is constructed with an objective to maximize the alpha score (exposure to four investment style factors: value, quality, momentum and low size), while maintaining a level of risk similar to that of the Parent Index, using the Barra Open Optimizer in combination with the relevant Barra Equity Model. The Underlying Index follows an MSCI methodology with two primary components: a risk model and a portfolio optimizer. The optimisation uses the Parent Index as the universe of eligible securities and the specified optimisation objective (previous output of risk target, alpha score) and constraints to determine the Underlying Index. The Barra Equity Model (currently, GEMTL) estimates portfolio risk by distilling broad market index stocks into a definitive set of macro and style factors, plus an idiosyncratic stock-specific risk. The Barra Open Optimizer is a software engine that creates an optimal solution within given parameters. The Barra Open Optimizer systematically tests different combinations of stocks and determines the optimal solution, i.e. the set of securities with the highest possible alpha score with “target risk” equal to the ex-ante risk of the Parent Index at the time of rebalancing, using an estimated security covariance matrix under the applicable investment constraints.

For further details on Barra Equity Model, please refer to [https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/242721/GEMTL\\_FactSheet.pdf](https://www.msci.com/documents/10199/242721/GEMTL_FactSheet.pdf).

## **Index Review**

### **(i) Periodical Review**

The Underlying Index is rebalanced on a semi-annual basis, usually as of the close of the last business day of May and November, coinciding with the May and November semi-annual index reviews of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes.

### **(ii) Ongoing Review**

The general treatment of corporate events in the Underlying Index aims to minimise turnover outside of Index Reviews. The methodology aims to appropriately represent an investor's participation in an event based on relevant deal terms and pre-event weighting of the index constituents that are involved. Further, changes in index market capitalisation that occur as a result of corporate event implementation will be offset by a corresponding change in the variable weighting factor of the constituent.

Additionally, if the frequency of index reviews in the Parent Index is greater than the frequency of index reviews in the Underlying Index, the changes made to the Parent Index during intermediate index reviews will be neutralised in the Underlying Index.

No new securities will be added (except where noted in the index methodology) to the

Underlying Index between Index Reviews. Parent Index deletions will be reflected simultaneously.

Event types include new additions to the Parent Index, spin-offs, merger or acquisition and changes in security characteristics. Further details of the index methodology are available at MSCI's website (<https://www.msci.com/index-methodology>).

### **Index Licence Agreement**

For the Multi-Factor ETF, the licence agreement between the Index Provider and the Manager was entered into on 1 June 2018, pursuant to which the Manager was granted a licence by the Index Provider to use the Underlying Index as a basis for determining the composition of the Multi-Factor ETF and to use certain trade marks in the Underlying Index. The licence granted is for an initial term of 1 year commencing from the date of the agreement, and shall successively continue on a 1-year basis unless terminated pursuant to the agreement.

Unless otherwise agreed between the Manager and the Index Provider, a party may terminate the Manager's licence to use the Underlying Index upon written notice under the following circumstances:

- material breach of the Index Provider of the licence agreement and failure to take any action to remedy the breach within 30 days of the Manager providing a notice to the Index Provider for such breach;
- material breach of the Manager of the licence agreement and failure to take any action to remedy the breach within 90 days of the Index Provider providing a notice to the Manager for such breach;
- the Index Provider may terminate the agreement or schedule effective immediately upon termination of the data licence;
- if the Index Provider ceases to formulate the Underlying Index (the Index Provider shall provide reasonable notice to the Manager);
- the Manager may terminate or unilaterally amend a schedule if any legislation or regulation materially impairs the Manager's ability to issue, manage, offer, sell, market or promote the Multi-Factor ETF, or if any material litigation or regulatory proceeding is threatened or commenced;
- the Index Provider may terminate a schedule or the agreement if any legislation or regulation materially impairs the Index Provider's ability to license and provide any index under the agreement, or if any material litigation or regulatory proceeding is threatened or commenced;
- either party may terminate the agreement if the other party makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or for reorganisation, or if a petition in bankruptcy is filed against such other party and is not dismissed within 60 days after the filing, or if a receiver or trustee is appointed;



- the Index Provider may terminate the agreement if there is a change in control of the Manager; or
- the Index Provider may terminate the licence with respect to a particular index if the Multi-Factor ETF is not commercially offered by the Manager for a continuous period of 6 months.

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***Establishment Costs***

The establishment costs in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF (including the costs of preparing the constitutive and other documents, obtaining SFC authorization, the fees payable to the Index Provider (including the licence fees for the Underlying Index) and the listing on SEHK) will be borne by the Manager.

## **THE QUALITY FACTOR ETF**

### ***Key Information***

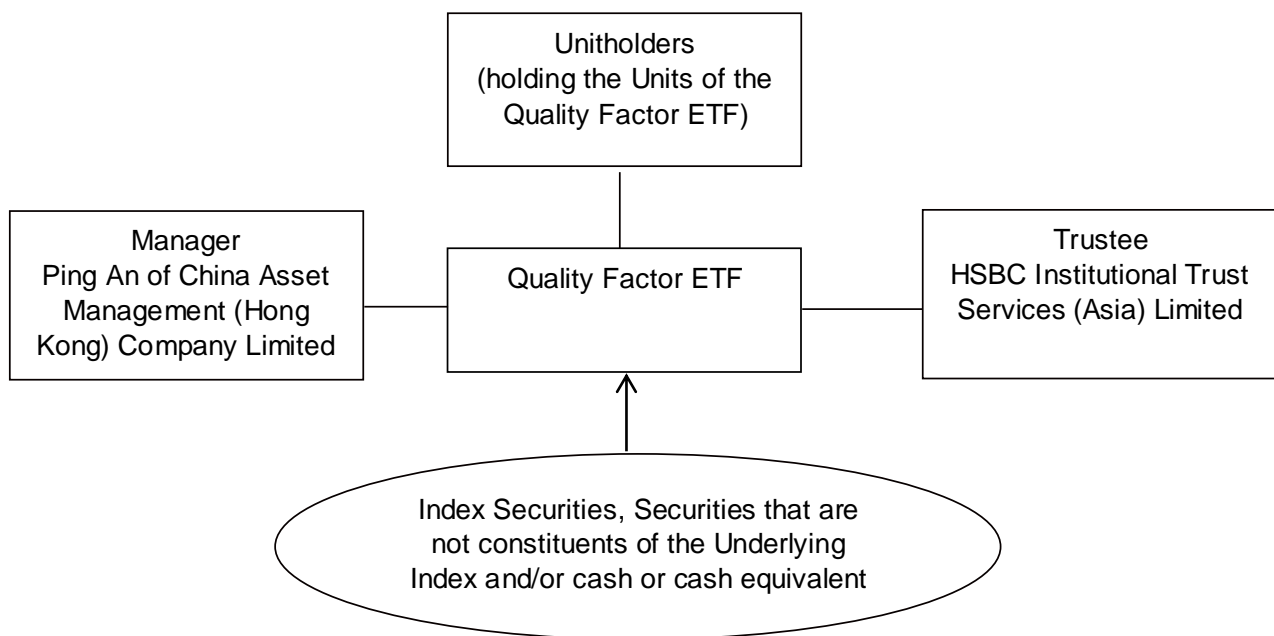
The following table is a summary of key information in respect of the Quality Factor ETF, and should be read in conjunction with the full text of this Prospectus.

Investment Type		Exchange Traded Fund (“ <b>ETF</b> ”)
Underlying Index		Index: MSCI China Quality Index Launch Date: 11 May 2017 Base Date: 30 November 1998 Number of constituents: 122 (as at 31 October 2019) Base Currency of Index: HK\$
Issue Price during the Initial Offer Period		HK\$30
Listing Date		30 November 2018
Exchange Listing		SEHK – Main Board
Stock Code		3166
Trading Board Lot Size		100 Units
Base Currency		Hong Kong dollars (HK\$)
Trading Currency		HK\$
Dividend Payout		Semi-annually (if any) at the discretion of the Manager, usually in or around June and December  Dividend will not be paid out of capital or effectively out of capital.  All Units will receive distributions in the base currency (HK\$) only.
Application Unit Size for Creation/ Redemption by Participating Dealers		Minimum 100,000 Units (or multiples thereof)
Method(s) of Creation or Redemption available through Participating Dealers		In cash (HK\$) or in-kind
Dealing Deadline		2:00 p.m. on the relevant Dealing Day, or such other time as the Manager may determine from time to time
Parties	Manager	Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited
	Trustee, Custodian and Registrar	HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited
	Service Agent	HK Conversion Agency Services Limited
	Participating Dealer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNP Paribas Securities Services</li> <li>• Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.</li> <li>• Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited</li> <li>• Haitong International Securities Company Limited</li> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
	Participating Dealer's Agent	Citibank N.A. (as agent of Citibank Global Markets Asia Limited)
	Market Maker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNP Paribas Securities Services</li> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
Management Fee		0.55% p.a. of NAV calculated daily
Investment Strategy		Primarily a replication strategy. The Manager may also adopt a representative sampling strategy.
Financial Year End		31 December
Website		<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166</a>

### Structure of the Quality Factor ETF

The diagram below briefly summarizes the structure of the Quality Factor ETF:



### Investment Objective and Strategy

The Quality Factor ETF is an index-tracking exchange traded fund under Chapter 8.6 of the Code the investment objective of which is to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Underlying Index, MSCI China Quality Index.

In order to achieve the investment objective, the Quality Factor ETF intends to primarily adopt a full replication strategy to track the performance of the Underlying Index. The Quality Factor ETF will directly invest in substantially all of the Securities that are included in the Underlying Index. These include H-Shares, A-Shares, B-Shares, Red chips, P chips and foreign listings (e.g. ADRs). Investment in A-Shares will be via the Stock Connect (as discussed below).

Where it is not possible to acquire certain Securities which are constituents of the Underlying Index due to restrictions or limited availability, the Quality Factor ETF may also pursue a representative sampling strategy by investing in a portfolio featuring high correlation with the Underlying Index and the Manager may invest other Securities that are not included as constituents of the Underlying Index. When adopting this strategy, the Quality Factor ETF may or may not hold all the Index Securities of the Underlying Index and the Manager may overweight certain of the Securities which are included as constituents of the Underlying Index relative to the Securities' respective weightings in the Underlying Index on the condition that the maximum extra weighting in any Index Security will not exceed 4% or such other percentage as determined by the Manager after consultation with the SFC. The Quality Factor ETF may invest in Securities not included as constituents of the Underlying Index as the Manager considers appropriate, provided that the sample closely reflects the overall characteristics of the Underlying Index which the Manager believes will help the Quality Factor ETF achieve its investment objective.

The Manager may switch between the replication strategy and the representative sampling strategy without prior notice to investors, in its absolute discretion, and as often as it believes is appropriate in order to achieve the investment objective of the Quality Factor ETF by tracking the Underlying Index as closely as possible to the benefit of investors. However, investors should note that the adoption of a representative sampling strategy is associated with certain additional risks, in particular, a possible increased tracking error at the time of the switch, as well as possible increased tracking error in general. Investors should read the "Risk Factors" section below carefully.

The investment strategy of the Quality Factor ETF is subject to the investment and borrowing restrictions set out in the section "Investment and Borrowing Restrictions".

There is no current intention for the Quality Factor ETF to (i) invest in any FDIs (including structured products or instruments) for hedging or non-hedging (i.e. investment) purposes, (ii) invest in structured products or instruments, structured deposits, asset backed securities, asset backed commercial papers and mortgage backed securities, or (iv) enter into securities lending, sale and repurchase transactions, reverse repurchase transactions or other similar over-the-counter ("**OTC**") transactions, but this may change in light of market circumstances and where the Quality Factor ETF does engage in these types of transactions, prior approval shall be obtained from the SFC (if required) and no less than one month's prior notice will be given to the Unitholders.

### **What is Stock Connect?**

Stock Connect is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by the HKEX, the SSE, the SZSE and the CSDCC, with an aim to achieve mutual stock market

access between mainland China and Hong Kong. It comprises the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.

Stock Connect comprises a Northbound Trading Link and a Southbound Trading Link. Under the Northbound Trading Link, Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Quality Factor ETF), through their Hong Kong brokers and securities trading service companies established by the SEHK and the HKSCC (in Shanghai and Qianhai Shenzhen respectively), are able to trade eligible shares listed on the SSE and the SZSE by routing orders to the SSE and the SZSE (as the case may be). Under the Southbound Trading Link, eligible investors, through PRC securities firms and securities trading service companies established by the SSE and the SZSE respectively, are able to trade eligible shares listed on the SEHK by routing orders to the SEHK.

#### *Eligible securities*

Initially, Hong Kong and overseas investors are only able to trade certain stocks listed on the SSE market (the “**SSE Securities**”) and the SZSE market (the “**SZSE Securities**”).

SSE Securities include all the constituent stocks from time to time of the SSE 180 Index and SSE 380 Index, and all the SSE-listed A-Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on the SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- (b) SSE-listed shares which are under “risk alert”.

SZSE Securities will include all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and the SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which have a market capitalisation of not less than RMB 6 billion, and all the SZSE-listed A-Shares which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except the following:

- (a) SZSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB; and
- (b) SZSE-listed shares which are under “risk alert”.

At the initial stage of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, shares listed on the ChiNext Board of SZSE under Northbound Trading Link will be limited to institutional professional investors. Subject to resolution of related regulatory issues, other investors may subsequently be allowed to trade such shares.

It is expected that the list of eligible securities will be subject to review.

#### *Trading day*

Investors (including the Quality Factor ETF) will only be allowed to trade on the other market on days where both markets are open for trading, and banking services are available in both markets on the corresponding settlement days.

### *Trading quota*

Trading under Stock Connect will be subject to a daily quota ("**Daily Quota**"), which will be separate for Northbound and Southbound trading. The Daily Quota limits the maximum net buy value of cross-boundary trades under Stock Connect each day. The quotas do not belong to the Quality Factor ETF and are utilised on a first-come-first-serve basis. The SEHK will monitor the quota and publish the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota at scheduled times on the HKEX's website. The Daily Quota may change in future. The Manager will not notify investors in case of a change of quota.

### *Settlement and Custody*

The HKSCC is responsible for the clearing, settlement and the provision of depository, nominee and other related services of the trades executed by Hong Kong market participants and investors. Accordingly investors do not hold SSE Securities or SZSE Securities directly – these are held through their brokers' or custodians' accounts with CCASS.

### *Corporate actions and shareholders' meetings*

Notwithstanding the fact that HKSCC does not claim proprietary interests in the SSE Securities or SZSE Securities held in its omnibus stock account in the CSDCC, the CSDCC as the share registrar for SSE or SZSE listed companies will still treat the HKSCC as one of the shareholders when it handles corporate actions in respect of such SSE Securities or SZSE Securities. The HKSCC will monitor the corporate actions affecting SSE Securities or SZSE Securities and keep participants of CCASS informed of all such corporate actions that require CCASS participants to take steps in order to participate in them.

### *Currency*

Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Quality Factor ETF) trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities in RMB only.

### *Trading fees and taxes*

In addition to paying trading fees and stamp duties in connection with A-Share trading, the Quality Factor ETF may be subject to other fees and taxes concerned with income arising from stock transfers which are determined by the relevant authorities.

### *Coverage of Investor Compensation Fund*

The Quality Factor ETF's investments through Northbound trading under Stock Connect is not covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund is established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong. Since default in Northbound trading via Stock Connect do not involve products listed or traded in the SEHK or the Hong Kong Futures Exchanges Limited, such trading is not covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. On the other hand, since the Quality Factor ETF is carrying

out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not PRC brokers, such trading is not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund (中國投資者保護基金) in the PRC.

Further information about Stock Connect is available at the website: <http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/csm/index.htm>.

### ***PRC Tax Implications***

By investing in securities (including A-Shares) issued by PRC tax resident enterprises, irrespective of whether such securities are issued or distributed onshore or offshore, the Quality Factor ETF may be subject to PRC taxes.

### **Corporate Income Tax**

Under current Mainland China Corporate Income Tax Law (“**Mainland China CIT Law**”) and regulations, if the Quality Factor ETF is considered to be a tax resident of the Mainland China, it would be subject to Mainland China enterprise income tax (“**Mainland China CIT**”) at the rate of 25% on its worldwide taxable income. If the Quality Factor ETF is considered to be a non-resident enterprise with a “permanent establishment” in Mainland China, it would be subject to Mainland China CIT on the profits attributable to the permanent establishment. The Manager intends to operate the Quality Factor ETF in a manner that will prevent them from being treated as tax resident of the Mainland China and from having a permanent establishment in the Mainland China, although this cannot be guaranteed. It is possible however, that the Mainland China could disagree with the conclusion or that changes in Mainland China tax law could affect the Mainland China CIT status of the Quality Factor ETF.

### **Dividend Income**

Unless a specific exemption or reduction is available under current PRC tax laws and regulations or relevant tax treaties, non-tax resident enterprises without an establishment or place of business in China are subject to Mainland China CIT on a withholding basis (“**WHT**”), generally at a rate of 10%, to the extent it directly derives PRC sourced passive income.

The MOF, the SAT and the CSRC have jointly issued a circular concerning the tax treatment for the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect (Caishui [2014] No. 81 – The Circular Concerning the Tax Treatment for the Pilot Program of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect) (“**Circular 81**”) and a circular concerning the tax treatment for the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (Caishui [2016] No. 127 – The Circular Concerning the Tax Treatment for the Pilot Program of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect) (“**Circular 127**”). Pursuant to Circular 81 and Circular 127, dividends received by Hong Kong market investors (including the Quality Factor ETF) from A-Shares investment via Stock Connect will be subject to 10% WHT and the company distributing the dividend has the withholding obligation. If the recipient of the dividend is entitled to a lower treaty rate, it can apply to the tax bureau in-charge of the payer for a refund.



Under the "Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income" (the "**China-HK Arrangement**"), dividends received by a Hong Kong tax resident holder of shares issued by a PRC tax resident enterprise will be subject to a reduced PRC WHT rate of 5% on the gross amount of the dividends, if (i) the Hong Kong tax resident is the beneficial owner of the dividends; (ii) the Hong Kong tax resident directly holds at least 25% of the equity of the company paying the dividends; and (iii) other relevant treaty conditions are satisfied. Due to the Quality Factor ETF's investment restriction, the Quality Factor ETF will not hold more than 10% of any ordinary shares issued by any single issuer. In this connection, dividends derived from A-Shares invested through Stock Connect will not be able to benefit from the reduced WHT rate of 5% and the general WHT rate of 10% will be applicable to the Quality Factor ETF.

### Capital gains

Based on the Mainland China CIT Law and its Implementation Rules, "income from the transfer of property" sourced from the PRC by a non-PRC tax resident enterprise should be subject to WHT of 10%. However, pursuant to Circular 81 and Circular 127, Mainland China CIT will be temporarily exempted on gains derived by Hong Kong market investors (including the Quality Factor ETF) on the trading of A-Shares through Stock Connect. Based on Circular 81 and Circular 127, no provision for gross realised or unrealised gains derived from trading of A-Shares via the Stock Connect is made by the Manager on behalf of the Quality Factor ETF.

### **Value-added Tax ("VAT") and other surtaxes**

With the Caishui [2016] No. 36 ("**Circular 36**") regarding the final stage of VAT reform coming into effect on 1 May 2016, gains derived from the trading of PRC marketable securities are subject to VAT instead of Business Tax ("**BT**") starting from 1 May 2016.

Based on Circular 36 and Circular 127, the gains derived by Hong Kong market investors (including the Quality Factor ETF) from trading of A-Shares through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect are exempt from VAT since 1 May 2016 and the gains derived from transfer of A-Shares through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect are exempt from VAT since 5 December 2016.

Dividend income or profit distributions on equity investment derived from the PRC are not included in the taxable scope of VAT.

If VAT is applicable, there are also other surtaxes (which include Urban Construction and Maintenance Tax, Education Surcharge and Local Education Surcharge) that would amount to as high as 12% of VAT payable.

### **Stamp duty**

Stamp duty under the PRC laws generally applies to the execution and receipt of all taxable documents listed in the PRC's Provisional Rules on Stamp Duty. Stamp duty is levied on the execution or receipt in China of certain documents, including contracts

for the sale of China A- and B-shares traded on the PRC stock exchanges. In the case of contracts for sale of China A- and B-shares, such stamp duty is currently imposed on the seller but not on the purchaser, at the rate of 0.1% on the sales consideration. The Quality Factor ETF will be subject to this tax on each disposal of A-Shares and B-Shares.

According to Circular 127, the borrowing and return of shares in relation to shares guarantee and short-selling by Hong Kong market investors through Stock Connect are exempt from stamp duty since 5 December 2016.

## **General**

It should be noted that the actual applicable tax imposed by PRC tax authorities may be different and may change from time to time. There is a possibility of the rules and practices being changed and taxes being applied retrospectively. As such, any provision for taxation made by the Manager may be excessive or inadequate to meet final PRC tax liabilities. Consequently, Unitholders may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the final tax liabilities, the level of provision and when they subscribed and/or redeemed their Units.

The Manager reserves the right to make tax provision for any tax liabilities arising from the income derived from the Quality Factor ETF's investments in the PRC. If the actual applicable tax levied by PRC tax authorities is higher than that provided for by the Manager so that there is a shortfall in the tax provision amount, investors should note that the Net Asset Value of the Quality Factor ETF may suffer more than the tax provision amount as the Quality Factor ETF will ultimately have to bear the additional tax liabilities. In this case, the then existing and new Unitholders will be disadvantaged. On the other hand, if the actual applicable tax levied by PRC tax authorities is lower than that provided for by the Manager so that there is an excess in the tax provision amount, Unitholders who have redeemed their Units before PRC tax authorities' ruling, decision or guidance in this respect will be disadvantaged as they would have borne the loss from the Manager's overprovision. In this case, the then existing and new Unitholders may benefit if the difference between the tax provision and the actual taxation liability under that lower tax rate can be returned to the account of the Quality Factor ETF as assets thereof. Notwithstanding the above provisions, Unitholders who have already redeemed their Units in the Quality Factor ETF before the return of any overprovision to the account of the Quality Factor ETF will not be entitled or have any right to claim any part of such overprovision.

Unitholders should seek their own tax advice on their tax position with regard to their investment in the Quality Factor ETF.

It is possible that the current tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC will change, including the possibility of taxes being applied retrospectively, and that such changes may result in higher taxation on PRC investments than currently contemplated.

## ***Specific Risks***

In addition to the general risks described in the "Risk Factors" section below, the

Quality Factor ETF is subject to the following additional special risks.

- *Factor Weighted Index Risks* – The Underlying Index is a factor weighted index whereby constituents are selected and weighted based on quality factor, based on the methodology of the Underlying Index. While the Underlying Index seeks to enhance return by focusing on such factor which may have historically outperformed the overall market, there can be no assurance that the Underlying Index will outperform the market at any time. It is possible that the Underlying Index may underperform capitalisation weighted indices or other benchmarks in some market environments, potentially for extended periods. The Underlying Index methodology of focusing on a certain factor may lead to unintended portfolio concentration in, for example, specific industry sectors. The Quality Factor ETF by tracking the Underlying Index may also have relatively large holdings in companies with relatively smaller market capitalisation than it would have held if tracking a capitalisation weighted index. The Quality Factor ETF may be subject to higher concentration risk as a result and the Quality Factor ETF's returns may be adversely affected.
- *Market Concentration Risk* – The Quality Factor ETF is subject to concentration risk as a result of tracking the performance of Securities related to the economic development of a single region (i.e. China). The Quality Factor ETF will likely be more volatile than a broadly-based fund such as a global or regional fund as it is more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse conditions in that single region.
- *Mid-capitalisation companies risk* - The stocks of mid-capitalisation companies may have lower liquidity and their prices are typically more volatile and more vulnerable to adverse business or economic developments than those of larger capitalisation companies. This may impact the net asset value of the Quality Factor ETF to a larger extent than those of funds that invest in stocks of larger capitalisation companies. Mid-capitalisation companies generally have less diverse product lines than large-capitalisation companies and thus are more susceptible to adverse developments concerning their products, as well as the markets and sectors in which they operate. Mid-capitalisation companies may be less financially secure than larger and more established companies, and they are more vulnerable to loss of key personnel.
- *Distribution Risk* – Dividend distributions are not guaranteed and are subject to the discretion of the Manager. Therefore, investors may not receive any dividends from the Quality Factor ETF, notwithstanding that the Quality Factor ETF may receive dividend distributions from the Securities it holds.
- *Risks Associated with A-Shares*

*A-Shares Market Suspension and Volatility Risk* – A-Shares may only be bought from, or sold to, the Quality Factor ETF from time to time where the relevant A-Shares may be sold or purchased on the SSE or the SZSE, as appropriate. Given that the A-Shares market is considered volatile and unstable (with the risk of suspension of a particular stock or government intervention), the creation and

realisation of Units may be disrupted. A Participating Dealer is unlikely to realise or create Units if it considers that A-Shares may not be available. High market volatility and potential settlement difficulties in the A-Shares market may also result in significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities traded on the A-Shares market and thereby may adversely affect the value of the Quality Factor ETF.

*PRC Taxation Risk* – The Manager reserves the right to provide for PRC withholding income tax or other taxes on capital gains or income and withhold the tax for the account of the Quality Factor ETF if there is any future change in the PRC tax rules. The Manager will closely monitor any further guidance by the relevant PRC tax authorities and change its tax provision policy and the tax provision amount in respect of the Quality Factor ETF accordingly. Any change to the tax provision policy or the amount of tax provision in respect of the Quality Factor ETF will be notified to the Unitholders.

If actual tax is collected by the SAT and the Quality Factor ETF is required to make payments reflecting tax liabilities for which no provision has been made, the Net Asset Value of the Quality Factor ETF may be adversely affected, as the Quality Factor ETF will ultimately have to bear the full amount of tax liabilities. In this case, the tax liabilities will only impact Units in issue at the relevant time, and the then existing Unitholders and subsequent Unitholders will be disadvantaged as such Unitholders will bear, through the Quality Factor ETF, a disproportionately higher amount of tax liabilities as compared to that borne at the time of investment in the Quality Factor ETF.

Please refer to the section entitled “PRC Tax Implications” above for further information in this regard.

- *Risks Associated with the Stock Connect*

*Quota Limitations* – The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. In particular, once the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota drops to zero or the Northbound Daily Quota is exceeded during the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (though investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance). The Quality Factor ETF’s ability to invest in A-Shares through the Stock Connect may be affected.

*Suspension Risk* – It is contemplated that both the SEHK and the SSE would reserve the right to suspend Northbound and/or Southbound trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. Consent from the relevant regulator would be sought before a suspension is triggered. Where a suspension in the Northbound trading is effected, the Quality Factor ETF’s ability to access the PRC market through the Stock Connect will be adversely affected.

*Differences in Trading Day* – The Stock Connect will only operate on days when both the PRC and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. So it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC market but Hong Kong

investors (such as the Quality Factor ETF) cannot carry out any A-Shares trading.

*Operational Risk* – The Stock Connect provides a new channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas to access the China stock market directly. Market participants are able to participate in this programme subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house. Market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

Further, the “connectivity” in the Stock Connect requires routing of orders across the border. This requires the development of new information technology systems on the part of the SEHK and exchange participants. There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading in both markets through the programme could be disrupted.

*Recalling of Eligible Stocks* – If a stock is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Stock Connect, the stock can only be sold and cannot be bought. This may affect the Quality Factor ETF’s tracking of the Index if, for example, a constituent of the Index is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks.

*Clearing and Settlement Risk* – The HKSCC and CSDCC establish clearing links and each has become a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearing house of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house. Should the remote event of CSDCC default occur and the CSDCC be declared as a defaulter, HKSCC’s liabilities in Northbound trades under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against the CSDCC. HKSCC will in good faith seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from the CSDCC through available legal channels or through the CSDCC’s liquidation. In that event, the Quality Factor ETF may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from the CSDCC.

*Regulatory Risk* – The Stock Connect is novel in nature, and will be subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Stock Connect. The regulations are untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied, and are subject to change. There can be no assurance that the Stock Connect will not be abolished.

*No Protection by Investor Compensation Fund* – The Quality Factor ETF’s investments through the Stock Connect will not be covered by Hong Kong’s Investor

Compensation Fund. Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund is established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong. Since default matters in Northbound trading via the Stock Connect do not involve products listed or traded in SEHK or Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited, they will not be covered by the Investor Compensation Fund. On the other hand, since the Quality Factor ETF is carrying out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not PRC brokers, it is protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund (中國投資者保護基金) in the PRC. Therefore the Quality Factor ETF is exposed to the risks of default of the broker(s) it engages in its trading in A-Shares through the programme.

- *Risks Associated with B-Shares* – The B-Share market is generally smaller, less liquid and has a smaller issuer base than the A-Share market. The issuers that compose the B-Share market include a broad range of companies, including companies with large, medium and small capitalisations. Further, the B-Share market may behave very differently from other portions of the Chinese equity markets, and there may be little to no correlation between the performance of the two.
- *Risks associated with Red Chip companies* – Red Chip companies are controlled, either directly or indirectly, by the central, provincial or municipal governments of the PRC. Red Chip shares are traded in Hong Kong Dollars on the SEHK and may also be traded by foreigners. Because Red Chip companies are controlled by various PRC governmental authorities, investing in Red Chips involves risks that political changes, social instability, regulatory uncertainty, adverse diplomatic developments, asset expropriation or nationalisation, or confiscatory taxation could adversely affect the performance of Red Chip companies. Red Chip companies may be less efficiently run and less profitable than other companies.
- *Risks associated with P-Chip companies* – P-Chip companies are often run by the private sector and have a majority of their business operations in China. P-Chip shares are traded in Hong Kong Dollars on the SEHK, and may also be traded by foreigners. Because they are traded on the SEHK, P-Chips are also subject to risks similar to those associated with investments in H-Shares. They are also subject to risks affecting their jurisdiction of incorporation, including any legal or tax changes.
- *Risks associated with depositary receipts* – Exposure to depositary receipts including American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) may generate additional risks compared to a direct exposure to the corresponding underlying stocks, in particular, the risk of non-segregation under applicable law of the depositary bank who hold the underlying stock as collateral and its own assets. In case of bankruptcy of the depositary bank, there could be a risk that the underlying shares would not be attributed to holders of depositary receipts, although segregation is an integral part of the depositary agreement regulating the issuance of the ADRs. In such case, the most likely scenario would be the trading suspension and thereafter a freeze of the

price of the depositary receipts impacted by such bankruptcy event. Bankruptcy events in respect of the depositary banks issuing the depositary receipts may negatively affect the performance and/or the liquidity of the Quality Factor ETF. There are fees related to depositary receipts, for example fees charged by banks for the custody of underlying assets of depositary receipts, which may impact the performance of the depositary receipts. Also, holders of depositary receipts are not direct shareholders of the underlying company and generally do not have voting and other shareholder rights as shareholders do. The Quality Factor ETF may also be subject to liquidity risk as depositary receipts are often less liquid than the corresponding underlying stocks.

