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## **E Fund ETFs 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)*

## **E Fund (HK) CSI 300 A-Share Index ETF** (RMB Counter Stock Code: 83100) (HKD Counter Stock Code: 03100)

(the “Sub-Fund”)

### **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 the Sub-Fund published on 1 April 2022 (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 Sub-Fund (the “Units”) on the SEHK, proposed termination and proposed deauthorisation of the Sub-Fund, proposed delisting of the Sub-Fund 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 12 October 2022 (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date) to the date of deauthorisation of the Sub-Fund (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 the Sub-Fund (see section 1 below), the Manager has decided to exercise its power under Clause 35.7(A) of the trust deed dated 25 July 2012, as amended and restated from time to time (the “Trust Deed”) and proposed to seek termination of the Sub-Fund with effect from the Termination Date (as defined in section 2.4 below). The Manager is of the view that the proposed termination of the Sub-Fund would be in the best interests of the investors of the Sub-Fund;
- the Last Trading Day (as defined in section 2.4 below) of the Units will be 11 October 2022;
- the Units will cease trading on the SEHK from the Trading Cessation Date (as defined in section 2.4 below), 12 October 2022;
- the Manager will aim to realise all of the assets of the Sub-Fund from the Trading Cessation Date, upon consultation with the Trustee and the auditors of the Sub-Fund (the “Auditors”). 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 the Sub-Fund and the Sub-Fund will therefore cease to track the performance of its Index and will not be able to meet its investment objective of tracking the performance of such Index; (iii) the Sub-Fund will no longer be marketed or offered to the public; (iv) the Sub-Fund will mainly hold cash; and (v) the Sub-Fund will only be operated in a limited manner;
- the Manager, upon consultation with the Trustee and the Auditors, will declare a Distribution (as defined in section 2.2 below) to the investors who remain so as at 14 October 2022 (i.e. the Distribution Record Date). The amount of Distribution will equal the total net assets of the Sub-Fund as at 14 October 2022, which will exclude (i) the Provision (as defined in section 4.3); (ii) any taxes payable, including PRC tax payable as determined by the Manager in accordance with the Sub-Fund’s current tax provisioning policy and in consultation with the Trustee and the PRC tax advisers (the final amount is subject to the discretion of the PRC tax authorities); and (iii) any expenses payable. The Distribution is expected to be payable on or around 31 October 2022 (i.e. the Distribution Date);
- by the date when the Trustee and the Manager form an opinion that the Sub-Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities, the Trustee and the Manager will commence the completion of the termination of the Sub-Fund (i.e. the Termination Date). The Manager expects the Termination Date will be on or around 30 December 2022. The Manager will publish an announcement on or shortly before the Termination Date about the termination and deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund. Investors should note that the termination, deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund are subject to PRC tax clearance;
- from the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date, the Manager will maintain the Sub-Fund’s authorisation by the SFC and SEHK listed status. Subject to the SEHK’s approval, delisting should take effect at or around the same time as the deauthorisation;
- the Manager expects that the deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund will take place either on the Termination Date or shortly after the Termination Date; and
- investors should pay attention to the risk factors set out in section 5.1 below. 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 any Units, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement and Notice as soon as possible;
- facilitate their clients who want to dispose of any Units 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.**

**Any fund documentation for the Sub-Fund previously issued to investors, including the Prospectus and the Product Key Facts Statement (the “KFS”), should be retained for personal use only and not for public circulation. 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. Proposed termination of the Sub-Fund, cessation of trading and realisation of assets**

### **1.1. Proposed termination of the Sub-Fund**

According to Clause 35.7(A) of the Trust Deed, the Sub-Fund may be terminated by the Manager in its absolute discretion by notice in writing to the Trustee if the aggregate Net Asset Value of all the Units in the Sub-Fund outstanding shall be less than RMB100,000,000. The Trust Deed does not require investors’ approval for terminating the Sub-Fund on the ground set out in Clause 35.7(A).

