

Regular Review for Inclusion of ETFs in Stock Connect (Southbound)¹

Eligibility Criteria:

ETFs primarily regulated by SFC and listed on SEHK that satisfy all of the following criteria at any regular review will be accepted as eligible ETFs for Southbound trading:

1. The ETF must be traded in HKD and have a daily average Assets Under Management (AUM) in the last six months of no less than HKD 1.7 billion;
2. The ETF must be listed for no less than six months;
3. The benchmark index must be launched for no less than one year;
4. The ETF must not be synthetic ETFs or Leveraged and Inverse Products;
5. The total weighting of SEHK-listed stocks in the benchmark index must not be less than 90%;
6. The total weighting of Stock Connect Southbound eligible constituents in Hang Seng Index (HSI), Hang Seng China Enterprises Index (HSCEI), Hang Seng TECH Index (HSTECH) and Hang Seng Hong Kong-Listed Biotech Index (HSHKBIO) must not be less than 70% and the total weighting of Stock Connect Southbound eligible constituents in other benchmark indices must not be less than 80%; and
7. The benchmark index or the index methodology of the benchmark index must fulfil either of the below criteria:
 - (a) Applicable to broad-based indices²:
 - A constituent stock must not be more than 30% of the index's weighting.
 - (b) Applicable to non-broad-based indices:
 - The number of index constituent stocks must not be less than 30;
 - A constituent must not be more than 15% of the index's weighting and the total weighting of the top five weighted constituents must not be more than 60%; and
 - The constituent stocks comprising no less than 90% of the index's weighting must be the top 80% shares by Average Daily Turnover (ADT) ranking in the relevant stock exchange in the past 12 months.

Eligible ETFs that subsequently meet any of the following criteria upon regular review will be designated as sell-only securities and will be restricted from buying:

1. The ETF's daily average AUM in the last six months falls under HKD 1.2 billion;
2. The ETF becomes a synthetic ETF or Leveraged and Inverse Product;
3. The total weighting of SEHK-listed stocks in the benchmark index falls under 85%;
4. The total weighting of Stock Connect Southbound eligible constituents in HSI, HSCEI, HSTECH, HSHKBIO falls under 65% or the total weighting of Stock Connect Southbound eligible constituents in other benchmark indices falls under 70%; or
5. The benchmark index and the index methodology of the benchmark index fulfil either of the below criteria:
 - (a) Applicable to broad-based indices:
 - A constituent stock exceeds 30% of the index's weighting.
 - (b) Applicable to non-broad-based indices:
 - The number of index constituent stocks falls under 30;
 - A constituent exceeds 15% of the index's weighting or the total weighting of the top five weighted constituents exceeds 60%; or
 - The constituent stocks which are the top 80% shares by ADT ranking in the relevant stock exchange in the past 12 months falls under 90% of the index's weighting.

¹ Subject to regulatory approval

² Broad-based index refers to an index whose constituent selection is not limited to a specific industry or investment theme but reflects the performance of a certain market or a certain size of stocks

Data Cut-off, Announcement and Effective Dates of Regular Reviews:

Data cut-off date	Last trading day of March and September
Announcement date	The last Friday of April and October (or the preceding SSE/SZSE trading day if it is not a SSE/SZSE trading day)
Effective date	The first Southbound trading day after the first Friday of May and November