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HONG KONG SECURITIES CLEARING COMPANY LIMITED (A wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited)

# 通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Proposed Cessation of Trading, Termination, Voluntary Deauthorisation and Delisting

 CSOP MSCI China A Inclusion Index ETF
 (RMB Counter Stock Code: 83149)
 (HKD Counter Stock Code: 03149)
 (the "Terminating Sub-Fund")

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Exchange and CCASS Participants are requested to note that CSOP Asset Management Limited (the "Manager") has issued an Announcement and Notice on HKEXnews.hk (<u>https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2023/0116/2023011600865.pdf</u>) concerning the proposed cessation of trading, termination, voluntary deauthorisation and delisting and waiver from strict compliance of certain provisions of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the "Announcement and Notice").

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings set out in the Announcement and Notice unless the context otherwise requires.

According to the Announcement and Notice, the expected Last Trading Day of the Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK") will be 16 February 2023, after which the Terminating Sub-Fund will no longer be traded on the SEHK. The expected Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Terminating Sub-Fund will be on or shortly after 24 March 2023.

Upon Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Terminating Sub-Fund, the Terminating Sub-Fund will no longer be subject to Hong Kong regulation by the Securities and Futures Commission (the "SFC") nor recognized as the eligible securities in Central Clearing and

Settlement System ("CCASS") by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC").

Exchange and CCASS Participants should inform and liaise with their clients as soon as possible to take any appropriate action(s). Potential course of action(s) to be taken by investors on or before the Last Trading Day are briefly mentioned below.

# Potential actions to be taken by investors on or before the Last Trading Day

#### 1. <u>Trading on the SEHK on any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day</u> (*i.e. from now up to and including 16 February 2023*)

On any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, an investor may continue to buy or sell its Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund on the SEHK in accordance with the usual trading arrangements, during the trading hours of the SEHK and based on the prevailing market prices. The market makers of the Terminating Sub-Fund will continue to perform their market making functions in accordance with the Rules of the Exchange until the Last Trading Day. These Exchange Trades will be cleared inside CCASS and automatically settled on a Continuous Net Settlement (CNS) basis as usual unless they are isolated from the CNS System by the counterparty Exchange Participants at the time of trade or isolated from the CNS System by HKSCC, in which case such trades will be settled on a trade-for-trade (TFT) basis.

# 2. Holding Units after the Last Trading Day

For Relevant Investors who are still holding Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund after the Last Trading Day, the Manager will, after consulting the Trustee and the Terminating Sub-Fund's auditor, declare a final distribution of assets (the "Final Distribution") in respect of those investors who remain invested in the Terminating Sub-Fund as of the Distribution Record Date (the "Relevant Investors"). Such Final Distribution is expected to be made on or around 7 March 2023. (i.e. the Final Distribution Date).

Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to a Final Distribution of an amount equal to the Terminating Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor's Units in that Terminating Sub-Fund as at the Distribution Record Date.

The Final Distribution payable to each Relevant Investor is expected to be paid to the accounts of its financial intermediary or stockbroker maintained with CCASS as at the Distribution Record Date on or around 7 March 2023. The Manager will issue a further announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the exact day of payment of the Final Distribution, together with the amount of Final Distribution per Unit in respect of the Terminating Sub-Fund in due course.

# IMPORTANT NOTE: If an investor disposes of its Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund at any time on or before the Last Trading Day, such investor will not in any



circumstances be entitled to any portion of the Final Distribution or any further distribution (if any) in respect of any Units so disposed. Investors should therefore exercise caution and consult their professional and financial advisers before dealing in their Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund or otherwise deciding on any course of actions to be taken in relation to their Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund.

# Exchange/CCASS Participants are urged to:

- forward a copy of the Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund, and inform them of the contents of the Announcement and Notice as soon as possible;
- facilitate their clients who want to dispose of Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund on or before the Last Trading Day;
- inform their clients as soon as possible if any earlier dealing deadline, additional fees or charges, and/or other terms and conditions will be applicable in respect of the provision of their services in connection with any disposal of Units in the Terminating Sub-Fund; and
- inform their clients of the Final Distribution arrangements and the possible impact in relation to such arrangements to their clients.

If you have any queries in relation to the contents of the Announcement and Notice, please direct them to your stockbrokers or financial intermediaries or contact the Manager by calling (852) 3406 5688 during office hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays), or visiting the Manager in person at 2801-2803, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong or visiting the Manager's website.

Trading in the ETF(s) may not be suitable for all members of the public. Exchange Participants should advise their clients to carefully consider whether trading in the ETF(s) is/are appropriate for them in light of their understanding of the product nature and characteristics, their own investment objectives, skills and experience, financial resources, risk tolerance and other relevant circumstances prior to making any decision.

Further information such as the prospectus and other documents issued by the manager is available on the <u>HKEXnews website</u> and on the <u>ETP webpage</u>

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