

香港聯合交易所有限公司

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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**

iShares Asia Trust (the “Trust”)

- iShares DAX Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3146)
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 83146)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9146)

- iShares EURO STOXX 50 Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3155)
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 83155)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9155)

- iShares FTSE 100 Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 2847)
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 82847)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9847)

(each a “Sub-Fund”, and together the “Sub-Funds”)

Enquiry: **Participant General Enquiry Hotline¹ (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 (<https://www1.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/sehk/2019/1028/2019102800679.pdf>) 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.

¹ All calls to and from the Participant General Enquiry Hotline may be recorded. HKEX Privacy Policy Statement is available [here](#).

According to the Announcement and Notice, the expected Last Trading Day of the Units in the Sub-Funds on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “SEHK”) will be 28 November 2019, after which the Sub-Funds will no longer be traded on the SEHK. The expected Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Sub-Funds will be on or around 29 January 2020.

Upon Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Sub-Funds, the Sub-Funds 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. Trading on the SEHK on any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day (i.e. from now up to and including 28 November 2019)

On any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, an investor may continue to buy or sell its Units in the Sub-Funds 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 Sub-Funds will continue to perform their market making functions in accordance with the Rules of the Exchange in respect of each Sub-Fund. 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 each of the Sub-Funds after the Last Trading Day (the “Relevant Investors”) will be entitled to a Final Distribution of an amount (converted into HKD) equal to the relevant Sub-Fund’s then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor’s interests in the Sub-Fund as at the Distribution Record Date (“Final Distribution”) (i.e. 6 December 2019).

The Final Distribution in respect of a Sub-Fund to each Relevant Investor is expected to be paid to the accounts of its financial intermediary or stockbroker maintained with CCASS on or around 30 December 2019. The Manager will issue further announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the exact day of payment of the Final Distribution in respect of a Sub-Fund, together with the amount of Final Distribution per Unit in respect of a Sub-Fund, in due course.

IMPORTANT NOTES: If an investor disposes of its Units in a 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 for the relevant Sub-Fund, in respect of any Units of a Sub-Fund so disposed. Investors should therefore exercise caution and consult with their professional and financial advisers before dealing in their Units in a Sub-Fund or otherwise deciding on any course of action to be taken in relation to their Units in such Sub-Fund.

Exchange/CCASS Participants are urged to:

- forward a copy of the Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units in each of the Sub-Funds, 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 each of the Sub-Funds 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 Sub-Funds.

For any questions in relation to the contents of the Announcement and Notice, please contact the Manager by calling (852) 3903 2823 during office hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays) 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 [ETP webpage](#).

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