

# **Product Key Facts**

# iShares EURO STOXX 50 INDEX ETF

### BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited

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This is a passive exchange traded fund.

This statement provides you with key information about this product.

This statement is a part of the Prospectus.

You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.

**Quick facts** 

Stock code: 09155 USD counter 03155 HKD counter 83155 RMB counter

**Trading lot size:** 100 units (for USD, HKD and RMB counters)

Manager: BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited

Trustee, Registrar and Custodian: HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited

Ongoing charges over a year\*: 0.25%

Tracking difference of the

last calender year##:

0.01%

**Underlying Index:** EURO STOXX 50 Index

Base currency: Euro (EUR)

Trading Currency USD, HKD, RMB

Financial year end of this fund: 31 December

**Distribution policy:** Annually, at the Manager's discretion (December each year) (if any). Distributions

may be made out of capital or effectively out of capital as well as income at the Manager's discretion. All units will receive distributions in the Base Currency (EUR) only. Please refer to "Other currencies distributions risk" and "Distributions

payable out of capital or effectively out of capital risk" on page 5 below.

ETF website: <a href="https://www.blackrock.com/hk">www.blackrock.com/hk</a> (Please refer to the section Additional Information on how

to access the product webpage)

# What is this product?

This is a fund constituted in the form of a unit trust established under Hong Kong law and is a sub-fund of the iShares Asia Trust. The units of the iShares EURO STOXX 50 Index ETF (the "EURO STOXX 50 ETF") are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("SEHK"). These units are traded on SEHK like listed stocks. The EURO STOXX 50 ETF is a passively managed index tracking ETF falling under Chapter 8.6 of the Code.

<sup>#</sup> The ongoing charges figure for the EURO STOXX 50 ETF is based on expenses for the year ended 31 December 2018. This figure may vary from year to year. It represents the sum of the ongoing expenses chargeable to the EURO STOXX ETF expressed as a percentage of the average Net Asset Value.

<sup>\*</sup> This is the actual tracking difference of the calendar year ended 31 December 2018. Investors should refer to the website of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF for more up-to-date information on actual tracking difference.

# **Objective and Investment Strategy**

# Objective

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF aims to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the EURO STOXX 50 Index (the "**Underlying Index**").

# **Investment Strategy**

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF adopts a representative sampling investment strategy to achieve its investment objective. A representative sampling investment strategy involves investing in a representative sample of the securities with high correlation to the Underlying Index (either directly or indirectly) selected by the Manager.

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF will invest primarily in securities included in the Underlying Index, or in securities that are not included in the Underlying Index, but which the Manager believes will help the EURO STOXX 50 ETF achieve its investment objective. The EURO STOXX 50 ETF may also invest in investments including futures contracts, index futures contracts, options on futures contracts and options related to its Underlying Index, local currency and forward currency exchange contracts, and cash and cash equivalents for both non-hedging purposes and hedging purposes, which the Manager believes will help the EURO STOXX 50 ETF achieve its investment objective. The EURO STOXX 50 ETF's investments in financial derivative instruments for non-hedging purposes will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value ("NAV") of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF.

The Manager may switch between the representative sampling and the full replication investment strategies without notice to investors and in its absolute discretion. A full replication investment strategy involves investing in substantially all the securities (either directly or indirectly) in substantially the same weightings as those securities comprised in the Underlying Index.

The Manager may invest in other physical exchange traded fund(s) ("ETFs") tracking indices that are closely correlated to the EURO STOXX 50 Index for cash management and contingency purposes, where, subject to market conditions, investing in physical ETFs is in the best interest of unitholders. The EURO STOXX 50 ETF may invest up to 10% of its NAV in one or more underlying ETFs which are non-eligible schemes or not authorised by the SFC and up to 30% of its NAV in each underlying ETF which are eligible schemes or authorised by the SFC, including those which are managed by the Manager or its Connected Persons or other third parties. The Manager intends to treat such underlying ETFs as collective investment schemes for the purposes of and subject to the requirements in Chapters 7.11, 7.11A and 7.11B of the Code.

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF currently does not intend to engage in any securities lending activities or repurchase transactions or other similar over the counter transactions. One month's prior notice will be given to Unitholders in the event the Manager intends to engage in such transactions.

### **Underlying Index**

The Underlying Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index. It represents the 50 largest companies in terms of free-float market capitalisation in 11 Eurozone countries. It is calculated and maintained by STOXX Limited. The Underlying Index is a net total return index, meaning the performance of the Underlying Index is calculated on the basis that dividends net of tax are reinvested.

The Underlying Index is denominated in Euro. The Underlying Index was launched on 26 February 1998, with total market capitalisation of EUR3,239.45 billion as at 20 November 2019. The base date of the Underlying Index is 31 December 1986.

The Manager and its connected persons are independent of the index provider of the Underlying Index.

