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# Samsung Leveraged and Inverse Investment Product Series (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 comprising:

> Samsung HSI Daily (2x) Leveraged Product Stock Code: 07205

Samsung HSI Daily (-1x) Inverse Product Stock Code: 07312

Samsung HSCEI Daily (2x) Leveraged Product Stock Code: 07228

#### Samsung HSCEI Daily (-1x) Inverse Product Stock Code: 07328

(each a "**Product**", collectively the "**Products**")

# ANNOUNCEMENT AND NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED CESSATION OF TRADING, TERMINATION, VOLUNTARY DEAUTHORISATION AND DELISTING AND NON-APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CODE ON UNIT TRUSTS AND MUTUAL FUNDS

Terms not defined in this Announcement and Notice will have the meanings as are given to such terms in the prospectus of the Trust and each of the Products published on 29 April 2020 (the **"Prospectus"**).

IMPORTANT: Investors are strongly advised to consider the contents of this Announcement and Notice. This Announcement and Notice is important and requires your immediate attention. It concerns the proposed cessation of trading of units of the Products (the "Units") on the SEHK, proposed termination and proposed deauthorisation of the Trust and the Products, proposed delisting of the Products from the SEHK and the non-applicability of certain provisions of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the "Code") for the period from 19 January 2021 (the "Trading Cessation Date") to the date of deauthorisation of the Trust and Products (the "Deauthorisation Date"). In particular, investors should note that:

- taking into account the relevant factors, including, in particular, the relatively small Net Asset Value of each of the Products (see section 1 below), the Manager has decided to exercise its power under Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A) of the trust deed dated 27 May 2016, as amended from time to time (the "Trust Deed") and proposed to seek termination of the Trust (and therefore all the Products) with effect from the Termination Date (as defined in section 2.4 below);
- the Last Trading Day (as defined in section 2.4 below) of the Units will be 18 January 2021;
- the Units will cease trading from the Trading Cessation Date (as defined in section 2.4 below), 19 January 2021;
- the Manager will aim to realise all of the assets of each of the Products from the Trading Cessation Date. Accordingly, from the Trading Cessation Date onwards, (i) there will be no further trading of Units and no further creation and redemption of Units; (ii) the Manager will start to realise all the assets of each of the Products and each of the Products will therefore cease to track the leveraged or inverse performance of its respective Index and will not be able to meet its investment objective of tracking the performance of such Index; (iii) the Products will no longer be marketed or offered to the public; (iv) the Products will mainly hold cash; and (v) the Products will only be operated in a limited manner;
- the Manager, upon consultation with the Trustee and the auditors of the Products (the "Auditors") will declare a Distribution (as defined in section 2.2 below) to the investors who remain so as at 22 January 2021. The amount of Distribution will equal the total net assets of each of the Products as at 22 January 2021, which will exclude (i) any taxes payable; and (ii) any expenses payable. The Distribution is expected to be payable on or around 28 January 2021;
- by the date when the Trustee and the Manager form an opinion that the Trust and the Products cease to have any respective outstanding contingent or actual assets or liabilities, the Trustee and the Manager will commence the completion

of the termination of the Trust and the Products (i.e. the Termination Date). The Manager expects the Termination Date will be on or around 18 March 2021. The Manager will publish an announcement on or shortly before the Termination Date about the termination and deauthorisation of the Trust and the Products and delisting of the Products;

- from the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date, the Manager will maintain the Trust's and each Product's SFC authorisation status and each Product's SEHK listed status. Subject to the SEHK's approval, delisting should take effect at or around the same time as the deauthorisation;
- the Manager will bear the unamortised preliminary expenses (as described in section 4.5 below) and all legal fees, costs and expenses associated with the termination of each Product (other than daily normal operating fees and expenses such as fees of service providers, transaction costs and any taxes relating to the realisation of assets of a Product) from the date of this Announcement and Notice up to and including the Termination Date;
- the Manager expects that the deauthorisation of the Trust and the Products and the delisting of the Products will take place either on the Termination Date or shortly after the Termination Date (please note that any product documentation for the Trust and the Products previously issued to investors, including the Prospectus and the Product Key Facts Statements (the "KFSs"), should be retained for personal use only and not for public circulation); and
- investors should pay attention to the risk factors set out in section 5.1 below (including liquidity risk, Units trading at a discount or premium and Market Makers' inefficiency risk, tracking errors during the period from the date of this Announcement and Notice to the Last Trading Day risk, Net Asset Value downward adjustment risk, failure to track the Indices risk and delay in distribution risk). Investors should exercise caution and consult their professional and financial advisers before dealing in the Units or otherwise deciding on the course of actions to be taken in relation to their Units.

