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HONG KONG SECURITIES CLEARING COMPANY LIMITED
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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Admission of the units of Hang Seng S&P 500 Index ETF (“Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series”) to CCASS as Multi-counter Eligible Securities

- HKD traded units (Stock Code: 3195)
- USD traded units (Stock Code: 9195)

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HKD traded units and USD traded units of Hang Seng S&P 500 Index ETF (collectively the “Units”) will be admitted into CCASS as Multi-counter Eligible Securities (as defined in the General Rules of HKSCC) with effect from the commencement date of listing and dealing of the Units on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“Exchange”), which is expected to be on 23 April 2024.

Units will be traded on the Exchange under multiple counters as follows:

Counter	Stock Code	Stock Short Name	Trading Currency	Board Lot Size
HKD	3195	HS S&P500	HKD	100 units
USD	9195	HS S&P500-U	USD	100 units

Units under the HKD counter and the USD counter will be treated as two separate Eligible Securities in CCASS. Participants are advised to note the following arrangements in CCASS:

1. Inter-counter Transfer of Multi-counter Eligible Securities within CCASS

Participants will be able to effect inter-counter transfer of the Units between the HKD counter and the USD counter on a one to one basis within CCASS by either inputting a "Multi-counter Transfer Instruction" before 3:45 p.m. or uploading the transfer instruction to CCASS before 2:30 p.m. through CCASS Terminals. The instruction will be effected immediately if the relevant number of the Units to be transferred is available in the Participant's delivering stock account in CCASS. Otherwise, the instruction will be processed in the next batch transfer run (five batch transfer runs available daily at around 9:15 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.). If the relevant number of the Units to be transferred is subsequently available at or before the commencement of batch transfer run, the instruction will be effected during the batch transfer run. Any outstanding instruction will be automatically cancelled by the system after the last batch transfer run at 3:30 p.m. on the same day. In such case, Participants are required to re-submit a “Multi-counter Transfer Instruction” should the relevant Units be subsequently available in their

delivering stock accounts between 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Participants are also requested to note that there must be sufficient number of Units to be transferred in their specified delivering stock account for any instruction input between 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. in order for the instruction to be accepted by CCASS. Otherwise, such instruction will be rejected immediately.

For detailed operational procedures, please refer to sections 5.17 and 8.2.13 of CCASS Terminal User Guide for Participants. Participants are required to log on to Client Connect to access the Terminal User Guide.

2. Custodian Services in relation to the Units

All Units are issued in uncertificated form. Accordingly, no physical deposit or withdrawal services will be provided for the Units and any HKSCC Rules relating to physical deposit and withdrawal of securities will not be applicable.

Units may be credited to and debited from a Participant's Stock Account as a result of (a) creation and redemption application for Units accepted by the Manager of Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series, (b) clearing and settlement of transactions in Units effected on the Exchange, and (c) the provision of any other CCASS services in relation to the Units to Participants.

3. Legal Title of the Units

Units held in CCASS will be registered in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited on the Register of the Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series. The Register of the Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series is the evidence of ownership of Units.

HKSCC Nominees Limited shall have the legal title of all the Units held in CCASS. Save as otherwise provided in the HKSCC Rules, HKSCC has no proprietary interests in the Units to the extent that they are credited to the Stock Accounts of Participants.

4. Clearing and Settlement of the Units

Same as other CCASS Eligible Securities, the Exchange Trades of the Units will be cleared inside CCASS and settled on T+2 under Continuous Net Settlement ("CNS") system unless they are isolated from the CNS system by both trading counterparties or by HKSCC and settled on a trade-for-trade ("TFT") basis.

Exchange trades executed under the respective counters will be cleared and settled in CCASS as two individual stocks. After netting under the CNS system, there will be one CNS stock position for the HKD counter and one CNS stock position for the USD counter. There is no inter-counter position netting. Participants should ensure sufficient Units are

available in their stock accounts to settle their CNS short positions on T+2 under respective counters.

5. Applications for the creation and redemption of Units

The procedures for the creation and redemption of the Units, and the rights and obligations of Participating Dealers in respect of such creation and redemption, will be governed by the trust deed and the prospectus constituting the Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series in which the application for the creation and redemption of Units shall be made by or through Participating Dealers directly to the Manager or Trustee. Applications for the creation and redemption of Units through HKSCC are not available.

6. Nominee Services in relation to the Units

HKSCC will provide nominee services for the Units as two individual stocks.

7. CCASS Fees and Charges

Fees and charges for the Units under multiple counters will be payable by Participants in accordance with the General Rules of HKSCC and HKSCC Operational Procedures. For the avoidance of doubt, the maximum dividend collection fee of HKD10,000 (or its equivalent in USD) will apply to the aggregate dividend amount of the two counters per currency.

8. Arrangement for transfer of Units out of CCASS when the Units cease to be CCASS Eligible Securities

In the event that the Units cease to be Eligible Securities of CCASS, HKSCC shall give notice to its Participants specifying the date on which the Units shall become or cease to be Eligible Securities. HKSCC may cease to render services in respect of the Units and may require Participants to transfer the Units out of CCASS.

For Participants who have records of the Units in CCASS as of the date the Units become CCASS non-eligible, HKSCC will arrange with the Participants, the Trustee and the Registrar of the Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series to register the names of such Participants as holders of the relevant Units on the Register. HKSCC will on the same day debit the respective Unit holdings from the relevant Participants' stock accounts under advice to the Participants concerned. The Trustee will give confirmations in writing to each of the Participants to whom the Units are transferred confirming the date of transfer, the number of Units transferred, the due registration of the name of the Participant as holder of the relevant number of Units upon completion of transfer. Any expenses or charges incurred in respect of such transferring of the Units out of CCASS and registering the names of Participants as holders of the relevant Units on the Register shall be borne by the Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series.

For further information about the Multiple Counter Arrangement, Participants may refer to the prospectus of Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series available at (<https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2024/0405/2024040501305.pdf>).

All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of HKSCC and HKSCC Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

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