- *Chinese Economic, Political and Social Risk* - The economy of China, which has been in a state of transition from a planned economy to a more market oriented economy, differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including the level of government involvement, its state of development, its growth rate, control of foreign exchange, and allocation of resources.

Although the majority of productive assets in China are still owned by the Chinese government at various levels, in recent years, the Chinese government has implemented economic reform measures emphasising utilisation of market forces in the development of the economy of the PRC and a high level of management autonomy. The economy of the PRC has experienced significant growth in the past 20 years, but growth has been uneven both geographically and among various sectors of the economy. Economic growth has also been accompanied by periods of high inflation. The Chinese government has implemented various measures from time to time to control inflation and restrain the rate of economic growth.

For more than 20 years, the Chinese government has carried out economic reforms to achieve decentralisation and utilisation of market forces to develop the economy of China. These reforms have resulted in significant economic growth and social progress. There can, however, be no assurance that the Chinese government will continue to pursue such economic policies or, if it does, that those policies will continue to be successful. Any such adjustment and modification of those economic policies may have an adverse impact on the Securities market in China as well as the underlying Securities of the Quality Factor ETF. Further, the Chinese government may from time to time adopt corrective measures to control the growth of the Chinese economy which may also have an adverse impact on the capital growth and performance of the Quality Factor ETF.

Political changes, social instability and adverse diplomatic developments in China could result in the imposition of additional government restrictions including expropriation of assets or confiscatory taxes.

- *Chinese Laws and Regulations Risk* - The regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in China may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. PRC laws and regulations affecting equities and fixed income markets are relatively new and evolving, and because of the limited volume of published cases and judicial interpretation and their non-binding nature,

interpretation and enforcement of these regulations involve significant uncertainties. In addition, as the Chinese legal system develops, no assurance can be given that changes in such laws and regulations, their interpretation or their enforcement will not have a material adverse effect on their business operations.

- *Accounting and reporting standards risk* – Accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices applicable to PRC companies may be different to those standards and practices applicable to countries that have more developed financial markets. For example, there are differences in the valuation methods of properties and assets and in the requirements for disclosure of information to investors.
- *Tracking Error Risk* – At the Manager's discretion, the Quality Factor ETF may only hold a representative sample of Securities that represents the profile of the Underlying Index and may invest in Securities not included in the Underlying Index. The Net Asset Value of the Quality Factor ETF may not have exactly the same net asset value of the Underlying Index. Factors such as the fees and expenses of the Quality Factor ETF, the investments of the Quality Factor ETF not matching exactly the securities which make up the Underlying Index (e.g. where it uses representative sampling), an inability to rebalance the Quality Factor ETF's holdings of Securities in response to changes to the Securities which make up the Underlying Index, rounding of Security prices, timing variances on buying or selling of Securities which make up the Underlying Index, changes to the Underlying Index and regulatory policies that may affect the Manager's ability to achieve close correlation with the Underlying Index. This may cause the Quality Factor ETF's returns to deviate from the Underlying Index. Further, the fact that the Manager is adopting a representative sampling strategy may lead to a greater risk of tracking error.
- *Operational and Settlement Risks* - Trading errors are an intrinsic factor in any complex investment process, and will occur, notwithstanding the execution of due care and special procedures designed to prevent such errors. Such trade errors may have adverse consequences (for example, due to an inability to correct effectively such an error when detected).

The Quality Factor ETF is subject to operational risks that may arise from any breaches by the Manager's investment management staff of the Manager's operational policies or technical failures of communication and trading systems. Whilst the Manager has in place internal control systems, operational guidelines and contingency procedures to reduce the chances of such operational risks, there is no guarantee events beyond the control of the Manager (such as unauthorised trading, trading errors or system errors) will not occur. The occurrence of any such events may adversely affect the value of the Quality Factor ETF.

- *Large Redemptions Risk* – If significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the Manager may not be possible to liquidate the Quality Factor ETF's investments at the time such redemptions are requested or the Manager may be able to do so only at prices which the Manager believes does not reflect the true value of such investments, resulting in an adverse effect on the



return to investors. Where significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the right of Participating Dealers to require redemptions in excess of 10% of the total number of Units in the Quality Factor ETF then in issue (or such higher percentage as the Manager may determine) may be deferred, or the period for the payment of redemption proceeds may be extended. In addition, the Manager may also in certain circumstances suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value of the Quality Factor ETF for the whole or any part of any period. Please see the section on "Determination of Net Asset Value" for further details.

- *Currency Risk* - Underlying investments of the Quality Factor ETF may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency of the Quality Factor ETF. The Net Asset Value of the Quality Factor ETF may be affected unfavorably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the Base Currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.
- *Trading Difference Risk* - As the stock exchanges in which the Quality Factor ETF invests may be open when Units are not priced, the value of the securities in the Quality Factor ETF's portfolio may change on days when investors will not be able to purchase or sell the Quality Factor ETF's units. Differences in trading hours between the stock exchanges in which the Quality Factor ETF invests and the SEHK may also increase the level of premium or discount of the unit price to its Net Asset Value.

### ***The Underlying Index***

The underlying index in respect of the Quality Factor ETF, being the MSCI China Quality Index (the "**Underlying Index**"), is a rule-based index designed to represent the performance of a quality growth strategy, out of securities from the parent index, namely, the MSCI China Index (the "**Parent Index**"), which comprises large and mid cap stocks of the Chinese equity market, including H-shares, Red chips and P chips listed on the SEHK, A-Shares and B-Shares listed on the SSE and SZSE and foreign listed companies (such as companies listed on NASDAQ, New York Stock Exchange and Singapore Stock Exchange). Further information regarding the Parent Index is available on the website of MSCI ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)).

The Underlying Index is a net total return index. A net total return index calculates the performance of the index constituents on the basis that regular cash dividends are reinvested on the ex-date after deduction of withholding tax by applying the maximum rate of the company's country of incorporation applicable to institutional investors.

The Manager will consult the SFC on any events that may affect the acceptability of any of the Underlying Index (for example, the change in methodology/rules or compiling or calculating the Underlying Index, or a change in the objective or characteristics of the Underlying Index). The Manager shall notify Unitholders as soon as practicable of any significant events relating to any of the relevant Underlying Index.

### **General**

Quality growth companies are characterised as companies with durable business models

and sustainable competitive advantages. Companies that tend to have high return on equity, stable earnings that are uncorrelated with the broad business cycle, and strong balance sheets with low financial leverage are targeted for quality growth.

The Underlying Index aims to reflect the performance of the quality factor while ensuring reasonably high trading liquidity and investment capacity of constituent companies, as well as moderate index turnover. Quality is an objective measure of certain historical variables and is not an endorsement or recommendation by MSCI or the Manager as to the future performance of any constituents or the index. With an aim to more heavily weight the quality factor, the Underlying Index is constructed by selecting a set number of securities from the Parent Index with the highest quality scores determined based on return on equity, debt to equity and earnings variability and calculated according to the methodology of the Underlying Index.. The market capitalisation of securities is then weighted based on the quality score.

MSCI is independent of the Manager and its Connected Persons.

Below is a brief summary of the basic information, selection criteria, selection methodology and maintenance of the Underlying Index as of the date of publication of this Prospectus. Such information is subject to revision from time to time by MSCI and before making investment decisions, investors should refer to the website of MSCI ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)) for the latest version of such information.

#### **Basic Information**

Index Code	704072
Launch Date	11 May 2017
Base Date	30 November 1998
Base Level	1000

As at 31 October 2019, the Underlying Index had a total free-float market capitalisation of HKD4,933.03 billion and 122 constituents.

The constituent list of the Underlying Index, their respective weightings and other information regarding the index, as updated from time to time, is available on MSCI's website ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

#### **Index Dissemination**

Information regarding the Underlying Index is widely disseminated in and outside of Hong Kong through the immediate global reporting through Bloomberg (Ticker: NH704072).

#### **Index Methodology**

##### Constituent selection

The applicable universe includes all the existing constituents of the Parent Index. The Quality Score for each security is calculated by combining z-scores of three winsorised fundamental variables, namely return on equity, debt to equity and earnings variability.

As part of the standardisation process, outlier fundamental variable values are winsorised to ensure that the average values used to standardise the variables are less affected by extreme values. To do this, for a given variable, the values for all securities are first ranked in ascending order within the Parent Index. Missing values are excluded from the ranking. Then, for securities that lie below the 5th percentile rank or above the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile rank, their value is set equal to the value of the 5th percentile ranked or 95<sup>th</sup> percentile ranked security, as applicable. This process is repeated for each of the three fundamental variables.

For example, assume there are 200 securities ranked in ascending order of the variable value. The 5th percentile security is the 10th ranked security and the 95th percentile security is the 191st ranked security. For all the securities ranked from 1 through 9, their values become equal to the value of the 10th ranked security. Meanwhile, for all securities ranked from 192 through 200, their values become equal to the value of the 191st ranked security.

The Underlying Index is constructed using a fixed number of securities approach. All the existing constituents of the Parent Index are ranked based on their quality scores. If multiple securities have the same quality score, then the security having a higher weight in the Parent Index is given a higher rank. A fixed number of securities with the highest positive quality scores are predetermined for every Underlying Index at initial construction with an aim to attain a high exposure to the quality factor while maintaining sufficient index market capitalisation and number of securities coverage. The fixed number for security selection determined at initial construction is evaluated at every Semi-Annual Index Review to ensure that the Quality universe has sufficient index market capitalisation coverage.

### Index Calculation

After winsorising all the three variables within the Parent Index, the z-score for each of the three variables for each security can be calculated using the mean and standard deviation of the relevant variable within the Parent Index. Computing a z-score is a widely used method of standardising a variable in order to combine it with other variables that may have a different unit of measurement or a different scale. Because it has a mean value of zero and a standard deviation of 1, the value of a z-score shows how many standard deviations a given value lies from the mean.

The z-score is defined as follows for return on equity:

$$Z = \frac{(x - \mu)}{\sigma}$$

Where:

$x$  = the winsorised variable for a given security;

$\mu$  = the mean of the winsorised variable in the Parent Index universe, excluding missing values; and

$\sigma$  = the standard deviation of the winsorised variable in the Parent Index universe, excluding missing values.

The z-score is defined as follows for the debt to equity and earnings variability:

$$Z = \frac{(x - \mu)}{\sigma}$$

A negative z-score is calculated to ensure that a security having higher Debt to Equity or higher Earnings Variability gets a lower respective z-score.

After standardising each of the three variable values for each security, MSCI calculates a composite quality z-score for each security. The quality z-scores are computed by averaging the z-score of all the three fundamental descriptor as calculated above. Computation of the quality z-score also depends on the availability of fundamental variables.

The quality score is then computed from the composite quality z-score as follows:

$$\text{Quality Score} = \begin{cases} 1 + Z, & Z > 0 \\ (1 - Z)^{-1}, & Z < 0 \end{cases}$$

Where z is the composite quality z-score determined in the previous step.

At each rebalancing, all the securities eligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index are weighted by the product of their market capitalisation weight in the Parent Index and the quality score.

$$\text{Quality Weight} = \text{Quality Score} * \text{Market Capitalisation Weight in Parent Index}$$

The above weights are then normalised to 100%. The final security level inclusion factor is determined as the ratio of the final security level weight and the security level pro forma market capitalisation weight in the Parent Index. Additionally, constituent weights are capped at issuer level to mitigate concentration risk. Issuers in the Underlying Index will be capped at the maximum weight in the Parent Index.

## Index Review

### (i) Periodical Review

The Underlying Index is rebalanced on a semi-annual basis, usually as of the close of the last business day of May and November, coinciding with the May and November semi-annual index reviews of the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes. Fundamental variables as of the end of April and October are used respectively. This approach aims to capture timely updates to quality characteristics of the companies and coincides with the rebalancing frequency of the Parent Index. The pro forma Underlying Index is in general announced nine business days before the effective date.

To reduce index turnover and enhance index stability, buffer rules are applied at 20% of the fixed number of securities in the Underlying Index.

### (ii) Ongoing Review

The general treatment of corporate events in the Underlying Index aims to minimise turnover outside of index reviews. The methodology aims to appropriately represent an

investor's participation in an event based on relevant deal terms and pre-event weighting of the index constituents that are involved. Further, changes in index market capitalisation that occur as a result of corporate event implementation will be offset by a corresponding change in the variable weighting factor of the constituent.

Additionally, if the frequency of index reviews in the Parent Index is greater than the frequency of index reviews in the Underlying Index, the changes made to the Parent Index during intermediate index reviews will be neutralised in the Underlying Index.

No new securities will be added (except where noted in the index methodology) to the Underlying Index between index reviews. Parent Index deletions will be reflected simultaneously.

Event types include new additions to the Parent Index, spin-offs, merger or acquisition and changes in security characteristics. Further details of the index methodology are available at MSCI's website (<https://www.msci.com/index-methodology>).

### **Index Licence Agreement**

For the Quality Factor ETF, the licence agreement between the Index Provider and the Manager was entered into on 1 June 2018, pursuant to which the Manager was granted a licence by the Index Provider to use the Underlying Index as a basis for determining the composition of the Quality Factor ETF and to use certain trade marks in the Underlying Index. The licence granted is for an initial term of 1 year commencing from the date of the agreement, and shall successively continue on a 1-year basis unless terminated pursuant to the agreement.

Unless otherwise agreed between the Manager and the Index Provider, a party may terminate the Manager's licence to use the Underlying Index upon written notice under the following circumstances:

- material breach of the Index Provider of the licence agreement and failure to take any action to remedy the breach within 30 days of the Manager providing a notice to the Index Provider for such breach;
- material breach of the Manager of the licence agreement and failure to take any action to remedy the breach within 90 days of the Index Provider providing a notice to the Manager for such breach;
- the Index Provider may terminate the agreement or schedule effective immediately upon termination of the data licence;
- if the Index Provider ceases to formulate the Underlying Index (the Index Provider shall provide reasonable notice to the Manager);
- the Manager may terminate or unilaterally amend a schedule if any legislation or regulation materially impairs the Manager's ability to issue, manage, offer, sell, market or promote the Quality Factor ETF, or if any material litigation or regulatory proceeding is threatened or commenced;

- the Index Provider may terminate a schedule or the agreement if any legislation or regulation materially impairs the Index Provider's ability to license and provide any index under the agreement, or if any material litigation or regulatory proceeding is threatened or commenced;
- either party may terminate the agreement if the other party makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy or for reorganisation, or if a petition in bankruptcy is filed against such other party and is not dismissed within 60 days after the filing, or if a receiver or trustee is appointed;
- the Index Provider may terminate the agreement if there is a change in control of the Manager; or
- the Index Provider may terminate the licence with respect to a particular index if the Quality Factor ETF is not commercially offered by the Manager for a continuous period of 6 months.

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### ***Establishment Costs***

The establishment costs in respect of the Quality Factor ETF (including the costs of preparing the constitutive and other documents, obtaining SFC authorization, the fees payable to the Index Provider (including the licence fees for the Underlying Index) and the listing on SEHK) will be borne by the Manager.

## **THE 5HANDL ETF**

### **Key Information**

The following table is a summary of key information in respect of the 5HANDL ETF, and should be read in conjunction with the full text of this Prospectus.

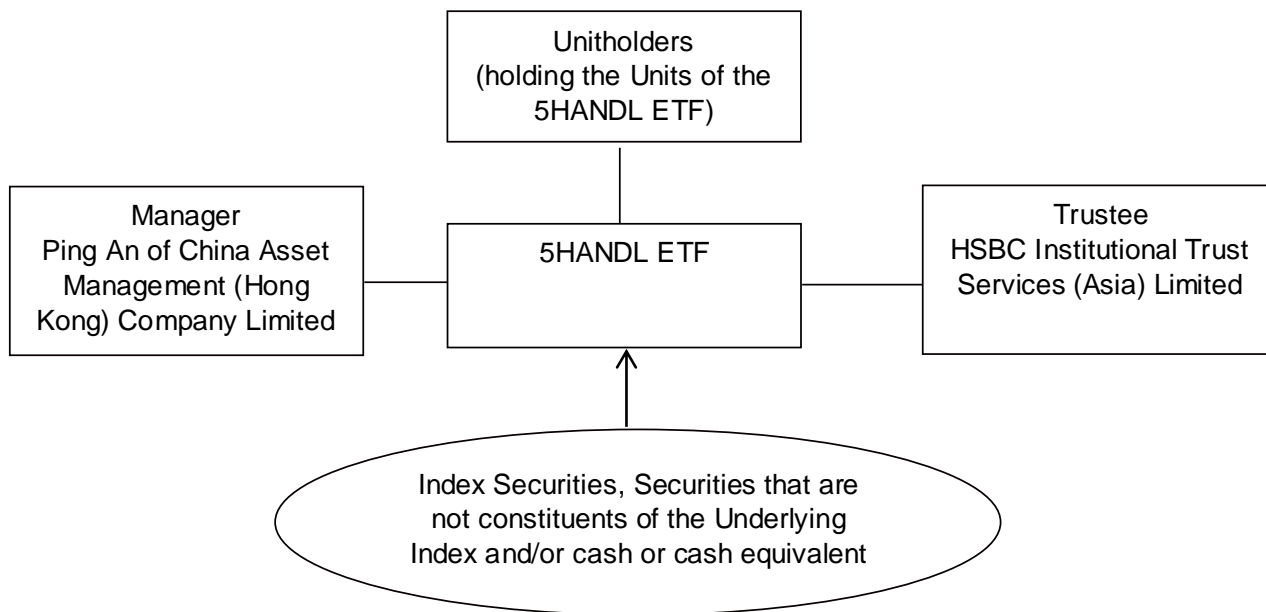
Investment Type		Exchange Traded Fund (“ <b>ETF</b> ”)
Underlying Index		Index: Nasdaq 5HANDL Index Launch Date: 13 June 2018 Base Date: 13 June 2018 Number of constituents: 19 (as at 31 December 2021) Base Currency of Index: USD
Issue Price during the Initial Offer Period		USD10
Listing Date		7 December 2018
Exchange Listing		SEHK – Main Board
Stock Code		3198
Trading Board Lot Size		100 Units
Base Currency		US dollars (USD)
Trading Currency		HK\$
Dividend Payout		Semi-annually (if any) at the discretion of the Manager, usually in or around June and December.  The Manager intends to pay as dividend to Unitholders cash dividends and distributions the 5HANDL ETF receives from the Underlying ETFs, but there is no guarantee of distribution or rate of distribution.  Dividend will not be paid out of capital or effectively out of capital.  All Units will receive distributions in the base currency (USD) only.
Application Unit Size for Creation/ Redemption by Participating Dealers		Minimum 30,000 Units (or multiples thereof)
Method(s) of Creation or Redemption available through Participating Dealers		In cash (USD) or in-kind
Dealing Deadline		3:45 p.m. on the relevant Dealing Day, or such other time as the Manager may determine from time to time
Parties	Manager	Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited
	Trustee, Custodian and Registrar	HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited
	Service Agent	HK Conversion Agency Services Limited



	Participating Dealer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNP Paribas Securities Services</li> <li>• Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited</li> <li>• Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.</li> <li>• Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited</li> <li>• Haitong International Securities Company Limited</li> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
	Participating Dealer's Agent	Citibank N.A. (as agent of Citibank Global Markets Asia Limited)
	Market Maker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
Management Fee		0.55% p.a. of NAV calculated daily
Investment Strategy		Primarily a replication strategy. The Manager may also adopt a representative sampling strategy.
Financial Year End		31 December
Website		<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198</a>

### Structure of the 5HANDL ETF

The diagram below briefly summarizes the structure of the 5HANDL ETF:



### Investment Objective and Strategy

The 5HANDL ETF is an index-tracking exchange traded fund under Chapter 8.6 of the Code the investment objective of which is to provide investment results that, before fees

and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Underlying Index, Nasdaq 5HANDL Index.

In order to achieve the investment objective, the 5HANDL ETF intends to primarily adopt a full replication strategy to track the performance of the Underlying Index. The 5HANDL ETF will directly invest in substantially all of the Securities that are included in the Underlying Index, namely exchange traded funds listed on a US stock exchange (each an **“Underlying ETF”**). Investments in exchange traded funds by the 5HANDL ETF are considered and treated as listed securities for the purposes of and subject to the requirements in Chapters 7.1, 7.1A and 7.2 of the Code.

Where it is not possible to acquire certain Underlying ETFs which are constituents of the Underlying Index due to restrictions or limited availability, the 5HANDL ETF may also pursue a representative sampling strategy by investing in a portfolio featuring high correlation with the Underlying Index and the Manager may invest other exchange traded funds that are not included as constituents of the Underlying Index. When adopting this strategy, the 5HANDL ETF may or may not hold all the Index Securities of the Underlying Index and the Manager may overweight certain of the Underlying ETF which are included as constituents of the Underlying Index relative to the Underlying ETFs’ respective weightings in the Underlying Index on the condition that the maximum extra weighting in any Underlying ETF will not exceed 4% or such other percentage as determined by the Manager after consultation with the SFC. The 5HANDL ETF may invest in exchange traded funds not included as constituents of the Underlying Index as the Manager considers appropriate, provided that the sample closely reflects the overall characteristics of the Underlying Index which the Manager believes will help the 5HANDL ETF achieve its investment objective.

The Manager may switch between the replication strategy and the representative sampling strategy without prior notice to investors, in its absolute discretion, and as often as it believes is appropriate in order to achieve the investment objective of the 5HANDL ETF by tracking the Underlying Index as closely as possible to the benefit of investors. However, investors should note that the adoption of a representative sampling strategy is associated with certain additional risks, in particular, a possible increased tracking error at the time of the switch, as well as possible increased tracking error in general. Investors should read the “Risk Factors” section below carefully.

The investment strategy of the 5HANDL ETF is subject to the investment and borrowing restrictions set out in the section “Investment and Borrowing Restrictions”, except that, notwithstanding the borrowing limit in “Investment and Borrowing Restrictions” – “Borrowing Restrictions”, the 5HANDL ETF may borrow up to 10% of its total Net Asset Value but only on a temporary basis for the purpose for meeting redemption requests or defraying operating expenses.

There is no current intention for the 5HANDL ETF to (i) invest in any FDIs (including structured products or instruments) for hedging or non-hedging (i.e. investment) purposes, (ii) invest in structured products or instruments, structured deposits, asset backed securities, asset backed commercial papers and mortgage backed securities, or (iv) enter into securities lending, sale and repurchase transactions, reverse repurchase transactions or other similar over-the-counter (**“OTC”**) transactions, but this may change in light of market

circumstances and where the 5HANDL ETF does engage in these types of transactions, prior approval shall be obtained from the SFC (if required) and no less than one month's prior notice will be given to the Unitholders.

### ***Limitations on Charges***

Where the 5HANDL ETF invests in schemes managed by the Manager or its connected persons, all initial charges and redemption charges on the underlying schemes must be waived. The Manager or any person acting on behalf of the 5HANDL ETF or the Manager may not obtain a rebate on any fees or charges levied by an underlying scheme or its management company, or any quantifiable monetary benefits in connection with investments in any underlying scheme.

### ***Specific Risks***

In addition to the general risks described in the "Risk Factors" section below, the 5HANDL ETF is subject to the following additional special risks.

- *Modified equal weighted index risks* – The Underlying Index is a modified equal weighted index whereby the "Core Portfolio" and "Explore Portfolio" (as further discussed under "Index Methodology" – "Eligibility Criteria" below) will have the same weighting at each rebalancing regardless of its size or market capitalisation, based on the methodology of the Underlying Index. The 5HANDL ETF will therefore be subject to higher risks of the Underlying ETFs in the specified categories than a market capitalisation index. The 5HANDL ETF by tracking the Underlying Index may also have relatively large holdings in Underlying ETFs with smaller market capitalisation than it would have held if tracking a capitalisation weighted index, leading to higher risks and potential underperformance.

- *Risks of investing in the Underlying ETFs*

*General:* The 5HANDL ETF primarily invests in the Underlying ETFs. As such, the 5HANDL ETF may be subject to the risks associated with the Underlying ETFs. The 5HANDL ETF does not have control over the investments of the Underlying ETFs and there is no assurance that the investment objective and strategy of the Underlying ETFs will be successfully achieved which may have a negative impact on the Net Asset Value of the 5HANDL ETF.

*Additional costs:* There may be additional costs involved when investing in these Underlying ETFs. There may be implications of certain charges to buy or sell units of Underlying ETFs. Investor should be aware that investment into the Underlying ETFs may involve another layer of fees in addition to those charged by the 5HANDL ETF.

*Liquidity risks:* The Underlying ETFs are not regulated by the SFC. There is also no guarantee that the Underlying ETFs will always have sufficient liquidity to meet the 5HANDL ETF's redemption requests as and when they are made.

*Passive investment risks:* The Underlying ETFs may be passively managed and the

manager of these passively managed Underlying ETFs will not have the discretion to adapt to market changes due to the inherent investment nature of these Underlying ETFs. Decreases in the underlying index of the passively managed Underlying ETFs are expected to result in corresponding decreases in the value of the 5HANDL ETF.

*Tracking error risks:* The Underlying ETFs which are passively managed may be subject to tracking error risk, which is the risk that their performance may not track that of the underlying index exactly. Tracking error may result from the investment strategy used, fees and expenses, imperfect correlation between ETF assets and the underlying securities within the relevant index, rounding of share prices and adjustments to the index. There can be no assurance of exact or identical replication at any time of the performance of the underlying index, which may have an adverse impact on these Underlying ETFs and the 5HANDL ETF.

*Trading risks:* There can be no assurance that an active trading market will exist or maintain for units/shares of an ETF on any securities exchange. The units/shares of any Underlying ETFs in which the 5HANDL ETF invests may be traded at large discounts or premiums to their net asset value, which may in turn affect the Net Asset Value of the 5HANDL ETF.

*Risks of underlying investments:* The 5HANDL ETF will be subject to the risks of the underlying investments of the Underlying ETFs. Please refer to the below risk factors for further details.

- *Equity market risk* – The Underlying ETFs' underlying investment in equity securities is subject to general market risks, whose value may fluctuate due to various factors, such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic conditions and issuer-specific factors.
- *Risk associated with debt securities*

*Credit / Counterparty risk:* The 5HANDL ETF is exposed to the credit/default risk of issuers of the debt securities that the Underlying ETFs may invest in.

*Interest rate risk:* Investment in the Underlying ETFs which invest in bonds is subject to interest rate risk. In general, the prices of debt securities rise when interest rates fall, whilst their prices fall when interest rates rise.

*Downgrading risk:* The credit rating of a debt instrument or its issuer may subsequently be downgraded. In the event of such downgrading, the value of the relevant Underlying ETF may be adversely affected. The manager of an Underlying ETF may or may not be able to dispose of the debt instruments that are being downgraded.

*Debt securities rated below investment grade risk:* An Underlying ETF may invest in debt securities rated below investment grade (designated/assigned by an internationally recognised credit agency) or unrated. Such securities are generally

subject to lower liquidity, higher volatility and greater risk of loss of principal and interest than high-rated debt securities.

*Credit rating risk:* Credit ratings assigned by rating agencies are subject to limitations and do not guarantee the creditworthiness of the security and/or issuer at all times.

- *Risk associated with mortgage backed securities* – An Underlying ETF may invest in mortgage-backed securities which may be highly illiquid and prone to substantial price volatility. These instruments may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt securities. They are often exposed to extension and prepayment risks and risks that the payment obligations relating to the underlying assets are not met, which may adversely impact the returns of the securities.
- *Risks associated with real estate investment trusts* – An Underlying ETF may invest in real estate investment trusts (REITs), which may or may not be authorised by the SFC. The prices of REITs are affected by changes in the value of the underlying properties owned by the REITs. Investment in REITs may therefore subject the 5HANDL ETF to risks similar to those from direct ownership of real property. These risks include, among others, possible declines in the value of real estate risks related to general and local economic conditions, possible lack of availability of mortgage funds, overbuilding, extended vacancies of properties, increases in competition, real estate taxes and transaction, operating and foreclosure expenses, changes in zoning laws, costs resulting from the clean-up of, and liability to third parties for damages resulting from, environmental problems, casualty or condemnation losses, uninsured damages from natural disasters and acts of terrorism, limitations on and variations in rents, and changes in interest rates. Real estate investments are relatively illiquid and may affect the ability of a REIT to vary its investment portfolio or liquidate part of its assets in response to changes in economic conditions, international securities markets, foreign exchange rates, interest rates, real estate markets or other conditions. Adverse global economic conditions could adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of operations of REITs. REITs may also trade less frequently and in a limited volume and may be less liquid than other securities or collective investment schemes.
- *Market Concentration Risk* – The 5HANDL ETF is subject to concentration risk as a result of tracking the performance of Underlying ETFs listed in the United States. The NAV of the 5HANDL ETF will likely be more volatile than a broadly-based fund such as a global or regional bond fund as it is more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse conditions in that single region.
- *Distribution Risk* – The Manager intends to pay as dividend to Unitholders cash dividends and distributions the 5HANDL ETF receives from the Underlying ETFs, but there is no guarantee of distribution or rate of distribution. Distributions out of the 5HANDL ETF subject to the discretion of the Manager. Therefore, investors may not receive any dividends from the 5HANDL ETF, notwithstanding that the 5HANDL ETF may receive dividend distributions from the Underlying ETFs it holds.