Stockbrokers and financial intermediaries are urged to:

- forward a copy of this Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units in any or all of the Products, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement and Notice as soon as possible;
- facilitate their clients who want to dispose of Units in any or all of the Products 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.

Stockbrokers and financial intermediaries are also urged to inform their clients of the distribution arrangements as set out in section 2.2 below and the possible impact on their clients in relation to such arrangements.

If investors are in doubt about the contents of this Announcement and Notice, they should contact their independent financial intermediaries or professional advisers to seek their professional advice, or direct their queries to the Manager (please refer to section 7 below).

#### 1. <u>Proposed Termination, cessation of trading and realisation of assets</u>

#### 1.1. Proposed termination

According to Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A) of the Trust Deed, the Trust (and therefore all the Products) may be terminated by the Manager in its absolute discretion by notice in writing in the event that after one year from the date of the Trust Deed, the aggregate Net Asset Value of all the Units in each Product outstanding shall be less than HK\$150,000,000. The Trust Deed does not require investors' approval for terminating the Trust and the Products on the ground set out in Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A).

As at 17 December 2020, the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Unit of each of the Products were as follows:

Product	Net Asset Value	Net Asset Value per Unit
Samsung HSI Daily (2x) Leveraged Product	HK\$57,381,065.81	HK\$7.3565
Samsung HSI Daily (-1x) Inverse Product	HK\$14,717,864.70	HK\$4.0883
Samsung HSCEI Daily (2x) Leveraged Product	HK\$24,220,360.32	HK\$6.2103
Samsung HSCEI Daily (- 1x) Inverse Product	HK\$15,574,424.42	HK\$4.3262

Having taken into account the relevant factors including the interests of the investors as a whole, the current relatively small Net Asset Value of each of the Products, the Manager is of the view that the proposed termination of the Trust (and therefore all the Products) would be in the best interests of the investors of the Products. Therefore, the Manager decided to exercise its power under Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A) of the Trust Deed by giving notice in writing to the Trustee of its proposal to terminate the Trust and the Products on the date on which the Trustee and the Manager form an opinion that the Trust and the Products cease to have any respective contingent or actual assets or liabilities. The Manager has given written notice to the Trustee notifying the Trustee of its proposal to terminate the Trust Deed, and the Trust and the Products pursuant to Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A) of the Trust Deed, and the Trustee does not object to such proposal and acknowledges the non-applicability of certain provisions of the Code as referred to in this Announcement and Notice.

As required under Clause 35.8 of the Trust Deed, no less than three months' notice is hereby given to the investors, notifying them of the proposed termination of the Trust and the Products. Also, as required under Chapters 11.1A and 11.2 of the Code, no less than one month's notice is hereby given to the investors, notifying them that each of the Products will cease to track the leveraged or inverse performance of its respective Index, and cease trading, from the Trading Cessation Date.

#### 1.2. Proposed cessation of trading

The Manager will apply to SEHK to have the Units cease trading on the SEHK with effect from 19 January 2021 (the "**Trading Cessation Date**"). The Manager will aim to realise all of the assets of the Products effective from the Trading Cessation Date in exercise of its investment powers under Clause 9.6 of the Trust Deed.

The realisation of assets of the Products will not incur any additional cost as compared to the costs associated with normal realisation of investments.

18 January 2021 will be the Last Trading Day when investors may buy or sell Units on the SEHK in accordance with the usual trading arrangements currently in place, and no creation and redemption of Units through Participating Dealers will be allowed after such date. Creation and redemption of Units by Participating Dealers will continue to be permitted until the Last Trading Day. Creations of Units will be limited to the creation of Units by Participating Dealers of market makers to provide liquidity of the trading of the Units on the SEHK. There will be no creation of Units for other purposes after this Announcement and Notice has been published.

Investors should note that they cannot create or redeem Units directly in the primary market. Only Participating Dealers may submit creation and redemption applications to the Manager. Participating Dealers may have their own application procedures for their clients and may set application cut-off times for their clients which are earlier than those set out in the Prospectus but in any event no later than the Last Trading Day. Investors are advised to check with the Participating Dealers as to the relevant timing deadlines and the client acceptance procedures and requirements.

