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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRADING SUSPENSION, THE PROPOSED FORMAL CESSATION OF TRADING OF THE HONG KONG SHARES OF THE SUB-FUND ON SEHK, THE PROPOSED VOLUNTARY DEAUTHORISATION AND DELISTING OF THE SUB-FUND IN HONG KONG AND WAIVER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH A PROVISION OF THE CODE ON UNIT TRUSTS AND MUTUAL FUNDS

IMPORTANT: Investors are strongly advised to consider the contents of this Announcement. This Announcement is important and requires your immediate attention. It concerns the trading suspension, the proposed formal cessation of trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK, the proposed voluntary deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong and the waiver from strict compliance with a provision of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the "Code") for the period from and including 31 October 2016 to and including the date of deauthorisation of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong. In particular, investors should note that:

- As of the time of publication of this Announcement, there are no Hong Kong Shareholders in the Sub-Fund.
- Having taken into account the interests of the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund and after considering various factors, including the current level of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund attributable to Hong Kong investors and the trading volume of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong, the Board of Directors of the Company and the Management Company are of the view that the proposed Deauthorisation and Delisting (as further described below) would be in the best interest of the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund, and the Company has, by means of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company dated 28 September 2016, resolved to seek Trading Suspension (as further described below), formal cessation of trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK (the "Formal Cessation of Trading"), to apply to the SFC for the voluntary withdrawal of the authorisation of the Sub-Fund and the product key facts statement of the Sub-Fund<sup>1</sup> under section 106 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO") (the "Deauthorisation") and to apply to SEHK for the withdrawal of listing of the Sub-Fund on SEHK (the "Delisting"). The proposed Deauthorisation and Delisting will be subject to the respective approval of the SFC and SEHK.
- At the request of the Board of Directors of the Company and the Management Company, trading in the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK will be suspended with effect from 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 (the "Trading Suspension"). The Board of Directors of the Company and the Management Company will not request a resumption of trading in the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK. Trading in the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund will continue to be suspended until the date of formal cessation of trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK as approved by the Listing Committee of SEHK, which is expected to be 31 October 2016 (the "Formal Trading Cessation Date"). From the Formal Trading Cessation Date onwards, the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund will not be allowed to resume trading on SEHK. The impact in practice of the above is that no further buying or selling of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK will be possible from and including 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 following the publication of this Announcement.
- With effect from 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 and following the publication of this Announcement, subscriptions and redemptions for Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund cannot be made through the Hong Kong Authorised Participant in the primary market, and the Sub-Fund shall no longer be offered to the public in Hong Kong.
- The last dealing and trading date of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund in both the primary and secondary markets was 17 October 2016 until the end of the morning trading session (i.e. 12:00 noon), i.e. the last day on which investors may buy or sell Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund on SEHK and the last day for subscription and redemption of Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund in accordance with usual trading arrangements currently in place.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Hong Kong Prospectus of the Company will be updated as soon as practicable to reflect the Deauthorisation.

- With a view to minimizing further costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Sub-Fund following the Formal Trading Cessation Date and in the best interest of Shareholders, the Management Company has applied to the SFC for, and has been granted, a waiver from strict compliance with 10.7 (with regard to publishing suspension announcements) of the Code for the period from and including the Formal Trading Cessation Date to and including the date of Deauthorisation. The details and the condition on which such waiver is granted are as described in section headed "4. Waiver" below.
- Until the completion of the proposed Deauthorisation and Delisting, the Company and the Management Company confirm that they will continue to comply with the Company's constitutive documents, all the other applicable provisions of the Code, the applicable provisions in the "Overarching Principles Section" of the SFC Handbook for Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds, Investment-Linked Assurance Schemes and Unlisted Structured Investment Products (the "Handbook"), the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and all other applicable laws and regulations save for the particular provision of the Code set out in section headed "4. Waiver" below.
- All the costs, charges and expenses associated with the Trading Suspension, the proposed Formal Cessation of Trading and the proposed Deauthorisation and Delisting will be borne by the Management Company or its affiliates and will not be borne by the Company, the Sub-Fund or the Shareholders.
- The Management Company expects that the Deauthorisation and Delisting will take effect on or around 3 November 2016 (the "Deauthorisation and Delisting Date") (please note that any product documentation for the Sub-Fund previously issued to investors including the Hong Kong Prospectus should be retained for personal use only and not for public circulation). Further announcements will be issued in due course to inform investors of the Deauthorisation and Delisting Date and any changes to the schedule of proposed key dates set out in Annex I, as and when appropriate in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.
- After the Deauthorisation of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong, the Sub-Fund will no longer be subject to the regulation of the SFC.
- The Board of Directors of the Company and the Management Company accept full
  responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Announcement
  as at the date of publication, and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries,
  that to the best of their knowledge and belief, as at the date of publication, there
  are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