- *Tracking Error Risk* – At the Manager's discretion, the 5HANDL ETF may only hold a representative sample of exchange traded funds that represents the profile of the Underlying Index and may invest in exchange traded funds not included in the Underlying Index. The Net Asset Value of the 5HANDL ETF may not have exactly the same net asset value of the Underlying Index. Factors such as the fees and expenses of the 5HANDL ETF, the investments of the 5HANDL ETF not matching exactly the exchange traded funds which make up the Underlying Index (e.g. where it uses representative sampling), an inability to rebalance the 5HANDL ETF's holdings of exchange traded funds in response to changes to the exchange traded funds which make up the Underlying Index, rounding of prices of the exchange traded funds, timing variances on buying or selling of exchange traded funds which make up the Underlying Index, changes to the Underlying Index and regulatory policies that may affect the Manager's ability to achieve close correlation with the Underlying Index. This may cause the 5HANDL ETF's returns to deviate from the Underlying Index. Further, the fact that the Manager is adopting a representative sampling strategy may lead to a greater risk of tracking error.
- *Operational and Settlement Risks* - Trading errors are an intrinsic factor in any complex investment process, and will occur, notwithstanding the execution of due care and special procedures designed to prevent such errors. Such trade errors may have adverse consequences (for example, due to an inability to correct effectively such an error when detected).

The 5HANDL ETF is subject to operational risks that may arise from any breaches by the Manager's investment management staff of the Manager's operational policies or technical failures of communication and trading systems. Whilst the Manager has in place internal control systems, operational guidelines and contingency procedures to reduce the chances of such operational risks, there is no guarantee events beyond the control of the Manager (such as unauthorised trading, trading errors or system errors) will not occur. The occurrence of any such events may adversely affect the value of the 5HANDL ETF.

- *Large Redemptions Risk* – If significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the Manager may not be possible to liquidate the 5HANDL ETF's investments at the time such redemptions are requested or the Manager may be able to do so only at prices which the Manager believes does not reflect the true value of such investments, resulting in an adverse effect on the return to investors. Where significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the right of Participating Dealers to require redemptions in excess of 10% of the total number of Units in the 5HANDL ETF then in issue (or such higher percentage as the Manager may determine) may be deferred, or the period for the payment of redemption proceeds may be extended. In addition, the Manager may also in certain circumstances suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value of the 5HANDL ETF for the whole or any part of any period. Please see the section on "Determination of Net Asset Value" for further details.
- *Currency Risk* - Underlying investments of the 5HANDL ETF may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency of the 5HANDL ETF. The Net Asset Value

of the 5HANDL ETF may be affected unfavorably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the Base Currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.

- *Trading Difference Risk* - As the stock exchanges in which the 5HANDL ETF invests may be open when Units are not priced, the value of the securities in the 5HANDL ETF's portfolio may change on days when investors will not be able to purchase or sell the 5HANDL ETF's units. Differences in trading hours between the stock exchanges in which the 5HANDL ETF invests and the SEHK may also increase the level of premium or discount of the unit price to its Net Asset Value.

### ***The Underlying Index***

The Underlying Index in respect of the 5HANDL ETF, being the Nasdaq 5HANDL™ Index (the “**Underlying Index**”), is a rule-based index designed to create a diversified, multi-asset portfolio of low-cost exchange traded funds (“**ETF**”) with an objective to maximise risk-adjusted returns, with a target (but not a guarantee) of supporting a 5% annual distribution rate<sup>#</sup>. The portfolio of the Underlying Index consists of passive and active ETFs that are listed and traded on stock exchanges in the United States. These underlying ETFs may invest in the following asset classes: equity securities, fixed income securities (including investment grade bonds and high-yield bonds), mortgage-backed securities, real estate investment trusts and other collective investment schemes.

The Underlying Index is a net total return index. A net total return index calculates the performance of the index constituents on the basis that any dividends or distributions are reinvested on the ex-date based on the securities incorporation withholding rate.

The Manager will consult the SFC on any events that may affect the acceptability of any of the Underlying Index (for example, the change in methodology/rules or compiling or calculating the Underlying Index, or a change in the objective or characteristics of the Underlying Index). The Manager shall notify Unitholders as soon as practicable of any significant events relating to any of the relevant Underlying Index.

<sup>#</sup> The 5% annual distribution rate is only a target return that the Index Provider aims to achieve in designing the index methodology and does not in any way provide or represent a guaranteed rate of return or distribution on investments in the Underlying Index or the 5HANDL ETF. Dividend yield of an exchange traded fund is not the main criterion for constituent selection of the Underlying Index. For more details on the index methodology please refer to the section “Index Methodology” below.

### **General**

The Underlying Index is a modified equal weighted index, which means the “Core Portfolio” and “Explore Portfolio” (as further discussed below) will have the same weighting at each rebalancing. The Underlying Index is calculated and denominated in US Dollar.

The Underlying Index is compiled and published by Nasdaq, Inc. (“**Nasdaq**” or the “**Index Provider**”). Nasdaq is independent of the Manager and its Connected Persons.

Below is a brief summary of the basic information, selection criteria, selection methodology and maintenance of the Underlying Index as of the date of publication of this Prospectus. Such information is subject to revision from time to time by the Index Provider and before making investment decisions, investors should refer to the website of Index Provider (<https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/Index/Overview/NQ5HANDL>) for the latest version of such information.

## Basic Information

Index Code	NQ5HANDL
Launch Date	13 June 2018
Base Date	13 June 2018
Base Level	1000

As at 31 December 2021, the Underlying Index had 19 constituents which had an aggregate asset under management of USD 1,020 billion.

The constituent list, their respective weightings and other information about the Underlying Index, as updated from time to time, is available on Nasdaq's website (<https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/Index/Overview/NQ5HANDL>) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

## Index Dissemination

The Underlying Index will be available in real time through Bloomberg (Ticker: N5HNDLN).

## Index Methodology

### Eligibility criteria

An ETF which fulfils the following criteria will be eligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index:

1. The ETF must be an ETF organised under the United States Investment Company Act of 1940.
2. The ETF must have a three-month average daily trading volume of 20,000 shares (measured annually during the Annual Reconstitution process).
3. The ETF must be open for daily creations and redemptions.
4. The ETF must be listed on a United States exchange.
5. The ETF must have been traded for at least one year.

The Underlying Index consists of two portfolios of constituents: the “**Core Portfolio**” and the “**Explore Portfolio**”. The two portfolios will be equal-weighted as of each monthly rebalancing. Constituents in each portfolio are selected according to the criteria set out below.

- (A) The Core Portfolio consists of U.S. aggregate fixed-income ETFs, i.e. ETFs that



provide exposure to the entire U.S. investment grade bond market without limitation of duration or issuer (the “**Core Fixed Income Component**”), and U.S. large cap equity ETFs, i.e. ETFs that provide exposure to a similar market capitalisation range as the large capitalisation segment of the Nasdaq US Benchmark Index (the “**Core Equity Component**”). The Core Portfolio consists of a 70% allocation to the Core Fixed Income Component and a 30% allocation to the Core Equity Component.

- 1) The Core Fixed Income Component shall be allocated on an equal weight basis to the three largest (by asset under management (“**AUM**”)) U.S. aggregate fixed-income ETFs that have no maturity limitations
  - 2) The Core Equity Component shall be determined as follows:
    - (i) 50% of the Core Equity Component shall be allocated on an equal weight basis to the three largest (by AUM) ETFs that track U.S. large cap stocks with approximately 500 constituents and weighted by market capitalisation.
    - (ii) The remaining 50% of the Core Equity Component shall be allocated to the largest ETF (by AUM) that tracks the Nasdaq-100 Index.
- (B) The Explore Portfolio consists of non-levered ETFs in 12 U.S. asset categories (each an “Explore Category”):
- 1) Dividend Equity – ETFs that provide exposure to domestic dividend-paying stocks;
  - 2) Covered Call – ETFs that provide exposure to indexed covered call portfolios based on either the S&P 500 Index or NASDAQ-100 Index;
  - 3) High-Yield Bonds – ETFs that provide exposure to domestic high-yield corporate bonds (also known as “junk bonds”) of any duration or maturity;
  - 4) Investment Grade Bonds – ETFs that provide exposure to domestic investment grade corporate bonds of any duration or maturity;
  - 5) MLPs – ETFs that provide exposure to master limited partnerships;
  - 6) MBS – ETFs that provide exposure to mortgage-backed securities;
  - 7) Active Fixed Income – Actively managed fixed income ETFs;
  - 8) Preferred Securities – ETFs that provide exposure to domestic preferred securities;
  - 9) REITs – ETFs that provide exposure to domestic real estate investment trusts;
  - 10) Growth & Income – ETFs that provide exposure to multiple asset portfolios of stocks and bonds or ETFs of stocks and bonds, including fund-of-fund ETFs;

- 11) Utilities – ETFs that provide exposure to domestic utility securities; and
- 12) Build America Bonds – ETFs that provide exposure to Build America Bonds. Build America Bonds are taxable municipal bonds that include tax credits and/or federal subsidies for bondholders and state and local bond issuers. These bonds may be of any maturity or duration.

In the Explore Portfolio, each Explore Category will be represented by one ETF. The ETF constituent representing each Explore Category will be selected according to the following criteria:

- 1) Subject to the exceptions below, the default rule is that each Explore Category shall be represented by the largest ETF (by AUM) in the relevant category.
- 2) An ETF that is not the largest ETF (by AUM) in its Explore Category shall nonetheless represent the category if (i) it has an expense ratio after waivers at least 20% lower than the largest ETF (by AUM) in that category and (ii) it has a 30-day average daily trading volume of at least 20,000 shares. If multiple ETFs meet the aforementioned conditions, the ETF with the lowest expense ratio after waivers shall represent that category.

Within the Explore Portfolio, the ETF constituents will be weighted according to a linear weighting scheme, based on their relative strength matrix (“**Relative Strength Matrix**”) rank (“**RS rank**”): an ETF constituent’s weight is equal to its RS rank divided by the sum of all RS ranks. The Relative Strength Matrix system is further described in the section headed “Relative Strength Matrix” below.

#### Relative Strength Matrix

The Relative Strength Matrix is constructed as follows.

#### *Point & Figure Charting*

Nasdaq Dorsey Wright (“**NDW**”), who has been a research provider to financial professionals on Wall Street and around the world since 1987, created the Relative Strength Matrix. NDW uses point and figure charting to record a security’s price trend, focusing on the price movements of that security as a directional and momentum indicator. Point and figure charts filter out non-significant price movements by ignoring small price fluctuations, trading volume and time.

#### *Point & Relative Strength Chart*

Relative strength (“**Relative Strength**”) is another technical analysis tool that measures a security’s performance relative to other securities, benchmarks, or broad market indexes. Relative Strength is a momentum technique that relies on unbiased, unemotional, objective data, rather than biased forecasting and subjective research. Relative Strength is a way of recording historic performance patterns, and NDW uses Relative Strength signals as an indicator for current momentum trends of a security versus others.

For the purpose of conducting the Explore Portfolio allocation, NDW builds relative strength charts for each of the 12 ETFs using the following process:

- On a daily basis, NDW computes the ratio of the closing price of each Explore Portfolio ETF to the closing price of each other Explore Portfolio ETF. Example: Relative Strength reading = (ETF 1 closing price ÷ ETF 2 closing price) x 100
- As a result of on-going calculations, a point and figure Relative Strength chart is created for each relationship within the inventory. A point and figure Relative Strength chart is a variation of a point and figure chart, but its input value is computed in the previous step, instead of individual security prices.

### *Relative Strength Matrix*

NDW has implemented a systematic way of analyzing many point and figure Relative Strength charts by aggregating buy signals and sell signals within a “matrix” format. When a column of X’s exceeds a previous column of X’s, the chart indicates a “Buy Signal” (also referred to as positive Relative Strength). Conversely, “Sell Signals” are given when a column of O’s exceeds a previous column of O’s (also referred to as negative relative strength).

NDW created the Relative Strength Matrix to analyze large numbers of charts and to easily display an equally large data set of signals. Each coordinate pair of the Relative Strength Matrix represents a Relative Strength contest between one Explore Portfolio ETF and another.

For each Explore Portfolio ETF in the defined inventory, the total number of Relative Strength charts that are on a buy signal are noted in the column “Buys” of the Matrix. The Relative Strength Matrix is ranked such that the ETF with the highest number of buy signals is given the RS rank of 12. The Explore Portfolio ETF with the lowest number of buy signals is given the RS rank of 1.

### Index Calculation

The value of the Underlying Index equals the aggregate value of the index share weights (i.e. the modified equal weight as at each monthly rebalancing) of each constituent multiplied by each such constituent’s Last Sale Price, and divided by the divisor of the Underlying Index.

“**Last Sale Price**” refers to the last regular way trade reported on such constituent’s listing market for which prices are received and used by Nasdaq in the index calculation and generally will represent the most liquid trading market of the constituent (the “**Index Market**”). If a constituent does not trade on its Index Market on a given day or the Index Market has not opened for trading, the most recent last sale price from the Index Market (adjusted for corporate actions, if any) is used. For constituents where Nasdaq is the Index Market, the Last Sale Price may be the Nasdaq Official Closing Price when Nasdaq is closed. The divisor serves the purpose of scaling such aggregate value to a lower order of magnitude, which is more desirable for reporting purposes.

If trading in a constituent is halted on its primary listing market, the most recent Last Sale Price for that constituent is used for all index computations until trading on such market resumes. Likewise, the most recent Last Sale Price is used if trading in a constituent is halted on its primary listing market before the market is open.

The formula for index value is as follows:

$$\text{Index value} = \frac{\text{Aggregate Adjusted Market Value}}{\text{Divisor}}$$

The market value of each constituent will be adjusted so that each Index constituent will carry its respective modified equal weight (determined according to the Index methodology) in the Index value at each rebalancing.

The formula for the divisor is as follows:

$$\text{Divisor} = \left( \frac{\text{Market Value after Adjustments}}{\text{Market Value before Adjustments}} \right) \times \text{Divisor before Adjustments}$$

Essentially, the divisor will be a number chosen at the inception of the Index to create a more manageable base value for the Index, typically a round and more memorable number, and in this case the base value of the Index is 1000. The divisor will only be adjusted to ensure that there is no discontinuity in the value of the Underlying Index which might otherwise be caused by a change in the index share weight of a constituent, a change in a constituent or a change to the price of a constituent due to spin-offs, rights issuances or special cash dividends.

## **Index Review**

### **(i) Periodic Review**

The Underlying Index is evaluated annually in January. The eligibility criteria are applied using available market data as of the prior month-end. Constituent additions and deletions are made effective at the market open on the 9th trading day in January.

### **(ii) Ongoing Review**

If at any time during the year other than the annual evaluation, an Index Security no longer meets the eligibility criteria, or is otherwise determined to have become ineligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index, the security will be removed from the index and will not be replaced.

If corporate events such as delisting, suspension, ETF dividends, ETF splits, spin-offs, right issuances, special cash dividend or other events such as a definitive agreement that would likely result in the constituent becoming ineligible for inclusion in the Index occur at any time during the year other than the annual evaluation, adjustments will be made to the Underlying Index according to the index methodology available at Nasdaq's website (<https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/Index/Overview/NQ5HANDL>).

## **Index Rebalancing**

The Underlying Index employs a modified equal weighting methodology and is rebalanced on a monthly basis. Following the close of the last trading day of each month, the Underlying Index is rebalanced to an equal weighting between the Core Portfolio and Explore Portfolio. Within each portfolio, the ETFs are weighted in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out above. The rebalance of the Underlying Index uses the Last Sale Price of all constituents as of the prior month-end. Any Underlying Index rebalance changes are announced approximately five business days prior to the effective date. Changes in weighting are made at market open on the 9th trading day of each month. Nasdaq may, from time to time, exercise reasonable discretion as it deems appropriate in order to ensure

index integrity.

### **Index Licence Agreement**

For the 5HANDL ETF, the licence agreement between the Index Provider and the Manager was entered into on 13 June 2018, pursuant to which the Manager was granted a licence by the Index Provider to use the Underlying Index as a basis for determining the composition of the AI and Robotics ETF and to use certain trade marks in the Underlying Index. The licence granted is for an initial term of 1 year commencing from the date of the agreement, and shall successively continue on a 1-year basis unless terminated pursuant to the agreement.

The licence agreement may be terminated by 90 days' notice by a party, with an opportunity to cure within the stated period, if the other party has failed to perform any material obligation under the agreement. A party may terminate the agreement if a petition in bankruptcy has been filed by or against the other party or the other party has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a receiver has been appointed for the other party or any substantial portion of the other party's property, or the other party or its officers or directors takes action approving or makes an application for any of the above.

A party may also terminate the Agreement with 30 days' notice (or in the event of an emergency, with such notice as is practicable), if either party's ability to perform its obligations under the agreement is substantially impaired by any new statute, or new rule, regulation, order, opinion, judgment, or injunction of the Securities and Exchange Commission, a court, an arbitration panel, or governmental body or self-regulatory organization with jurisdiction over the party.

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***Establishment Costs***

The establishment costs in respect of the 5HANDL ETF (including the costs of preparing the constitutive and other documents, obtaining SFC authorization, the fees payable to the Index Provider (including the licence fees for the Underlying Index) and the listing on SEHK) will be borne by the Manager.

## **THE AI AND ROBOTICS ETF**

### ***Key Information***

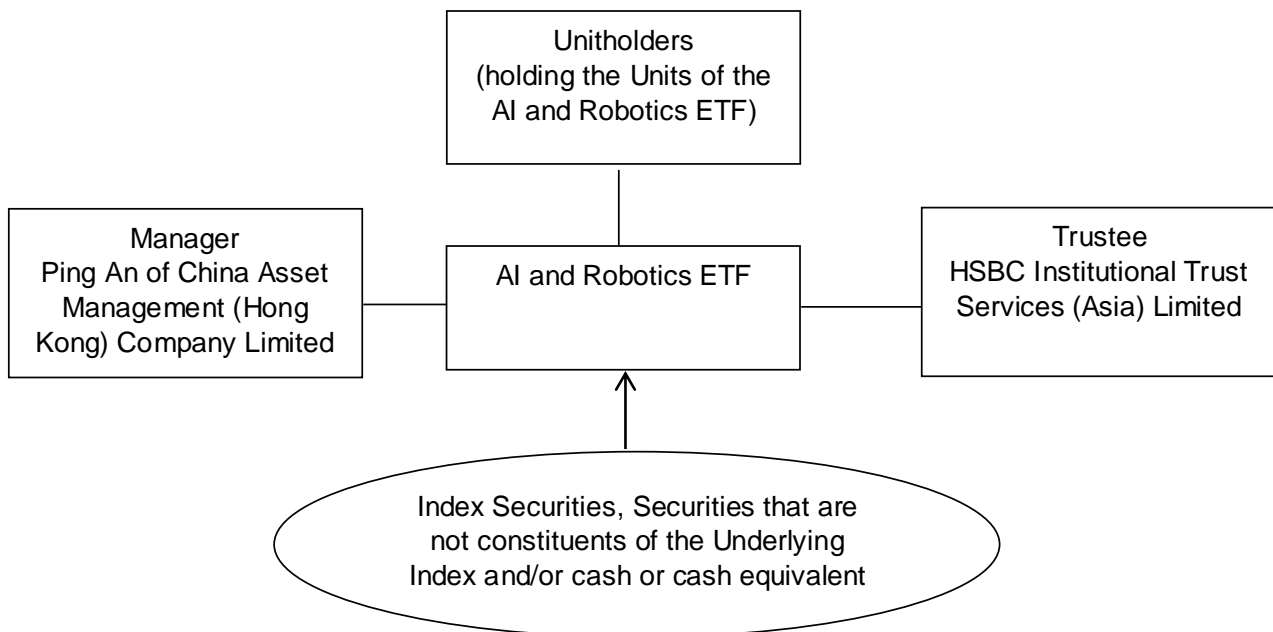
The following table is a summary of key information in respect of the AI and Robotics ETF, and should be read in conjunction with the full text of this Prospectus.

Investment Type		Exchange Traded Fund (“ <b>ETF</b> ”)
Underlying Index		Index: Nasdaq CTA Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Index Launch Date: 18 December 2017 Base Date: 18 December 2017 Number of constituents: 99 (as at 31 October 2019) Base Currency of Index: USD
Issue Price during the Initial Offer Period		USD10
Listing Date		7 December 2018
Exchange Listing		SEHK – Main Board
Stock Code		3023
Trading Board Lot Size		100 Units
Base Currency		US dollars (USD)
Trading Currency		HK\$
Dividend Payout		Semi-annually (if any) at the discretion of the Manager, usually in or around June and December Dividend will not be paid out of capital or effectively out of capital. All Units will receive distributions in the base currency (USD) only.
Application Unit Size for Creation/ Redemption by Participating Dealers		Minimum 30,000 Units (or multiples thereof)
Method(s) of Creation or Redemption available through Participating Dealers		In cash (USD) or in-kind
Dealing Deadline		3:45 p.m. on the relevant Dealing Day, or such other time as the Manager may determine from time to time
Parties	Manager	Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited
	Trustee, Custodian and Registrar	HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited
	Service Agent	HK Conversion Agency Services Limited
	Participating Dealer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited</li> <li>• Credit Suisse Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.</li> <li>• Goldman Sachs (Asia) Securities Limited</li> <li>• Haitong International Securities Company Limited</li> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>

	Participating Dealer's Agent	Citibank N.A. (as agent of Citibank Global Markets Asia Limited)
	Market Maker(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head &amp; Shoulders Securities Limited</li> <li>• KGI Asia Limited</li> </ul>
	Management Fee	0.55% p.a. of NAV calculated daily
	Investment Strategy	Primarily a replication strategy. The Manager may also adopt a representative sampling strategy.
	Financial Year End	31 December
	Website	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023</a>

### Structure of the AI and Robotics ETF

The diagram below briefly summarizes the structure of the AI and Robotics ETF:



### Investment Objective and Strategy

The AI and Robotics ETF is an index-tracking exchange traded fund under Chapter 8.6 of the Code the investment objective of which is to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the Underlying Index, Nasdaq CTA Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Index.

In order to achieve the investment objective, the AI and Robotics ETF intends to primarily adopt a full replication strategy to track the performance of the Underlying Index. The AI and Robotics ETF will directly invest in substantially all of the Securities that are included in the Underlying Index. The Securities included in the Underlying Index will be listed and/or traded on index-eligible global stock exchanges and may include common stocks, ordinary shares, depositary receipts (both American and Global), depositary shares, shares of beneficial interest or limited partnership interests and tracking stocks..



Where it is not possible to acquire certain Securities which are constituents of the Underlying Index due to restrictions or limited availability, the AI and Robotics ETF may also pursue a representative sampling strategy by investing in a portfolio featuring high correlation with the Underlying Index and the Manager may invest other Securities that are not included as constituents of the Underlying Index. When adopting this strategy, the AI and Robotics ETF may or may not hold all the Index Securities of the Underlying Index and the Manager may overweight certain of the Underlying Securities which are included as constituents of the Underlying Index relative to the Underlying Securities' respective weightings in the Underlying Index on the condition that the maximum extra weighting in any Index Security will not exceed 4% or such other percentage as determined by the Manager after consultation with the SFC. The AI and Robotics ETF may invest in Securities not included as constituents of the Underlying Index as the Manager considers appropriate, provided that the sample closely reflects the overall characteristics of the Underlying Index which the Manager believes will help the AI and Robotics ETF achieve its investment objective.

The Manager may switch between the replication strategy and the representative sampling strategy without prior notice to investors, in its absolute discretion, and as often as it believes is appropriate in order to achieve the investment objective of the AI and Robotics ETF by tracking the Underlying Index as closely as possible to the benefit of investors. However, investors should note that the adoption of a representative sampling strategy is associated with certain additional risks, in particular, a possible increased tracking error at the time of the switch, as well as possible increased tracking error in general. Investors should read the "Risk Factors" section below carefully.

The investment strategy of the AI and Robotics ETF is subject to the investment and borrowing restrictions set out in the section "Investment and Borrowing Restrictions".

There is no current intention for the AI and Robotics ETF to (i) invest in any FDIs (including structured products or instruments) for hedging or non-hedging (i.e. investment) purposes, (ii) invest in structured products or instruments, structured deposits, asset backed securities, asset backed commercial papers and mortgage backed securities, or (iv) enter into securities lending, sale and repurchase transactions, reverse repurchase transactions or other similar over-the-counter ("**OTC**") transactions, but this may change in light of market circumstances and where the AI and Robotics ETF does engage in these types of transactions, prior approval shall be obtained from the SFC (if required) and no less than one month's prior notice will be given to the Unitholders.

### ***Specific Risks***

In addition to the general risks described in the "Risk Factors" section below, the AI and Robotics ETF is subject to the following additional special risks.

- *Modified equal weighted index risks* – The Underlying Index is a modified equal weighted index whereby constituents within specified categories, namely, "Enablers", "Engagers" and "Enhancers", will have the same weighting at each rebalancing regardless of its size or market capitalisation, based on the methodology of the Underlying Index. The AI and Robotics ETF will therefore be subject to higher risks

of the companies in the specified categories than a market capitalisation index. The AI and Robotics ETF by tracking the Underlying Index may also have relatively large holdings in companies with smaller market capitalisation than it would have held if tracking a capitalisation weighted index. leading to higher risks and potential underperformance.

- *Market Concentration Risk* – The AI and Robotics ETF is subject to concentration risk as a result of tracking the performance of Securities related to the artificial intelligence and robotics segment of the technology, industrial, medical and other economic sectors. The AI and Robotics ETF will likely be more volatile than a broadly-based fund that does not focus on a small number of sectors as it is more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse conditions in those sectors.
- *Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Segments Related Risks* - Many of the companies in the technologies sectors, especially in the artificial intelligence and robotics segments, have a relatively short operating history. Such companies are at a preliminary stage of development with small business scales, which may create higher uncertainty and more fluctuations in their performances. Companies in the AI and Robotics segments may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. These companies typically engage in significant amounts of spending on research and development, and there is no guarantee that the products or services produced by these companies will be successful. The share price of these companies, especially smaller companies, tend to be more volatile than companies that do not rely heavily on technology. Rapid changes could render obsolete the products and services offered by the companies in which the AI and Robotics ETF invests and cause severe or complete declines in the prices of the securities of those companies. Additionally, companies in these sectors may face dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for the services of qualified personnel. Any errors or vulnerabilities that may be discovered in the code of a company in the AI and Robotics segments after release may adversely affect the business and operating results of such company. If the AI and Robotics ETF invests in any of these companies, its investment may be adversely affected.

There may be substantial government intervention in the artificial intelligence and robotics segments, including restrictions on investment in companies if such companies are deemed sensitive to relevant national interests. Some governments in the world have sought, and may in the future seek, to restrict access to products and services offered by offering artificial intelligence and robotics companies that the AI and Robotics ETF invests in from their country entirely or impose other restrictions that may affect the accessibility of such products and services for an extended period of time or indefinitely. In the event that access to the products and services is restricted, in whole or in part, in one or more countries, the ability of such companies to retain or increase their user base and user engagement may be adversely affected, and their operating results may be harmed. This may in turn affect the value of investment of the AI and Robotics ETF.

The technology business is subject to complex laws and regulations including privacy, data protection, content regulation, intellectual property, competition,

protection of minors, consumer protection and taxation. These laws and regulations are subject to change and uncertain interpretation, and could result in claims, changes to the business practices, monetary penalties, increased cost of operations or declines in user growth, user engagement or advertisement engagement, or otherwise harm the AI and Robotics business. They may also delay or impede the development of new products and services. Compliance with these existing and new laws and regulations can be costly and may require significant time and attention of management and technical personnel. All these may have impact on the business and/or profitability of the AI and Robotics companies in which the AI and Robotics ETF invests and this may in turn adversely affect the value of investment of the AI and Robotics ETF.

- *Small/mid-capitalisation companies risk* – The stocks of small/mid-capitalisation companies may have lower liquidity and their prices are typically more volatile and more vulnerable to adverse business or economic developments than those of larger capitalisation companies. This may impact the net asset value of the AI and Robotics ETF to a larger extent than those of funds that invest in stocks of larger capitalisation companies. Small/mid-capitalisation companies generally have less diverse product lines than large-capitalisation companies and thus are more susceptible to adverse developments concerning their products, as well as the markets and sectors in which they operate. Small/mid-capitalisation companies may be less financially secure than larger and more established companies, and they are more vulnerable to loss of key personnel.
- *Distribution Risk* – Dividend distributions are not guaranteed and are subject to the discretion of the Manager. Therefore, investors may not receive any dividends from the AI and Robotics ETF, notwithstanding that the AI and Robotics ETF may receive dividend distributions from the Securities it holds.
- *Risks associated with depositary receipts* – Exposure to depositary receipts including American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) may generate additional risks compared to a direct exposure to the corresponding underlying stocks, in particular, the risk of non-segregation under applicable law of the depositary bank who hold the underlying stock as collateral and its own assets. In case of bankruptcy of the depositary bank, there could be a risk that the underlying shares would not be attributed to holders of depositary receipts, although segregation is an integral part of the depositary agreement regulating the issuance of the ADRs. In such case, the most likely scenario would be the trading suspension and thereafter a freeze of the price of the depositary receipts impacted by such bankruptcy event. Bankruptcy events in respect of the depositary banks issuing the depositary receipts may negatively affect the performance and/or the liquidity of the AI and Robotics ETF. There are fees related to depositary receipts, for example fees charged by banks for the custody of underlying assets of depositary receipts, which may impact the performance of the depositary receipts. Also, holders of depositary receipts are not direct shareholders of the underlying company and generally do not have voting and other shareholder rights as shareholders do. The AI and Robotics ETF may also be subject to liquidity risk as depositary receipts are often less liquid than the corresponding underlying stocks.

- *Tracking Error Risk* – At the Manager’s discretion, the AI and Robotics ETF may only hold a representative sample of Securities that represents the profile of the Underlying Index and may invest in Securities not included in the Underlying Index. The Net Asset Value of the AI and Robotics ETF may not have exactly the same net asset value of the Underlying Index. Factors such as the fees and expenses of the AI and Robotics ETF, the investments of the AI and Robotics ETF not matching exactly the Securities which make up the Underlying Index (e.g. where it uses representative sampling), an inability to rebalance the AI and Robotics ETF’s holdings of Securities in response to changes to the Securities which make up the Underlying Index, rounding of prices of the Securities, timing variances on buying or selling of Securities which make up the Underlying Index, changes to the Underlying Index and regulatory policies that may affect the Manager’s ability to achieve close correlation with the Underlying Index. This may cause the AI and Robotics ETF’s returns to deviate from the Underlying Index. Further, the fact that the Manager is adopting a representative sampling strategy may lead to a greater risk of tracking error.
- *Operational and Settlement Risks* - Trading errors are an intrinsic factor in any complex investment process, and will occur, notwithstanding the execution of due care and special procedures designed to prevent such errors. Such trade errors may have adverse consequences (for example, due to an inability to correct effectively such an error when detected).

