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iShares Asia Trust

*a Hong Kong unit trust authorized under
Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong*

iShares Core CSI 300 Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 02846) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 82846)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09846)

iShares FTSE A50 China Index ETF (HKD Counter Stock Code: 2823)
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 82823)

iShares Core MSCI China Index ETF (Stock Code: 2801)

iShares Core S&P BSE SENSEX India Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 02836) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 82836)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09836)

iShares Core MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 03010) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 83010)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09010)

iShares MSCI Emerging Asia Index ETF (Stock Code: 2802)

iShares Core KOSPI 200 Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 03170) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 83170)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09170)

iShares Core MSCI Taiwan Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 03074) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 83074)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09074)

iShares DAX Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 03146) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 83146)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09146)

iShares EURO STOXX 50 Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 03155) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 83155)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09155)

iShares FTSE 100 Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 02847) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 82847)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09847)

iShares NASDAQ 100 Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 02834) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 82834)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09834)

iShares Core Hang Seng Index ETF
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 03115) (RMB Counter Stock Code: 83115)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 09115)

sub-funds of the iShares Asia Trust
(the “Trust”) (the “Sub-Funds”)

Announcement

Changes to comply with revised Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds

**Addition of examples of investment to obtain exposure to
the Indian Constituents of the MSCI EM Asia Index
(for iShares MSCI Emerging Asia Index ETF only)**

**Change of Underlying Index
(for iShares Core MSCI Taiwan Index ETF only)**

Clarificatory changes in relation to distribution of proceeds

BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited (the “**Manager**”), the manager of the Trust and the Sub-Funds, hereby announces that the following changes will be made to the Sub-Funds with effect from 27 November 2019 (the “**Effective Date**”):

- Trust Deed will be amended and restated and Prospectuses will be updated to comply with the revised Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the “**Code**”).
- In respect of iShares MSCI Emerging Asia Index ETF (the “**MSCI Emerging Asia ETF**”), the examples of investment to obtain exposure to Indian market segment of the Underlying Index will be expanded. Apart from iShares Core S&P BSE SENSEX India ETF, the Manager may invest in other ETFs (comprising of SFC-authorized ETFs and unauthorised ETFs) and financial derivative instruments (such as futures and index futures) to track the performance of Indian-listed constituents of the Underlying Index.
- In respect of iShares Core MSCI Taiwan Index ETF (the “**MSCI Taiwan ETF**”), the Underlying Index will be changed from the MSCI Taiwan Index to the MSCI Taiwan 20/35 Index to ensure the MSCI Taiwan ETF continues to track an index that adheres to the revised regulatory expectations on how broadly based an acceptable index should be under the revised Code. The rebalancing of assets held by the MSCI Taiwan ETF will take place over a period of 3 to 5 trading days around the Effective Date.

Clarificatory changes in relation to the distribution of proceeds will also be made to the Prospectuses of the Sub-Funds.

Unless otherwise defined in this Announcement, capitalised terms used in this Announcement shall have the same meaning as defined in the Prospectus of each Sub-Fund.

1. Changes to comply with the revised Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds

The Trust Deed of the Trust dated 16 November 2001, as amended from time to time (the “**Trust Deed**”) will be amended by way of a twenty fifth supplemental deed effective 27 November 2019 (the “**Effective Date**”). The prospectus and the product key facts statement (the “**KFS**”, and together with the prospectus, the “**Prospectus**”) of each of the Sub-Funds will also be amended on the Effective Date.

The purpose of amending and restating the Trust Deed and updating the Prospectuses is to incorporate changes in compliance with the requirements of the revised Code. The revised Code came into effect on 1 January 2019 with a 12-month transition period for existing schemes (i.e. funds previously authorised by the SFC).

The changes to the Trust Deed relate to the following:

1. the investment restrictions applicable to each Sub-Fund are revised to reflect the updated investment restrictions under Chapter 7 and Chapter 8.6 (unlisted index funds and index tracking exchange traded funds) of the revised Code. Investors can refer to Schedule 1 of each Prospectus for the revised investment restrictions with effect from the Effective Date;
2. investment restrictions under Chapter 8.2 (money market funds), Chapter 8.8 (structured funds) and Chapter 8.9 (funds that invest extensively in financial derivative instruments) of the revised Code are also included in the Trust Deed for future sub-funds of the Trust (as may be applicable). The Sub-Funds do not fall under these chapters of the revised Code and hence these are not applicable to the Sub-Funds;
3. enhanced obligations of the Trustee and the Manager respectively under the revised Code; and
4. other changes to comply with the revised Code.

The Prospectuses will also be updated to reflect the above changes, as applicable.

In addition, in compliance with the latest illustrative template issued by the SFC for KFS for ETFs, the KFS of the Sub-Funds will be updated effective from the Effective Date. In particular, in each product KFS the use of derivatives / investment in derivatives of the relevant Sub-Fund will be disclosed under a separate section. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to the policy of the Sub-Funds with regards to use of derivatives.

The investment objective, underlying index (save for the underlying index mentioned in section 3 below) and investment strategy of each of the Sub-Funds remain unchanged as a result of the changes to comply with the revised Code. There is no material change to the risk profile of the Sub-Funds.