If investors are in doubt about the contents of this Announcement, they should contact their independent financial intermediaries or professional advisers to seek their professional advice, or direct their queries to the Hong Kong Representative (please refer to section headed "8. Enquiries" below for further information).

Unless otherwise defined in this Announcement, capitalised terms used in this Announcement shall have the same meaning as defined in the Hong Kong Prospectus of the Company dated 14 September 2016.

# 1. <u>Introduction</u>

As of the time of publication of this Announcement, there are no Hong Kong Shareholders in the Sub-Fund.

Having taken into account the interests of the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund and after considering various factors, including the current level of Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund attributable to Hong Kong investors and the trading volume of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong, the Board of Directors of the Company and the Management Company are of the view that the proposed Deauthorisation and Delisting would be in the best interest of the Shareholders of the Sub-Fund, and the Company has, by means of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Company dated 28 September 2016, resolved to seek Trading Suspension (whereby trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund will be suspended with effect from 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016) and the Formal Cessation of Trading (whereby the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund will not be allowed to resume trading on SEHK), to apply to the SFC for the Deauthorisation and to apply to SEHK for the Delisting. The proposed Deauthorisation and Delisting will be subject to the respective approval of the SFC and SEHK.

The Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund, Net Asset Value per Share of the Sub-Fund (Class 1C) and the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund attributable to Hong Kong investors were as follows:

	Net Asset Value per Share of the Sub-Fund (Class 1C) (as of 5 October 2016)	
USD50,302,691.51	USD170.9061	USD0

As there are no Hong Kong Shareholders as of the time of publication of this Announcement, no alternatives (such as free redemption and/or free switching) are offered to Hong Kong Shareholders.

The Depositary has no objection to the Trading Suspension, Formal Cessation of Trading, Deauthorisation and Delisting.

Further announcements will be issued in due course to inform investors of the Deauthorisation and Delisting Date and any changes to the schedule of proposed key dates set out in Annex I, as and when appropriate in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

Please refer to Annex I for the schedule of the proposed key dates.

# 2. What will happen during the period and including from Trading Suspension to and including the Deauthorisation and Delisting Date?

## 2.1 <u>Trading Suspension</u>

As of the time of publication of this Announcement, there are no Hong Kong Shareholders in the Sub-Fund.

At the request of the Board of Directors of the Company and the Management Company, trading in the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK will be suspended with effect from 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 and the Board of Directors of the Company and the Management Company will not request a resumption of trading in the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK. Trading in the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund will continue to be suspended until the date of formal cessation of trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK as approved by the Listing Committee of SEHK, which is expected to be 31 October 2016. From the Formal Trading Cessation Date onwards, the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund will not be allowed to resume trading on SEHK. The impact in practice of the above is that no further buying or selling of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK will be possible from and including 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 and following the publication of this Announcement.

## 2.2 Subscriptions and Redemptions for Shares

With effect from 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 and following the publication of this Announcement, no further subscriptions and redemptions for Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund can be made through the Hong Kong Authorised Participant in the primary market, and the Sub-Fund shall no longer be offered to the public in Hong Kong. In other words, with effect from 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016, (a) Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund cannot be acquired by investors in Hong Kong by way of subscription via the Hong Kong Authorised Participant; and (b) Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund cannot be disposed of by investors in Hong Kong by way of redemption via the Hong Kong Authorised Participant. However, as there are no Hong Kong Shareholders as of the time of publication of this Announcement, no Hong Kong Shareholders are affected by this.