The AI and Robotics ETF is subject to operational risks that may arise from any breaches by the Manager’s investment management staff of the Manager’s operational policies or technical failures of communication and trading systems. Whilst the Manager has in place internal control systems, operational guidelines and contingency procedures to reduce the chances of such operational risks, there is no guarantee events beyond the control of the Manager (such as unauthorised trading, trading errors or system errors) will not occur. The occurrence of any such events may adversely affect the value of the AI and Robotics ETF.

- *Large Redemptions Risk* – If significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the Manager may not be possible to liquidate the AI and Robotics ETF’s investments at the time such redemptions are requested or the Manager may be able to do so only at prices which the Manager believes does not reflect the true value of such investments, resulting in an adverse effect on the return to investors. Where significant redemptions of Units are requested by the Participating Dealers, the right of Participating Dealers to require redemptions in excess of 10% of the total number of Units in the AI and Robotics ETF then in issue (or such higher percentage as the Manager may determine) may be deferred, or the period for the payment of redemption proceeds may be extended. In addition, the Manager may also in certain circumstances suspend the determination of the Net Asset Value of the AI and Robotics ETF for the whole or any part of any period. Please see the section on “Determination of Net Asset Value” for further details.
- *Currency Risk* - Underlying investments of the AI and Robotics ETF may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency of the AI and Robotics ETF.

The Net Asset Value of the AI and Robotics ETF may be affected unfavorably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the Base Currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.

- *Trading Difference Risk* - As the stock exchanges in which the AI and Robotics ETF invests may be open when Units are not priced, the value of the securities in the AI and Robotics ETF's portfolio may change on days when investors will not be able to purchase or sell the AI and Robotics ETF's units. Differences in trading hours between the stock exchanges in which the AI and Robotics ETF invests and the SEHK may also increase the level of premium or discount of the unit price to its Net Asset Value.

### ***The Underlying Index***

The Underlying Index in respect of the AI and Robotics ETF, being the Nasdaq CTA Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Index (the "**Underlying Index**"), is a rule-based index designed to track the performance of companies engaged in the artificial intelligence and robotics segment of the technology, industrial, medical and other economic sectors listed and/or traded on index-eligible global stock exchanges. The Index includes companies in artificial intelligence or robotics that are classified as either enablers, engagers or enhancers.

The Underlying Index is a net total return index. A net total return index calculates the performance of the index constituents on the basis that cash dividends are reinvested on the ex-date and adjusts for an Index security's country of incorporation withholding rate.

The Manager will consult the SFC on any events that may affect the acceptability of any of the Underlying Index (for example, the change in methodology/rules or compiling or calculating the Underlying Index, or a change in the objective or characteristics of the Underlying Index). The Manager shall notify Unitholders as soon as practicable of any significant events relating to any of the relevant Underlying Index.

### **General**

The Underlying Index is a modified equal weighted index, which means that constituents within specified categories (as further discussed below) will have the same weighting at each rebalancing. The Underlying Index is calculated and denominated in US Dollar.

The Underlying Index is compiled and published by Nasdaq, Inc. ("**Nasdaq**" or the "**Index Provider**"). Nasdaq is independent of the Manager and its Connected Persons.

Below is a brief summary of the basic information, selection criteria, selection methodology and maintenance of the Underlying Index as of the date of publication of this Prospectus. Such information is subject to revision from time to time by the Index Provider and before making investment decisions, investors should refer to the website of Index Provider ([www.nasdaq.com](http://www.nasdaq.com)) for the latest version of such information.

## Basic Information

Index Code	NQROBO
Launch Date	18 December 2017
Base Date	18 December 2017
Base Level	1000

As at 31 October 2019, the Underlying Index had a total free-float market capitalisation of USD1.02 billion and 99 constituents.

The constituent list, their respective weightings and other information about the Underlying Index, as updated from time to time, is available on Nasdaq's website (<https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/Index/Overview/NQROBO>) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

## Index Dissemination

The Underlying Index will be available in real time through Bloomberg (Ticker: NQROBON).

## Index Methodology

### Eligibility criteria

Eligible security types include common stocks, ordinary shares, depositary receipts (both American and Global), depositary shares, shares of beneficial interest or limited partnership interests and tracking stocks.

To be selected as a constituent of the index, a security must:

1. be classified as an Artificial Intelligence or Robotics company as an enabler, engager or enhancer as determined by Consumer Technology Association (“CTA”):
  - (A) “**Enablers**” are companies that develop the building block components for robotics or artificial intelligence, such as advanced machinery, autonomous systems/self-driving vehicles, semiconductors, databases used for machine learning;
  - (B) “**Engagers**” are companies that design, create, integrate, or deliver robotics and/or artificial intelligence in the form of products, software, or systems;
  - (C) “**Enhancers**” are companies that provide their own value-added services within the Artificial Intelligence and Robotics ecosystem, but which are not core to their product or service offering;
2. be listed on an index-eligible global stock exchange (in line with the eligible exchanges under the Nasdaq Global Index Series). In general, a global exchange will be deemed ineligible if securities cannot be readily obtained either due to foreign investment restrictions or otherwise).
3. have a minimum worldwide market capitalisation (i.e. aggregate market capitalisation

of a company listed globally) of US\$250 million;

4. have a minimum three-month average daily dollar trading volume of US\$3 million;
5. have a minimum free float of 20%;
6. be the security with the highest dollar trading volume of among all securities issued by the same issuer if the issuer has multiple securities;
7. not have entered into a definitive agreement or other arrangement which would likely result in the security no longer being eligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index; and
8. not be issued by an issuer currently in bankruptcy proceedings.

The Underlying Index utilises CTA's AI/Robotics Intensity Rating, which captures the perceived degree of a company's AI/Robotics sector involvement within each respective Engager, Enabler and Enhancer category. The top 30 companies within each category, including ties, based on the Intensity Rating will be shortlisted.

Securities (i) meeting all of the selection criteria listed above and (ii) ranking in the top 30 of CTA's Intensity Rating are included in the Underlying Index.

#### Index Calculation

The value of the Underlying Index equals the aggregate value of the index share weights (i.e. the modified equal weight as at each rebalancing) of each constituent multiplied by each such constituent's Last Sale Price, and divided by the divisor of the Underlying Index.

**"Last Sale Price"** refers to the last regular way trade reported on such constituent's listing market for which prices are received and used by Nasdaq in the index calculation and generally will represent the most liquid trading market of the constituent (the **"Index Market"**). If a constituent does not trade on its Index Market on a given day or the Index Market has not opened for trading, the most recent last sale price from the Index Market (adjusted for corporate actions, if any) is used. For constituents where Nasdaq is the Index Market, the Last Sale Price may be the Nasdaq Official Closing Price when Nasdaq is closed. The divisor serves the purpose of scaling such aggregate value to a lower order of magnitude, which is more desirable for reporting purposes.

The formula for index value is as follows:

$$\text{Index value} = \frac{\text{Aggregate Adjusted Market Value}}{\text{Divisor}}$$

The market value of each constituent will be adjusted so that each Index constituent will carry its respective modified equal weight (equal weighting within each sector, as determined according to the Index methodology) in the Index value at each rebalancing.

The formula for the divisor is as follows:

$$\text{Divisor} = \left( \frac{\text{Market Value after Adjustments}}{\text{Market Value before Adjustments}} \right) \times \text{Divisor before Adjustments}$$

The divisor will only be adjusted to ensure that there is no discontinuity in the value of the Underlying Index which might otherwise be caused by a change in the index share weight of a constituent, a change in a constituent or a change to the price of a constituent due to spin-offs, rights issuances or special cash dividends.

## **Index Review**

### **(i) Periodic Review**

The Underlying Index is evaluated semi-annually in March and in September. The eligibility criteria are applied using market data through the end of January and July respectively. Security additions and deletions are made effective after the close of trading on the third Friday in March and September respectively.

### **(ii) Ongoing Review**

If at any time during the year other than the semi-annual evaluation, an Index Security no longer meets the eligibility criteria, or is otherwise determined to have become ineligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index, the security will be removed from the index and will not be replaced.

If corporate events such as delisting, suspension, stock dividends, stock splits, spin-offs, right issuances and special cash dividend occur at any time during the year other than the semi-annual evaluation, adjustments will be made to the Underlying Index according to the index methodology available at Nasdaq's website ([www.nasdaq.com](http://www.nasdaq.com)).

## **Index Rebalancing**

The Underlying Index employs a modified equal dollar weighting methodology.

At the semi-annual evaluation, the Index Securities are classified into three sectors, Enablers, Engagers, or Enhancers, and each sector's weight will be as follows:

- Enablers: 25%
- Engagers: 60%
- Enhancers: 15%

At each quarter, the Index Securities float market values are set to an equal dollar value corresponding to an equal percent weight of the market value of their respective sector. The Index Shares are then calculated by dividing this equal dollar value for each Index Security by the corresponding Last Sale Price of the security at the close of the last trading day in February, May, August, and November. The changes are effective after trading on the third Friday in March, June, September, and December.

## **Index Licence Agreement**

For the AI and Robotics ETF, the licence agreement between the Index Provider and the Manager was entered into on 13 June 2018, pursuant to which the Manager was granted a licence by the Index Provider to use the Underlying Index as a basis for determining the composition of the AI and Robotics ETF and to use certain trade marks in the Underlying



Index. The licence granted is for an initial term of 1 year commencing from the date of the agreement, and shall successively continue on a 1-year basis unless terminated pursuant to the agreement.

The licence agreement may be terminated by 90 days' notice by a party, with an opportunity to cure within the stated period, if the other party has failed to perform any material obligation under the agreement. A party may terminate the agreement if a petition in bankruptcy has been filed by or against the other party or the other party has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or a receiver has been appointed for the other party or any substantial portion of the other party's property, or the other party or its officers or directors takes action approving or makes an application for any of the above.

A party may also terminate the Agreement with 30 days' notice (or in the event of an emergency, with such notice as is practicable), if either party's ability to perform its obligations under the agreement is substantially impaired by any new statute, or new rule, regulation, order, opinion, judgment, or injunction of the Securities and Exchange Commission, a court, an arbitration panel, or governmental body or self-regulatory organization with jurisdiction over the party.

#### **Index Provider Disclaimer**

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***Establishment Costs***

The establishment costs in respect of the AI and Robotics ETF (including the costs of preparing the constitutive and other documents, obtaining SFC authorization, the fees payable to the Index Provider (including the licence fees for the Underlying Index) and the listing on SEHK) will be borne by the Manager.

## **OPERATION OF THE SUB-FUNDS**

### ***Investment in the Sub-Funds***

There are two types of investors in a Sub-Fund, and two corresponding methods of investment in the Units and the realisation of an investment in the Units. The first type of investor is a Participating Dealer or an investor who wishes to create or redeem Units through a Participating Dealer, and the second type of investor is any person (other than the above) who buys and sells the Units on the SEHK.

### ***Creation and Redemption of Units***

Only Participating Dealers can apply to create or redeem Units directly with a Sub-Fund. An investor (other than the Participating Dealers) may only make a request to create or redeem Units through a Participating Dealer, and if the investor is a retail investor, such request must be made through a stockbroker which has opened an account with a Participating Dealer. However, such investor shall pay the subscription proceeds plus any fees and charges charged by the relevant Participating Dealer to, or receive the redemption proceeds (i.e. the Redemption Price multiplied by the number of Units redeemed minus any fees and charges charged by the relevant Participating Dealer) from, the relevant Participating Dealer in cash only.

For the HK Dividend ETF, the Trustee shall generally receive subscription proceeds in-kind from the Participating Dealers for the creation of Units and pay redemption proceeds in-kind for the redemption of Units to the relevant Participating Dealer in such form and manner as prescribed by the Trust Deed.

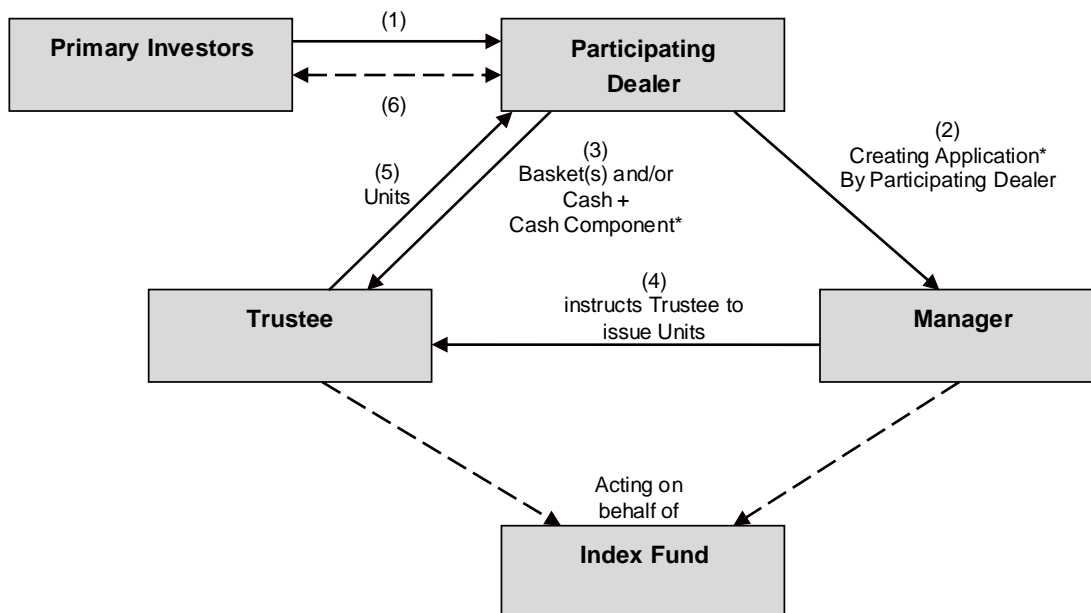
For the CGB ETF, the Trustee shall generally receive subscription proceeds in cash from the Participating Dealers for the creation of Units and pay redemption proceeds in cash for the redemption of Units to the relevant Participating Dealer in such form and manner as prescribed by the Trust Deed.

For the Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, the Trustee may receive subscription proceeds in kind or in cash from the Participating Dealers for the creation of Units and pay redemption proceeds in kind or in cash for the redemption of Units to the relevant Participating Dealer in such form and manner as prescribed by the Operating Guide. A Participating Dealer may in its discretion request a creation or redemption request received from its client be effected in a particular method. The Manager nonetheless reserves its right to require a creation or redemption request be effected in a particular method.

An investor (other than the Participating Dealers) will need to rely on their intermediary or stockbroker to credit their account with Units (in the case of creation) or redemption proceeds in cash (in the case of redemption), which the stockbroker, in turn, shall receive from the relevant Participating Dealer. The Participating Dealers should ensure that the relevant Application shall comply with the requirements for an Application for creation or redemption of Units set out in the Trust Deed. Each Participating Dealer may charge such fees as it may reasonably determine from time to time for submitting an Application on behalf of a retail investor.

Investors should note that the dealing procedures for the creation and redemption of Units through the Participating Dealers or a stockbroker may be different from those set out for the Sub-Funds in this Prospectus. For example, the dealing deadline set by the Participating Dealers or the stockbroker may be earlier than that set out for the Sub-Funds in this Prospectus. Investors should therefore check the applicable dealing procedures with the Participating Dealers or the stockbroker (as the case may be).

The following illustrates the process where a primary investor wishes to acquire Units:



Process:

1. The primary investor approaches the Participating Dealer for creation of Units.
2. The Participating Dealer submits a Creation Application for Units pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed and the relevant Participation Agreement, which shall be subject to the approval by the Manager. Please note, however, that under exceptional circumstances, the Manager and/or the Participating Dealer may reject a Creation Application. Please refer to the "Rejection of Creation of Units" section of this Prospectus for more information.
3. For the HK Dividend ETF, the Participating Dealer delivers the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket(s) for the Units subscribed\* (together with applicable charges and a Cash Component, if applicable) to the Trustee.

For the CGB ETF, the Participating Dealer delivers cash (in RMB) equivalent to the value of the relevant Basket Value (together with applicable charges and a Cash Component, if applicable) to the Trustee.

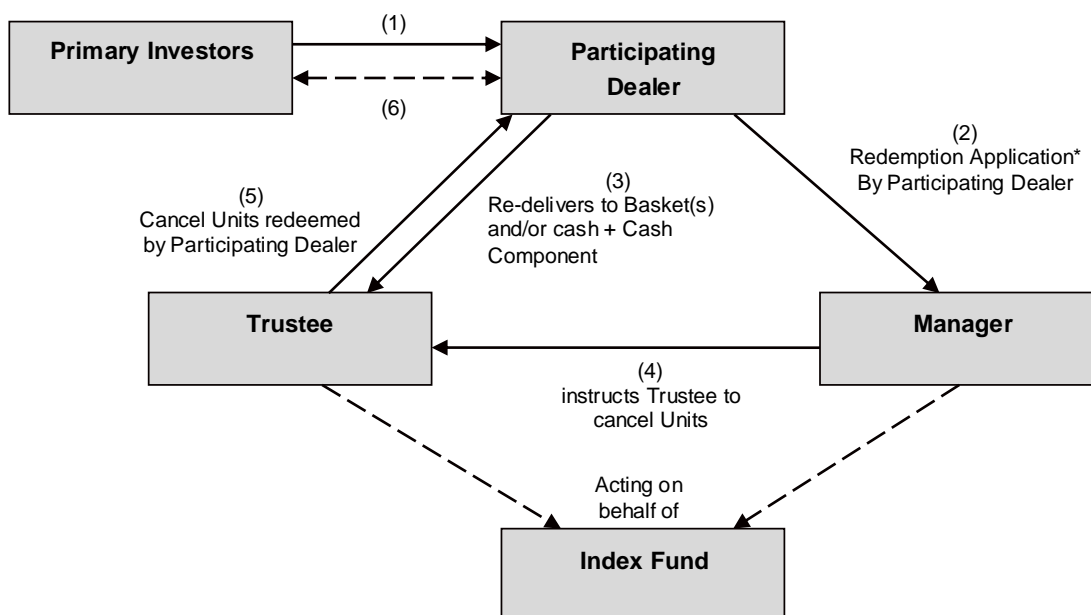
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Securities constituting the Basket(s) and/or cash equivalent to the value of the relevant Basket Value for the Units subscribed (together with applicable charges and a Cash Component, if applicable) to the Trustee.

4. The Manager instructs the Trustee to create Units.
5. The Trustee issues/delivers the Units to the Participating Dealer.
6. The primary investor transfers consideration to the Participating Dealer in exchange for the transfer of beneficial interest in the Units acquired.

\* For the HK Dividend ETF, normally, creation of Units will be effected “in kind”. Creation Applications in cash may only be effected at the Manager’s discretion under limited circumstances. Please refer to the section entitled “Procedures for Creation of Units” for more information.

The following illustrates the process where an investor wishes to redeem Units:



Process:

1. The primary investor approaches the Participating Dealer for redemption of Units.
2. The Participating Dealer submits a Redemption Application of Units pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed and the relevant Participation Agreement, which shall be subject to the approval by the Manager. Please note, however, that under exceptional circumstances, the Manager and/or the Participating Dealer may reject a Redemption Application. Please refer to the “Rejection of Redemption of Units” of this Prospectus above for more information.
3. For the HK Dividend ETF, at the instructions of the Manager, the Trustee re-delivers Securities equivalent to the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket(s) for the Units redeemed\* to the Participating Dealer

(together with a Cash Component payable to the Participating Dealer, if applicable).

For the CGB ETF, at the instructions of the Manager, the Trustee delivers cash (in RMB) equivalent to the Basket Value for the relevant Units to the Participating Dealer (together with a Cash Component payable to the Participating Dealer, if applicable).

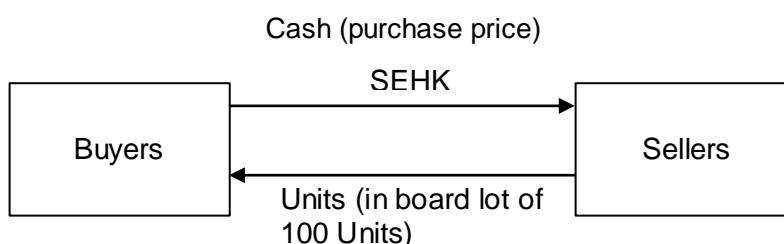
For the Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, at the instructions of the Manager, the Trustee re-delivers Securities equivalent to the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket(s) for the Units redeemed and/or cash equivalent to the Basket Value for the relevant Units to the Participating Dealer (together with a Cash Component payable to the Participating Dealer, if applicable).

4. The Manager instructs the Trustee to cancel the Units redeemed.
5. The Trustee cancels the Units redeemed by the Participating Dealer.
6. The primary investor transfers the beneficial interest in the Units to the Participating Dealer (or its relevant Connected Person, as the case may be).

\* For the HK Dividend ETF, normally, redemption of Units will be effected “in kind”. Redemption Applications in cash may only be effected at the Manager’s discretion under limited circumstances. Please refer to the “Manager’s Discretion to Pay Cash for Redemption of Units” section for more information.

### ***Trading of Units on the SEHK***

An investor can buy or sell the Units through his stockbroker on the SEHK. The diagram below illustrates the trading of Units on the SEHK.



**No money should be paid to any intermediary in Hong Kong which is not licensed for Type 1 regulated activity under Part V of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.**

Retail investors may place an order with a broker to sell their Units on the SEHK at any time during the trading day. To sell Units – or to buy new ones – a retail investor will need to use an intermediary such as a stockbroker or any of the share dealing services offered by banks or other financial advisers.

The trading price of Units of a Sub-Fund on the SEHK may differ from the Net Asset Value per Unit and there can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for the Units.

Brokerage and other fees may be payable when selling (and purchasing) Units. Please see

the section headed “Fees Payable by Retail Investors Dealing in Units on the SEHK” in Schedule 1 to this Prospectus.

Subject to applicable regulatory requirements, the Manager will use its best endeavours to put in place arrangements so that there is at least one market maker for each of the Sub-Funds and at least one market maker for each Sub-Fund is subject to three months’ termination notice requirement to facilitate efficient trading.

## **THE OFFERING PHASES**

### ***Initial Offer Period***

The purpose of the Initial Offer Period is to enable the Participating Dealer(s) to apply for Units on their own account or on behalf of third party investors in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed and the Operating Guidelines. The Initial Offer Period for the HK Dividend ETF and CGB ETF has closed and listing commenced on 15 February 2012 and 29 December 2017 respectively. The Initial Offer Period for the Multi-Factor ETF and Quality Factor ETF has closed and listing commenced on 30 November 2018. The Initial Offer Period for the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF has closed and listing commenced on 7 December 2018.

### ***After Listing***

After the listing of a Sub-Fund on the SEHK, unless otherwise determined by the Manager and the Trustee, a Creation Application shall only be made by a Participating Dealer in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed and the Participation Agreement on a Dealing Day in respect of Units constituting an Application Unit or whole multiples thereof. The dealing period on each Dealing Day commences at 9:15am (Hong Kong time) and ends at the Dealing Deadline at 3:45 p.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of the HK Dividend ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, at 11:00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of the CGB ETF and at 2:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of each of the Multi-Factor ETF and Quality Factor ETF, as may be revised by the Manager from time to time. A Creation Application once given cannot be revoked or withdrawn without the consent of the Manager except in circumstances where there is a suspension of dealing in the Units (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld).

If trading of the Units of the Sub-Fund on the SEHK is suspended or trading generally on the SEHK is suspended, then there will be no secondary market dealing for those Units.

Units of the Sub-Fund are offered and issued at its Net Asset Value only in aggregations of a specified number of Application Units generally in exchange for (i) a basket of Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the relevant Basket together or (ii) cash equivalent to the value of the relevant Basket Value (as the case may be), with the payment of a Cash Component. Units are redeemable only in an Application Unit or in multiples thereof, and generally, in exchange for portfolio securities and payment of a Cash Component or cash equivalent to the value of the Basket Value for the relevant Units (as the case may be).

The Manager shall instruct the Trustee to effect, for the account of the Trust, the creation of Units in Application Unit sizes in exchange for either a transfer of Securities, or cash, or a combination of both (at the discretion of the Manager) in accordance with the Operating Guidelines and the Trust Deed.

Investors should note that the Sub-Funds differ from a typical unit trust offered in Hong Kong. The creation and redemption of Units can only be facilitated by or through Participating Dealers. Participating Dealers will generally accept and submit creation and redemption requests received from third parties except under exceptional circumstances



(such as (i) where the investor fails to comply with the client acceptance procedures, (ii) suspension of creation or redemption of Units or determination of Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund, (iii) market and operational restraints (for example when dealings on the SEHK are restricted or suspended, settlement or clearing of securities in CCASS is disrupted or the Underlying Index is not compiled or published); (iv) the Participating Dealer is not able to acquire further investments due to trading restrictions or limits in the relevant market (if applicable); or (v) circumstances where the Manager considers that acceptance of the Application will have an adverse effect on the Sub-Fund).

## **CREATION AND REDEMPTION OF APPLICATION UNITS**

### ***Creation of Units***

Unless otherwise determined by the Manager and the Trustee, a Creation Application shall only be made by a Participating Dealer in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed, the relevant Operating Guidelines and the relevant Participation Agreement on a Dealing Day in respect of Units constituting an Application Unit size or whole multiples thereof. The Dealing Deadline is at 3:45 p.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of the HK Dividend ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, at 11:00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of the CGB ETF and at 2:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF and Quality Factor ETF on the Dealing Day, as may be revised by the Manager from time to time. A Creation Application once given cannot be revoked or withdrawn without the written consent of the Manager (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) except in circumstances where there is a suspension in dealing in the Units. Please refer to the "Suspension of Dealing or Determination of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Funds" section in relation to the withdrawal of a Creation Application during a suspension of dealing and/or the determination of Net Asset Value.

Investors should note that Participating Dealers are under no obligations to create or redeem Units for their clients. However, Participating Dealers will generally accept and submit creation and redemption requests received from third parties except under exceptional circumstances (such as (i) where the investor fails to comply with the client acceptance procedures, (ii) suspension of creation or redemption of Units or determination of Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund, (iii) market and operational restraints (for example when dealings on the SEHK are restricted or suspended, settlement or clearing of securities in CCASS is disrupted or the Underlying Index is not compiled or published); (iv) the Participating Dealer is not able to acquire further investments due to trading restrictions or limits in the relevant market (if applicable); or (v) circumstances where the Manager considers that acceptance of the Application will have an adverse effect on the Sub-Fund). Participating Dealers may impose terms, including charges, for handling creation or redemption orders as they determine appropriate. These additional charges imposed by the Participating Dealers would increase investors' cost of investment. Investors are advised to check with the Participating Dealer as to the relevant fees and charges. Investors should note although the Manager has a duty to monitor the operations of the Trust closely, the Manager is not empowered to compel a Participating Dealer to disclose its fees agreed with specific clients or other proprietary or confidential information to the Manager. The Manager cannot ensure effective arbitrage by a Participating Dealer.

This section of this Prospectus describes the method of investment by creation and redemption of Units by or through the Participating Dealers, and should be read in conjunction with the Trust Deed, the relevant Participation Agreement and the relevant Operating Guidelines.

### ***Procedures for Creation of Units***

To be effective, a Creation Application must comply with the requirements in respect of creation of Units set out in the Trust Deed, the relevant Operating Guidelines and

the relevant Participation Agreement and be accompanied by such certifications and legal opinions (if any) as the Trustee and the Manager may require. Pursuant to a valid Creation Application being accepted by the Manager, the Manager and/or any person duly appointed by the Manager for such purpose shall have the exclusive right to instruct the Trustee in writing to create for the account of a Sub-Fund the Units in a class in Application Unit or whole multiples thereof in exchange for the transfer by the relevant Participating Dealer (or its agent), to or for the account of the Trustee on behalf of the relevant Sub-Fund, of:

- (a) in the Manager's absolute discretion,
  - (i) one or more Index Securities or non-Index Securities constituting a Basket for the relevant Units and a cash amount equivalent to any duties and charges payable; or
  - (ii) a cash payment equivalent to the value of relevant Basket Value (which shall be accounted for as Deposited Property), in which case, the Manager shall be entitled in its absolute discretion to charge (for the account of the Sub-Fund) the relevant Participating Dealer, in relation to any Units for which cash is paid in lieu of delivering the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket, an additional sum which represents the appropriate provision for duties and charges; or
  - (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii) above;

plus,

- (b) if the Cash Component is a positive value, a cash payment equivalent to the amount of the Cash Component; if the Cash Component is a negative value, the Trustee shall be required to make a cash payment equivalent to the amount of the Cash Component (expressed as a positive figure) to the relevant Participating Dealer. If the relevant Sub-Fund has insufficient cash required to pay any Cash Component payable by the Sub-Fund, the Manager may instruct the Trustee in writing to sell the Deposited Property of the Sub-Fund, or to borrow moneys to provide the cash required.

Where the Manager exercises its absolute discretion under paragraph (a) above, it shall take into account the investment objective of the relevant Sub-Fund. Notwithstanding such absolute discretion exercisable by the Manager, it is the Manager's intention that for the HK Dividend ETF, creation of Units will only be effected "in kind" in most circumstances, and creation of Units in cash will only be effected at the Manager's discretion under limited circumstances. By way of example, the Manager may exercise its discretion to effect creation of Units in cash where there are market and operational restraints, such as a suspension of trading of one or more of the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities, or due to the internal trading limit to which the relevant Participating Dealer is subject, such Participating Dealer is not able to acquire the requisite number of Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities for the purposes of effecting a creation of Units "in kind". For the CGB ETF, creation of Units will generally only be effected in cash (in RMB).