#### **1.3. Impact of the proposed realisation of the assets**

After the realisation of the assets of each of the Products, each of the Products will mainly hold cash (primarily consisting of the proceeds from the realisation of the assets of each of the Products). It therefore follows that, from the Trading Cessation Date, each of the Products will cease to track the leveraged or inverse performance of its respective Index, and will not be able to meet its respective investment objective of tracking the performance of the respective Index.

#### 2. <u>What will happen on or before the Last Trading Day and from the Trading Cessation</u> <u>Date?</u>

#### 2.1 Trading on the SEHK up to and including the Last Trading Day

On any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, an investor may continue to buy or sell its Units 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 Products (collectively the "**Market Makers**") will continue to perform their market making functions in accordance with the Trading Rules of the SEHK until the Trading Cessation Date.

Investors should note that stockbrokers or other financial intermediaries may impose brokerage fees on any sale of the Units on the SEHK on investors, and a transaction levy (at 0.0027% of the price of the Units of each of the Products) and a trading fee (at 0.005% of the price of the Units of each of the Products) will be payable by the buyer and the seller of the Units.

No charge to stamp duty will arise in Hong Kong in respect of sale or purchase of Units on the SEHK.

The trading price of Units may be below or above the Net Asset Value per Unit. Please see the risk factor in section 5.1 below.

Relevant Investors (as defined **in section 2.2** below) are reminded to contact their stockbrokers or financial intermediaries to check whether there will be any fees or charges including custody fees that they may need to bear with regard to their holdings of Units during the period from the Trading Cessation Date up till the date on which they cease to hold Units.

#### 2.2 Distribution(s)

For Relevant Investors who are still holding Units of each of the Products after the Last Trading Day, the Manager will, after consulting the Trustee and the Auditors, declare a distribution in Hong Kong Dollars (the "**Distribution**") in respect of those investors who remain invested in the Products as of the Distribution Record Date (the "**Relevant Investors**"). Such Distribution is expected to be made on or around 28 January 2021 (the "**Distribution Date**").

Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to a Distribution of an amount equal to the relevant Product's then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor's Units in that Product as at the Distribution Record Date. Each Product's then Net Asset Value will be the total value of the net proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the relevant Product as described in section 1.3 above (which exclude (i) any taxes payable; and (ii) any expenses payable).

The Distribution payable to each Relevant Investor is expected to be paid on or around 28 January 2021, to the accounts of its financial intermediary or stockbroker maintained with CCASS as at the Distribution Record Date. The Manager will issue a further announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the exact day of payment of the Distribution, together with the amount of Distribution per Unit in respect of the relevant Product in due course.

The Manager does not expect or anticipate there will be a further distribution after the Distribution. However, in the unlikely event there is a further distribution after the Distribution, the Manager will issue an announcement informing the Relevant Investors.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Investors should pay attention to the risk factors as set out in section 5.1 below and consult their professional and financial advisers before disposing of their Units. If an investor disposes of its Units at any time on or before the Last Trading Day, such investor will not in any circumstances be entitled to any portion of the Distribution or further distribution (if any) in respect of any Units so disposed. Investors should therefore exercise caution and consult their professional and financial advisers before dealing in their Units or otherwise deciding on any course of actions to be taken in relation to their Units.

#### 2.3 Between the Trading Cessation Date and Termination Date

Following the realisation of the assets and the Distribution and further distribution (if any), when the Manager and the Trustee are of the opinion that the Trust and the Products cease to have any respective contingent or actual assets or liabilities (the "**Termination Date**"), the Manager and the Trustee will commence the completion of terminating the Products.

During the period from the Trading Cessation Date until, at the earliest, the Termination Date, although the Products will continue to have listing status on the SEHK and will remain authorised by the SFC, the Products will no longer be marketed or offered to the public and will only be operated in a limited manner because there will be no trading of Units and the Products will have no investment activities from the Trading Cessation Date onwards. As such, pursuant to Chapter 8.6(t) of the Code and question 20 of the Frequently Asked Questions on Leveraged and Inverse Products (the "FAQs on Leveraged and Inverse Products"), the Products will continue to maintain their authorisation status with the SFC without strictly complying with certain provisions of the Code for the period from and including the Trading Cessation Date up until the Deauthorisation Date, provided that the specific conditions and requirements imposed by the SFC are met. Such conditions and requirements are described in section 3 below.