The last dealing and trading date of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund in both the primary and secondary markets was 17 October 2016 until the end of the morning trading session (i.e. 12:00 noon), i.e. the last day on which investors may buy or sell Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund on SEHK and the last day for subscription and redemption of Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund in accordance with usual trading arrangements.

## 2.3 Proposed Formal Cessation of Trading

As part of the proposed voluntary delisting process of the Sub-Fund, the Management Company has applied to the Listing Committee of SEHK for the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK to formally cease trading, which is expected to be from 31 October 2016. From the Formal Trading Cessation Date onwards, the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund will not be allowed to resume trading on SEHK. As there are no Hong Kong Shareholders as of the time of publication of this Announcement, no Hong Kong Shareholders are affected by this.

#### 2.4 Limited operation of the Sub-Fund in Hong Kong

From and including the commencement of Trading Suspension, the Sub-Fund will only be operated in a limited manner in Hong Kong in the sense that (a) there will not be any trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK, (b) subscriptions and redemptions for Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund cannot be made through the Hong Kong Authorised Participant in the primary market, and (c) the Sub-Fund shall no longer be offered to the public in Hong Kong. As there are no Hong Kong Shareholders as of the time of publication of this Announcement, no Hong Kong Shareholders are affected by this.

#### 2.5 Continued Authorisation and Listing Status

During the period from and including the commencement of Trading Suspension to and including the Deauthorisation and Delisting Date:

- (a) the Sub-Fund will continue to maintain its authorisation status with the SFC and continue to maintain its listing status with SEHK, although the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund cannot be bought or sold on SEHK, and the Sub-Fund shall no longer be offered to the public in Hong Kong;
- (b) the Sub-Fund will only be operated in a limited manner in Hong Kong in the sense that there will not be any trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK, and no further subscriptions or redemptions for Hong Kong Shares can be made through the Hong Kong Authorised Participant in the primary market; the Management Company has therefore applied to the SFC for, and has been granted, a waiver from strict compliance with a provision of the Code (as described in section headed "4. Waiver" below) for the period from and including the Formal Trading Cessation Date to and including the date of Deauthorisation; and
- the Company and the Management Company will continue to comply with the Company's constitutive documents, all the other applicable provisions of the Code, the applicable provisions in the "Overarching Principles Section" of the Handbook, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and all other applicable laws and regulations save for the particular provision of the Code set out in section headed "4. Waiver" below.

#### 2.6 Deauthorisation and Delisting

Subject to the respective approval of the SFC and SEHK of the Deauthorisation and Delisting, the Deauthorisation and Delisting are expected to take effect on the Deauthorisation and Delisting Date. The Management Company expects, subject to SEHK's approval, that the Delisting will only take place at or around the same time as the Deauthorisation.

Following the Deauthorisation, the Sub-Fund will no longer be an SFC-authorised scheme and will not be offered to the public in Hong Kong by the Company and/or the Management Company. The Sub-Fund will no longer be subject to regulation by the SFC and shall not be offered to the public in Hong Kong. The cessation of regulation by the SFC in respect of the Sub-Fund means that, amongst others, any future changes to the investment strategy or structure of the Sub-Fund will not be subject to any requirement under the Code and/or the "Overarching Principles Section" of the Handbook.

In addition, following the Deauthorisation, any Hong Kong Prospectus, product key facts statement and other product documentation relating to the Sub-Fund such as factsheets and marketing materials previously issued to investors should be retained for personal use only and should not be circulated to the public in Hong Kong. Further, stockbrokers, financial intermediaries and investors must not circulate any marketing or other product information relating to the Sub-Fund to the public in Hong Kong as this may be in breach of the SFO.

Following the Deauthorisation and Delisting, the Sub-Fund will no longer be tradeable in the secondary market on SEHK and will not be authorized by the SFC. This means that the Sub-Fund will no longer be a Hong Kong exchange traded fund.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Sub-Fund and the Class of Shares of the Sub-Fund that is available to Hong Kong investors (Class 1C) will not be terminated following the Deauthorisation and Delisting. The Management Company shall continue to manage the Sub-Fund in accordance with applicable laws and regulations as well as the Company's constitutive documents and the Sub-Fund will continue to be regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier in Luxembourg. The Class 1C will continue to be listed on, amongst others, the London Stock Exchange and Singapore Stock Exchange. As there are no Hong Kong Shareholders as of the time of publication of this Announcement, no Hong Kong Shareholders are affected by this.