For the Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics

ETF, creation of Units may be effected in kind or in cash. A Participating Dealer may in its discretion request a creation or redemption request received from its client be effected in a particular method. The Manager nonetheless reserves its right to require a creation or redemption request be effected in a particular method.

Units are denominated in the Base Currency of a Sub-Fund (unless otherwise determined by the Manager) and no fractions of a Unit shall be created or issued by the Trustee. Once Units are created, the Manager shall instruct the Trustee in writing to issue, for the account of the Sub-Fund, the Units to the relevant Participating Dealer (or its agent) in accordance with the Operating Guidelines.

Unless otherwise specified in the “Key Information” section in respect of a Sub-Fund, in respect of each Creation Application during the Initial Offer Period of a Sub-Fund, the Issue Price of a Unit of any class in the Sub-Fund will be equal to one-hundredth (1/100) of the closing level of the relevant Underlying Index on the close of the Initial Offer Period or such other amount from time to time determined by the Manager and approved by the Trustee.

After the Initial Offer Period, the Issue Price of a Unit of any class in a Sub-Fund shall be the Net Asset Value per Unit of the relevant class calculated as at the Valuation Point of the relevant Dealing Day on which a Creation Application is received rounded up to the nearest fourth (4th) decimal place (and in the case of 0.00005 or above of such minimum unit, rounded up).

Any commission, remuneration or other sums payable by the Manager to any agent or other person in respect of the issue or sale of any Unit shall not be added to the Issue Price of such Unit and shall not be paid by the relevant Sub-Fund. The Issue Price will not take into account any duties, charges or fees payable by or to the relevant Participating Dealer.

Where a Creation Application is received or deemed to be received and accepted before the Dealing Deadline on a Dealing Day, the creation and issue of Units pursuant to that Creation Application shall be effected on that Dealing Day, but:

- (a) for valuation purposes only, Units shall be deemed to be created and issued after the Valuation Point on that Dealing Day; and
- (b) the Register shall be updated on the Settlement Day or (if the Settlement Day is postponed) the Dealing Day immediately following the actual Settlement Day provided that the Manager has the absolute discretion to instruct the Trustee in writing to refuse to enter (or allow to be entered) such Units in the Register if at any time the Manager or the Trustee is of the opinion that the issue of Units does not comply with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

Where a Creation Application is received on a day which is not a Dealing Day or is received after the Dealing Deadline on a Dealing Day, that Creation Application shall be carried forward and deemed to be received at the opening of business on the next Dealing Day, which shall be the Dealing Day for the purposes of that Creation Application.

In respect of each Creation Application, the Trustee shall be entitled to charge for its own

account and benefit a Transaction Fee, the amount of which has been agreed between the Trustee and the Manager from time to time, and such Transaction Fee shall be paid by or on behalf of the relevant Participating Dealer and may be set off and deducted against any Cash Component due to the relevant Participating Dealer in respect of such Creation Application. The Trustee may, with the consent of the Manager vary the amount of the Transaction Fee it charges provided that the level of Transaction Fee charged to all Participating Dealers following the adjustment is the same in respect of the same Sub-Fund.

### ***Rejection of Creation of Units***

The Manager reserves the right to reject a Creation Application and the relevant Participating Dealer reserves the right to reject a request from any third party to submit a Creation Application provided that the Manager or the relevant Participating Dealer (as the case may be) must act reasonably and in good faith. In rejecting a Creation Application, the Manager will take into account the interest of all Unitholders to ensure that the interest of all Unitholders will not be materially adversely affected. Participating Dealers will generally accept and submit creation requests received from third parties except under exceptional circumstances (such as (i) where the investor fails to comply with the client acceptance procedures, (ii) suspension of creation or redemption of Units or determination of Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund, (iii) market and operational restraints (for example when dealings on the SEHK are restricted or suspended, settlement or clearing of securities in CCASS is disrupted or the Underlying Index is not compiled or published); (iv) the Participating Dealer is not able to acquire further investments due to trading restrictions or limits in the relevant market (if applicable); or (v) circumstances where the Manager considers that acceptance of the Application will have an adverse effect on the Sub-Fund). Participating Dealers may impose fees and charges in handling any creation request which would increase the cost of investment and investors are advised to check with the Participating Dealers as to relevant fees and charges.

### ***Certificates***

No certificates will be issued in respect of the Units of the Sub-Funds. All Units of the Sub-Funds will be registered in the name of the HKSCC Nominees Limited as the sole holder by the Registrar on the Register of Unitholders of each of the Sub-Funds, which is the evidence of ownership of Units. Neither HKSCC Nominees Limited nor HKSCC has any proprietary interest in the Units. Beneficial interest of retail investors in the Units of the Sub-Funds will be established through an account with a participant in CCASS.

### ***Cancellation of Creation Applications***

The Trustee shall cancel Units created and issued in respect of a Creation Application under the following circumstances:

- (a) if the title to the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket (or, if there are more than one Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket, any of them) (and/or cash payment, as the case may be) deposited for exchange of Units has not been fully vested upon trust in the Trustee or to the Trustee's satisfaction, or evidence of title and instruments of transfer

satisfactory to the Trustee have not been produced to or to the order of the Trustee by or on the relevant Settlement Day;

- (b) the full amount of the Cash Component (if applicable) and any duties, fees and charges payable in respect of the Creation Application have not been received in cleared funds by or on behalf of the Trustee by such time on the Settlement Day as prescribed in the Operating Guidelines; or
- (c) in respect of the CGB ETF, the Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, the full amount of cash payment in respect of the Creation Application have not been received in cleared funds by or on behalf of the Trustee by such time on the Settlement Day as prescribed in the Operating Guidelines,

provided that the Manager may in its discretion, with the approval of the Trustee, extend the settlement period on such terms and conditions as the Manager may determine (including the charging of an Extension Fee to be payable by the Participating Dealer in accordance with the relevant Operating Guidelines for such extension).

Upon cancellation of any Units created pursuant to a Creation Application as mentioned above or if a Participating Dealer withdraws a Creation Application other than in the circumstances contemplated in the Trust Deed, such Units shall be deemed for all purposes never to have been created and the relevant Participating Dealer shall have no right or claim against the Manager or the Trustee in respect of such cancellation provided that:

- (a) any Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket deposited for exchange (or equivalent Securities of the same type) fully vested in the Trustee and any cash received by or on behalf of the Trustee in respect of such cancelled Units shall be redelivered to the relevant Participating Dealer (or its agent);
- (b) the Trustee shall be entitled to charge the relevant Participating Dealer for the account and benefit of the Trustee an Application Cancellation Fee not exceeding such amount as shall have been agreed between the Trustee and the Manager;
- (c) the Manager may at its absolute discretion require the relevant Participating Dealer to pay to the Trustee for the account of the relevant Sub-Fund in respect of each cancelled Unit Cancellation Compensation, being the amount (if any) by which the Issue Price of each such Unit (which would have been applied in relation to each such unit if the Creation Application had not been withdrawn) exceeds the Redemption Price which would have applied in relation to each such Unit if a Participating Dealer had, on the date on which such Units are cancelled, made a Redemption Application;
- (d) the Trustee shall for its own account and benefit be entitled to the Transaction Fee (which amount shall be agreed between the Trustee and the Manager from time to time) payable by the Participating Dealer in respect of the Creation Application; and

- (e) no previous valuations of the relevant Sub-Fund shall be re-opened or invalidated as a result of the cancellation of such Units.

### ***Redemption of Units***

Unless otherwise determined by the Manager and the Trustee, a Redemption Application shall only be made by a Participating Dealer in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed, the relevant Operating Guidelines and the relevant Participation Agreement on a Dealing Day in respect of Units constituting an Application Unit size or whole multiples thereof. The Dealing Deadline is at 3:45 p.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of the HK Dividend ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, at 11:00 a.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of the CGB ETF and at 2:00 p.m. (Hong Kong time) in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF and Quality Factor ETF, on the Dealing Day, as may be revised by the Manager from time to time. A Redemption Application once given cannot be revoked or withdrawn without the consent of the Manager, except in circumstances where there is a suspension in dealing. Please refer to the “Suspension of Dealing or Determination of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Funds” section in relation to the withdrawal of a Redemption Application during a suspension of dealing and/or the determination of Net Asset Value.

To be effective, a Redemption Application must comply with the requirements in respect of redemption of Units set out in the Trust Deed, the relevant Operating Guidelines and the relevant Participation Agreement and be accompanied by such certifications and legal opinions (if any) as the Trustee and the Manager may require. Pursuant to a valid Redemption Application accepted by the Manager, the Manager shall instruct the Trustee in writing:

- (a) to redeem and cancel the relevant Units on the Settlement Day in accordance with the Operating Guidelines; and
- (b) to transfer to the Participating Dealer (or its agents) (i) the relevant Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket in respect of such Units, or (ii) cash (as the Manager considers appropriate), plus, where the Cash Component is a positive value, a cash payment equivalent to the amount of the Cash Component. If the relevant Sub-Fund has insufficient cash to pay any Cash Component payable by the Sub-Fund, the Manager may instruct the Trustee in writing to sell the Deposited Property of the Sub-Fund, or to borrow moneys, to provide the cash required.

If the Cash Component is a negative value, the Participating Dealer shall be required to make a cash payment equivalent to the amount of the Cash Component (expressed as a positive figure) to or to the order of the Trustee.

It is the Manager’s intention that redemption of Units of the HK Dividend ETF will only be effected “in kind” in most circumstances, whereas redemption of Units of the CGB ETF will only be effected in cash (in RMB).

For the Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, redemption of Units may be effected in kind or in cash. A Participating Dealer may in its discretion request a creation or redemption request received from its client be effected in a particular method. The Manager nonetheless reserves its right to require a creation or

redemption request be effected in a particular method.

The Redemption Price of Units redeemed shall be the Net Asset Value per Unit of the relevant class calculated as at the Valuation Point of the relevant Dealing Day on which the Redemption Application is received rounded up to the nearest fourth (4th) decimal place (and in the case of 0.00005 or above of such minimum unit, rounded up). The Redemption Price shall not take into account the duties, charges or fees payable by or to the relevant Participating Dealer. Should the Manager be in any doubt as to the Redemption Price in connection with any redemption of Units, the Manager will request an independent third party to check the Redemption Price.

Under normal circumstances, the maximum interval between (i) the Dealing Day on which the properly documented Redemption Application is effected and (ii) payment of redemption proceeds to the relevant investor may not exceed one (1) calendar month.

### ***Rejection of Redemption of Units***

Under exceptional circumstances as described below, the Manager reserves the right to reject a Redemption Application and the Participating Dealer reserves the right to reject a request from any third party to submit a Redemption Application provided that the Manager or the Participating Dealer (as the case may be) must act reasonably and in good faith. In rejecting a Redemption Application, the Manager will take into account the interests of all Unitholders to ensure that the interest of all Unitholders will not be materially adversely affected. The Manager will generally accept a Redemption Application and the Participating Dealers will generally accept and submit redemption requests received from third parties except under exceptional circumstances (such as (i) suspension of creation or redemption of Units or determination of Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund, (ii) market and operational restraints (for example when dealings on the SEHK are restricted or suspended, settlement or clearing of securities in CCASS is disrupted or the Underlying Index is not compiled or published); (iii) the Participating Dealer is not able to dispose of the investments due to trading restrictions or limits in the relevant market (if applicable); or (iv) circumstances where the Manager considers that acceptance of the Application will have an adverse effect on the Sub-Fund). Participating Dealers may impose fees and charges in handling any redemption request which would increase the cost of investment and/or reduce the redemption proceeds and investors are advised to check with the Participating Dealers as to relevant fees and charges.

With a view to protecting the best interests of Unitholders, if the total Redemption Applications on any Dealing Day which are received in respect of the Units of a Sub-Fund exceed 10% of the total number of Units of the relevant class in issue of such Sub-Fund, the Manager is entitled to defer any Redemption Application in whole or in part so that the 10% limit (or such higher percentage as may be determined by the Manager and accepted by the SFC in accordance with the Code) (the “**Redemption Limit**”) is not exceeded. Any Redemption Applications so deferred on the relevant Dealing Day will be effected in priority to Redemption Applications which are received on succeeding Dealing Days, subject always to the Redemption Limit. The Redemption Limit shall be applied pro rata so that all Unitholders of the relevant class or classes wishing to redeem Units in that Sub-Fund on the relevant Dealing Day will redeem the same proportion by value of such Units.



Where a Redemption Application is received on a day which is not a Dealing Day or is received after the Dealing Deadline on a Dealing Day, that Redemption Application shall be carried forward and deemed to be received at the opening of business on the next following Dealing Day, which shall be the relevant Dealing Day for the purposes of that Redemption Application. For valuation purposes, the relevant Valuation Point shall be the Valuation Point for the Dealing Day on which the Redemption Application is deemed to be received.

In respect of each Redemption Application, the Trustee shall be entitled to charge for its own account and benefit a Transaction Fee the amount of which has been agreed between the Trustee and the Manager from time to time, and such Transaction Fee shall be paid by or on behalf of the relevant Participating Dealer and may be set off and deducted against any Cash Component due to the relevant Participating Dealer in respect of such Redemption Application. The Trustee may, with the consent of the Manager, vary the amount of the Transaction Fee charged provided that the level of Transaction Fee applicable to all Participating Dealers following the adjustment is the same in respect of the same Sub-Fund.

The Manager shall be entitled to deduct from and set off against any Cash Component payable to a Participating Dealer on the redemption of Units a sum (if any) which represents the appropriate provision for duties and charges, the Transaction Fee and any other fees payable by the Participating Dealer. If the Cash Component payable to the Participating Dealer is insufficient to pay such duties and charges, the Transaction Fee and any other fees payable on such redemption, the Participating Dealer shall promptly pay the shortfall to or to the order of the Trustee. Until such shortfall and any Cash Component payable by the Participating Dealer (if any), Transaction Fee and any fees and charges payable by the Participating Dealer are paid in full in cleared funds to or to the order of the Trustee, the Trustee shall not be obliged to deliver (and shall have a general lien over) the relevant portfolio securities to be transferred in respect of the relevant Redemption Application.

Upon redemption of Units pursuant to a valid Redemption Application,

- (a) the funds of the relevant Sub-Fund shall be deemed to be reduced by the cancellation of such Units and, for valuation purposes, such Units shall be deemed to have been redeemed and cancelled after the Valuation Point as at the Dealing Day on which the Redemption Application is or is deemed to be received; and
- (b) the name of the Unitholder of such Units shall be removed from the Register on the relevant Settlement Day.

In respect of a Redemption Application, unless the requisite documents in respect of the relevant Units have been delivered to the Manager by such time on the Settlement Day as prescribed in the Operating Guidelines, the Redemption Application shall be deemed never to have been made except that the Transaction Fee in respect of such Redemption Application shall remain due and payable and once paid, shall be retained by and for the benefit and the account of the Trustee, and in such circumstances:

- (a) the Trustee shall be entitled to charge the relevant Participating Dealer for the

account and benefit of the Trustee an Application Cancellation Fee not exceeding such amount as shall have been agreed between the Trustee and the Manager;

- (b) the Manager may at its absolute discretion require the relevant Participating Dealer to pay to the Trustee, for the account of the relevant Sub-Fund, a Cancellation Compensation in respect of each such Unit, being the amount (if any) by which the Redemption Price of each Unit (which would have applied in relation to such Unit if the Redemption Application had been made and the requisite documents in respect of such Redemption Application had been delivered) is less than the Issue Price which would have applied in relation to each such Unit if a Participating Dealer had, on the final day permitted for delivery of the requisite documents in respect of the Units which are the subject of the Redemption Application, made a Creation Application; and
- (c) no previous valuations of the relevant Sub-Fund shall be re-opened or invalidated as a result of an unsuccessful Redemption Application,

provided that the Manager, with the approval of the Trustee, may at its discretion extend the settlement period on such terms and conditions as the Manager may determine (including the charging of an Extension Fee in accordance with the relevant Operating Guidelines for such extension).

#### ***Manager's Discretion to Pay Cash for Redemption of Units***

For the HK Dividend ETF, the Manager shall have the right to determine in its absolute discretion by written instructions to the Trustee that the Trustee shall pay cash out of the relevant Sub-Fund equal to the market value at the Valuation Point for the relevant Dealing Day of such Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities comprising the relevant Basket (or part thereof) in lieu of delivering the relevant Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket to the relevant Participating Dealer (or its agent) if the Manager determines in its absolute discretion that the Index Shares and/or non-Index Shares constituting the Basket are unlikely to be available for delivery or are likely to be available in insufficient quantity for delivery upon the Redemption Application by a Participating Dealer or if it is in the interests of the relevant Sub-Fund to do so, provided that the Manager shall be entitled in its absolute discretion to charge (for the account of the relevant Sub-Fund) to the Participating Dealer redeeming any Units for which cash is paid in lieu of delivering the Index Securities and/or non-Index Securities constituting the Basket an additional sum which represents the appropriate provision for duties and charges. Such duties and charges payable by the Participating Dealer may be set off and deducted from the cash payable to the Participating Dealer.

The Manager may also, upon request by a Participating Dealer and in its absolute discretion, pay cash out of the relevant Sub-Fund in respect of such redemption.

Creations and redemptions for the CGB ETF are generally effected in cash (in RMB). For the Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, creation and redemption of Units may be effected in kind or in cash.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Investments involve risks. The Sub-Funds are subject to market fluctuations and to the risks inherent in all investments. The price of Units of each Sub-Fund and the income from them may go down as well as up.

The performance of the Sub-Funds will be affected by a number of risk factors, including those set out below. Some or all of the risk factors may adversely affect the relevant Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value, yield, total return and/or its ability to achieve their investment objectives.

There is no assurance that the Sub-Funds will achieve their investment objectives. Investors should carefully consider the risks of investing in the Sub-Funds in light of their financial circumstances, knowledge, experience and other circumstances, and should seek independent professional advice as appropriate.

The following statements are intended to be a discussion of the general risks associated with investing in the Sub-Funds. See also the "Specific Risks" sub-section in the sections for each Sub-Fund for a discussion of additional risks (if any) particular to each Sub-Fund. They do not offer advice on the suitability of investing in the Sub-Funds. Investors should carefully consider the risk factors described below together with all of the other information included in this Prospectus before deciding whether to invest in Units of the Sub-Funds. Authorisation of the Sub-Funds by the SFC is not a recommendation or endorsement of the Sub-Funds nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of the Sub-Funds or their performance. It does not mean the Sub-Funds are suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of their suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

- Market Risk. Market risk includes such factors as changes in economic environment, consumption pattern and investors' expectations, etc. which may have significant impact on the value of the investments. Usually, emerging markets tend to be more volatile than developed markets and may experience substantial price volatility. Market movements may therefore result in substantial fluctuations in the Net Asset Value per unit of the relevant Sub-Fund. The price of Units and the income from them may go down as well as up. Investors should note that the Sub-Funds may not make distributions to investors.
- Asset Class Risk. Although the Manager is responsible for the continuous supervision of the investment portfolio of the Sub-Funds, the returns from the types of Securities in which the Sub-Funds invest may underperform returns from other securities markets or from investment in other assets. Different types of Securities tend to go through cycles of out-performance and underperformance when compared with other general securities markets.
- Country, Political and Sovereign Risk. Investors should note that investment closely related to a particular country may be subject to the country's economic, political and sovereign risks. This may include any act of war, terrorism, riot, insurrection in the country, the imposition of any investment, repatriation or exchange control restrictions by the government authority, the confiscation, expropriation or nationalization of any property by the government authority. Any economic downturn may adversely affect the investment sentiment and domestic

economy of the country and affect the value of related investments. Devaluation or revaluation of the local currency, sovereign government's own capacity to repay external debt or any other political or economic risks incurred or experienced by a country may adversely affect the value of related investments. In that regard, the Sub-Funds will invest in some companies the securities of which are listed on the SEHK and have substantial business operations in China. Such companies may have substantial exposure to the risks in China. As a result, changes in political, economic and social conditions in China could adversely affect the value of investments.

- Equity Risk. As the Sub-Funds may directly be investing in the Index Securities (or other Securities), they may be exposed to the risks associated with investment in Securities (including settlement and counterparty risks). The investment performance of equity securities depends upon factors which are difficult to predict. Such factors include the possibility of sudden or prolonged market declines and risk associated with individual companies.
- Securities Risk. Each company has its unique factors affecting the value of its securities. These factors include the company's management capability, capital structure, liquidity position, product composition and others. If the Underlying Index is concentrated in a particular stock or group of Securities of a particular industry or group of industries, the Manager may similarly concentrate such Sub-Fund's investments. The Sub-Funds may be adversely affected by or their performance depends heavily on the performance of those Securities, and be subject to greater price volatility than a more diversified fund.
- Tracking Error Risk. A Sub-Fund's return may deviate from its Underlying Index due to a number of factors. For example, the fees, expenses and taxes or other provisions of the Sub-Fund, liquidity of the market, imperfect correlation of returns between the Sub-Fund's assets and the Securities constituting its Underlying Index, rounding of share prices, foreign exchange costs, changes to the Underlying Index and regulatory policies may affect the Manager's ability to achieve close correlation with the Underlying Index of the Sub-Fund. Further, a Sub-Fund may receive income (such as interests and dividends) from its assets while the Underlying Index does not have such sources of income. There is no guarantee or assurance of exact or identical replication at any time of the performance of the Underlying Index and the Sub-Fund's returns may therefore deviate from its Underlying Index. Although the Manager regularly monitors the tracking error of the Sub-Funds, there can be no assurance that the Sub-Funds will achieve any particular level of tracking error relative to the performance of their respective Underlying Index.
- Sector Concentration Risk. If the Underlying Index of a Sub-Fund is concentrated in a particular stock or group of stocks of a particular industry or group of industries, the Sub-Fund may be adversely affected by or depend heavily on the performance of those stocks and be subject to price volatility. In addition, the Manager may invest a significant percentage or all of the assets of a Sub-Fund in a single stock, group of stocks, industry or group of industries, and the performance of that Sub-Fund could be closely tied to that stock, group of stocks,

industry or group of industries and could be more volatile than the performance of other more diversified funds, and be more susceptible to any single economic, market, political or regulatory occurrence.

- **Taxation Risk.** A Sub-Fund's investment in a certain jurisdiction may be subject to taxation of such jurisdiction resulting, for example, from income or realised capital gains attributable to certain portfolio Securities. In some cases, distributions or capital gains on the Securities in which a Sub-Fund invests may be subject to taxes withheld by the country of residence of the issuer. No assurance can be given that applicable tax laws and interpretations thereof will not be changed or amended in the future in a manner that will adversely affect the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund.
- **Trading Risk.** While the creation/redemption feature of the Trust is designed to make it more likely that Units will trade close to their Net Asset Value, disruptions to creations and redemptions (for example, as a result of imposition of capital controls by a foreign government) or the unit price fluctuations due to supply and demand of Units in the secondary market may result in trading prices that differ significantly from Net Asset Value. Also, there can be no assurance that an active trading market will exist for Units of a Sub-Fund on any securities exchange on which Units may trade.

The Net Asset Value of Units of a Sub-Fund will also fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Sub-Fund's holdings of Securities. The market prices of Units will fluctuate in accordance with changes in Net Asset Value and supply and demand on any exchange on which Units are listed. The Manager cannot predict whether Units will trade below, at or above their Net Asset Value. Price differences may be due, in large part, to the fact that supply and demand forces in the secondary trading market for Units will be closely related, but not identical, to the same forces influencing the prices of the Index Securities trading individually or in the aggregate at any point in time. Given, however, that Units must be created and redeemed in Application Unit size (unlike shares of many closed-end funds, which frequently trade at appreciable discounts from, and sometimes at premiums to, their Net Asset Value), the Manager believes that ordinarily large discounts or premiums to the Net Asset Value of Units should not be sustained. In the event that the Manager suspends creations and/or redemptions of Units of the Sub-Funds, the Manager expects larger discounts or premiums.

Where the market price of Units of a Sub-Fund traded on the SEHK diverge significantly from the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund, there is a risk that Unitholders may not be able to buy or sell at a price close to the Net Asset Value. There is however no certain basis for predicting the sizes in which or the prices at which the Units in the Sub-Fund may trade. There can be no assurance that Units in the Sub-Funds will experience trading or pricing patterns similar to those of other exchange traded funds which are issued by the investment companies in other jurisdictions or are traded on the SEHK. Further, investors pay certain charges (e.g. trading fees and brokerage fees) to buy or sell Units on the SEHK. Retail investors may pay more than the Net Asset Value per Unit when buying a Unit on the SEHK and may receive less than the Net Asset Value per Unit when selling a Unit on the SEHK.

- Liquidity Risk. The price at which Securities may be purchased or sold by the Sub-Funds upon any rebalancing activities or otherwise and the value of the Units will be adversely affected if trading markets for the Sub-Funds' portfolio securities are limited or absent or if bid-offer spreads are wide.
- Passive Investments Risk. The Sub-Funds are not actively managed. Accordingly, the Sub-Funds will be adversely affected by a decline in world market segments relating to their respective Underlying Index. The Sub-Funds invest in the Securities included in or reflecting their respective Underlying Index. The Manager does not attempt to select Securities individually or to take defensive positions in declining markets.
- Management Risk. Because a Sub-Fund may not fully replicate its Underlying Index and may hold non-Index Securities, it is subject to management risk. This is the risk that the Manager's strategy, the implementation of which is subject to a number of constraints, may not produce the intended results. In addition, the Manager has absolute discretion to exercise shareholders' rights with respect to Securities comprising the Sub-Funds. There can be no guarantee that the exercise of such discretion will result in the investment objective of the Sub-Funds being achieved. Investors should also note that in certain cases, the Manager, the Sub-Funds or the Unitholders do not have any voting rights with respect to Securities comprising the Sub-Funds.
- Operating Risk. There is no assurance that the performance of a Sub-Fund will be identical to the performance of the relevant Underlying Index. The level of fees and expenses payable by a Sub-Fund will fluctuate in relation to its Net Asset Value. Although the amounts of certain ordinary expenses of the Sub-Fund can be estimated, the growth rate of the Sub-Fund, and hence its Net Asset Value, cannot be anticipated. Accordingly, no assurance can be given as to the performance of the Sub-Funds or the actual level of their expenses.
- Restrictions on Creation and Redemption of Units Risk. Investors should note that the Sub-Funds are not like typical retail investment funds offered to the public in Hong Kong (for which units can generally be purchased and redeemed directly from the manager). Units of a Sub-Fund may only be created and redeemed in Application Unit directly by Participating Dealers from the Manager and may not be created or redeemed directly by other investors from the Manager. Such other investors may only make a request (and if such investor is a retail investor, through a stockbroker which has opened an account with a Participating Dealer) to create or redeem Units in Application Unit aggregations through a Participating Dealer who will generally accept and submit creation/redemption requests received from third parties except under exceptional circumstances (such as (i) where the investor fails to comply with the client acceptance procedures, (ii) suspension of creation or redemption of Units or determination of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund, (iii) market and operational restraints (for example when dealings on the SEHK are restricted or suspended, settlement or clearing of securities in CCASS is disrupted or the Underlying Index is not compiled or published); (iv) the Participating Dealer is not able to acquire further investments

due to trading restrictions or limits in the relevant market (if applicable); or (v) circumstances where the Manager considers that acceptance of the Application will have an adverse effect on the Sub-Fund). Participating Dealers may impose fees and charges in handling any creation/redemption request which would increase the cost of investment and/or reduce the redemption proceeds and investors are advised to check with the Participating Dealers as to relevant fees and charges. Since the number of Participating Dealers at any given time will be limited, there is a risk that investors may not always be able to create or redeem Units freely. Alternatively, investors may realize the value of their Units by selling their Units through an intermediary such as a stockbroker on the SEHK, although there is a risk that dealings on the SEHK may be suspended.

- *Risk Related to Divergence Between the Market Price of the Units and the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund.* The Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund represents the fair price for buying or selling Units. Investors should note however that unlike a typical retail investment fund offered to the public in Hong Kong (the market price of the units of which is determined by the net asset value of the investment fund), the market price of the Units traded on the SEHK is determined not only by the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund but also by other factors such as the supply of and demand for the Units in the SEHK. Therefore, there is a risk that the market price of the Units traded on the SEHK may diverge significantly from the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund. There is a risk, therefore, that Unitholders may not be able to buy or sell at a price close to this Net Asset Value. The “bid/ask” spread (being the difference between the prices being bid by potential purchasers and the prices being asked by potential sellers) is another source of deviation from the Net Asset Value. The bid/ask spread can widen during periods of market volatility or market uncertainty, thereby increasing the deviation from the Net Asset Value.
- *Valuation and Accounting Risk.* The Manager intends to adopt IFRS in drawing up the annual financial reports of the Sub-Funds. Investors should note that the calculation of the Net Asset Value in the manner described under the section headed “Determination of Net Asset Value” will not necessarily be in compliance with the generally accepted accounting principles (i.e. IFRS). Under IFRS, (i) investments should be valued at fair value (bid and offer pricing are considered to be representative of fair value for listed investments) rather than the last traded price and (ii) establishment costs should be expensed as incurred rather than amortised over the period of time. Accordingly, investors should note that the Net Asset Value as described in this Prospectus will not necessarily be the same as the net asset value to be reported in the annual financial reports as the Manager will make necessary adjustments in the annual financial reports to comply with IFRS. Any such adjustments will be disclosed in the annual financial reports, including a reconciliation. In the event any such adjustment will need to be made in respect of a Sub-Fund, it is expected that the differential requiring adjustment will not be of a material nature, in terms of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Sub-Fund.
- *Units in the Sub-Funds are Not Principal Protected Risk.* Units in the Sub-Funds are not principal protected. Investors may lose all or part of their investment in the

Units. Accordingly, investment in the Sub-Funds is only suitable for investors who can afford to lose all or part of their original capital investment in the Units.