The deauthorisation of the Trust and the Products and delisting of the Products will take place either on the Termination Date or shortly after the Termination Date, subject to the SFC's and SEHK's respective approvals. The Manager expects that delisting will only take place at or around the same time of the deauthorisation.

The proposed termination and deauthorisation of the Trust and the Products and the proposed delisting of the Products will be subject to the payment of all outstanding fees and expenses (please refer to section 4 below), discharge of all outstanding liabilities of the Trust and the Products, as well as final approvals by the SFC and the SEHK respectively.

Following deauthorisation, the Trust and the Products will no longer be subject to regulation by the SFC and will not be available for public distribution in Hong Kong. Any product documentation previously issued to investors, including the Prospectus and the KFSs, should be retained for personal use only and not for public circulation. Stockbrokers, financial intermediaries and investors must not circulate any marketing or other product information relating to the Trust and the Products to the public in Hong Kong as this may be in breach of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong (the "**SFO**").

#### 2.4 Important dates

Subject to the SFC's and the SEHK's respective approvals for the proposed arrangements set out in this Announcement and Notice, it is anticipated that the expected important dates in respect of the Trust and the Products will be as follows:

Dispatch of this Announcement and Notice	18 December 2020 (Friday)
No further request for creation of Units by investors in the primary market via Participating Dealers (other than by Participating Dealers for market making activities) after this Announcement and Notice has been published	21 December 2020 (Monday)
Last day on which requests for creation by Participating Dealers for market making activities and redemption of Units in the Products in the primary market may be accepted	18 January 2021 (Monday)
Last day for dealings in the Units on the SEHK	
(the "Last Trading Day")	
No further requests for creation and redemption of Units in the primary market will be accepted	19 January 2021 (Tuesday)
Cessation of trading in the Units on the SEHK in the secondary market	
The date on which the Manager will start to realise all the investments of the Products and each of the Products will cease to track the leveraged or inverse performance of its respective Index	
The day from which the Products shall no longer be marketed or offered to the public in Hong Kong	
(the "Trading Cessation Date")	

Last valuation of the Products to be conducted upon liquidation of all assets	21 January 2021 (Thursday)
(the "Last Valuation Date")	
Record date for determining the eligibility of entitlement for the Distribution and further distribution, if any	By close of business on 22 January 2021 (Friday)
(the "Distribution Record Date")	
Dispatch of announcement on Distribution and the distribution rate per Unit	On or around 26 January 2021 (Tuesday), at least one business day before the Distribution Date
Distribution, after the Manager having consulted the Trustee and the Auditors, will be paid to the investors who are still holding Units as at the Distribution Record Date	On or around 28 January 2021 (Thursday)
(the "Distribution Date")	
If any further distribution is payable to the Relevant Investors after the payment of the Distribution, dispatch of an announcement to inform investors of the amount and payment date	By 8 February 2021 (Monday)
Payment of further distribution (if any) to the Relevant Investors as mentioned in the preceding paragraph	On or around 16 February 2021 (Tuesday)
Termination of the Trust and the Products when the Manager and the Trustee form an opinion that the Trust and the Products cease to have any respective contingent or actual assets or liabilities	Expected to be 18 March 2021 (Thursday)
(the "Termination Date")	
Deauthorisation of the Trust and the Products and delisting of the Products	On or shortly after the Termination Date
The date of deauthorisation and delisting will be the date which the SFC and SEHK approve the deauthorisation and delisting respectively. The Manager expects that the deauthorisation and delisting will take place either on the Termination Date or immediately after the Termination Date	

The Manager will issue the following:

- (i) (on a weekly basis from the date of this Announcement and Notice to the Last Trading Day) reminder announcements informing and reminding investors of the Last Trading Day, the Trading Cessation Date and the Distribution Record Date;
- (ii) (in due course) an announcement to inform the investors of the Distribution Date, and further distribution date (if any);
- (iii) (prior to further distribution, if any) an announcement to inform the investors the amount of further distribution per Unit; and

(iv) (on or shortly before the Termination Date) an announcement informing investors about the Termination Date, Deauthorisation Date of the Trust and the Products and the date for the delisting of the Products,

in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

If there is any change to the dates mentioned set out in the table above, the Manager will issue an announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the revised dates.