For details (including the latest index level, constituents of the Index and their respective weightings, and other important news), please refer to the index website at <a href="https://www.stoxx.com/home">https://www.stoxx.com/home</a> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

The Bloomberg ticker of the Underlying Index is SX5T and the Reuters ticker of the Underlying Index is .STOXX50ER.

### Use of derivatives/investment in derivatives

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF's NAV.

### What are the key risks?

# Investment involves risks. Please refer to the Prospectus for details including the risk factors.

#### 1. General investment risk

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore your investment in the EURO STOXX 50 ETF may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.

#### 2. Equity market risk

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF's investment in equity securities is subject to general market risks, whose value may fluctuate due to various factors, such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic conditions and issuer-specific factors.

#### 3. Eurozone risk

In light of ongoing concerns on the sovereign debt risk of certain countries within the Eurozone, the EURO STOXX 50 ETF's investments in the region may be subject to higher volatility, liquidity, currency and default risks. Any adverse events, such as credit downgrade of a sovereign or exit of EU members from the Eurozone, may have a negative impact on the value of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF.

#### 4. Investment in ETFs risk

- The EURO STOXX 50 ETF will be subject to the risks associated with the underlying ETFs it invests in. The EURO STOXX 50 ETF does not have control of the investments of the underlying ETFs and there is no assurance that the investment objective and strategy of the underlying ETFs will be successfully achieved which may have a negative impact to the NAV of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF. Any tracking error of these ETFs will also contribute to the tracking error of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF.
- The underlying ETFs may not be regulated by the SFC. There may be additional costs involved when investing into these underlying ETFs.

# What are the key risks? (Cont'd)

#### 5. Passive investment risk

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF is passively managed and the Manager will not have the discretion to adapt to market changes due to the inherent investment nature of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF. Falls in the Underlying Index are expected to result in corresponding falls in the value of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF.

#### 6. Foreign exchange risk & RMB currency and conversion risk

- The EURO STOXX 50 ETF's Base Currency, NAV and underlying assets are in EUR but has units traded in USD, HKD
  and RMB. Accordingly secondary market investors may be subject to additional costs or losses associated with foreign
  currency fluctuations between the Base Currency and the trading currency when trading units in the secondary market.
- Furthermore, RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. Investors in the secondary market who buy and sell units traded in RMB are exposed to foreign exchange currency risks arising from the fluctuations between the Base Currency (i.e. EUR) and RMB.

#### 7. Tracking error risk

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF may be subject to tracking error risk, which is the risk that its performance may not track that of the Underlying Index exactly. This tracking error may result from the investment strategy used, fees and expenses, liquidity of the index constituents and changes to the Underlying Index. The Manager will monitor and seek to manage such risk in minimising tracking error. There can be no assurance of exact or identical replication at any time of the performance of the Underlying Index.

#### 8. Trading differences risks

- As the relevant European Stock Exchanges may be open when units in the EURO STOXX 50 ETF are not priced, the value of the securities in the EURO STOXX 50 ETF's portfolio may change on days when investors will not be able to purchase or sell the units.
- Differences in trading hours between the relevant European Stock Exchanges and the SEHK may also increase the level of premium or discount of the unit price to its NAV.

#### 9. Trading risks

- The trading price of the units on the SEHK is driven by market factors such as the demand and supply of the Units. Therefore, the units may trade at a substantial premium or discount to the EURO STOXX 50 ETF's NAV.
- As investors will pay certain charges (e.g. trading fees and brokerage fees) to buy or sell units on the SEHK, investors
  may pay more than the NAV per unit when buying units on the SEHK, and may receive less than the NAV per unit when
  selling units on the SEHK.

# What are the key risks? (Cont'd)

#### 10. Multi-counter risks

If there is a suspension of the inter-counter transfer of units between the counters and/or any limitation on the level of services by brokers and CCASS participants, Unitholders will only be able to trade their units in one counter only, which may inhibit or delay an investor dealing. The market price of units traded in each counter may deviate significantly. As such, investors may pay more or receive less when buying or selling units traded in one counter on the SEHK than in respect of units traded in another counter.

#### 11. Reliance on market maker risks

- Although the Manager will use its best endeavours to put in place arrangements so that at least one market maker will maintain a market for the units traded in each counter and that at least one market maker to each counter gives not less than 3 months' notice prior to termination of the market making arrangement, liquidity in the market for the units may be adversely affected if there is no or only one market maker for the units on any counter. There is also no guarantee that any market making activity will be effective.
- There may be less interest by potential market makers making a market in units denominated and traded in RMB. Any disruption to the availability of RMB may adversely affect the capability of market makers in providing liquidity for the units.

#### 12. Other currencies distributions risk

All units will receive distributions in the Base Currency (EUR) only. In the event that a Unitholder has no EUR account, the Unitholder may have to bear the fees and charges associated with the conversion of such distributions from EUR to USD, HKD, RMB or any other currency. The Unitholder may also have to bear bank or financial institution fees and charges associated with the handling of the distribution payment. Unitholders are advised to check with their brokers regarding arrangements for distributions.