- Differences Between Primary and Secondary Market Trading Hours Risk. Units of the Sub-Funds may trade on the SEHK even when requests for creation or redemption of the Units are not accepted. In such circumstances, the Units may trade in the secondary market at a discount or premium which is more significant than they would otherwise.
- Risk of Withdrawal of Authorization. The Sub-Funds seek to provide investment results that closely correspond with the performance their respective Underlying Index. The Sub-Funds have been authorized by the SFC pursuant to section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. However, the SFC reserves the right to withdraw the authorization of the Sub-Funds, for example, if the SFC considers an Underlying Index is no longer considered acceptable to the SFC.
- Risk Relating to Listing. The SEHK imposes certain requirements for the continued listing of securities, including the Units, on the SEHK. Investors cannot be assured that the Sub-Funds will continue to meet the requirements necessary to maintain the listing of Units on the SEHK or that the SEHK will not change the listing requirements. If the Units are delisted from the SEHK, the Manager may, in consultation with the Trustee, seek the SFC's prior approval to operate the relevant Sub-Fund as an unlisted index fund (subject to any necessary amendments to the rules of each Sub-Fund) or terminate the Sub-Fund and will notify investors accordingly.
- Risk of Suspension of Trading on the SEHK. Investors will not be able to purchase or sell Units on the SEHK during any period that the SEHK suspends trading in the Units. The SEHK may suspend the trading of Units whenever the SEHK determines that it is appropriate in the interests of a fair and orderly market to protect investors. The subscription and redemption of Units may also be suspended in the event that the trading of Units on the SEHK is suspended, for example in the event of disclosure of certain price sensitive information relating to a Sub-Fund.
- Risk of Absence of Active Market. There can be no assurance that an active trading market in respect of the Units in a Sub-Fund will be developed or maintained. There is no certain basis for predicting the actual price levels at which, or the sizes in which, the Units in a Sub-Fund may trade. There can be no assurance that the Units in a Sub-Fund will experience trading or pricing patterns similar to those of other exchange traded funds which are issued by investment companies in other jurisdictions or are traded on the SEHK.
- Reliance on Participating Dealer(s) Risk. The issuance and redemption of Units may only be effected through Participating Dealer(s). A Participating Dealer may charge a fee for providing this service. Participating Dealer(s) will not be able to issue or redeem Units during any period when, amongst other things, dealings on the SEHK are restricted or suspended, settlement or clearing of securities



through the CCASS is disrupted or the Underlying Index(ices) is/are not compiled or published. In addition, Participating Dealer(s) will not be able to issue or redeem Units if some other event occurs which impedes the calculation of the Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund or disposal of a Sub-Fund's portfolio securities cannot be effected. Since the number of Participating Dealers at any given time will be limited, and there may even be one Participating Dealer at any given time, there is a risk that investors may not always be able to create or redeem Units freely.

- Reliance on Market Makers Risk. Investors should note that liquidity in the market for the Units may be adversely affected if there are no market makers for a Sub-Fund. The Manager will use its best endeavours to put in place arrangements so that there will always be at least one market maker in respect of the Units and at least one market maker for each Sub-Fund is subject to three months' termination notice requirement. It is possible that there is only one SEHK market maker to a Sub-Fund and therefore it may not be practical for the Sub-Fund to remove the only market maker even if the market maker fails to discharge its duties as the sole market maker. If the market maker fails to discharge its duties as the sole market maker, it is possible that the liquidity in the market for the Units may be severely affected and in the worst circumstances, there may even be no liquid trading market for the Units.
- Counterparty Risk. The Trustee may at the request of the Manager enter into transactions with various financial institutions (such as brokerage firms and banks) for the sale and purchase of assets or Securities. Such financial institutions may also be issuers of Securities in which the Sub-Funds invest. The failure of any of such institutions to perform their obligations may adversely affect the operational capabilities or the capital position of the Trust or the Sub-Funds. The Trust or the Sub-Funds may also be exposed to the credit and insolvency risk of an exchange, clearing house, custodian or any depository used or appointed by the Trust or the Sub-Funds. Any assets held by such exchange, clearing house, custodian or depository are expected to be segregated from their own assets, but in the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency, there may still be a risk that creditors may claim against such assets, which may result in possible delay or other adverse effect in the recovery of such assets by the Trust or the Sub-Funds.
- Early Termination Risk. Under the terms of the Trust Deed, the Manager may terminate the Trust or any of the Sub-Funds early in various circumstances including if (a) at any time one (1) year after its establishment, the aggregate Net Asset Value of all Units outstanding in the Trust or such Sub-Fund is less than HK\$200,000,000; (b) the Units of such Sub-Fund are no longer listed on the SEHK or other recognized securities market; or (c) such Sub-Fund ceases to have any Participating Dealer. On termination of the Trust or any of the Sub-Funds, the assets comprised in the Trust or such Sub-Fund will be sold and investors will receive distribution of the net cash proceeds although the Manager has the power to decide to make distributions in specie. Please see the section titled "Termination of the Trust or the Sub-Funds" for further details. If a Sub-Fund is terminated for whatever reason, it may suffer a decline in its Net Asset Value. Accordingly,

investors in such Sub-Fund may not receive an amount upon termination equal to the capital originally invested in the relevant Units.

- *Risks Relating to the Underlying Index.* The Sub-Funds may be subject to the following risks in relation to the relevant Underlying Index:

If an Underlying Index is discontinued or the Manager's license from the Index Provider under the relevant licence agreement is terminated, the Manager may, in consultation with the Trustee, seek the SFC's prior approval to replace the Underlying Index with an index that is tradable and has similar objectives to the relevant Underlying Index. For the avoidance of doubt, index-tracking will remain the investment objective of the Sub-Funds.

A Sub-Fund may be terminated if its Underlying Index is discontinued and/or the relevant Index licence agreement is terminated and the Manager is unable to identify or agree with any index provider terms for the use of a suitable replacement index, using, in the opinion of the Manager, the same or substantially similar formula for the method of calculation as used in calculating the Index and which meets the acceptability criteria under Rule 8.6(e) of the Code. Any such replacement index will be made in compliance with the provisions of the Trust Deed and subject to the prior approval of the SFC under the Code, and Unitholders will be duly notified of the same. Accordingly, prospective investors should note that the ability of a Sub-Fund to track its respective Underlying Index depends on the continuation in force of the Index licence agreement in respect of the Underlying Index or a suitable replacement. A Sub-Fund may also be terminated if its respective Underlying Index ceases to be compiled or published and there is no replacement index, using, in the opinion of the Manager, the same or substantially similar formula for the method of calculation as used in calculating such Underlying Index.

- (ii) There may be changes in the constituents of the Underlying Indices from time to time. For example, the shares of a constituent company may be delisted or a new eligible company may be added to an Underlying Index. In such circumstances, in order to achieve the investment objective of a Sub-Fund, the Manager may change the weighting or composition of the Basket(s) held by the Sub-Funds. The price of the Units may rise or fall as a result of these changes. Thus, an investment in Units will generally reflect the Underlying Index as its constituents change from time to time, and not necessarily the way it is comprised at the time of an investment in the Units. Please refer to the "Underlying Index" sections of the Sub-Funds for more information on how the respective Underlying Index is compiled.
- (iii) The process and the basis of computing and compiling the Underlying Index and any of its related formulae, constituent companies and factors may also be changed or altered by the Index Provider at any time without notice. Therefore an investment in the Units will generally reflect the relevant Underlying Index but not necessarily the way it was comprised

at the time of investments in the Units.

The constituent list of the Underlying Indices, as updated from time to time, is published by the Index Provider on its website ([www.csindex.com.cn](http://www.csindex.com.cn)).

There is also no warranty, representation or guarantee given to the investors as to the accuracy or completeness of the Underlying Indices, their computation or any information related thereto.

- *Risks Related to Regulatory and Market Intervention.* The Sub-Funds may be subject to any additional conditions or requirements as may be imposed by the regulators, including the SFC and the SEHK. Further, the trading of the Sub-Funds may also be subject to such intervention powers as may be exercised by the SFC or SEHK. If a Sub-Fund is not able to fully comply with the regulatory conditions or requirements, or if there is any market intervention, the trading of the units on the SEHK may be suspended or interrupted, in which case the investors or potential investors will not be able to buy, nor will investors be able to sell, units on the SEHK until such time as the resumption of trading is permitted by the regulators. Any such interventional power exercised by the regulators or interruption may also have unexpected and undesirable impact on many aspects of the Sub-Funds including but not limited to their operations, their unit pricing, liquidity, valuation and overall performance and return, and the Sub-Funds may, in such circumstances, be unable to achieve their investment objectives as intended. In worst scenario, there is also a risk that the value of the units in the Sub-Funds may fall significantly.
- *Trading difference risk.* As the stock exchanges on which the constituents of an Underlying Index are listed may be open when Units in the relevant Sub-Fund are not priced, the value of the Securities in the Sub-Fund's portfolio may change on days when investors will not be able to purchase or sell the Sub-Fund's Units. Furthermore, the market price of underlying Securities listed on the above stock exchanges which are established outside Hong Kong may not be available during part or all of the SEHK trading sessions due to trading hour differences which may result in the trading price of the Sub-Fund deviating away from the Net Asset Value. Differences in trading hours between these stock exchanges and the SEHK may also increase the level of premium or discount of the Unit price of the Sub-Fund to its Net Asset Value may be higher.

## **INVESTMENT AND BORROWING RESTRICTIONS**

### ***Investment Restrictions***

The Trust Deed imposes a number of restrictions and prohibitions on investment of an Index Fund. So long as an Index Fund is authorized by the SFC pursuant to the Code, the assets of the Index Fund may be invested only in the investments permitted under and in accordance with Chapters 7 and 8 of the Code issued by the SFC (as applicable) unless a waiver is given by the SFC.

A summary of the investment restrictions of the Sub-Funds is as follows:

- (a) the aggregate value of the Sub-Fund's investments in, or exposure to, any single entity through the following may not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund, save as (for an index tracking ETF) permitted by Chapter 8.6(h) and as varied by Chapter 8.6(h)(a) of the Code:
  - (1) investments in Securities issued by such entity;
  - (2) exposure to such entity through underlying assets of financial derivative instrument ("FDI"); and
  - (3) net counterparty exposure to such entity arising from transactions of over-the-counter FDIs;
- (b) subject to (a) above and Chapter 7.28(c) of the Code and unless otherwise approved by the SFC, the aggregate value of the Sub-Fund's investments in, or exposure to, entities within the same group through the following may not exceed 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund:
  - (1) investments in Securities issued by such entities;
  - (2) exposure to such entities through underlying assets of FDIs; and
  - (3) net counterparty exposure to such entities arising from transactions of over-the-counter FDIs;
- (c) unless otherwise approved by the SFC, the value of the Sub-Fund's cash deposits made with the same entity or entities within the same group may not exceed 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund, unless:
  - (1) the cash is held before the launch of the Sub-Fund and for a reasonable period thereafter prior to the initial subscription proceeds being fully invested; or
  - (2) the cash is proceeds from liquidation of investments prior to the merger or termination of the Sub-Fund, whereby the placing of cash deposits with various financial institutions may not be in the best interest of investors; or
  - (3) the cash is proceeds received from subscriptions pending investments and held for the settlement of redemption and other payment obligations, whereby the placing of cash deposits with various financial institutions is unduly burdensome and the cash deposits arrangement would not compromise investors' interests;

For the purpose of this paragraph, cash deposits generally refer to those that are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn by the Sub-Fund and not referable to provision of property or services.

- (d) the nominal amount of a Sub-Fund's holding of ordinary shares in the capital of any single entity (other than Government and other Public Securities), when aggregated with the holdings of ordinary shares issued by the same entity held by all other Sub-Funds under the Trust collectively, may not exceed 10% of the total nominal amount of all ordinary shares in the capital of that entity in issue;
- (e) not more than 15% of the total Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be invested in Securities and other financial products or instruments that are neither listed, quoted nor dealt in on a stock exchange, over-the-counter market or other organised securities market which is open to the international public and on which such Securities are regularly traded;
- (f) notwithstanding (a), (b), (d) and (e), where direct investment by the Sub-Fund in a market is not in the best interests of investors, the Sub-Fund may invest through a wholly-owned subsidiary company established solely for the purpose of making direct investments in such market. In this case:
  - (1) the underlying investments of the subsidiary, together with the direct investments made by the Sub-Fund, must in aggregate comply with the requirements of Chapter 7 of the Code;
  - (2) any increase in the overall fees and charges directly or indirectly borne by the Unitholders or the Sub-Fund as a result must be clearly disclosed in the Prospectus; and
  - (3) the Sub-Fund must produce the reports required by the Code in a consolidated form to include the assets (including investment portfolio) and liabilities of the subsidiary company as part of those of the Sub-Fund;
- (g) notwithstanding (a), (b) and (d), not more than 30% of the total Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be invested in Government and other Public Securities of the same issue, except for a Sub-Fund which has been authorised by the SFC as an index fund, this limit may be exceeded with the approval of the SFC;
- (h) subject to (g), the Sub-Fund may fully invest in Government and other Public Securities in at least six different issues. Subject to the approval of the SFC, the Sub-Fund which has been authorised by the SFC as an index fund may exceed the 30% limit in (g) and may invest all of its assets in Government and other Public Securities in any number of different issues;
- (i) unless otherwise approved by the SFC, the Sub-Fund may not invest in physical commodities;
- (j) for the avoidance of doubt, exchange traded funds that are:
  - (1) authorised by the SFC under Chapter 8.6 or 8.10 of the Code; or
  - (2) listed and regularly traded on internationally recognised stock exchanges open to the public (nominal listing not accepted) and (i) the principal objective of which is to track, replicate or correspond to a financial index or benchmark, which complies with the applicable requirements under Chapter 8.6 of the Code; or (ii) the investment objective, policy, underlying

investments and product features of which are substantially in line with or comparable with those set out under Chapter 8.10 of the Code,

may either be considered and treated as (x) listed Securities for the purposes of and subject to the requirements in paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) above; or (y) collective investment schemes for the purposes of and subject to the requirements in paragraph (k) below. However, the investments in exchange traded funds shall be subject to paragraph (e) above and the relevant investment limits in exchange traded funds by the Sub-Fund should be consistently applied and clearly disclosed in this Prospectus;

(k) where the Sub-Fund invests in shares or units of other collective investment schemes ("underlying schemes"),

- (1) the value of the Sub-Fund's investment in units or shares in underlying schemes which are non-eligible schemes (as determined by the SFC) and not authorised by the SFC may not in aggregate exceed 10% of the total Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund; and
- (2) the Sub-Fund may invest in one or more underlying schemes which are either authorised by the SFC or eligible schemes (as determined by the SFC), but the value of the Sub-Fund's investment in units or shares in each such underlying scheme may not exceed 30% of the total Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund, unless the underlying scheme is authorised by the SFC and its name and key investment information are disclosed in the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund,

provided that in respect of (1) and (2) above:

- (i) the objective of each underlying scheme may not be to invest primarily in any investment prohibited by Chapter 7 of the Code, and where that underlying scheme's objective is to invest primarily in investments restricted by Chapter 7 of the Code, such investments may not be in contravention of the relevant limitation prescribed by Chapter 7 of the Code. For the avoidance of doubt, the Sub-Fund may invest in scheme(s) authorised by the SFC under Chapter 8 of the Code (except for hedge funds under 8.7 of the Code), eligible scheme(s) (as determined by the SFC) of which the net derivative exposure (as defined in the Code) does not exceed 100% of its total net asset value, and exchange traded funds satisfying the requirements in paragraph (j) above in compliance with paragraph (k)(1) and (k)(2);
  - (ii) where the underlying schemes are managed by the Manager, or by other companies within the same group that the Manager belongs to, then paragraphs (a), (b), (d) and (e) above are also applicable to the investments of the underlying scheme;
  - (iii) the objective of the underlying schemes may not be to invest primarily in other collective investment scheme(s);
- (3) where an investment is made in any underlying scheme(s) managed by the Manager or any of its Connected Persons, all initial charges and redemption charges on the underlying scheme(s) must be waived; and
- (4) the Manager or any person acting on behalf of the Sub-Fund or the

Manager may not obtain a rebate on any fees or charges levied by an underlying scheme or the manager of an underlying scheme, or any quantifiable monetary benefits in connection with investments in any underlying scheme;

- (l) the Sub-Fund may invest 90% or more of its total Net Asset Value in a single collective investment scheme and will be authorised as a feeder fund by the SFC. In this case:
  - (1) the underlying scheme (“master fund”) must be authorised by the SFC;
  - (2) the Prospectus must state that:
    - (i) the Sub-Fund is a feeder fund into the master fund;
    - (ii) for the purpose of complying with the investment restrictions, the Sub-Fund and its master fund will be deemed a single entity;
    - (iii) the Sub-Fund’s annual report must include the investment portfolio of the master fund as at the financial year end date; and
    - (iv) the aggregate amount of all the fees and charges of the Sub-Fund and its underlying master fund must be clearly disclosed;
  - (3) unless otherwise approved by the SFC, no increase in the overall total of initial charges, redemption charges, Manager’s annual fee, or any other costs and charges payable to the Manager or any of its Connected Persons borne by the Unitholders or by the Sub-Fund (i.e. feeder fund) may result, if the master fund in which the Sub-Fund (i.e. feeder fund) invests is managed by the Manager or by its Connected Person; and
  - (4) notwithstanding paragraph (k)(iii) above, the master fund may invest in other collective investment scheme(s) subject to the investment restrictions as set out in paragraph (k); and
- (m) if the name of the Sub-Fund indicates a particular objective, investment strategy, geographic region or market, the Sub-Fund should, under normal market circumstances, invest at least 70% of its Net Asset Value in securities and other investments to reflect the particular objective, investment strategy or geographic region or market which the Sub-Fund represents.

The Manager shall not on behalf of the Sub-Fund:

- (A) invest in a Security of any class in any company or body if any director or officer of the Manager individually owns more than 0.5% of the total nominal amount of all the issued Securities of that class or the directors and officers of the Manager collectively own more than 5% of those Securities;
- (B) invest in any type of real estate (including buildings) or interests in real estate (including options or rights, but excluding shares in real estate companies and interests in real estate investment trusts (REITs)). In the case of investments in such shares and REITs, they shall comply with the relevant investment restrictions and limitations set out in Chapters 7.1, 7.1A, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.11 of the Code, where applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, where investments are made in listed REITs then Chapters 7.1, 7.1A, 7.2 apply and where investments are made in unlisted REITs, which are either companies or collective investment schemes, then Chapters

7.3 and 7.11 apply respectively;

- (C) make short sales if as a result the Sub-Fund would be required to deliver Securities exceeding 10% of the total Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund (and for this purpose Securities sold short must be actively traded on a market where short selling is permitted). For the avoidance of doubt, the Sub-Fund is prohibited to carry out any naked or uncovered short sale of securities and short selling should be carried out in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations;
- (D) lend or make a loan out of the assets of the Sub-Fund, except to the extent that the acquisition of bonds or the making of a deposit (within the applicable investment restrictions) might constitute a loan;
- (E) subject to (e), assume, guarantee, endorse or otherwise become directly or contingently liable for or in connection with any obligation or indebtedness of any person, save and except for reverse repurchase transactions in compliance with the Code;
- (F) enter into any obligation in respect of the Sub-Fund or acquire any asset or engage in any transaction for the account of the Sub-Fund which involves the assumption of any liability which is unlimited; or
- (G) apply any part of the Sub-Fund in the acquisition of any investments which are for the time being nil paid or partly paid in respect of which a call is due to be made for any sum unpaid on such investments unless such call could be met in full out of cash or near cash forming part of the Sub-Fund whereby such amount of cash or near cash has not been segregated to cover a future or contingent commitment arising from transactions in FDIs for the purposes of Chapters 7.29 and 7.30 of the Code.

For the avoidance of doubt, the liability of Unitholders is limited to their investment in the relevant Sub-Fund.

*Note: The investment restrictions set out above apply to the Sub-Fund, subject to the following:–*

*A collective investment scheme authorised by the SFC under the Code is usually restricted under Chapter 7.1 of the Code from making investments which would result in the value of that collective investment scheme's holdings of the Securities of any single entity exceeding 10% of the collective investment scheme's total net asset value. For the Sub-Fund authorised under Chapter 8.6 of the Code as an index tracking ETF, given the investment objective of the Sub-Fund and nature of the index, the Sub-Fund is allowed under Chapter 8.6(h) of the Code to, notwithstanding Chapter 7.1 of the Code, hold investments in constituent Securities of any single entity exceeding 10% of the Sub-Fund's total Net Asset Value if such constituent Securities account for more than 10% of the weighting of the index and the Sub-Fund's holding of any such constituent Securities does not exceed their respective weightings in the index, except where the weightings are exceeded as a result of changes in the composition of the index and the excess is only transitional and temporary in nature.*

*However, the restrictions in 8.6(h)(i) and (ii) (as described above) do not apply if:*

- (1) the Sub-Fund adopts a representative sampling strategy which does not involve the full replication of the constituent Securities of the underlying index in the exact weightings of such index;*
- (2) the strategy is clearly disclosed in this Prospectus;*



- (3) *the excess of the weightings of the constituent Securities held by the Sub-Fund over the weightings in the index is caused by the implementation of the representative sampling strategy;*
- (4) *any excess weightings of the Sub-Fund's holdings over the weightings in the index must be subject to a maximum limit reasonably determined by the Sub-Fund after consultation with the SFC. In determining this limit, the Sub-Fund must consider the characteristics of the underlying constituent Securities, their weightings and the investment objectives of the index and any other suitable factors;*
- (5) *limits laid down by the Sub-Fund pursuant to point (4) above must be disclosed in this Prospectus;*
- (6) *disclosure must be made in the Sub-Fund's interim and annual reports as to whether the limits imposed by the Sub-Fund itself pursuant to the above point (4) have been complied with in full. If there is non-compliance with the said limits during the relevant reporting period, this must be reported to the SFC on a timely basis and an account for such non-compliance should be stated in the report relating to the period in which the non-compliance occurs or otherwise notified to investors.*

### **FDIs**

Subject always to the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Code and where specified in the section in respect of a Sub-Fund, the Manager may on behalf of the Sub-Fund enter into any FDI.

Where a Sub-Fund acquires FDIs for hedging purpose, such FDIs shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) they are not aimed at generating any investment return;
- (b) they are solely intended for the purpose of limiting, offsetting or eliminating the probability of loss of risks arising from the investments being hedged;
- (c) although they may not necessarily reference to the same underlying assets, they should relate to the same asset class with high correlation in terms of risks and return, and involve taking opposite positions, in respect of the investments being hedged; and
- (d) they should exhibit price movements with high negative correlation with the investments being hedged under normal market conditions.

Hedging arrangement should be adjusted or re-positioned, where necessary and with due consideration on the fees, expenses and costs, to enable the Sub-Fund to meet its hedging objective in stressed or extreme market conditions.

Where a Sub-Fund also acquires FDIs for non-hedging purposes ("investment purposes"), the limit that the Sub-Fund's net exposure relating to these FDIs ("net derivative exposure") shall not exceed 50% of its total Net Asset Value (unless otherwise approved by the SFC for the Sub-Fund pursuant to Chapters 8.8 or 8.9 of the Code). For the avoidance of doubt:

- (a) for the purpose of calculating net derivative exposure, the positions of FDIs acquired by the Sub-Fund for investment purposes are converted into the equivalent position in the underlying assets of the FDIs, taking into account the prevailing market value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, future market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions;

- (b) the net derivative exposure should be calculated in accordance with the requirements and guidance issued by the SFC which may be updated from time to time; and
- (c) FDIs acquired for hedging purposes will not be counted towards the 50% limit referred to in this paragraph so long as there is no residual derivative exposure arising from such hedging arrangement.

Subject to Chapters 7.26 and 7.28 of the Code, a Sub-Fund may invest in FDIs provided that the exposure to the underlying assets of the FDI, together with the other investments of the Sub-Fund, may not in aggregate exceed the corresponding investment restrictions or limitations applicable to such underlying assets and investments as set out in the relevant provisions of Chapter 7 of the Code.

The FDIs invested by a Sub-Fund shall be either listed or quoted on a stock exchange, or dealt in over-the-counter market and comply with the following provisions:

- (a) the underlying assets consist solely of shares in companies, debt Securities, money market instruments, units/shares of collective investment schemes, deposits with substantial financial institutions, Government and other Public Securities, highly-liquid physical commodities (including gold, silver, platinum and crude oil), financial indices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates or currencies or other asset classes acceptable to the SFC, in which the Sub-Fund may invest according to its investment objectives and policies. Where the Sub-Fund invests in index-based FDIs, the underlying assets of such FDIs are not required to be aggregated for the purposes of the investment restrictions or limitations set out in Chapters 7.1, 7.1A, 7.1B and 7.4 of the Code provided that the relevant index is in compliance with Chapter 8.6(e) of the Code;
- (b) the counterparties to over-the-counter FDI transactions or their guarantors are substantial financial institutions or such other entity acceptable to the SFC on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) under the section entitled "Investment Restrictions" above, the Sub-Fund's net counterparty exposure to a single entity arising from transactions of the over-the-counter FDIs may not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund. The exposure of the Sub-Fund to a counterparty of over-the-counter FDIs may be lowered by the collateral received (if applicable) by the Sub-Fund and shall be calculated with reference to the value of collateral and positive mark to market value of the over-the-counter FDIs with that counterparty, if applicable; and
- (d) the valuation of the FDIs is marked-to-market daily, subject to regular, reliable and verifiable valuation conducted by the Manager or the Trustee or their nominee(s), agent(s) or delegate(s) independent of the issuer of the FDIs through measures such as the establishment of a valuation committee or engagement of third party services. The FDIs can be sold, liquidated or closed by an offsetting transaction at any time at their fair value at the initiative of the Sub-Fund. Further, the calculation agent/ fund administrator should be adequately equipped with the necessary resources to conduct independent marked-to-market valuation and to verify the valuation of the FDIs on a regular basis.

### **Cover**

Where the Sub-Fund invests in any FDI, it shall at all times be capable of meeting all its payment and delivery obligations incurred under transactions in FDIs (whether for hedging or for investment purposes). The Manager shall, as part of its risk management process, monitor to ensure that the transactions in FDIs are adequately covered on an ongoing basis.

For the purposes herein, assets that are used to cover the Sub-Fund's payment and delivery obligations incurred under transactions in FDIs should be free from any liens and encumbrances, exclude any cash or near cash for the purpose of meeting a call on any sum unpaid on a Security, and cannot be applied for any other purposes.

A transaction in FDIs which gives rise to a future commitment or contingent commitment of the Sub-Fund should also be covered as follows:

- in the case of FDI transactions which will, or may at the Sub-Fund's discretion, be cash settled, the Sub-Fund should at all times hold sufficient assets that can be liquidated within a short timeframe to meet the payment obligation; and
- in the case of FDI transactions which will, or may at the counterparty's discretion, require physical delivery of the underlying assets, the Sub-Fund should hold the underlying assets in sufficient quantity at all times to meet the delivery obligation. If the Manager considers the underlying assets to be liquid and tradable, the Sub-Fund may hold other alternative assets in sufficient quantity as cover, provided that such assets may be readily converted into the underlying assets at any time to meet the delivery obligation. In the case of holding alternative assets as cover, the Sub-Fund should apply safeguard measures such as to apply haircut where appropriate to ensure that such alternative assets held are sufficient to meet its future obligations.

The above policies relating to FDIs apply to financial instruments which embed financial derivatives as well. For the purposes herein, an "embedded financial derivative" is a financial derivative instrument that is embedded in another Security.

### **Securities Financing Transactions**

Where specified in the section in respect of a Sub-Fund, the Sub-Fund may enter into securities lending transactions, sale and repurchase transactions, reverse repurchase transactions ("securities financing transactions"), provided that they are in the best interests of the Unitholders, the associated risks have been properly mitigated and addressed, and the counterparties to the securities financing transactions are financial institutions which are subject to ongoing prudential regulation and supervision.

If a Sub-Fund engages in securities financing transactions, it is subject to the following requirements:

- it shall have at least 100% collateralisation in respect of the securities financing transactions into which it enters to ensure there is no uncollateralised counterparty risk exposure arising from these transactions;
- all the revenues arising from securities financing transactions, net of direct and indirect expenses as reasonable and normal compensation for the services rendered in the context of the securities financing transactions, shall be returned to the Sub-Fund;
- it shall ensure that it is able to at any time to recall the securities or the full amount of cash (as the case may be) subject to the securities financing transactions or terminate the securities financing transactions into which it has entered.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no current intention for any Sub-Fund to engage in securities lending, sale and repurchase transactions and reverse repurchase transactions, but where a Sub-Fund does engage such transactions, prior approval shall be obtained from the SFC and the details of policy regarding securities financing transactions will be disclosed

in the Prospectus in accordance with the Code.

Please refer to the section in respect of each Sub-Fund in relation to the current strategy of the Sub-Fund in relation to securities financing transactions.

### ***Collateral***

Collateral received from counterparties shall comply with the following requirements:

- Liquidity – collateral must be sufficiently liquid and tradable that it can be sold quickly at a robust price that is close to pre-sale valuation. Collateral should normally trade in a deep and liquid marketplace with transparent pricing;
- Valuation – collateral should be marked-to-market daily by using independent pricing source;
- Credit quality – asset used as collateral must be of high credit quality and should be replaced immediately as soon as the credit quality of the collateral or the issuer of the asset being used as collateral has deteriorated to such a degree that it would undermine the effectiveness of the collateral;
- Haircut - collateral should be subject to prudent haircut policy which should be based on the market risks of the assets used as collateral in order to cover potential maximum expected decline in collateral values during liquidation before a transaction can be closed out with due consideration on stress period and volatile markets. For the avoidance of doubt, the price volatility of the asset used as collateral should be taken into account when devising the haircut policy;
- Diversification – collateral must be appropriately diversified to avoid concentrated exposure to any single entity and/or entities within the same group and the Sub-Fund's exposure to issuer(s) of the collateral should be taken into account in compliance with the investment restrictions and limitations set out in Chapters 7.1, 7.1A, 7.1B, 7.4, 7.5, 7.11, 7.11A, 7.11B and 7.14 of the Code;
- Correlation – the value of the collateral should not have any significant correlation with the creditworthiness of the counterparty or the issuer of the FDIs, or the counterparty of securities financing transactions in such a way that would undermine the effectiveness of the collateral. As such, securities issued by the counterparty or the issuer of the FDIs or any of their related entities should not be used as collateral;
- Management of operational and legal risks – the Manager shall have appropriate systems, operational capabilities and legal expertise for proper collateral management;
- Independent custody – collateral must be held by the Trustee;
- Enforceability – collateral must be readily accessible/enforceable by the Trustee without further recourse to the issuer of the FDIs, or the counterparty of the securities financing transactions;
- Re-investment of collateral - cash collateral received may only be reinvested in short-term deposits, high quality money market instruments and money market funds authorised under Chapter 8.2 of the Code or regulated in a manner generally comparable with the requirements of the SFC and acceptable to the SFC, and subject to corresponding investment restrictions or limitations applicable to such investments or exposure as set out in Chapter 7 of the Code. Non-cash collateral

received may not be sold, re-invested or pledged;

For the purpose herein, "money market instruments" refer to securities normally dealt in on the money markets, for example government bills, certificates of deposit, commercial papers, short-term notes and bankers' acceptances, etc. In assessing whether a money market instrument is of high quality, at a minimum, the credit quality and the liquidity profile of the money market instruments must be taken into account. Any re-investment of cash collateral shall be subject to the following further restrictions and limitations:

- (i) the portfolio of assets from re-investment of cash collateral shall comply with the requirements as set out in Chapter 8.2(f) and Chapter 8.2(n) of the Code;
  - (ii) cash collateral received is not allowed to be further engaged in any securities financing transactions; and
  - (iii) when the cash collateral received is reinvested into other investment(s), such investment(s) is/are not allowed to be engaged in any securities financing transactions.
- Encumbrances - collateral should be free of prior encumbrances; and
  - Collateral generally should not include (i) structured products whose payouts rely on embedded FDIs or synthetic instruments; (ii) securities issued by special purpose vehicles, special investment vehicles or similar entities; (iii) securitised products; or (iv) unlisted collective investment schemes.