#### 3. <u>Non-applicability of certain provisions of the Code</u>

#### 3.1 Background

As set out in section 2.3 above, while the Units will cease trading effective from the Trading Cessation Date, because of certain outstanding actual or contingent assets or liabilities in relation to the Products, the Products will remain in existence after the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date. During such period, the Products will remain authorised by the SFC and maintain their SEHK listed status, until the completion of the proposed termination and deauthorisation of the Trust and the Products and the proposed delisting of the Products.

Pursuant to Chapter 8.6(t) of the Code and question 20 of the FAQs on Leveraged and Inverse Products, the Products may not strictly comply with certain provisions of the Code for the period from and including the Trading Cessation Date up until the Deauthorisation Date, provided that the specific conditions and requirements imposed by the SFC are met. Such conditions and requirements are described in this section 3.

#### 3.2 Updating of the Prospectus and KFSs

Under Chapters 6.1 and 11.1B of the Code, the Prospectus and the KFSs in respect of the Products must be up-to-date and must be updated to incorporate any relevant changes to the Products.

The Manager will continue to manage the Products without updating the Prospectus and the KFSs in respect of the Products as required under Chapters 6.1 and 11.1B of the Code from the Trading Cessation Date to the Deauthorisation Date, subject to the following conditions and requirements imposed by the SFC and which the Manager has undertaken to meet:

- (i) the Manager shall promptly notify investors of any changes to the Products or to the Prospectus or the KFSs by means of publishing further announcement(s) on the website <u>www.samsungetf.com.hk</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the HKEX's website (each, a "Relevant Future Announcement"); and
- (ii) the Manager shall ensure that each Relevant Future Announcement shall include a statement to refer investors to read this Announcement and Notice together with the Prospectus, the KFSs, and any other Relevant Future Announcement(s).

#### 3.3 Provision of real time or near-real time indicative Net Asset Value per Unit and last Net Asset Value

Under Chapter 8.6(u)(i) and (ii) of the Code, the Manager is required to provide real time or near-real time indicative Net Asset Value per Unit (updated at least every 15 seconds during trading hours) and last Net Asset Value per Unit and last Net Asset Value of the Products (updated on a daily basis) on the Trust's website or such other channels as the SFC considers appropriate.

The Manager will continue to manage the Products without strict compliance with Chapter 8.6(u)(i) and (ii) of the Code from the Trading Cessation Date to the Deauthorisation Date, subject to the following conditions and requirements imposed by the SFC and which the Manager has undertaken to meet:

- the Manager shall ensure that the Net Asset Value per Unit as of 18 January 2021 (i.e. the Last Trading Day), which will be the latest Net Asset Value per Unit, will be published on the website <u>www.samsungetf.com.hk</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC); and
- (ii) the Manager shall update the latest available Net Asset Value per Unit on the website <u>www.samsungetf.com.hk</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) as soon as practicable should there be any other change to the Net Asset Value of each of the Products, including but not limited to changes arising from (i) the payment of Distribution (please see further in section 2.2 above); (ii) further distribution (if any); (iii) any deduction of transaction costs or taxes relating to the realisation of the assets of each of the Products; and (iv) any change in market value of the scrip dividend receivable by the Products (if any) of the underlying investments.

#### 3.4 Publication of suspension of dealing

Under Chapter 10.7 of the Code, the Manager is required to: (a) immediately notify the SFC if dealing in the Units 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 Manager will continue to manage the Products without strict compliance with Chapter 10.7 of the Code from the Trading Cessation Date to the Deauthorisation Date, subject to the condition that a statement shall be posted in a prominent position of the website <u>www.samsungetf.com.hk</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) from the Trading Cessation Date to the Deauthorisation Date to notify investors that the Units have ceased trading on SEHK from 19 January 2021 (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date), and draw investors' attention to this Announcement and Notice, the subsequent reminder announcements and all other relevant announcements.

As the Products will maintain their listed status with SEHK during the period from and including the Trading Cessation Date up until the date of delisting and deauthorisation, investors may continue to access further announcements in relation to the Products via the the website <u>www.samsungetf.com.hk</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and HKEX's website during such period.

