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#### THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG 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** 

- SPDR® FTSE® Greater China ETF (Stock Code: 3073)

(the "Terminating ETF")

Enquiry: Participant General Enquiry Hotline<sup>1</sup> (Tel: 2840 3626 E-mail: trd@hkex.com.hk)

Exchange and CCASS Participants are requested to note that State Street Global Advisors Asia Limited (the "Manager") has issued an Announcement and Notice on HKEXnews.hk (<a href="https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2023/0314/2023031400663.pdf">https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2023/0314/2023031400663.pdf</a>) concerning the proposed cessation of trading, termination, voluntary deauthorisation and delisting and the non-applicability 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 Last Trading Day of the Units in the Terminating ETF on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK") will be 14 June 2023, after which the Terminating ETF will no longer be traded on the SEHK. The expected Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Terminating ETF will be on or shortly after 14 August 2023.

Upon Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Terminating ETF, the Terminating ETF 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.

<sup>1</sup> All calls to and from the Participant General Enquiry Hotline may be recorded. HKEX Privacy Policy Statement is available <u>here</u>.



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

1. <u>Trading on the SEHK up to and including the Last Trading Day (i.e. from now up to and including 14 June 2023)</u>

On any trading day up to and including the Last Trading Day, an investor may continue to buy or sell Units 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 Manager expects the market maker of the Terminating ETF will continue to perform their market making functions in accordance with the Rules of the Exchange until the Trading Cessation Date (i.e. 15 June 2023). 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 as of the Final Record Date (i.e. by close of business on 19 June 2023), the Manager will, after consulting the Trustee and the Auditors, determine the Distribution payable to the Relevant Investors. Such Distribution is expected to be made on or around 31 July 2023.

Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to share in the Distribution pro rata to the number of Units held by such investor relative to the total number of Units still in issue in the Terminating ETF as at the Final Record Date. The amount of the Distribution will be the Terminating ETF's then Net Asset Value and any proceeds from the sale of any Suspended Stocks from the Terminating ETF, excluding any taxes or expenses payable by the Terminating ETF.

The Distribution payable to each Relevant Investor is expected to be paid on or around 31 July 2023 to the accounts of its financial intermediary or stockbroker maintained with CCASS, based on the Trustee's record of each Relevant Investor's holding as at the Final Record Date. The Manager will issue a further announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the exact day of payment of the Distribution, together with the amount of Distribution per Unit for the Terminating ETF in due course.

The Manager does not expect or anticipate there will be a further distribution after the Distribution. However, in the unlikely event there is a further distribution after the Distribution, the Manager will issue an announcement informing the Relevant Investors.

The Distribution and any further distribution will be calculated and paid in the base currency (i.e. Hong Kong dollars) of the Terminating ETF.

If there is any change, including to the dates mentioned in this section, the Manager will issue an announcement informing the Relevant Investors.



IMPORTANT NOTE: If an investor disposes of all its Units at any time on or before the Last Trading Day, such investor will not in any circumstances be entitled to any portion of the Distribution or further distribution (if any). Investors should exercise caution and consult their professional and financial advisers before dealing in their Units or otherwise deciding on any course of action to be taken in relation to their Units.

#### **Exchange/CCASS Participants are urged to:**

- forward a copy of the Announcement and Notice to the clients holding any Units, and inform them of the contents of the Announcement and Notice as soon as possible;
- assist the clients who want to dispose of Units on or before the Last Trading Day;
- inform the 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 services in connection with any disposal of Units; and
- inform their clients of the distribution arrangements and the possible impact of such arrangements on their clients.

If you have any questions 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 2103 0100 during normal business hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays), or visiting the Manager's website <a href="https://www.ssga.com/hk/en/individual/etfs">https://www.ssga.com/hk/en/individual/etfs</a>.

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 HKEXnews website and on the ETP webpage

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