As at 2 September 2022, the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Sub-Fund are as follows:

<b>Net Asset Value</b>	<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>
RMB 29,179,649.56	RMB 36.4746

Having taken into account the relevant factors including the interests of the investors as a whole and the current relatively small Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund, the Manager is of the view that the proposed termination of the Sub-Fund would be in the best interests of the investors of the Sub-Fund. Therefore, the Manager has by a resolution of the board of directors of the Manager, decided to exercise its power under Clause 35.7(A) of the Trust Deed by giving notice in writing to the Trustee of its proposal to terminate the Sub-Fund on the date on which the Trustee and the Manager form an opinion that the Sub-Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities.

The Manager has, pursuant to Clause 35.7(A) of the Trust Deed, given written notice to the Trustee notifying the Trustee of its proposal to terminate the Sub-Fund and to voluntarily seek the deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund (the “**Proposal**”), 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 35.9 of the Trust Deed, no less than three months’ notice is hereby given to the investors, notifying them of the proposed termination of the Sub-Fund. 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 the Sub-Fund will cease to track the performance of the Index, and cease trading on the SEHK, 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 12 October 2022 (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date). The Manager will aim to realise all of the assets of the Sub-Fund effective from the Trading Cessation Date in exercise of its power to realise investments under Clause 9.6 of the Trust Deed.

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

11 October 2022 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 for market making activities 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 termination and realisation of the assets**

After the realisation of the assets of the Sub-Fund, the Sub-Fund will mainly hold cash (primarily consisting of the proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the Sub-Fund). It therefore follows that, from the Trading Cessation Date, the Sub-Fund will cease to track the Index, and will not be able to meet its investment objective of tracking the performance of such Index.

## **2. What will happen on or before the Last Trading Day and from the Trading Cessation Date?**

### **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 Manager expects that market makers of the Sub-Fund (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), a Financial Reporting Council transaction levy (at 0.00015% of the price of the Units) and a trading fee (at 0.005% of the price of the Units) 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 relevant 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 after the Last Trading Day, the Manager will, after consulting the Trustee, the Auditor and PRC tax advisers, declare a distribution in RMB (for Units in both HKD counter and RMB counter) (the "**Distribution**") in respect of those investors who remain invested in the Sub-Fund as of the Distribution Record Date (the "**Relevant Investors**"). Such Distribution is expected to be made on or around 31 October 2022 (i.e. the Distribution Date).

Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to a Distribution of an amount equal to the Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor's Units in the Sub-Fund as at the Distribution Record Date. The Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value will be the total value of the net proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the Sub-Fund as described in section 1.3 above (which exclude (i) the Provision, (ii) any taxes payable, including PRC tax payable as determined by the Manager in accordance with the Sub-Fund's current tax provisioning policy and in consultation with the Trustee and the PRC tax advisers (the final amount is subject to the discretion of the PRC tax authorities), and (iii) any expenses payable).

The Distribution payable to each Relevant Investor is expected to be paid on or around 31 October 2022, 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 at least five business days before the Distribution Date 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 Sub-Fund in due course.

The Manager, in consultation with the PRC tax advisers, is in the process of making the relevant PRC tax filings and seeking PRC tax clearance. The Manager expects to obtain PRC tax clearance in around December 2022. Upon obtaining PRC tax clearance, should the final PRC tax amount be lower than that as determined by the

Manager in consultation with the Trustee and the PRC tax advisers, the surplus will be paid to Relevant Investors in around December 2022 (“**Further Distribution**”). The Manager will issue a further announcement by 19 December 2022:

- (i) if a Further Distribution is payable, to inform the Relevant Investors of the exact day of payment of the Further Distribution, together with the amount of Further Distribution per Unit; or
- (ii) if PRC tax clearance is not obtained by such date, to inform the Relevant Investors of this fact and to provide an estimated time of PRC tax clearance and/or refund (as the case may be).

If the final PRC tax amount is higher than that as determined by the Manager in consultation with the Trustee and the PRC tax advisers, the shortfall will be borne by the Manager. Investors should note that the termination, deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund are subject to PRC tax clearance. Please refer to the section 5.2 for further information about the PRC tax provision of the Sub-Fund.

