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THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED
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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: PROPOSED CESSATION OF TRADING, TERMINATION, VOLUNTARY DEAUTHORISATION AND DELISTING

**- ISHARES CSI A-SHARE FINANCIALS INDEX ETF* (STOCK CODE: 2829)
(*THIS IS A SYNTHETIC ETF)
(THE "CSI FINANCIALS ETF")**

Enquiry: Participant General Enquiry Hotline (Tel : 2840 3626 E-mail : trd@hkex.com.hk)

Exchange and CCASS Participants are requested to note that BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited (the "Manager") has issued an Announcement and Notice on HKEXnews.hk (<http://www.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/SEHK/2017/0120/LTN20170120471.pdf>) concerning the proposed cessation of trading, termination, voluntary deauthorisation and delisting and waiver from strict compliance with 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 CSI Financials ETF on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK") will be 24 February 2017, after which the CSI Financials ETF will no longer be traded on the SEHK. The expected Deauthorisation and Delisting of the CSI Financials ETF will be on or around 28 April 2017.

Upon Deauthorisation and Delisting of the CSI Financials ETF, the CSI Financials 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.

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

1. Trading on the SEHK on any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day (i.e. from now up to and including 24 February 2017)

On any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, an investor may continue to buy or sell its Units in the CSI Financials ETF 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 maker(s) of the CSI Financials ETF will continue to perform their market making functions in accordance with the trading rules of the SEHK in respect of the CSI Financials ETF. 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

Relevant Investors who are recorded by HKSCC as the beneficial owner of Units which are registered in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited and held in CCASS will be entitled to a Final Distribution of an amount equal to the CSI Financials ETF's then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor's interests in the CSI Financials ETF as at the Distribution Record Date (i.e. 1 March 2017).

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 on or around 24 March 2017.

IMPORTANT NOTES: If an investor disposes of its Units in the CSI Financials ETF 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 for the CSI Financials ETF, in respect of any Units of the CSI Financials ETF so disposed. Investors should therefore exercise caution and consult with their professional and financial advisers before dealing in their Units in the CSI Financials ETF or otherwise deciding on any course of actions to be taken in relation to their Units in the CSI Financials ETF.

Exchange/CCASS Participants are urged to:

- forward a copy of the Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units in the CSI Financials ETF, 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 CSI Financials ETF on or before the Last Trading Day; and

- 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 CSI Financials ETF.

For further information on the Announcement and Notice, please contact the Manager directly by calling (852) 3903 2823 or by email: iSharesAsiaEnquiry@blackrock.com.

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 [ETF webpage](#)

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