Following the Deauthorisation and Delisting, the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund will no longer be recognised as eligible securities by HKSCC as operator of CCASS. The Hong Kong Shares can no longer be settled through CCASS after the Deauthorisation and Delisting.

#### 3. Costs

All the costs, charges and expenses associated with the Trading Suspension, proposed Formal Cessation of Trading and the proposed Deauthorisation and Delisting will be borne by the Management Company or its affiliates and will not be borne by the Company, the Sub-Fund or the Shareholders.

The All-In Fee (which is the same as the ongoing charges) of the Sub-Fund for the six months ended 30 June 2016 was 0.15%<sup>2</sup>.

The proposal set out in this Announcement is not expected to impact the figure of All-In Fee disclosed above. Please note that the figure of All-In Fee shown above is calculated in accordance with the guidance under the SFC circular titled "Disclosure of the ongoing charges figure and past performance information in the Product Key Facts Statements".

## 4. Waiver

4.1 Background

As mentioned above, while trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK will be suspended from 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 and is expected to formally cease on 31 October 2016, the Sub-Fund will maintain its authorisation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The All-In Fee of the Sub-Fund comprises the Fixed Fee and the Management Company Fee, but excludes any Extraordinary Expenses.

status with the SFC and will maintain its listing status with SEHK until the completion of the Deauthorisation and Delisting.

However, with effect from 1:00 p.m. on 17 October 2016 and following the publication of this Announcement, the Sub-Fund will only be operated in a limited manner in Hong Kong in the sense that (a) there will not be any trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK, (b) subscriptions and redemptions for Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund cannot be made through the Hong Kong Authorised Participant in the primary market, and (c) the Sub-Fund shall no longer be offered to the public in Hong Kong.

Accordingly, with a view to minimizing further costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Sub-Fund following the Formal Trading Cessation Date and in the best interest of Shareholders of the Sub-Fund, the Management Company has applied to the SFC for, and has been granted, a waiver from strict compliance with the following provision of the Code for the period from and including the Formal Trading Cessation Date to and including the date of Deauthorisation.

The details of the waiver granted and the condition on which such waiver was granted are set out in this section 4.

## 4.2 <u>Publishing of the suspension of dealing</u>

Under 10.7 of the Code, the Management Company is required to: (a) immediately notify the SFC if dealing in Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund ceases or is suspended; and (b) publish the fact that dealing is suspended immediately following the decision to suspend and at least once a month during the period of suspension in an appropriate manner (the requirements under (b) are referred to as the "Investor Notification Requirements").

The Management Company has applied to the SFC for, and has been granted, a waiver from strict compliance with the Investor Notification Requirements under 10.7 of the Code for the period from and including the Formal Trading Cessation Date to and including the date of Deauthorisation, subject to the condition that a statement shall be posted in a prominent position of the Company's website from the Formal Trading Cessation Date until the date of Deauthorisation to notify investors that the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund have formally ceased trading on SEHK from 31 October 2016, and draw investors' attention to this Announcement and all other relevant announcements.

As the Sub-Fund will maintain its listing status with SEHK during the period from and including the commencement of the Trading Suspension to and including the date of Deauthorisation, investors may continue to access further announcements in relation to the Sub-Fund via HKEx's websites and the Company's website during such period.

The Company and the Management Company confirm that they will continue to comply with the Company's constitutive documents, all the other applicable provisions of the Code, the applicable provisions in the "Overarching Principles Section" of the Handbook, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and all other applicable laws and regulations save for the particular provision of the Code set out in section 4.2 above.

### 5. <u>Tax implications</u>

No tax will be payable by Shareholders in Hong Kong in respect of any capital gains arising on a sale, realisation, redemption or other disposal of Shares in the Company, except that Hong Kong profits tax may arise where such transactions form part of a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong.

No tax should generally be payable by Shareholders in Hong Kong in respect of dividends or other income distributions of the Company.