Notwithstanding the above, the Manager does not expect or anticipate there will be a Further Distribution after the Distribution. For the avoidance of doubt, if PRC tax clearance is obtained on or before 19 December 2022 and if a Further Distribution is not payable, the Manager will not issue a further announcement of such fact, but it will inform investors of such fact in the announcement informing investors about the Termination Date, Deauthorisation Date and the date for the delisting of the Sub-Fund to be published on or shortly before the Termination Date.

**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), on the day on which the Manager and the Trustee are of the opinion that the Sub-Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities (i.e. the Termination Date), the Manager and the Trustee will commence the completion of termination of the Sub-Fund.

During the period from the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date, although the Sub-Fund will continue to be listed on the SEHK and will remain authorised by the SFC, the Sub-Fund 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 Sub-Fund will have no investment activities from the Trading Cessation Date onwards. As such, pursuant to Chapter 8.6(t) of the Code and paragraph 13 of the Frequently Asked Questions on Exchange Traded Funds and Listed Funds issued by the SFC (the “**ETF FAQs**”), the Sub-Fund will continue to maintain its 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 and delisting of the Sub-Fund 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 the delisting should take effect at or around the same time as the deauthorisation.

The proposed termination, deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund 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 Sub-Fund, as well as final approvals by the SFC and the SEHK respectively.

Following deauthorisation, the Sub-Fund will no longer be subject to regulation by the SFC and will not be available for public distribution in Hong Kong. Any fund documentation previously issued to investors, including the Prospectus and the KFS of the Sub-Fund, 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 Sub-Fund 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 Sub-Fund will be as follows:

Dispatch of this Announcement and Notice and setting aside the Provisions immediately hereafter	2 September 2022 (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	5 September 2022 (Monday)
Last day on which requests for creation by Participating Dealers for market making activities and redemption of Units in the primary market by Participating Dealers may be accepted  Last day for dealings in the Units on the SEHK in the secondary market  (the “ <b>Last Trading Day</b> ”)	11 October 2022 (Tuesday)
No further requests for creation and redemption of Units in the primary market by Participating Dealers will be accepted  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 Sub-Fund and the Sub-Fund will cease to track the performance of its Index  The date from which the Sub-Fund shall no longer be marketed or offered to the public in Hong Kong  (the “ <b>Trading Cessation Date</b> ”)	12 October 2022 (Wednesday)
Last valuation of the Sub-Fund to be conducted upon liquidation of all assets  (the “ <b>Last Valuation Date</b> ”)	13 October 2022 (Thursday)
Record date for determining the eligibility of entitlement for the Distribution and Further Distribution, if any  (the “ <b>Distribution Record Date</b> ”)	By close of business on 14 October 2022 (Friday)
Dispatch of announcement on Distribution and the distribution rate per Unit	On or around 24 October 2022 (Monday), at least five business days 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  (the “ <b>Distribution Date</b> ”)	On or around 31 October 2022 (Monday)
Dispatch of announcement (i) if a Further Distribution will be paid upon PRC tax clearance, on the amount per Unit and the further distribution date, if applicable, or (ii) if PRC tax clearance is not obtained by such date, on an update on this  This announcement will be published at least five business days prior to the further distribution date (if applicable) and for the avoidance of doubt, no announcement will be issued by this date if there is no Further Distribution	By 19 December 2022 (Monday)
Payment of Further Distribution (if any) to the Relevant Investors as mentioned in the preceding paragraph	On or around 28 December 2022 (Wednesday)

Termination of the Sub-Fund when the Manager and the Trustee form an opinion that the Sub-Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities (the “ <b>Termination Date</b> ”)	Expected to be 30 December 2022 (Friday)
Deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund 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 shortly after the Termination Date.	On or shortly 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) (by 19 December 2022, prior to Further Distribution, if any) an announcement to inform the investors the amount of Further Distribution per Unit;
- (iv) (by 19 December 2022, if PRC tax clearance is not obtained by then) an announcement to inform the investors of this fact and to provide an estimated time of PRC tax clearance and/or refund (as the case may be); and
- (v) (on or shortly before the Termination Date) an announcement informing investors about the Termination Date, Deauthorisation Date and the date for delisting of the Sub-Fund,

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. Non-applicability of certain provisions of the Code**

