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## **iShares Asia Trust (the “Trust”)**

*(A Hong Kong umbrella unit trust authorised under*

*Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of the laws of Hong Kong)*

**iShares CSI A-Share Financials Index ETF\* (\*This is a synthetic ETF)  
(Stock Code: 2829) (the “CSI Financials ETF”)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTICE CANCELLATION OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

Reference is made to the announcement and notice of BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited (the “Manager”), the Manager of the Trust and the CSI Financials ETF, dated 18 November 2016 (the “**18 November Announcement**”) and the subsequent reminder announcements, on the proposal to seek the termination and the voluntary Deauthorisation and Delisting of the CSI Financials ETF (the “**Proposal**”). Unless otherwise defined herein, terms and expressions used in this Announcement and Notice have the same meanings as given to them in the 18 November Announcement.

As mentioned in the 18 November Announcement, unless the Net Asset Value of the CSI Financials ETF falls below the Hong Kong dollar equivalent of USD10,000,000 on any day between 18 November 2016 and 24 February 2017, the implementation of the Proposal is subject to the approval by Unitholders by way of an extraordinary resolution (the “**Resolution**”) at the extraordinary general meeting of the Trust and the CSI Financials ETF originally scheduled to be held on 20 March 2017 (the “**Meeting**”).

The 18 November Announcement further stated that, should the Net Asset Value of the CSI Financials ETF fall below the Hong Kong dollar equivalent of USD10,000,000 on any day between 18 November 2016 and 24 February 2017, being a date that is no less than 21 days before the originally proposed date of Meeting, the Manager will cancel the Meeting and will exercise its power to terminate the CSI Financials ETF by giving unitholders not less than three months' notice pursuant to Clause 35.7(b) of the Trust Deed.

The Manager hereby announces that, as the Net Asset Value of the CSI Financials ETF is below the Hong Kong dollar equivalent of USD10,000,000 as at the date of this Announcement and Notice, the Meeting which was originally scheduled to be held at 10:00 a.m. on 20 March 2017 is cancelled. The Manager intends to exercise its power to terminate the CSI Financials ETF pursuant to Clause 35.7(b) of the Trust Deed, and will publish a separate announcement regarding such termination.

If you have any queries concerning this Announcement and Notice, please direct them to your stockbrokers or financial intermediaries or contact the Manager at (852) 3903 2823 during office hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays) or by email: [iSharesAsiaEnquiry@blackrock.com](mailto:iSharesAsiaEnquiry@blackrock.com).

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**BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited**

as Manager of the Trust and the CSI Financials ETF

20 January 2017