#### 3.5 Other related matter

The Manager confirms that, save for the particular provisions of the Code set out in sections 3.2 to 3.4 above, the Manager will continue to comply with all the other applicable provisions of the Code, the applicable provisions in the Trust Deed, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and other applicable laws and regulations in respect of the Products.

# 4. <u>Costs</u>

# 4.1 Trading on the SEHK

As indicated in section 2.1 above, stockbrokers or financial intermediaries may levy certain fees and charges for any orders to dispose of Units on or before the Last Trading Day.

#### 4.2 Creation and redemption by Participating Dealers

All creations and redemptions of Units by Participating Dealers will be subject to the fees and costs as set out in the Prospectus. Participating Dealers may pass on to the Relevant Investors such fees and costs, and may also impose fees and charges in handling creation and redemption requests which would increase the cost of creation and redemption. Investors are advised to check with Participating Dealers as to their relevant fees, costs and charges.

#### 4.3 Ongoing charges

The ongoing charges over a year for the Products as a percentage of Net Asset Value are:

- Samsung HSI Daily (2x) Leveraged Product: 2.31%\*;
- Samsung HSI Daily (-1x) Inverse Product: 3.55%\*;
- Samsung HSCEI Daily (2x) Leveraged Product: 2.15%\*; and
- Samsung HSCEI Daily (-1x) Inverse Product: 3.28%\*.

\* The ongoing charges figure is an annualised figures based on expenses during the period from 1 April 2020 to 7 December 2020, expressed as a percentage of the average Net Asset Value over the same period, annualised to give an ongoing charges figure over a year.

The ongoing charges are calculated in accordance with the guidance under the relevant SFC circular, and exclude the following costs and expenses associated with the termination of the Products (which are borne by each relevant Product): (i) transaction costs and (ii) any taxes relating to the realisation of assets of the Products. The Manager does not expect that the termination of the Trust and the Products will impact the ongoing charges figures of the Products as disclosed above.

Each of the Products does not have any contingent liabilities (such as outstanding litigation) as at the date of this Announcement and Notice.

#### 4.4 Cost of termination, deauthorisation and delisting

The Manager will bear the unamortised preliminary expenses (as described in section 4.5 below) and all legal fees, costs and expenses associated with the termination of each Product (other than daily normal operating fees and expenses such as fees of service providers, transaction costs and any taxes relating to the realisation of assets of a Product) from the date of this Announcement and Notice up to and including the Termination Date.

For the avoidance of doubt, normal daily operating fees and expenses (including fees of service providers) will continue to accrue and be payable by the Products in accordance with the Prospectus until the Last Valuation Date. In particular, the Manager and the Trustee will continue to charge each Product a management fee and a trustee fee respectively until the Last Valuation Date.

The Manager and the Trustee will waive their entitlement to management fee and trustee fee respectively from the Last Valuation Date until the Termination Date.

#### 4.5 Unamortised preliminary expenses

As at the date of this Announcement and Notice, each Product has unamortised preliminary expenses in the following amounts:

• Samsung HSI Daily (2x) Leveraged Product: HK\$119,592.00;

- Samsung HSI Daily (-1x) Inverse Product: HK\$119,592.00;
- Samsung HSCEI Daily (2x) Leveraged Product: HK\$119,592.00; and
- Samsung HSCEI Daily (-1x) Inverse Product: HK\$119,592.00.

### 5. Other matters

# 5.1 Other implications of the proposed cessation of trading, the proposed termination, deauthorisation and delisting

In consequence of this Announcement and Notice and the proposed cessation of trading of the Units on the SEHK, proposed termination and proposed deauthorisation of the Trust and the Products and the proposed delisting of the Products from the SEHK, investors should note and consider the following risks:

*Liquidity risk* – Trading of Units in each of the Products on the SEHK from the date of this Announcement and Notice may become less liquid.

Units trading at a discount or premium and Market Makers' inefficiency risk – The Units of the Products may trade at a discount or premium of its Net Asset Value. Although the Manager expects that, up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, the Market Makers will continue to perform their market making functions in respect of the Products in accordance with the Trading Rules of the SEHK, Units may trade at a discount compared to their Net Asset Value in extreme market situations. This is because many investors may want to sell their Units after the proposal to terminate the Trust and the Products has been announced but there may not be many investors in the market who are willing to purchase such Units. On the other hand, it is also possible that the Units may trade at a premium, and consequently the divergence between the supply of and demand for the Units of the Products may be larger than usual. In particular, should there be a large demand for Units before the Trading Cessation Date, the Market Makers may not be able to effectively perform its market making activities to provide liquidity of the trading of Units on the SEHK in these extreme market situations. As a result, the price volatility of the Units may be higher than usual from the date of this Announcement and Notice up to (and including) the Last Trading Day.