#### **3.1. Background**

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

Pursuant to Chapter 8.6(t) of the Code and paragraph 13 of the ETF FAQs, the Sub-Fund 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. Publishing of the suspension of dealing**

Under Chapter 10.7 of the Code, the Manager is required to: (a) immediately notify the SFC if dealing in 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 Sub-Fund without strict compliance with Chapter 10.7 of the Code (for the period 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 Manager’s website [www.efunds.com.hk](http://www.efunds.com.hk) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) from the Trading Cessation Date until the date of deauthorisation to notify investors that the Units have ceased trading on the SEHK from 12 October 2022 (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 Sub-Fund will maintain its listed status with SEHK during the period from and including the Trading Cessation Date up until the date of delisting, investors may continue to access further announcements in relation to the Sub-Fund via the Manager's website [www.efunds.com.hk](http://www.efunds.com.hk) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and HKEX's website during such period.

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

Under 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 of the Sub-Fund (updated at least every 15 seconds during trading hours) and last Net Asset Value per Unit and last Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund (updated on a daily basis) on the Sub-Fund's website or such other channels as the SFC considers appropriate.

The Manager will continue to manage the Sub-Fund 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:

- (A) the Manager shall ensure that the Net Asset Value per Unit as of 11 October 2022 (i.e. the Last Trading Day), which will be the latest Net Asset Value per Unit, will be published on the Manager's website [www.efunds.com.hk](http://www.efunds.com.hk) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC); and
- (B) the Manager shall update the latest available Net Asset Value per Unit on the Manager's website [www.efunds.com.hk](http://www.efunds.com.hk) (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 the Sub-Fund, 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 the Sub-Fund; and (iv) any change in market value of the scrip dividend receivable by the Sub-Fund (if any) of the underlying investments.

### 3.4. Updating of the Prospectus and KFS

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

The Manager will continue to manage the Sub-Fund without updating the Prospectus and the KFS in respect of the Sub-Fund as required under 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:

- (A) the Manager shall promptly notify investors of any changes to the Sub-Fund or to the Prospectus or the KFS by means of publishing further announcement(s) on the Manager's website [www.efunds.com.hk](http://www.efunds.com.hk) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the HKEX's website (each, a "**Relevant Future Announcement**");
- (B) 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 KFS and any other Relevant Future Announcement(s); and
- (C) the Manager shall issue an updated Prospectus on the Deauthorisation Date to remove all references to the Sub-Fund.

### 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 Sub-Fund.

## 4. Costs

### 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 the SEHK on or before the Last Trading Day.

### 4.2. Creation and redemption by Participating Dealers

All creations and redemptions of Units by the Participating Dealers will be subject to the fees and costs as set out in the Sub-Fund's Prospectus. The Participating Dealers may pass on to the relevant investors such fees



and costs. The Participating Dealers may also impose fees and charges in handling any creation and redemption request which would also increase the cost of creation and redemption. Investors are advised to check with the Participating Dealers as to the relevant fees, costs and charges.

#### 4.3. Ongoing charges and provision of costs and expenses

The ongoing charges over a year for the Sub-Fund as a percentage of Net Asset Value is 3.00%\*.

*\* The ongoing charges figure represents the sum of the ongoing expenses chargeable to the Sub-Fund expressed as a percentage of the average Net Asset Value over the same period. The ongoing charges figure has been capped at a maximum of 3.00% of the average Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund since 1 September 2021 and will continue to be capped at the same percentage until the Termination Date.*

The Manager will set aside an amount of provision immediately after this Announcement and Notice is published, in the amount of RMB791,795.94 (the “**Provision**”) (approximately 2.71% of the Net Asset Value as at 2 September 2022).

The Provision is to discharge any future costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands (including but not limited to any legal costs, auditors’ fees, regulatory maintenance costs, termination related expenses and the fees payable to any other service provider to the Sub-Fund) that the Trustee and the Manager may incur or make, during the period between the date of this Announcement and Notice up to and including the Termination Date (including if the Termination Date is extended), in connection with or arising out of the ongoing maintenance of the Sub-Fund and the implementation of the termination (together, the “**Future Costs**”). Future Costs do not include transaction costs and any taxes relating to the realisation of assets of the Sub-Fund. The Trustee has confirmed that it has no objection to the amount of the Provision.