The change of Trust Deed does not require Unitholders' approval pursuant to the Trust Deed and applicable laws and regulations. The Trustee agrees to the change of Trust Deed.

2. **Addition of examples of investment to gain exposure to Indian constituents of the MSCI EM Asia Index (for MSCI Emerging Asia ETF only)**

Currently, the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF invests in iShares Core S&P BSE SENSEX India Index ETF (listed in Hong Kong) to gain exposure to the India securities comprised in the underlying index (the "**Indian Constituents**") of the MSCI EM Asia Index. From the Effective Date onwards, the Manager intends to expand the list of examples of investment which the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF will seek to gain exposure to the Indian Constituents, such that the Manager will have the discretion to invest in any one or a combination of the following:

1. Other exchange traded funds (ETFs), including both SFC-authorized ETFs and non-SFC-authorized ETFs ("**Underlying Indian ETFs**"); and
2. Financial derivative instruments, such as futures and index futures listed on stock exchanges such as the Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX), Eurex Exchange (EUREX), Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (HKEX),

(collectively, the "**Indian Investment**").

There is no guarantee as to the performance of the Indian Investment, or correlation of their respective future performance to that of the Indian Constituents. The Manager seeks to invest the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF in Indian Investment in such combined weighting (as a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF) corresponding to the weighting of the Indian Constituents (as a percentage of the market capitalisation of the MSCI EM Asia Index) at the relevant time. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to the policy of the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF with regards to use of derivatives.

Where the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF invests in any ETF managed by the Manager or any of its affiliates (a "**BlackRock ETF**"), including any of the aforementioned Underlying Indian ETFs, all initial charges on the BlackRock ETF will be waived, and the Manager will seek to ensure that neither the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF nor its Unitholders will suffer any increase in the overall total of initial charges, management fee, or any other costs and charges payable to the Manager and/or its affiliates as a result of the investment by the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF in the BlackRock ETF.

Investors should refer to the risk factor "ETF Investments Risk" in the revised Prospectus of MSCI Emerging Asia ETF for further detail.

Rationale and impact

The Manager has decided to expand the scope of the Indian Investment to seek to improve tracking performance of the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF. Investors should note, however, that there can be no guarantee in this respect, and that despite the Manager's efforts the performance of the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF may deviate from the performance of the MSCI EM Asia Index due to factors such as fees and expenses, liquidity of the index constituents as well as changes to the MSCI EM Asia Index.

Other than as disclosed above, the expansion of the Indian Investment is not expected to have any material impact to the risk profile of the MSCI Emerging Asia ETF.

3. Change of Underlying Index (for MSCI Taiwan ETF only)

With effect from the Effective Date, the underlying index of the MSCI Taiwan ETF will change from the MSCI Taiwan Index (the “**Existing Index**”) to the MSCI Taiwan 20/35 Index (the “**Capped Index**”) (the “**Index Change**”). The Index Change will take effect on the Effective Date. The Manager proposed the Index Change to ensure the Sub-Fund will be continuously tracking an index that adheres to the revised regulatory expectations on how broadly based an acceptable index should be under the revised Code. The rebalancing of assets held by the MSCI Taiwan ETF to the constituents and weights of the Capped Index will take place over a period of 3 to 5 trading days around the Effective Date. Please refer to section C below for more information on the rebalancing process.

A. Information about the Capped Index and comparison between the Existing Index and the Capped Index

The Capped Index is calculated, published and maintained by MSCI Inc. (the “**Index Provider**”), the same index provider as that of the Existing Index.

Set out below is a comparison of the key features of the Existing Index and the Capped Index:

	MSCI Taiwan Index (Existing Index)	MSCI Taiwan 20/35 Index (Capped Index)
Index Provider	MSCI Inc.	MSCI Inc.
Index objective	The Existing Index measures the performance of the large and mid capitalisation segments of the Taiwanese market.	The Capped Index aims to measure the performance of the large and mid capitalisation segments of the Taiwanese market.
Type of index	Net total return index	Net total return index
Capping Rules	No	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Capped Index is subject to the following rules under its index methodology (the “Capping Rules”):</p> <p><i>Rule 1:</i> The largest constituent security’s weight cannot exceed 35% (based on free float-adjusted market capitalization), with a buffer of 10% applied on this limit at each index rebalancing. If at the end of any day, the largest constituent security’s weight exceeds 35%, it will be capped at 31.5% and any excess weight is distributed proportionately among the remaining constituent securities.</p> <p><i>Rule 2:</i> None of the remaining constituent security’s weight can exceed 20% (based on free float-adjusted market capitalization), with a buffer of 10% applied on this limit at each index rebalancing. If at the end of any day, any remaining constituent security’s weight exceeds 20%, it will be capped at 18% and the excess weight is distributed proportionately among the remaining constituent securities.</p>