For the avoidance of doubt, there is no current intention for any Sub-Fund to receive any collateral in view of the current strategy of the Sub-Funds, but where a Sub-Fund does receive collateral, prior approval shall be obtained from the SFC and the relevant collateral policy and criteria will be disclosed in the Prospectus in accordance with the Code. Please refer to the section in respect of each Sub-Fund in relation to the current strategy of the Sub-Fund in relation to the use of FDIs.

### ***Borrowing Restrictions***

The Manager may borrow cash of up to 10% of the total Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund for the following purposes:

- facilitating the creation or redemption of Units or defraying operating expenses;
- enabling the Manager to acquire Securities for the account of any Sub-Fund; or
- any other proper purpose as may be agreed by the Manager and the Trustee from time to time.

The assets of the Sub-Fund may be charged or pledged as security for any such borrowings. For the avoidance of doubt, back-to-back loans will not be taken into account when determining whether or not the 10% limit mentioned above has been breached by the Sub-Fund. For the avoidance of doubt, securities lending transactions and sale and repurchase transactions in compliance with the requirements as set out in the Code are not borrowings for the purpose of, and are not subject to such borrowing limitations.

***General***

Unless otherwise stated in a section specific to a Sub-Fund, and other than borrowing (up to the restrictions set out in this Prospectus), none of the Sub-Funds intend to employ any leverage.

If any of the investment and borrowing restrictions are breached, the Manager shall as a priority objective take all steps as are necessary within a reasonable period of time to remedy the situation, taking due account of the interests of Unitholders. The Manager is not immediately required to sell applicable investments if any of the investment restrictions are exceeded as a result of changes in the value of the Sub-Fund's investments, reconstructions or amalgamations, payments out of the assets of the Sub-Fund or redemptions of Units but for so long as such limits are exceeded, the Manager shall not acquire any further investments which would result in such limit being further breached.

### **DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The Net Asset Value of a Sub-Fund shall be determined at the Valuation Point on each Dealing Day (or at such other time as the Manager and the Trustee may determine) by valuing the assets of the Sub-Fund and deducting the liabilities of the Sub-Fund in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.

The Trust Deed provides, inter alia, that the value of investments in a Sub-Fund shall be determined as follows:

- (a) the value of any investment quoted, listed or normally dealt in on any stock exchange, commodities exchange, futures exchange or over-the-counter market (other than an interest in a collective investment scheme) shall be calculated by reference to the last traded price on the principal stock exchange for such investments as at the close of business in such place on the relevant Dealing Day, provided that:
  - (i) if an investment is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on more than one market, and if the Manager, in its discretion, considers that the prices ruling on a stock exchange other than the principal stock exchange provide a fairer criterion of value in relation to any such investment, the Trustee may, upon the written instruction of the Manager, adopt such price;
  - (ii) in the case of any investment which is quoted, listed or normally dealt in on a market but in respect of which, for any reason, prices on that market may not be available at any relevant time, the value thereof shall be certified by such firm or institution making a market in such investment as may be appointed for such purpose by the Manager, or, if the Trustee so requires, by the Manager after consultation with the Trustee;
  - (iii) there shall be taken into account interest accrued on interest-bearing investments up to (and including) the date as at which the valuation is made, unless such interest is included in the quoted or listed price;
- (b) the value of any investment which is not quoted, listed or ordinarily dealt in on a market shall be the initial value thereof ascertained as hereinafter provided or the value thereof as assessed on the latest revaluation thereof made in accordance with the provisions hereinafter provided. For this purpose:
  - (i) the initial value of an unquoted investment shall be the amount expended out of the relevant Sub-Fund in the acquisition thereof (including in each case the amount of the stamp duties, commissions and other expenses incurred in the acquisition thereof and the vesting thereof in the Trustee for the purposes of the Trust Deed);
  - (ii) the Manager may at any time and shall at such times or at such intervals as the Trustee may request, cause a revaluation to be made of any unquoted investment by a professional person recommended by the Manager in writing and approved by the Trustee as qualified to value such unquoted investment;

- (c) cash, deposits and similar investments shall be valued at their face value (together with accrued interest) unless, in the opinion of the Manager, any adjustment should be made to reflect the value thereof;
- (d) the value of each unit, share or other interest in any collective investment scheme which is valued as at the same day as the Sub-Funds shall be the net asset value per unit or share in such collective investment scheme as at that day or, if the Manager so determines, or if such collective investment scheme is not valued as at the same day as the Sub-Fund, the value of such interest shall be the latest published net asset value per unit, share or other interest in such collective investment scheme or (if the same is not available) the last published redemption or bid price of such unit, share or other interest;
- (e) notwithstanding the foregoing, the Manager may, at its absolute discretion, in consultation with the Trustee, permit some other valuation method to be used if they consider that such valuation better reflects the fair value
- (f) the value of any investment (whether of a Security or cash) otherwise than in the Base Currency shall be converted into the Base Currency at the rate (whether official or otherwise) which the Manager shall deem appropriate in the circumstances having regard to any premium or discount which may be relevant and to costs of exchange; and
- (g) if no net asset value, bid and offer prices or price quotations are available, the value of the relevant asset shall be determined from time to time in such manner as the Manager shall determine.

The term "last traded price" referred above, refers to the last traded price reported on the relevant exchange for the Business Day, commonly referred to in the market as the "settlement price" or "exchange price", and represents a price at which members of the exchange settle between them for their outstanding positions. Where a security has not traded, then the last traded price will be the "exchange close" price as calculated and published by the relevant exchange in accordance with that exchange's rules.

The Trustee and/or the Manager may:

- (a) rely without verification on price data and/or other information provided through electronic price feeds, mechanised and/or electronic systems of price/valuation dissemination for the purposes of valuing any assets of the Sub-Fund and the prices provided by any such system shall be deemed to be the last traded prices;
- (b) accept as sufficient evidence of the value of any asset of the Sub-Fund or the cost price or sale price thereof, any market quotation or certification by a calculation agent, broker, any professional person, firm or association qualified in the opinion of the Trustee or the Manager to provide such a quotation provided that nothing hereunder shall impose an obligation on the Trustee or the Manager (as the case may be) to obtain such a quotation or certification. If and to the extent that the Manager is responsible for or otherwise involved in the pricing of any of the Trust Fund's assets, the Trustee may accept, use and rely on such prices without verification; and



- (c) rely upon the established practice and rulings of any market and any committees and officials thereof on which any dealing in any assets of the Sub-Fund or other property is from time to time effected in determining what shall constitute a good delivery and any similar matters and such practice and rulings shall be conclusive and binding upon all persons under this Deed,

and the Trustee and the Manager shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the Trust, any Sub-Fund, any Unitholders or any other person in connection therewith except the Trustee and the Manager shall be respectively liable for losses which are due to fraud, wilful default or negligence on their part.

The Trustee may rely upon, and will not be responsible for the accuracy of, financial data furnished to it by third parties including the relevant calculation agent, automatic processing services, brokers, market makers or intermediaries, the Manager, and any administrator or valuations agent of other collective investments into which the Sub-Fund may invest. If and to the extent that the Manager is responsible for or otherwise involved in the pricing of any of the Sub-Fund's assets, the Trustee may accept, use and rely on such prices, without verification, in determining the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund and shall not be liable to the Trust, any Unitholder or any other person in doing so.

The annual financial report of each Sub-Fund will be prepared in accordance with IFRS. Investors should note that the above valuation policies may not necessarily comply with IFRS. Under IFRS, investments should be valued at fair value and bid and ask pricing is considered to be representative of fair value for long and short listed investments respectively. However, under the valuation basis described above, listed investments are expected to be valued at the last traded price instead of bid and ask pricing as required under IFRS. To the extent that the valuation basis adopted by the Trust deviates from IFRS, adjustments may be required to be made in the annual financial reports of the Trust in order to comply with IFRS, and if relevant will include a reconciliation note in the annual financial reports of the Trust to reconcile values shown in the annual financial reports determined under IFRS to those arrived at by applying the Trust's valuation rules. Otherwise, non-compliance with IFRS may result in the auditors issuing a qualified or an adverse opinion on the annual financial reports depending on the nature and level of materiality of the non-compliance.

## **SUSPENSION OF DEALING OR DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE OF THE SUB-FUNDS**

The Manager may, after consultation with the Trustee, having regard to the best interests of Unitholders declare on the website maintained by the Manager for a Sub-Fund or through such other means as the Manager considers appropriate a suspension of dealing of the Units, and/or the determination of the Net Asset Value, of a Sub-Fund for the whole or any part of any period during which:

- (a) there is a closure of or the restriction or suspension of trading on any securities market on which a substantial part of the investments of the Sub-Fund is normally traded or a breakdown in any of the means normally employed by the Manager or the Trustee (as the case may be) in ascertaining the prices of investments or determining the Net Asset Value or the Issue Price or Redemption Price of a Unit;
- (b) for any other reason, a substantial part of the investments of the Sub-Fund has been suspended on any securities market which they are normally traded;
- (c) there is a suspension of trading of the relevant Units on the securities market on which such Units are normally traded;
- (d) for any other reason, the prices of investments held or contracted for by the Manager for the account of the Sub-Fund cannot, in the opinion of the Manager, reasonably, promptly and fairly be ascertained;
- (e) in the opinion of the Manager, it is not reasonably practicable to realize any investments held or contracted for the account of the Sub-Fund or it is not possible to do so without seriously prejudicing the interests of Unitholders of the Sub-Fund;
- (f) the remittance or repatriation of funds which will or may be involved in the redemption of, or in the payment for, the investments of the Sub-Fund or the subscription or redemption of any classes of Unit is delayed or cannot, in the opinion of the Manager, be carried out promptly at normal exchange rates; or
- (g) the Underlying Index is not compiled or published.

Upon declaration of the suspension by the Manager, the suspension shall take effect. During the suspension,

- (a) there shall be no dealing and/or determination of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund;
- (b) the Manager shall have the absolute discretion to suspend an Application received prior to the suspension;
- (c) the Manager shall have the absolute discretion, in respect of a valid Redemption Application received and accepted prior to the suspension, to delay conducting any action which would otherwise be undertaken in respect of such a Redemption Application (such as the transfer of the relevant Index Securities or payment of the Cash Component (if any));

- (d) no Applications shall be made by any of the Participating Dealers; and
- (e) no Units shall be created and issued or redeemed for the account of the Sub-Fund.

The suspension shall terminate (a) when the Manager, after giving notice to the Trustee, declares the suspension at an end, or (b) in any event on the day following the first Business Day on which the condition giving rise to the suspension ceases to exist; and no other condition under which suspension shall be declared exists.

As soon as reasonably practicable after the termination of suspension, the Manager shall publish a notice of such termination on the website maintained by the Manager for the Sub-Fund or through such other means as the Manager considers appropriate.

A Participating Dealer may at any time after a suspension has been declared and before termination of such suspension withdraw an Application submitted prior to such suspension by notice in writing to the Manager and not accepted by the Manager and the Manager shall promptly notify the Trustee accordingly. If the Manager and the Trustee have not received any such notification of withdrawal of such Application before termination of such suspension, the Trustee shall, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed, create and issue Units or redeem Units in respect of such Application and such Application shall be deemed to be received immediately following the termination of such suspension.

### **SUSPENSION OF DEALING IN UNITS ON THE SEHK**

Dealing in Units on the SEHK, or trading on the SEHK generally, may at any time be suspended by the SEHK subject to any conditions imposed by the SEHK if the SEHK considers it necessary for the protection of investors or for the maintenance of an orderly market or in such other circumstances as the SEHK may consider appropriate.

Investors should also refer to the section on “Suspension of Dealing or Determination of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Funds” above for information on what may happen if dealing in Units of a Sub-Fund on the SEHK is suspended.

### **DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

The Manager may in its absolute discretion distribute income to Unitholders at such time or times as it may determine in each financial year or determine that no distribution shall be made in any financial year. The amount to be distributed to Unitholders, if any, will be derived from the net income of the relevant Index Fund. No amount payable to Unitholders in respect of any distribution shall bear interest.

On a distribution by an Index Fund the Registrar, in accordance with the instructions of the Manager, will allocate the amounts available for distribution between Unitholders and will pay such amounts to Unitholders. The Trustee is not responsible for any error in such allocation or for any incorrect payment or failure by the Registrar to make any such payment.

Amounts to be distributed in respect of each Unit of a class shall be rounded to nearest unit (being the smallest denomination commonly in use) of the relevant Index Fund's currency of account. Any amount of income not distributed, in accordance with the Trust Deed and unclaimed for six years after the relevant distribution date shall be deemed to form part of the Income Property of the relevant Index Fund and any right a Unitholder (or any person claiming through, under or in trust for him) may previously have had in respect of such undistributed income shall be forfeited.

## **FEES AND CHARGES**

For details of the amount of fees and charges currently applicable to the Sub-Funds, please refer to Schedule 1 to this Prospectus.

### ***Management Fees and Servicing Fee***

The Manager may charge management fee and servicing fee up to 2% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Index Fund. The applicable rate for the Sub-Fund is set out in Schedule 1 to this Prospectus. The Manager may at any time decrease the rate of management fees or servicing fee in respect of any class of Units of an Index Fund. The Manager may also, on giving not less than 3 months' notice to Unitholders (or such shorter notice as the SFC may approve), increase the rate of management fee or servicing fee payable in respect of any class of Units of an Index Fund up to or towards the maximum rate of 2% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Index Fund accrued daily and calculated as at each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears.

Further details of the management fees and servicing fees in respect of the Sub-Funds are set out in Schedule 1 to this Prospectus.

### ***Trustee Fee***

Under the terms of the Trust Deed, the Trustee may, after consulting the Manager, on giving not less than 3 months' written notice to the relevant Unitholders (or such shorter notice as the SFC may approve), increase the rate of the trustee fee payable in respect of an Index Fund up to or towards the maximum rate of one per cent (1%) per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Index Fund accrued daily and calculated as at each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears.

The Trustee may from time to time and as the Trustee thinks fit, appoint such person or persons (including a Connected Person) as Custodian, co-Custodian or sub-Custodian of the whole or any part of the assets of an Index Fund and may empower any such Custodian, or co-Custodian to appoint sub-Custodian with the Trustee's prior consent in writing.

The assets of the Trust will currently be under the custody of the Trustee. As and when the appointment of a Custodian, co-Custodian or sub-Custodian (other than the Trustee itself) should in the view of the Trustee be necessary, the fees and expenses of such Custodian, co-Custodian and sub-Custodian shall be paid out of the relevant Index Fund. The Manager and Trustee will take reasonable care to ensure that such fees are reasonable and align with prevailing market rates as and when such appointment is necessary.

Further details of the trustee fee in respect of the Sub-Funds are set out in Schedule 1 to this Prospectus.

### ***Registrar's Fee***

The Registrar may charge a fee based on the number of Unitholders on the register or on the number of redemptions, creations or transfers in respect of any Index Fund. Currently, the Trustee does not charge any additional charges for acting as the Registrar

of the Sub-Funds.

In addition, the Registrar will be reimbursed for all of its out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with performing its services such as the cost of postage, envelopes and the Unit certificates (if any).

### ***Conversion Agent's Fee***

Under the terms of the conversion agency agreement entered into among the Manager, the Conversion Agent and HKSCC, the Manager, on behalf of the Trust, will pay all fees chargeable by the Conversion Agent in connection with the Conversion Agent's role (including any Conversion Agent's Fee that is charged upon which a Creation Application or Redemption Application is made which is, in turn payable by the Participating Dealer). Please refer to Note 2 and Note 4 under Schedule 1 "Fees and Charges" in this Prospectus for further information on the Conversion Agent's fees.

### ***Service Agent's Fee***

A Service Agent's Fee of HK\$1,000 is payable by each Participating Dealer to the Service Agent for each book-entry deposit transaction or book-entry withdrawal transaction.

### ***Other Charges and Expenses***

Each Index Fund shall bear the costs set out in the Trust Deed which are directly attributable to it. Where such costs are attributable to all the Index Funds, unless otherwise stated in the section for an Index Fund, each Index Fund will bear such costs in proportion to its respective net asset value or in such other manner as the Manager shall consider appropriate. Such costs include but are not limited to the costs incurred in the establishment, structuring, management and administration of the Trust and the Index Funds, the costs of investing and realizing the investments of the Index Funds, the charges, fees, expenses, taxes or other duties in obtaining collateral, credit support, or implementing other measures or arrangements in mitigating the counterparty risk or other exposures of the Index Funds, the fees and expenses of Registrar, Conversion Agent or Service Agent (as the case may be), Custodians and sub-Custodians of the assets of the Trust, the fees and expenses of the auditors, the fees payable to the Index Provider, valuation costs, legal fees, the costs incurred in connection with any listing or regulatory approval, the costs of holding meetings of Unitholders and the costs incurred in the preparation and printing of any explanatory memorandum, any audited financial reports or interim financial reports which are distributed to the Unitholders.

In addition to the above, Unitholders may be required to pay any requisite governmental tax, stamp duty, registration fee, custody and nominee charges as may be required in the purchase or sale of the Units in an Index Fund. Fees payable by retail investors dealing in the Units on the SEHK are set out under the "Fees Payable by Retail Investors Dealing in Units on the SEHK" set out in Schedule 1 to this Prospectus.

### ***Broker Commissions***

It is expected that brokerage or other agency transactions for the account of the Trust may be executed through affiliates of the Manager. However, for so long as an Index Fund is

authorized by the SFC, the Manager shall ensure that it complies with the following requirements when transacting with brokers or dealers connected to the Manager, the investment delegate, the Trustee or any of their Connected Persons, save to the extent permitted under the Code or any waiver in respect of any of the above restrictions obtained from the SFC:

- (a) such transactions are on arm's length terms;
- (b) the Manager has used due care in the selection of brokers or dealers and ensure that they are suitably qualified in the circumstances;
- (c) the transaction execution is consistent with the best execution standards;
- (d) the fee or commission paid to any such broker or dealer in respect of a transaction shall not be greater than that which is payable at the prevailing market rate for a transaction of that size and nature;
- (e) the Manager shall monitor such transactions to ensure compliance with its obligations; and
- (f) the nature of such transactions and the total commissions and other quantifiable benefits received will be disclosed in the relevant Index Fund's annual report.

#### ***Soft Dollar Benefits***

The Manager (and its Connected Persons) will not receive any soft dollar commissions or enter into any soft dollar arrangements in respect of the management of the Index Funds. The Manager (and its Connected Persons) will not retain any cash rebates from any broker or dealer.

The Manager shall not obtain any rebate on any fees or charges levied by a Collective Investment Scheme in which an Index Fund invests, or any such fees or charges levied by the management company of such schemes.



## **TAXATION**

The following summary of Hong Kong taxation is of a general nature, is for information purposes only, and is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own, redeem or otherwise dispose of Units. This summary does not constitute legal or tax advice and does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of Unitholders. Prospective Unitholders should consult their own professional advisers as to the implications of their subscribing for, purchasing, holding, redeeming or disposing of Units both under the laws and practice of Hong Kong and the laws and practice of their respective jurisdictions. The information below is based on the law and practice in force in Hong Kong at the date of this Prospectus. The relevant laws, rules and practice relating to tax are subject to change and amendment (and such changes may be made on a retrospective basis). As such, there can be no guarantee that the summary provided below will continue to be applicable after the date of this Prospectus. Furthermore, tax laws can be subject to different interpretations and no assurance can be given that relevant tax authorities will not take a contrary position to the tax treatments described below.

### **Hong Kong Taxation**

#### ***Profits Tax***

##### ***The Sub-Funds***

As each Sub-Fund has been authorised as a collective investment scheme constituted as a unit trust by the SFC under Section 104 of the SFO, profits of the Sub-Funds are exempt from Hong Kong Profits Tax.

#### ***Stamp Duty***

No Hong Kong ad valorem stamp duty is payable on the issue of Units or on the redemption of Units.

No Hong Kong stamp duty is payable where the sale or transfer of the Units is effected by the Manager, who then either extinguishes the Units or re-sells the Units to another person within two months thereof.

Pursuant to the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2015, stamp duty payable in respect of any sale or purchase or transfer in the shares or units of an exchange traded fund (as defined in Part 1 to Schedule 8 of the Stamp Duty Ordinance) on the SEHK is not payable. Accordingly sale or purchase or transfers of Units do not attract Hong Kong stamp duty and no Hong Kong stamp duty is payable by Unitholders on sale or purchase or any transfer of the Units.

#### ***Impacts of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act and any other similar regulations***

Under provisions of U.S. federal income tax law commonly referred to as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("**FATCA**"), certain payments of US source income (including, for example, interest and dividends and the gross proceeds from the disposition of certain US assets that can produce US source income) to foreign financial institutions ("**FFIs**") are

subject to a new 30 percent withholding tax beginning 1 July 2014. The Trust is likely to be an FFI and is therefore affected by FATCA.

FFIs may avoid FATCA withholding by registering with the US Internal Revenue Service ("**IRS**") and undertaking certain US tax compliance and reporting obligations. Pursuant to these obligations, an FFI such as the Trust will have to obtain certain Trust Information (as defined below) from any "Consenting Persons" (as defined below) who are US persons for US federal income tax purposes and seek their consent to report, disclose and/or transfer such Trust Information to the IRS.

Each of the HK Dividend ETF, the CGB ETF, Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF has obtained a Global Intermediary Identification Number:

HK Dividend ETF	VVJD43.99999.SL.344
CGB ETF	70X5Q0.99999.SL.344
Multi-Factor ETF	3CI8MV.99999.SL.344
Quality Factor ETF	RRSVM9.99999.SL.344
5HANDL ETF	HQBJ0J.99999.SL.344
AI and Robotics ETF	YXH4J4.99999.SL.344

A "**Consenting Person**" includes: any investor in the Trust; where the investor is an entity, its substantial owner and controlling person; and where the investor holds units of the Trust for the account or benefit of other person(s) or entity(ies), those other person(s) or entity(ies).

"**Trust Information**" includes: (a)(i) where the Consenting Person is an individual, his or her full name, date of birth, place of birth, residential address, mailing address, tax identification number, citizenships, residencies and tax residencies; (ii) where the Consenting Person is an entity or corporate, its full name, place of incorporation or formation, registered address, address of place of business, tax identification number, tax status, tax residency, and such information as the Trustee may reasonably require regarding each of its substantial owners, controlling persons, beneficiaries and settlors (if applicable); (b) in respect of an account through which a Consenting Person may receive or claim benefits or payments from the Trust, the account balance, account value, account number, contributions paid to account and amounts withdrawn or paid from the account; (c) any other documentation or information relating, directly or indirectly, to the tax status of the Consenting Person, e.g. IRS Form W-8 or IRS Form W-9; and (d) any accompanying statements, waivers, and consents, in such form and in such manner, as the Trustee and/or the Manager may from time to time reasonably require.

In addition, the Trust may from time to time be subject to any treaty, law, regulation, rules, codes of practice, guidelines, guidance in other jurisdictions or any other inter-governmental agreements between governments or authorities of two or more jurisdictions, which, together with FATCA, are collectively known as the "**Applicable Laws and**

## **Regulations".**

Each Consenting Person will be required to complete and sign such documents and take such actions for the purposes of ensuring compliance with the Applicable Laws and Regulations by the Trust, the Manager and/or the Trustee.

Without prejudice to the generality of the preceding paragraph, for the purposes of ensuring compliance with the Applicable Laws and Regulations, investors in the Trust will generally be required to provide to the Trust the Trust Information of themselves, and if the investors are entities and/or holding units of the Trust for the account or benefit of other person(s) or entity(ies) (i.e. beneficiaries), the Trust Information of themselves as well as of their substantial owners and controlling persons and, as applicable, the beneficiaries. Also, where: (a) there is a change of circumstances which may render any of the Trust Information out-of-date; or (b) there is a change of circumstances with respect to a Consenting Person that causes the Trustee and/or the Manager to know or have reason to know that any of the Trust Information is incorrect, unreliable or out-of-date, the relevant Consenting Person must promptly (in any event within 30 days of the change), in such form and in such manner as the Trustee and/or the Manager may reasonably from time to time require, provide to the Trustee and the Manager the updated Trust Information. Each Consenting Person will have to consent to the Manager's and the Trustee's processing, transferring and/or disclosing the Trust Information to any local and/or foreign authorities, and confirm the accuracy of the Trust Information (including any update to the Trust Information). In providing the Trust Information of the relevant Consenting Person(s) to the Trust, the Consenting Person in question: (a) consents to the reporting, disclosure and/or transfer of such Trust Information of himself / herself / itself to any local and/or foreign authorities; (b) confirms that it / he / she has obtained the consent of each such other Consenting Person to the reporting, disclosure and/or transfer of such Trust Information of each such other Consenting Person to any local and/or foreign authorities (if applicable); and (c) confirms the accuracy of the Trust Information of himself / herself / itself and, if applicable, that of each such other Consenting Person.

Where: (i) an investor fails to provide such Trust Information to the Trust as the Manager and/or the Trustee reasonably require; (ii) the Trust Information provided in relation to any Consenting Person is inaccurate, incomplete or not promptly updated; or (iii) the Manager and/or the Trustee are prevented from disclosing the Trust Information for whatever reason, the Trust may be subject to certain withholding tax with respect all or a portion of any payments to the Trust (e.g. investment returns as a result of any investment made by the Trust), and the Trust, Trustee and/or the Manager may take any action in good faith and on reasonable grounds, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law, to ensure compliance with the Applicable Laws and Regulations. Such actions include but are not limited to any actions in relation to the investor's units of the Trust or redemption proceeds to ensure that such withholding is economically borne by the investor whose failure to provide the necessary Trust Information or comply with such requirements gave rise to the withholding; for instance, compulsorily redeeming units of the investor by the Manager and report, disclose and/or transfer such Trust Information by the Trust, the Manager and/or the Trustee with respect to an investor to the local and/or foreign authorities at any time (including, if applicable, after the units of the investors have been redeemed for whatever reason), provided that any reporting, disclosure and transfer of Trust Information will be consistent with the applicable regulations governing the use of personal data in Hong

Kong (including the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, as amended from time to time).

The Trust, the Trustee and the Manager each intends to ensure the Trust's compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations. However, neither the Trust, the Trustee nor the Manager can provide any assurances that the Trust will be able to comply with the Applicable Laws and Regulations. If the Trust does not comply with the Applicable Laws and Regulations, the application of withholding taxes, deductions, or penalties due to any non-compliance may adversely affect the net asset value per Unit and therefore cause investors to suffer a material loss. If any investor has any doubt on the impact of the Applicable Laws and Regulations on itself / himself / herself or its / his / her tax position, the investor should seek independent professional advice.

THE TAX DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT (1) MAY NOT BE RELIED UPON, AND WAS NOT INTENDED TO, PROVIDE PENALTY PROTECTION UNDER THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND (2) IS WRITTEN TO MARKET THE UNITS. WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE GENERALITY OF THE SUB-SECTION "**GENERAL**" UNDER THIS SECTION "**TAXATION**", ALL PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN PERSONAL LEGAL AND TAX ADVISERS CONCERNING ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES, WHICH MAY ARISE FROM THEIR INVESTMENT, OWNERSHIP, OR BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE TRUST.

#### ***Hong Kong requirements regarding tax reporting***

The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.3) Ordinance (the "**Ordinance**") came into force on 30 June 2016. This is the legislative framework for the implementation in Hong Kong of the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information ("**AEOI**"). The AEOI requires financial institutions ("**FI**") in Hong Kong to collect information relating to non-Hong Kong tax residents holding accounts with FIs, and exchange such information with the jurisdiction(s) in which that account holder is resident. Generally, tax information will be exchanged only with jurisdictions with which Hong Kong has a Competent Authority Agreement ("**CAA**"); however, the Trust and/or its agents may further collect information relating to residents of other jurisdictions.

The Trust is a collective investment scheme within the definition set out in the SFO that is resident in Hong Kong, and is accordingly an investment entity with obligations to report as a financial institution in accordance with the Ordinance. This means that the Trust and/or its agents shall collect and provide to the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department ("**IRD**") tax information relating to Unitholders and prospective investors.

The AEOI rules as implemented by Hong Kong require the Trust to, amongst other things: (i) register the Trust's status as a "Reporting Financial Institution" with the IRD; (ii) conduct due diligence on its accounts to identify whether any such accounts are considered "Reportable Accounts" for AEOI purposes; and (iii) report to the IRD information on such Reportable Accounts. The IRD is expected on an annual basis to transmit the information reported to it to the government authorities of the relevant jurisdictions with which Hong Kong has signed a CAA. Broadly, AEOI contemplates that Hong Kong FIs should report on: (i) individuals or entities that are tax resident in a jurisdiction with which Hong Kong has signed a CAA; and (ii) certain entities controlled by individuals who are tax resident in such other jurisdiction. Under the Ordinance, details of Unitholders, including but not limited to their name, jurisdiction of birth, address, tax residence, account details, account balance/value, and income or sale or

redemption proceeds, may be reported to the IRD and subsequently exchanged with government authorities in the relevant jurisdictions of tax residence.