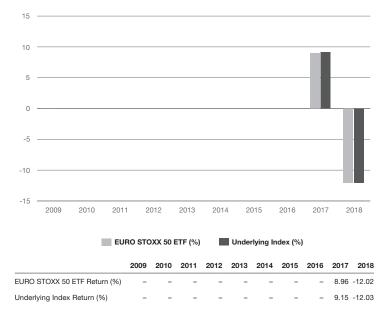
#### 13. Distributions payable out of capital or effectively out of capital risk

The Manager may at its discretion pay distributions out of capital, or effectively out of capital, of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF. Payment of distributions out of capital or effectively out of capital amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Any such distributions may result in an immediate reduction of the Net Asset Value per unit.

#### 14. Termination risk

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF may be terminated early under certain circumstances, for example, where the Underlying Index is no longer available for benchmarking or if the size of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF falls below a pre-determined NAV threshold as set out in the constitutive documents and offering documents. Investors may not be able to recover their investments and suffer a loss when the EURO STOXX 50 ETF is terminated.

# How has the fund performed?



- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-to-NAV, with dividends (if any) reinvested
- These figures show by how much the EURO STOXX 50 ETF increased or decreased in value during the calendar year shown. Performance is calculated in the base currency of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF, including ongoing charges and excluding your trading costs on SEHK.
- Where no past performance is shown there was insufficient data available in that year to provide performance.
- Underlying Index: EURO STOXX 50 Index.
- Launch date of EURO STOXX 50 ETF: 23 June 2016.

# Is there any guarantee?

The EURO STOXX 50 ETF does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

# What are the fees and charges?

# Charges incurred when trading the EURO STOXX 50 ETF on SEHK

Fee	What you pay
Brokerage fee	Market Rate
Transaction levy	0.0027%8 of the trading price
Trading fee	0.005% <sup>9</sup> of the trading price
Stamp duty	Nil
Inter-counter transfer fee	HKD5 per instruction

# Ongoing fees payable by the EURO STOXX 50 ETF

The following expenses will be paid out of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF. They affect you because they reduce the net asset value of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF which may affect the trading price.

	Annual rate (as a % of the fund's value)
Management fee	0.20% p.a. of net asset value calculated daily
Custodian fee	Included in the management fee
Administration fee	Included in the management fee

#### **Other Fees**

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the units of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF. Please refer to the Prospectus for fees and expenses applicable to investing in the EURO STOXX 50 ETF.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Transaction levy of 0.0027% of the price of the units payable by the buyer and the seller.

Trading fee of 0.005% of the price of the units, payable by the buyer and the seller.

#### **Additional information**

You can find the following information of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF at www.blackrock.com/hk.

- The EURO STOXX 50 ETF's Prospectus and this statement (as revised from time to time);
- Latest annual audited financial reports and interim half yearly unaudited financial report;
- Last NAV (in the Base Currency only i.e. EUR) and last NAV per unit (in each of the trading currencies i.e. USD, HKD and RMB);
- Near real time indicative NAV per unit throughout each dealing day (in each of the trading currencies i.e. USD, HKD and RMB);
- The EURO STOXX 50 ETF's holdings (updated on a daily basis);
- The past performance of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF;
- Public notices and announcements made by the EURO STOXX 50 ETF;
- Latest list of participating dealers market makers;
- The tracking difference and tracking error of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF; and
- Composition of any distributions paid (i.e. the relative amounts paid out of (i) net distributable income and (ii) capital) for the last 12 months.

Please note that the near real time indicative NAV per Unit (in each of the trading currencies i.e. USD, HKD and RMB) and the last NAV per Unit in USD, HKD and RMB are for reference only. The near real time indicative NAV per Unit in USD, HKD and RMB does not use a real time exchange rate between the Base Currency (i.e. EUR) and each of the trading currencies (i.e. USD, HKD and RMB). It is calculated using the indicative NAV per Unit in EUR multiplied by the WM Reuters 4:00p.m (London time)\* rate for USD, HKD and RMB (CNH) respectively for the previous Dealing Day. The last NAV per Unit in USD, HKD and RMB is calculated using the last NAV per Unit in the Base Currency (i.e. EUR) multiplied by the WM Reuters 4:00p.m (London time)\* rate for USD, HKD and RMB (CNH) respectively for that Dealing Day.

All of the information outlined above can be found on the product webpage of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF. The product webpage of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF can be located by using the search function and inserting the ticker number of the EURO STOXX 50 ETF (i.e. 03155, 83155 or 09155) at <a href="https://www.blackrock.com/hk">www.blackrock.com/hk</a>. Investors should note that the website has not been reviewed by the SFC. The product webpage also provides a link to the announcements and notices section of the website where public announcements and notices can be found.

\*Please note 4:00p.m (London time) (i) during British Summer Time is equivalent to 11:00p.m Hong Kong Time and (ii) otherwise is equivalent to 12:00a.m. Hong Kong Time

### **Important**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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