The Trustee will waive its entitlement to trustee fee from the Last Valuation Date until the Termination Date.

The Manager will waive its entitlement to management fee from the day immediately following the Last Valuation Date until the Termination Date.

As a result of the setting aside of the Provision immediately after this Announcement and Notice has been published, the Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per Unit will be reduced before the commencement of trading on the SEHK on 5 September 2022, as follows:

Before setting aside Provision		After setting aside Provision	
NAV	NAV per Unit	NAV	NAV per Unit
RMB 29,971,445.50	RMB 37.4643	RMB 29,179,649.56	RMB 36.4746

Please refer to “Net Asset Value downward adjustment risk” in section 5.1 below.

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

Where the Provision is insufficient to cover Future Costs until the Termination Date, any shortfall will be borne by the Manager. Subject to the Provision, the Manager will bear all costs and expenses associated with the termination and deauthorisation of the Sub-Fund as well as the delisting of the Sub-Fund (other than transaction costs and any taxes relating to the realisation of assets of the Sub-Fund which will be paid out of the Sub-Fund) from the date of this Announcement and Notice up to and including the Termination Date. Please note that PRC tax provision set out in section 5.2 below does not fall under “taxes relating to the realisation of assets of the Sub-Fund”. Please refer to section 5.2 for treatment of such PRC tax provision.

Conversely, where the Provision is in excess of the actual amount of Future Costs until the Termination Date, such excess will be refunded to the Relevant Investors as part of a Further Distribution in proportion to the Relevant Investor’s interests in the Sub-Fund as at the Distribution Record Date.

#### 4.5. Unamortised preliminary expenses

The Sub-Fund does not have any unamortised preliminary expenses or contingent liabilities (such as outstanding litigation) as at the date of this Announcement and Notice.

### 5. Other matters

#### 5.1. Risk factors relating to 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, proposed deauthorisation and proposed delisting of the Sub-Fund from the SEHK, investors should note and consider the following risks:

**Liquidity risk** – Trading of Units 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 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 Sub-Fund 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 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 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** – The setting aside of the Provision (immediately after this Announcement and Notice has been published) will adversely affect the Net Asset Value per Unit. This reduction of Net Asset Value per Unit will cause the Sub-Fund's returns to substantially deviate from the performance of its Index so the Sub-Fund may not be able to properly track the performance of its Index during the period from the date of this Announcement and Notice to the Last Trading Day and thus triggering significant tracking error. It is possible that the size of the Sub-Fund may drop drastically before the Last Trading Day. This may impair the Manager's ability to fulfill the investment objectives of the Sub-Fund and result in significant tracking error. In the extreme situation where the size of the Sub-Fund becomes so small that the Manager considers that it is not in the best interest of the Sub-Fund to continue to invest in the market, the Manager may decide to convert the whole or part of the investments of the Sub-Fund into cash or deposits in order to protect the interest of the investors of the Sub-Fund.

**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. Also, the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund may be reduced as the Sub-Fund will set aside the Provision immediately after publication of this Announcement and Notice. Such market movements and the setting aside of the Provision may result in substantial downward adjustment of the Net Asset Value per Unit before the Last Trading Day.

**Failure to track the Index risk** – All assets of the Sub-Fund, to the extent possible, will be liquidated with effect from the Trading Cessation Date. Thereafter, the Sub-Fund's assets will mainly be cash. The Sub-Fund will only be operated in a limited manner. It therefore follows that, from the Trading Cessation Date, the Sub-Fund will cease to track the performance of its Index, and will not be able to meet its 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 Sub-Fund 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 Sub-Fund 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 depository of the relevant market is closed. In this case, the payment of Distribution or Further Distribution (if any) to the Relevant Investors may be delayed.