By investing in the Sub-Funds and/or continuing to invest in the Sub-Funds, Unitholders acknowledge that they may be required to provide additional information to the Trust, the Manager and/or the Trust's agents in order for the Trust to comply with AEOL. The Unitholder's information (and information on beneficial owners, beneficiaries, direct or indirect shareholders or other persons associated with such Unitholders that are not natural persons), may be communicated by the IRD to authorities in other jurisdictions. The failure of a Unitholder to provide any requested information, may result in the Trust, the Manager and/or other agents of the Trust taking any action and/or pursue remedies at their disposal including, without limitation, mandatory redemption or withdrawal of the Unitholder concerned in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, exercised by the Manager acting in good faith and on reasonable grounds.

Each Unitholder and prospective investor should consult its own professional advisor(s) on the administrative and substantive implications of AEOL on its current or proposed investment in the Sub-Funds.

### ***The Unitholders***

Unitholders should not be subject to any Hong Kong profits tax (whether by way of withholding or otherwise) on distributions by the Sub-Funds in accordance with the practice of the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong (as at the date of this Prospectus).

Hong Kong profits tax (which is currently charged at the rate of 16.5% for corporations, and 15% for individuals or unincorporated business) will arise on any gains or profits made on the sale, redemption or other disposal of the Units where the profits, not being regarded as capital in nature, arise from a trade, profession or business carried on by a Unitholder in Hong Kong and are sourced in Hong Kong. Unitholders should take advice from their own professional advisers as to their particular tax position.

Pursuant to the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2015, stamp duty is not payable in respect of any sale or purchase or transfer in the shares or units of an exchange traded fund (as defined in Part 1 to Schedule 8 of the Stamp Duty Ordinance) on the SEHK. Accordingly sale or purchase or transfer of Units does not attract Hong Kong stamp duty and no Hong Kong stamp duty is payable by Unitholders on sale or purchase or any transfer of the Units.

### **Other Jurisdictions**

#### ***The Sub-Funds***

Notwithstanding that profits or income of the Trust and each Sub-Fund are exempt from Hong Kong profits tax, the Trust and the Sub-Funds may be subject to tax in certain jurisdictions, such as the U.S. or the United Kingdom, where investments are made on income and/or capital gains derived from such investments. The Trust or a Sub-Fund may also be indirectly subject to withholding tax on any cash dividends and distributions that the Trust or the Sub-Fund receives from investment in other jurisdictions. As such, any distribution to Unitholders will be net of such taxes, if applicable.

## **General**

Investors should consult their professional financial advisers on the consequences to them of acquiring, holding, realizing, transferring or selling Units under the relevant laws of the jurisdictions to which they are subject, including the tax consequences, stamping and denoting requirements and any exchange control requirements. These consequences, including the availability of, and the value of, tax relief to investors will vary with the law and practice of the investors' country of citizenship, residence, domicile or incorporation and their personal circumstances.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### ***Financial Reports***

The Sub-Funds' year end is 31 December in each year. In respect of the CGB ETF, the first accounting period was from the close of its Initial Offer Period to 31 December 2018. In respect of the Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF, the first accounting period is from the close of its Initial Offer Period to 31 December 2019.

Audited financial reports in English only will be available on the Manager's website within four (4) months of the end of each financial year. Half-yearly unaudited reports are also to be prepared up to the last Dealing Day in June of each year and be available in English only on the Manager's website within two (2) months of such date. The webpage for each Sub-Fund is as follows:

HK Dividend ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070</a>
CGB ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080</a>
Multi-Factor ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3163">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3163</a>
Quality Factor ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166</a>
5HANDL ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198</a>
AI and Robotics ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023</a>

Hard copies of these financial reports may also be obtained at the offices of the Manager at Suite 2301, 23rd Floor, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong during normal business hours on any day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays). A notice notifying the investors of the availability of the relevant financial reports will be published by the Manager on the Manager's website at the time when such financial reports are published.

The first audited annual financial report of the CGB ETF was published on or around 30 April 2019, covering the period between the close of its Initial Offer Period and 31 December 2018.

The first audited annual financial report of each of the Multi-Factor ETF, Quality Factor ETF, 5HANDL ETF and AI and Robotics ETF will be published on or before 30 April 2020, covering the period between the close of its Initial Offer Period and 31 December 2019.

Such reports will contain a statement of the value of the net assets of the Sub-Funds and the investments comprising its portfolio, including a list of the constituent securities of the Underlying Index, if any, that each accounts for more than ten per cent (10%) of the weighting of the Underlying Index as at the end of the relevant period and their respective weightings showing any limit adopted by the Sub-Funds have been complied with. Such reports will also provide a comparison of the Sub-Funds' performance and the actual performance of their respective Underlying Index over the relevant period.

### ***Publication of Information Relating to the Sub-Funds***

The Manager shall publish the near real time Net Asset Value per Unit of each Sub-Fund on the Manager's website on each Dealing Day. The webpage for each Sub-Fund is as follows:

HK Dividend ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070</a>
CGB ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080</a>
Multi-Factor ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3163">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3163</a>
Quality Factor ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3166</a>
5HANDL ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3198</a>
AI and Robotics ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023</a>

The Manager shall also publish the following information in both English and Chinese languages in respect of each Sub-Fund on the Manager's website including:

- this Prospectus and the product key facts statement (as amended and supplemented from time to time);
- the latest annual and semi-annual financial reports of the Sub-Funds (available in English only);
- any public announcements made by the Sub-Funds, including information in relation to the Sub-Funds and the relevant Underlying Index, notices of the suspension of the calculation of Net Asset Value, changes in fees and charges, the suspension and resumption of trading of Units;
- full portfolio information of each of the Sub-Funds (updated on a daily basis);
- the near real time indicative Net Asset Value per Unit updated every 15 seconds throughout each Dealing Day in the Base Currency of a Sub-Fund, and if the trading currency is different from the Base Currency, also in the trading currency;
- the last Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per Unit in the Base Currency of a Sub-Fund and, if the trading currency is different from the Base Currency, also in the trading currency;
- list of Participating Dealer and Market Maker;
- the ongoing charges figure and the past performance information of a Sub-Fund; and
- the annual tracking difference and tracking error of a Sub-Fund.

For the CGB ETF, the near real time indicative Net Asset Value per Unit in HKD are indicative and for reference only. This is updated every 15 seconds during SEHK



trading hours. The near real time indicative Net Asset Value per Unit in HKD do not use a real time HKD:RMB foreign exchange rate – it is calculated using the near real time indicative Net Asset Value per Unit in RMB, multiplied by an assumed foreign exchange rate as determined by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority for offshore RMB (CNH) on the previous SEHK trading day. Since the indicative Net Asset Value per Unit in RMB will not be updated when the PRC inter-bank bond market is closed, the changes in the indicative Net Asset Value per Unit in HKD (if any) during such period is solely due to the change in the foreign exchange rate.

The last Net Asset Value per Unit in HKD is indicative and for reference only and is calculated using the last Net Asset Value per Unit in RMB multiplied by an assumed foreign exchange rate as determined by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority for offshore RMB (CNH) as of the same Dealing Day.

The webpage for each Sub-Fund is as follows:

HK Dividend ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3070</a>
CGB ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3080</a>
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AI and Robotics ETF	<a href="http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023">http://asset.pingan.com.hk/eng/3023</a>

In addition, the Index Provider shall publish the CSI HK Dividend and CGB Index on its website ([www.csindex.com.cn](http://www.csindex.com.cn)). The Multi-Factor ETF and the Quality Factor ETF will be published on MSCI's website ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)). The 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF will be published on Nasdaq's website ([www.nasdaq.com](http://www.nasdaq.com)).

### ***Removal and Retirement of the Trustee and the Manager***

#### ***The Trustee***

Subject to the prior written approval of the SFC, the Trustee may retire from office by giving not less than ninety (90) days' written notice (or such shorter period of notice as the SFC may approve) to the Manager and the Unitholders PROVIDED THAT adequate arrangements have been made for another trustee approved by the SFC to assume responsibility for the administration of the Trust and for the Trustee's interest in the assets of the Trust to be transferred to that trustee.

The Trustee may be removed by prior notice in writing to the Trustee by the Manager in any of the following events:

- (a) if the Trustee goes into liquidation (except a voluntary liquidation for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation upon terms previously approved in writing by the Manager) or if a receiver is appointed over any of its assets or if a judicial manager is appointed in respect of the Trustee (or any such analogous process occurs or any analogous person is appointed in respect of the Trustee);

- (b) if the Trustee ceases to carry on business; and
- (c) when the Manager gives not less than 90 days' prior notice (or such shorter period of notice as the SFC may approve) in writing to the Trustee to remove the Trustee from the trusteeship of the Trust provided that the Manager determines that the removal of the Trustee is not materially adverse to the interests of the Unitholders and that the Manager notifies the Unitholders in writing of the removal of the Trustee.

In any of such events the Manager shall (with, for so long as the Trust is authorised by the SFC, the prior written consent of the SFC) appoint any other company qualified to act as trustee under the proper law of the Trust as the new trustee of the Trust and the outgoing Trustee shall upon receipt of notice by the Manager promptly execute such deed (in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed) as the Manager shall require reasonably appointing the new trustee as trustee of the Trust and the outgoing Trustee shall thereafter ipso facto cease to be the Trustee. The removal of the Trustee and the appointment of its successor shall take effect simultaneously.

#### The Manager

The Manager must be subject to removal by 3 months' notice in writing from the Trustee in either of the following events:

- (a) for good and sufficient reason, the Trustee states in writing that a change in the Manager is desirable in the interest of the Unitholders; or
- (b) Unitholders of the Trust representing at least 50% in value of the Units outstanding (excluding those held or deemed to be held by the Manager or the Participating Dealers) deliver to the Trustee a written request to dismiss the Manager.

The Manager must also be subject to removal forthwith upon written notice from the Trustee if the Manager commences liquidation or has gone into receivership or has entered into any scheme of arrangement or compromise with its creditors.

If the SFC ceases to accept the Manager as the investment manager of the Trust, the Manager's appointment shall be terminated as at the date on which the SFC notified the Trust or being the effective date on which the SFC ceases to accept the Manager as the Manager of the Trust.

The Manager may retire as manager of the Trust at any time after giving 90 days' written notice, or any other period of notice as agreed to by the Trustee, to the Trustee provided that, and subject to the Trustee selecting a new manager being duly qualified under the Code, and acceptable to the SFC.

The retirement of the Manager will not be effective until the appointment of the new manager by the Trustee is approved in writing by the SFC. The Trustee shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after the appointment of a new Manager, given written notice to the Unitholders specifying the name and other relevant details of the new Manager.

### ***Termination of the Trust or the Sub-Funds***

The Sub-Funds shall terminate upon the termination of the Trust. The Trust shall continue for a period of 80 years from the date of the Trust Deed or until it is terminated in one of the ways set out below.

The Trust may be terminated by the Trustee by notice in writing to the Manager and the Unitholders as hereinafter provided if:

- (a) the Manager shall go into liquidation or if a receiver is appointed over any of their assets and not discharged within 60 days;
- (b) in the reasonable opinion of the Trustee, the Manager shall be incapable of performing or shall in fact fail to perform their duties satisfactorily or shall do any other thing which in the opinion of the Trustee is calculated to bring the Trust into disrepute or to be harmful to the interests of the Unitholders;
- (c) the Trust shall cease to be authorized pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance or if any law shall be passed which renders it illegal or in the opinion of the Trustee impracticable or inadvisable to continue the Trust;
- (d) the Manager shall have ceased to be the Manager and, within a period of 30 days thereafter, no other qualified corporation shall have been appointed by the Trustee as a successor Manager; and
- (e) the Trustee shall have given 90 days' notice to retire and such notice period has expired, and after a further ninety (90) days' written notice by the Trustee to the Manager (or such shorter period as agreed between the Trustee and the Manager), the Manager is unable to find a suitable and willing person to act as trustee.

The Trust and/or a Sub-Fund and/or any classes of Units relating to a Sub-Fund (as the case may be) may be terminated by the Manager in its absolute discretion by notice in writing to the Trustee and the Unitholders as hereinafter if:

- (a) at any time one year after the establishment thereof, in relation to the Trust, the aggregate Net Asset Value of all Units outstanding shall be less than HK\$200,000,000 or, in relation to a Sub-Fund, the aggregate Net Asset Value of the Units of the relevant classes outstanding shall be less than HK\$200,000,000;
- (b) the Sub-Fund (which is authorized by the SFC pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance) shall cease to be authorized pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance;
- (c) any law shall be passed which renders it illegal or in the good faith opinion of the Manager impracticable or inadvisable to continue the Trust and/or the Sub-Fund;
- (d) the Underlying Index of the Sub-Fund is no longer available for benchmarking,

unless the Manager determines (in consultation with the Trustee) that it is possible, feasible, practicable and in the best interests of the Unitholders to substitute another index for the Underlying Index;

- (e) the Units of the Sub-Fund are no longer listed on the SEHK or other securities market;
- (f) the Trust and/or the Sub-Fund ceases to have any Participating Dealer; or
- (g) the Trustee has ceased to be the Trustee and the Manager is unable to find a qualified corporation to act as trustee in place of the Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.

Notice will be given to Unitholders if the Trust or a Sub-Fund is terminated under the above circumstances. Such notice will be submitted to the SFC for prior approval.

A Sub-Fund may also be terminated by unanimous resolution of Unitholders of the class or classes relating thereto at a meeting convened in accordance with the Trust Deed and such termination shall take effect from the date as such resolution may provide.

Any unclaimed proceeds or other cash held by the Trustee under the provisions of the Trust Deed may at the expiration of twelve months from the date upon which the same were payable be paid into court subject to the right of the Trustee to deduct therefrom any expenses it may incur in making such payment.

#### ***Trust Deed***

The Trust was established under Hong Kong law by a trust deed dated 19 April 2010 (as may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time). All holders of Units are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and are deemed to have notice of the provisions of the Trust Deed.

#### ***Conflicts of Interests***

The Manager and the Trustee are not presently in any position of conflict in relation to the Trust.

However, the Manager and the Trustee may from time to time act as trustee, administrator, registrar, secretary, manager, custodian, investment manager or investment delegate or other functions as may be required from time to time in relation to, or be otherwise involved in or with, other funds and clients which have similar investment objectives to those of the Trust or any Index Fund.

Potential conflicts of interest may, for example, also arise in the following situations:

- (a) the Manager or any of its Connected Persons may enter into investments for the Trust as agent for the Trustee and may, with the consent of the Trustee, deal with the Trust as principal;
- (b) the Trustee, the Manager or any of their respective Connected Persons may have banking or other commercial relationships with any company or party which is the issuer of the Securities, financial instruments or investment products held by the Trust;

- (c) the Trustee, the Manager or any of their respective Connected Persons may hold and deal in Units or in investments held by the Trust either for their own account or for the account of their customers;
- (d) the monies of the Trust may be deposited with the Manager, the Trustee or any of their respective Connected Persons (being an institution licensed to accept deposits) or invested in certificates of deposit or banking instruments issued by any of them provided that such cash deposits shall be maintained in a manner that is in the best interests of the Unitholders, having regard to the prevailing commercial rate for a deposit of similar type, size and term, negotiated at arm's length in accordance with ordinary and normal course of business. Subject thereto, such institution shall be entitled to retain for its own use and benefit any benefit which it may derive from any cash for the time being in its hands (whether on current or deposit account) forming part of the relevant Index Fund.

In the event that a potential conflict of interest arises between the Manager or the Trustee with the Trust, the Manager and the Trustee will have regard to their respective obligations under the Trust Deed and to the Trust and Unitholders and will endeavour to act, so far as practicable, in the best interests of the Trust and the Unitholders. However, neither the Manager nor the Trustee shall be liable to account to the Trust or an Index Fund or any Unitholder for any profit or benefit made or derived thereby or in connection therewith.

Internal systems and controls are developed to ensure that in the event of conflicts of interests between an Index Fund and other funds and accounts managed by the Manager, all the funds and accounts (including the Index Funds) shall be treated fairly. With respect to the processing of trade orders placed by different parties, such process is automated and effected by our trading system, which automatically allocates trades in accordance with the time of the placement and the specific order instructions (e.g. price, volume limits). The order in which the trade allocation is made is not allowed to be adjusted except with the written consent of the officers designated as the Head of Investment and Head of Compliance of the Manager and the reasons for any such adjustment must be documented in full. The different teams of the Manager responsible for the portfolios of the Index Funds will not have discretion over the order in which trades can be allocated between different accounts.

Investment opportunities will not be allocated based, in whole or in part, on the relative fee structure or amount of fees paid by any client or fund or the profitability of any account or fund. Furthermore, key duties within the Manager are appropriately segregated to avoid apparent and potential conflicts of interest, and to ensure that price-sensitive information privy to any staff should not be available to staff outside those departments, except on a "need to know" basis. Proper Chinese walls are in place to restrict flow of confidential and inside information within the Manager.

#### ***Transaction with Connected Person***

All transactions carried out by or on behalf of an Index Fund will be executed at arm's length terms and in the best interests of the Unitholders, and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Any transactions between an Index Fund and the Manager, the investment delegate or any of their Connected Persons as principal may only be made with the prior written consent of the Trustee. All such transactions shall be disclosed in

the relevant Index Fund's accounts. Upon satisfying the requirements above and subject to applicable laws and regulations, there will be no obligation on the relevant party to account to the Trust or to Unitholders for any benefits arising from the aforementioned transactions and any such benefits may be retained by the relevant party. For so long as an Index Fund is authorized by the SFC, no more than 50% in aggregate of an Index Fund's transactions in any one financial period shall be carried out with or through a broker or dealer connected to the Manager or any of its Connected Persons of the Manager.

### ***Indemnification and Limitation of Liability***

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and the Manager and their relief from liability in certain circumstances. Unitholders and intending applicants are advised to consult the terms of the Trust Deed for details.

Nothing in the Trust Deed shall exempt the Trustee or the Manager from any liability to Unitholder imposed under Hong Kong law or breaches of trust through fraud or negligence, nor may they be indemnified against such liability by Unitholders or at Unitholders' expense.

### ***Modification of Trust Deed***

Subject to the prior approval of the SFC (if required), the Trustee and the Manager may agree to modify the Trust Deed by supplemental deed provided that in the opinion of the Trustee and the Manager such modification (i) is not materially prejudicial to the interests of Unitholders, does not operate to release to any material extent the Trustee, the Manager or any other person from any responsibility to the Unitholders and (with the exception of the costs of preparing and executing the relevant supplemental deed) does not increase the costs and charges payable out of the assets of any Index Fund or (ii) is necessary in order to comply with any fiscal, statutory, regulatory or official requirement (whether or not having the force of law) or (iii) is made to correct a manifest error.

In all other cases involving material changes, modifications require the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the Unitholders affected. No modification to the Trust Deed shall impose any obligation on any Unitholders to make further payments or to accept further liability in respect of his/her Units.

### ***Meetings of Unitholders***

The Trust Deed provides that the Trustee or the Manager may (and the Manager shall at the request in writing of Unitholders together registered as holding not less than one-tenth in value of the Units in issue) at any time convene a meeting of Unitholders or of Unitholders of Units of any class upon at least 21 days' notice. Notices of meetings of Unitholders will be posted to Unitholders.

Proxies may be appointed. A Unitholder who is the holder of two or more Units may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at any meeting of the Unitholders. Where the Unitholder is a recognized clearing house (within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance) or its nominee(s), it may authorize such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative(s) or proxy(ies) at any meetings of Unitholders or any meetings of any class of Unitholders provided that, if more than one

person is so authorized, the authorization or proxy form must specify the number and class of Units in respect of which each such person is so authorized. The person so authorized will be deemed to have been duly authorized without the need of producing any documents of title, notarized authorization and/or further evidence for substantiating the facts that it is duly authorized and will be entitled to exercise the same power on behalf of the recognized clearing house as that clearing house or its nominee(s) could exercise if it were an individual Unitholder, including the right to vote individually on a show of hands.

The quorum at Unitholders' meetings is 2 or more Unitholders present in person or by proxy, with such Unitholders registered as holding not less than 10% (or, in relation to a resolution proposed as an extraordinary resolution, 25% of the Units in issue. If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned for not less than 15 days, and at an adjourned meeting Unitholders present in person or by proxy whatever their number or the number of Units held by them will form a quorum.

An extraordinary resolution is required under the Trust Deed for certain purposes and is a resolution proposed as such and passed by a majority of 75% of the total number of votes cast.

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the holding of separate meetings of Unitholders holding different classes of Units where only the interests of Unitholders of a particular class are affected.

The Trust Deed provides that at any meeting of Unitholders, on a show of hands, every Unitholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a partnership or corporation) is present by an authorized representative shall have one vote and, on a poll, every Unitholder who is present as aforesaid or by proxy shall have one vote for every Unit of which he is the holder.

### ***Documents Available for Inspection***

Copies of the Trust Deed, Conversion Agency Service Agreement, Service Agreement, Participation Agreements and the latest annual and semi-annual financial reports (if any) are available for inspection free of charge at any time during normal business hours on any day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) at the offices of the Manager, Suite 2301, 23rd Floor, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong. Copies of the Trust Deed can be purchased from the Manager on payment of a reasonable fee.

### ***Anti-Money Laundering Regulations***

As part of the Trustee's and the Manager's responsibility for the prevention of money laundering, they may require a detailed verification of an investor's identity and the source of the payment of any subscriptions. Depending on the circumstances of each application, a detailed verification might not be required where:

- (i) the applicant makes the payment from an account held in the applicant's name at a recognized financial institution; or

- (ii) the application is made through a recognized intermediary.

These exceptions will only apply if the financial institution or intermediary referred to above is within a country recognized as having sufficient anti-money laundering regulations.

The Trustee and the Manager reserve the right to request such information as is necessary to verify the identity of any investor and the source of the payment. In the event of delay or failure by an investor to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Trustee and/or the Manager may refuse to accept the application and the application moneys relating thereto.

The Participating Dealers may be subject to similar anti-money laundering obligations.

### ***Liquidity Risk Management***

The Manager has established a liquidity management policy which enables it to identify, monitor and manage the liquidity risks of the Sub-Funds and to ensure that the liquidity profile of the investments of the relevant Sub-Fund will facilitate compliance with such Sub-Fund's obligation to meet redemption requests. Such policy, combined with the liquidity management tools of the Manager, also seeks to achieve fair treatment of Unitholders and safeguard the interests of remaining Unitholders in case of sizeable redemptions.

The Manager's liquidity policy takes into account the investment strategy, the liquidity profile, the redemption policy, the dealing frequency, the ability to enforce redemption limitations and the fair valuation policies of the Sub-Funds. These measures seek to ensure fair treatment and transparency for all investors.

The liquidity management policy involves monitoring the profile of investments held by each Sub-Fund on an on-going basis to ensure that such investments are appropriate to the redemption policy as stated under the section headed "Redemption of Units", and will facilitate compliance with each Sub-Fund's obligation to meet redemption requests. Further, the liquidity management policy includes details on periodic stress testing carried out by the Manager to manage the liquidity risk of the Sub-Funds under normal and exceptional market conditions.

As a liquidity risk management tool, the Manager may limit the number of Units of a Sub-Fund redeemed on any Dealing Day to Units representing 10% (or such higher percentage as the Manager may determine in respect of the Sub-Fund and accepted by the SFC in accordance with the Code) of the total number of Units in such a Sub-Fund then in issue (subject to the conditions under the section headed "Rejection of Redemption of Units").

### ***Notices***

All notices and communications to the Manager and Trustee should be made in writing and sent to the following addresses:

Manager

Ping An of China Asset Management (Hong Kong) Company Limited



Suite 2301, 23rd Floor,  
Two International Finance Centre,  
8 Finance Street, Central,  
Hong Kong

Trustee  
HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited  
1 Queen's Road Central  
Hong Kong

### ***Queries and Complaints***

Investors may contact the Manager at its address as set out above, or by phone at its telephone number (852) 3762-9228 or by email at [enquiries@pingan.com.hk](mailto:enquiries@pingan.com.hk) to seek any clarification regarding the Trust or the Sub-Funds or to file a complaint. If a query or complaint is received by phone, the Manager will respond orally. If a query or complaint is received in writing, the Manager will respond in writing. Under normal circumstances the Manager will respond to any query or complaint as soon as practicable and in any event within 21 days.

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **FEES AND CHARGES**

#### ***Management Fees***

The Manager is entitled to receive a management fee, currently at the rate of 0.55 per cent (0.55%) per annum of the Net Asset Value of each of the Sub-Funds (except the CGB ETF) accrued daily and calculated as at each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears. The management fee for the CGB ETF is currently 0.35 per cent (0.35%) per annum of its Net Asset Value accrued daily and calculated as at each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears.

#### ***Trustee Fee***

The Trustee is entitled to receive a trustee fee, to be accrued daily and calculated as at each Dealing Day and payable monthly in arrears. The Trustee fee is calculated as a percentage per annum of the Net Asset Value of each Sub-Fund at the rate of 0.09 per cent (0.09%) per annum for the first HK\$800 million of the Net Asset Value, 0.08 per cent (0.08%) per annum for the next HK\$800 million of the Net Asset Value, and 0.07 per cent (0.07%) per annum for the remaining balance of the Net Asset Value, and is currently subject to a monthly minimum of HK\$37,000.

The Trustee is also entitled to an inception fee of HK\$80,000 for the establishment of each of the Sub-Funds, which was waived in respect of the Multi-Factor ETF, the Quality Factor ETF, the 5HANDL ETF and the AI and Robotics ETF.

#### ***General Expenses***

Unless otherwise stated in the section for a Sub-Fund, each of the Sub-Fund shall bear the costs and expenses incurred in its establishment, including the costs of preparing the constitutive and other documents, obtaining SFC authorization, the fees payable to the Index Provider (including the licence fees for the relevant Underlying Index), and the listing on SEHK. Such costs are amortized over the first accounting periods of the relevant Sub-Fund after consultation with the Auditors.

#### ***Fees Payable by Participating Dealers***

The fees payable by Participating Dealers in respect of the Sub-Funds are summarized in the table below:

#### **Creation of Units**

<b>Fee</b>	<b>HK Dividend ETF</b>	<b>CGB ETF</b>	<b>Multi-Factor ETF Quality Factor ETF 5HANDL ETF AI and Robotics ETF</b>
Transaction Fee	HK\$13,000 <sup>1</sup> per Application	HK\$13,000 <sup>1</sup> per Application	HK\$13,000 <sup>1</sup> per Application
Conversion Agent Fee	See Note <sup>2</sup>	NIL	NIL

Service Agent Fee	NIL	See Note <sup>7</sup>	See Note <sup>7</sup>
Extension Fee	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application
Application Cancellation Fee	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application
Partial Delivery Fee	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application
Daylight Settlement Fee	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application

#### Redemption of Units

Fee	HK Dividend ETF	CGB ETF	Multi-Factor ETF Quality Factor ETF 5HANDL ETF AI and Robotics ETF
Transaction Fee	HK\$13,000 <sup>1</sup> per Application	HK\$13,000 <sup>1</sup> per Application	HK\$13,000 <sup>1</sup> per Application
Conversion Agent Fee	See Note <sup>2</sup>	NIL	NIL
Service Agent Fee	NIL	See Note <sup>7</sup>	See Note <sup>7</sup>
Extension Fee	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application
Application Cancellation Fee	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application
Partial Delivery Fee	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application
Daylight Settlement Fee	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application	HK\$10,000 <sup>3</sup> per Application
Unit Cancellation Fee	HK\$1.00 <sup>4</sup> per board lot	NIL	NIL

#### **Fees Payable by Retail Investors Dealing in Units on the SEHK**

The fees payable by retail investors dealing in Units in the Sub-Funds on the SEHK are summarized in the table below:

Brokerage	Market rates
Transaction Levy	0.0027% <sup>5</sup>
Trading Fee	0.005% <sup>6</sup>
Stamp Duty	NIL

Investors (other than the Participating Dealer(s)) submitting creation or redemption requests through the Participating Dealer(s) or a stockbroker should note that the Participating Dealer(s) or the stockbroker (as the case may be) may impose fees and charges in handling such requests. Such investors should check the relevant fees and charges with the Participating Dealer(s) or the stockbroker (as the case may be).

- 1 A Transaction Fee is payable by each Participating Dealer to the Manager for the account and benefit of the Trustee.
- 2 A Conversion Agent Fee is payable to the Conversion Agent which ranges from HK\$5,000 to HK\$12,000 per day per Participating Dealer. The exact amount of Conversion Agent Fee will depend on the aggregate Hong Kong dollar value of the Creation and Redemption Applications made on that day by a Participating Dealer, detailed below:

<b>Total aggregated Application Basket Value per day</b>	<b>Conversion Agent's Fee / Service Agent Fee (as the case may be) per day</b>
equal to or less than HK\$2,000,000	HK\$5,000
between HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$5,000,000	HK\$8,000
between HK\$5,000,001 to HK\$10,000,000	HK\$10,000
over HK\$10,000,000	HK\$12,000

- 3 Such extension fee, application cancellation fee, partial delivery fee or daylight settlement fee is payable by a Participating Dealer on each occasion the Manager grants the request of such Participating Dealer for daylight real time settlement, partial delivery, cancellation or extended settlement in respect of such Application. The daylight settlement fee is payable when the Participating Dealer fails to complete a creation by the Settlement Date and so opts to use daylight settlement available on Euroclear to settle the trades on the same day. The extension fee, application cancellation fee, partial delivery fee and daylight settlement fee are payable by the Participating Dealer for the account and benefit of the Trustee.
- 4 For Redemption Applications only, a Unit Cancellation Fee will be payable to the Trustee for the account and benefit of the Conversion Agent for the cancellation of units upon redemption.
- 5 Transaction levy of 0.0027% of the price of the Units, payable by the buyer and the seller.
- 6 Trading fee of 0.005% of the price of the Units, payable by the buyer and the seller.
- 7 A Service Agent's Fee of HK\$1,000 is payable by each Participating Dealer to the Service Agent for each book-entry deposit transaction or book-entry withdrawal transaction.