Investors should inform themselves of, and where appropriate take advice on, the laws and regulations (such as those relating to taxation and exchange controls) applicable to the subscription, purchase, holding, selling (via an exchange or otherwise) and redemption of Shares in the country in which they are subject to tax.

## 6. Potential Conflicts of Interest

Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch is the Index Sponsor of the Reference Index and is responsible for calculating the closing level of the Reference Index. As of the date of this Announcement, Deutsche Bank AG is the Swap Counterparty and Swap Calculation Agent. As of the date of this Announcement, Deutsche Securities Asia Limited is the sole Hong Kong Authorised Participant and the sole SEHK Market Maker of the Sub-Fund. In addition, the Management Company, Deutsche Securities Asia Limited and Deutsche Bank AG belong to Deutsche Bank Group. The functions which Deutsche Bank AG, Deutsche Securities Asia Limited and the Management Company will perform in connection with the Sub-Fund may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. Notwithstanding the above, the Index Sponsor, the Hong Kong Authorised Participant, the SEHK Market Maker and the Management Company are functionally independent of each other. If any conflicts of interest arise in respect of the Sub-Fund, the Company and the Management Company, having regard to their respective obligations and duties, will endeavour to resolve such conflicts fairly. The compliance procedures of Deutsche Bank AG require effective segregation of duties and responsibilities between the relevant divisions within Deutsche Bank Group. As such, the Board of Directors of the Company believes that Deutsche Bank AG, Deutsche Securities Asia Limited and the Management Company are suitable and competent to perform such functions.

Investors should also be aware that DB Affiliates (as defined in the Hong Kong Prospectus) may from time to time own interests in the Sub-Fund which may represent a significant amount or proportion of the overall investor holdings in the Sub-Fund. Investors should consider what possible impact such holdings by DB Affiliates may have on them. As of the time of publication of this Announcement, there are no Hong Kong Shareholders in the Sub-Fund.

Save as the above, no other Connected Person (as defined in the Hong Kong Prospectus) of the Management Company or the Depositary is involved in any transaction in relation to the Sub-Fund nor holds any interest in the Sub-Fund as of the date of this Announcement.

#### 7. Other Information

The Hong Kong Prospectus of the Company will be updated on or around the Deauthorisation and Delisting Date. Copies of the revised Hong Kong Prospectus will be available from the Company's website. Hard copies of the revised Hong Kong

Prospectus may also be obtained from RBC Investor Services Trust Hong Kong Limited (the "**Hong Kong Representative**") at 51/F Central Plaza, 18 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong free of charge.

The Board of Directors of the Company and the Management Company accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Announcement as at the date of publication, and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief, as at the date of publication, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

## 8. <u>Enquiries</u>

If you have any queries, please direct these to your financial adviser or alternatively the Hong Kong Representative (telephone number: (852) 2978 5656).

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(\*This includes synthetic ETFs)

By order of the Board of Directors 17 October 2016

#### Annex I

# Schedule of the proposed key dates

Subject to the respective approval of the SFC and SEHK for the proposed arrangements set out in this Announcement, it is anticipated that the expected important dates in respect of the Sub-Fund will be as follows:

Last dealing and trading date of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund in both the primary and secondary markets, i.e. the last day on which investors may buy or sell Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund on SEHK and the last day for subscription and redemption of Hong Kong Shares in the Sub-Fund in accordance with usual trading arrangements	17 October 2016 until the end of the morning trading session (i.e. 12:00 noon)
Dispatch of this Announcement	17 October 2016 (after 12:00 noon and at or before 1:00 p.m.)
Trading Suspension in the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK	From the beginning of the afternoon trading session (i.e.
No further subscriptions and redemption for Hong Kong Shares can be made through the Hong Kong Authorised Participant in the primary market	1:00 p.m.) on 17 October 2016
The Sub-Fund shall no longer be offered to the public in Hong Kong	
The date of formal cessation of trading of the Hong Kong Shares of the Sub-Fund on SEHK as approved by the Listing Committee of SEHK	31 October 2016
Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Sub-Fund	On or around 3 November 2016, which is the date on which the SFC and SEHK approve the Deauthorisation and Delisting respectively.

If there is any change to the schedule of proposed key dates above, an announcement will be issued by the Company and the Management Company as and when appropriate in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.