Tracking errors during the period from the date of this Announcement and Notice to the Last Trading Day risk – It is possible that the size of the relevant Product may drop drastically before the Last Trading Day. This may impair the Manager's ability to fulfill the investment objectives of the Products and result in significant tracking error. In the extreme situation where the size of the relevant Product becomes so small that the Manager considers that it is not in the best interest of the relevant Product to continue to invest in the market, the Manager may decide to convert the whole or part of the investments of the relevant Product into cash or deposits in order to protect the interest of the investors of that Product.

*Net Asset Value downward adjustment risk* – Changes in economic environment, consumption pattern and investors' expectations may have significant impact on the value of the investments and there may be significant drop in value of the investments. Such market movements may result in substantial downward adjustment of the Net Asset Value per Unit before the Last Trading Day.

*Failure to track the Indices* risk – All assets of the Products, to the extent possible, will be liquidated with effect from the Trading Cessation Date. Thereafter, the Products' assets will mainly be cash. The Products will only be operated in a limited manner. It therefore follows that, from the Trading Cessation Date, each of the Products will cease to track the leveraged or inverse performance of its respective Index, and will not be able to meet its respective investment objective of tracking the performance of such Index.

Delay in distribution risk – The Manager will aim to realise all of the assets of the Products and proceed with the Distribution and further distribution (if any) as soon as practicable. However, the Manager may not be able to realise all the assets of the Products in a timely manner during certain periods of time, for example, when trading on the relevant stock exchanges is restricted or suspended or when the official clearing and settlement depositary of the relevant market is closed. In this case, the payment of Distribution or further distribution (if any) may be delayed.

Investor attention is also drawn to the risk factors disclosed in the Prospectus.

#### 5.2 Tax implications

Based on the Manager's understanding of the law and practice in force at the date of this Announcement and Notice, as the Trust and the Products are collective investment schemes authorised under Section 104 of the SFO, profits of the Trust and the Products derived from realisation of their assets are exempt from Hong Kong profits tax. Notwithstanding that profits of the Trust and each Product derived from realisation of their assets are exempt from Hong Kong profits tax, the Trust and each Product may be subject to tax in certain jurisdictions where investments are made, on income or capital gains derived from such investments.

Distribution or further distribution (if any) to the extent of distribution of profits and/or capital of the Trust and the Products should generally not be subject to Hong Kong profits tax by Hong Kong investors (whether by way of withholding or otherwise). For investors carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong, profits derived in redemption or disposal of Units in the Products may be subject to Hong Kong profits tax if the profits in question arise in or are derived from such trade, profession or business, sourced in Hong Kong, as well as the Units of the Products are revenue assets of the investors.

Investors should consult their professional tax advisers for tax advice.

#### 5.3 Connected party transaction

None of the Connected Persons of the Manager and/or the Trustee are party to any transaction in relation to the Products, nor hold any interest in any of the Products.

#### 6. Documents available for inspection

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection free of charge upon request at the Manager's office (see section 7 below) during office hours:

- (i) the Trust Deed;
- (ii) the Participation Agreements;
- (iii) the Service Agreements;
- (iv) the most recent annual report and accounts of the Trust and the Products and the most recent interim report of the Trust and the Products; and
- (v) the Prospectus and the KFSs.

Copies of the above documents may be obtained from the Manager at a cost of HK\$150 per set of copy documents (other than the financial statements, the Prospectus and the KFSs which may be obtained free of charge).

### 7. Enquiries

If you have any questions in relation to the contents of this Announcement and Notice, please direct them to your stockbrokers or financial intermediaries or contact the Manager at 4513-14, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong or on +852 2115 8710 during office hours, or visiting the Manager's website www.samsungetf.com.hk (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC).

The Manager accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of this Announcement and Notice, and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

#### Samsung Asset Management (Hong Kong) Limited

as Manager of the Trust and the Products

#### 18 December 2020