		Although there is a possibility that the predefined threshold limits could be breached due to temporary surges intraday, Rules 1 and 2 are so implemented that the Capped Index will always be within the weighting constraints before the opening of the following trading day.
Index Free-Float Adjusted Market Capitalisation	USD 591 billion	USD 591 billion
Top 5 index constituents	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG (34.36%) HON HAI PRECISION IND CO (4.99%) MEDIATEK INC (2.98%) FORMOSA PLASTIC CORP (2.26%) CHUNGHWA TELECOM LTD (2.23%)	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MFG (31.75%) HON HAI PRECISION IND CO (5.18%) MEDIATEK INC (3.10%) FORMOSA PLASTIC CORP (2.35%) CHUNGHWA TELECOM LTD (2.32%)
Number of constituents	87	87
Rebalancing frequency	Quarterly – in February, May, August and November	Quarterly – in February, May, August and November
Reuters code	.MITW00000NUS	.MITW00003NUS
Bloomberg ticker	NDEUSTW	NU727318

Data as at 30 August 2019

Except for the Capping Rules, the index objective and all other index construction criteria of the Capped Index (including the index universe, the approach for weighting of index constituents and rebalancing methodology) are the same as the Existing Index.

Investors can obtain the most updated list of the constituents of the Capped Index, their respective weightings and additional information concerning the Capped Index (including index fact sheets, methodology, end of day index levels and index performance) from the website of the Index Provider at www.msci.com.

Investors should note that there is no guarantee of (i) the correlation of the two indices in future and (ii) the return of the MSCI Taiwan ETF after the Index Change.

The Manager is of the view that the Index Change will not materially prejudice the existing investors' rights or interests and there will not be any increase in the overall risk profile, except for rebalancing period risk and past performance risk of the MSCI Taiwan ETF following the Index Change.

B. Impact on the MSCI Taiwan ETF

Other than as outlined above, the Index Change as described in this Announcement is not expected to affect the operation and/or the manner in which the MSCI Taiwan ETF is being managed. As a result of the Index Change,

- the English and Chinese names and stock short names of the MSCI Taiwan ETF will remain unchanged;
- the management fee for the MSCI Taiwan ETF will remain unchanged and there will not be any change to the fee level/cost in managing the MSCI Taiwan ETF;

- information relating to past performance of the MSCI Taiwan ETF will continue to be shown in the KFS of the MSCI Taiwan ETF. Investors should however note that due to the Index Change as set out in this Announcement, the circumstances under which performance prior to the Effective Date was achieved will no longer apply.

The Manager does not expect a substantive change to the ongoing charges figure and tracking difference figure of the MSCI Taiwan ETF. The figures for the year ended 31 December 2018 are currently disclosed in the KFS. The Manager will monitor the ongoing charges and tracking difference and, if necessary, update the figures in the KFS, in accordance with the relevant SFC guidance. Information on tracking error will continue to be published on the Manager's website at www.blackrock.com/hk (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

The Index Change as described in this Announcement does not require Unitholders' approval.

Costs associated with the Index Change will be borne by the Manager.

C. Rebalancing process

The rebalancing of assets held by the MSCI Taiwan ETF from constituents and weights of the Existing Index to constituents and weights of the Capped Index will take place over a period of 3 to 5 trading days around the Effective Date ("**Rebalancing**"). During Rebalancing, there is a risk that the tracking error and tracking difference of the MSCI Taiwan ETF may be higher than its historical level. Investors should note that after Rebalancing, there is no guarantee that the tracking error and tracking difference of the MSCI Taiwan ETF will be similar to that before the Index Change.

The Manager does not expect Rebalancing will have any material impact to the market.

Please refer to Appendix 1 for risks involved during Rebalancing.

D. Risks factors

As mentioned above, there may be risks involved during Rebalancing. There are also risks involved in relation to the Index Change in general. Please refer to Appendix 1 to this Announcement for potential risk factors.

4. Other changes to be made to the Prospectuses

The Prospectuses of the Sub-Funds will be updated to clarify that upon the termination of a Sub-Fund, the termination proceeds may be distributed and paid in currencies other than the Base Currency of the relevant Sub-Fund.

5. General

The revised Prospectuses will be uploaded on the Manager's website at www.blackrock.com/hk (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited's website at www.hkex.com.hk on the Effective Date. Copies of the Trust Deed, as amended, will also be available for inspection free of charge at any time during normal business hours on any day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) at the office of the Manager (see address below) from the Effective Date.

If you have any questions concerning this Announcement, please contact us on +852 3903 2823 or at 16th Floor Champion Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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Hong Kong

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Appendix 1

Risk Factors

A. Risk related to Rebalancing

During Rebalancing, holdings of the MSCI Taiwan ETF will be rebalanced from constituents and weights of the Existing Index to constituents and weights of the Capped Index. Although there is a high degree of correlation between the Existing Index and Capped Index, the Manager considers there is a risk that the tracking error and tracking difference of the MSCI Taiwan ETF during Rebalancing may increase. Investors should exercise caution when dealing with Units of the MSCI Taiwan ETF prior to the Effective Date.

B. Past performance risk

As a result of the Index Change, past performance of the MSCI Taiwan ETF prior to the Effective Date is achieved under circumstances which will no longer apply from the Effective Date. Investors should exercise caution when considering the past performance of the MSCI Taiwan ETF prior to the Effective Date.