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### **CSOP ETF Series II**

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

CSOP Bloomberg China Treasury + Policy Bank Bond Index ETF Stock Codes: 83199 (RMB counter) and 3199 (HKD counter)

a sub-fund of the CSOP ETF Series II

# Announcement Reduction of Management Fee and Appointment of Investment Advisor

CSOP Asset Management Limited 南方東英資產管理有限公司 (the "Manager") wishes to inform unitholders of CSOP Bloomberg China Treasury + Policy Bank Bond Index ETF (the "Sub-Fund") in relation to the following changes, with effect from 24 September 2021 (the "Effective Date"):

- (1) the Management Fee of the Sub-Fund will be reduced from 0.49% per annum to 0.28% per annum (as a percentage of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund);
- (2) ICBC Asset Management (Global) Company Limited will be appointed as the investment advisor of the Sub-Fund.

Unless otherwise defined in this Announcement, capitalised terms used in this Announcement shall have the same meaning as defined in the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund. Investors should exercise caution in dealing with the units of the Sub-Fund.

## 1. Reduction of Management Fee

Currently, The Manager is entitled to receive a Management Fee of the Sub-Fund, at the rate of 0.49% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund. In order to lower the expenses of investors, starting from the Effective Date, the Management Fee will be calculated at a rate at 0.28% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund (the "Reduction of Management Fee").

As a result of the Reduction of Management Fee, the ongoing charges figure disclosed in the Product Key Facts Statement (the "KFS") of the Sub-Fund will also be updated, to provide a best estimate ongoing charges figure for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. The Manager will cap the ongoing charges figure for the Sub-Fund at a maximum of 0.28% p.a. with effect from the Effective Date.

The Manager believes that the Reduction of Management Fee is in the best interests of the Sub-Fund and investors. The Reduction of Management Fee will not materially prejudice the existing investors' rights or interests and there will not be any material changes or increase in the overall risk profile of the Sub-Fund following the change.

### 2. Appointment of Investment Advisor

ICBC Asset Management (Global) Company Limited will be appointed as the investment advisor (the "Investment Advisor") of the Sub-Fund (the "Appointment of Investment Advisor").

The Investment Advisor shall provide investment advice to the Manager in respect of the Sub-Fund, including but not limited to liquidity considerations of the bonds which the Sub-Fund invests when adopting the representative sampling strategy, in pursuit of the investment objective and in accordance with the investment strategy as set out in the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund, subject to the control and review of the Manager. The Investment Advisor is independent of the Manager. For the avoidance of doubt, the Investment Advisor will not have any discretionary management powers regarding the Sub-Fund which remain with the Manager.

The Management Fee is inclusive of the Investment Advisor's fee and the Manager will pay the fees of the Investment Advisor out of the Management Fee.

### Introduction of the Investment Advisor

ICBC Asset Management (Global) Company Limited is an asset management company incorporated in Hong Kong. It was registered as a licensed corporation by the SFC in Hong Kong to carry out advising on securities (Type 4), advising on futures contracts (Type 5) and asset management (Type 9). The Investment Advisor provides professional investment management and advisory services to unit trusts, institutional clients as well as high net worth private individuals. Directors and senior management of the Investment Advisor are reputable and experienced investment professionals with in-depth international financial market knowledge. The Investment Advisor is a wholly owned subsidiary of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited is the Hong Kong banking business of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, the largest commercial bank in the PRC mainland. Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited is principally engaged in banking, financial and other financial related services with focus on retail banking, commercial banking as well as corporate banking business.

# Reliance on the Investment Advisor Risk

The Investment Advisor shall provide investment advice to the Manager in respect of the Sub-Fund, including but not limited to liquidity considerations of the bonds which the Sub-Fund invests when adopting the representative sampling strategy, in pursuit of the investment objective and in accordance with the investment strategy as set out in the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund, subject to

the control and review of the Manager. Any disruption in the communication with or assistance from the Investment Advisor or a loss of service of the Investment Advisor or any of its key personnel might adversely affect the operations of the Sub-Fund.

## <u>General</u>

The Appointment of Investment Advisor will not materially prejudice the existing unitholders' rights or interests and there will not be any material changes or increase in the overall risk profile of the Sub-Fund following the changes. There will not be any changes to the investment objective and policy, features, and the manner the Sub-Fund is managed.

# 3. Revised Prospectus

The above changes and consequential amendments will be reflected in the revised prospectus and KFS of the Sub-Fund which will be published on the Manager's website at www.csopasset.com and the HKEx's website at www.hkexnews.hk on or before the Effective Date.

# 4. For Further Information

If you have any queries or require further information in relation to any aspect of this Announcement, please refer to http://www.csopasset.com/en/home (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) or contact our Customer Service Hotline at (852) 3406 5688 or at 2801-2803, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board CSOP Asset Management Limited Chief Executive Officer Ding Chen

23 September 2021

As of the date of this Announcement, the board of directors of the Manager comprises 7 Directors namely, Mr. Zhou Yi, Ms. Ding Chen, Mr. Zhang Gaobo, Mr. Yang Xiaosong, Mr. Cai Zhongping, Mr. Liu Zhiwei and Ms. Liu Xiuyan.