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

## 5.2. Tax implications

### *Hong Kong tax*

Based on the Manager's understanding of the law and practice in force at the date of this Announcement and Notice, as the Sub-Fund is a collective investment scheme authorised under Section 104 of the SFO, profits of the Sub-Fund derived from realisation of its assets are exempt from Hong Kong profits tax. Notwithstanding that profits of the Sub-Fund derived from realisation of its assets are exempt from Hong Kong profits tax, the Sub-Fund 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 Sub-Fund 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 Sub-Fund 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 Sub-Fund are revenue assets of the investors.

Investors should consult their professional tax advisers for tax advice.

#### *PRC tax*

The Manager, after consultation with the Trustee and the PRC tax advisers, has, on an ongoing basis, made a PRC tax provision with respect to dividend income derived by the Sub-Fund. So far, the amount of PRC tax provision made for the period from the inception of the Sub-Fund until the termination of the Sub-Fund is RMB341,555.09, which amounts to 1.17 % of the Net Asset Value as at 2 September 2022. Cash proceeds derived from the realisation of all underlying investments of the Sub-Fund to be distributed to Relevant Investors on the Distribution Date shall be net of the amount of PRC tax provision.

Investors' attention is drawn to the sub-section entitled "PRC Taxation" in the section "Taxation" of the Prospectus for information about the PRC tax obligations of the Sub-Fund.

The Manager, in consultation with the PRC tax advisers, is in the process of making the relevant PRC tax filings and seeking PRC tax clearance. The Manager expects to obtain PRC tax clearance in around December 2022. The final tax amount is subject to the assessment of the relevant PRC tax authorities, so there may be under- or over-provision as currently made by the Sub-Fund. The final amount of PRC tax payable will only be determined upon PRC tax clearance. If the final PRC tax amount is lower than that as determined by the Manager in consultation with the Trustee and the PRC tax advisers, the surplus will be paid to Relevant Investors as part of a Further Distribution.

As disclosed in the Prospectus, investors may be disadvantaged depending on the final rules of the relevant PRC tax authorities, the level of PRC tax provision and when they subscribed and/or redeemed their Units. If the amount of PRC tax provision as determined by the Manager in consultation with the Trustee and the PRC tax advisers is higher than the final PRC tax amount, investors who redeem their Units before the Last Trading Day may be disadvantaged. If the final PRC tax amount is higher than the amount of PRC tax provision as determined by the Manager in consultation with the Trustee and the PRC tax advisers, the shortfall will be borne by the Manager.

Investors should note that the termination, deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund are subject to PRC tax clearance.

Investors should consult their professional tax advisers for tax advice.

### **5.3. Connected party transaction**

Save as disclosed below, none of the connected persons of the Manager and/or the Trustee\* is involved in any transaction in relation to the Sub-Fund, nor holds any interest in the Sub-Fund.

*\* Please note The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited ("HSBC Limited"), a Participating Dealer, is a connected person of the Trustee and holds a substantial amount of Units in the Sub-Fund as at 2 September 2022. HSBC Limited may decide to dispose of all or part of their Units, either by selling the Units on the SEHK or by redeeming the Units in the primary market, after being informed of the Proposal via this Announcement and Notice. Any disposal of Units by HSBC Limited, which is beyond the control of the Manager, may significantly reduce the size of the Sub-Fund and impair the Manager's ability to fulfill the investment objectives of the Sub-Fund and result in significant tracking error. Please refer to "Tracking errors during the period from the date of this Announcement and Notice to the Last Trading Day risk" in section 5.1 above.*

### **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 normal business hours and copies thereof may be obtained from the Manager at a cost of HK\$150 per set:

- (i) the Trust Deed;
- (ii) the Service Agreements;
- (iii) the Participation Agreements; and
- (iv) other relevant documents as stated in the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund.

The most recent annual financial report of the Trust and the Sub-Fund, the most recent interim report of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and the Prospectus and the KFS of the Sub-Fund may also be obtained from the Manager free of charge.

**7. Enquiries**

If you have any queries concerning this Announcement and Notice, please direct them to your stockbrokers or financial intermediaries or contact the Manager at Suites 3501-02, 35/F, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong or by telephone at (852) 3929 0960 during office hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays).

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.

**E Fund Management (Hong Kong) Co., Limited**  
as Manager of the Trust and the Sub-Fund  
**2 September 2022**