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# CICC KraneShares ETF 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)

# CICC KraneShares CSI China Internet Index ETF (the "Sub-Fund")

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# UPDATE REGARDING FURTHER DISTRIBUTION AND POSTPONEMENT OF TERMINATION DATE

Reference is made to the Announcement and Notice dated 23 December 2022 titled "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" (the "**First Announcement**") issued by China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Asset Management Limited (the "**Manager**"), the manager of the Trust and the Sub-Fund.

Capitalised terms not defined in this Announcement and Notice will have the same meanings as given to such terms in the First Announcement.

The purpose of this Announcement and Notice is to provide investors with an update regarding Further Distribution (as defined below) and postponement of the Termination Date.

## 1. Update regarding Further Distribution

As disclosed in the First Announcement, the Manager did not expect or anticipate there will be a further distribution after the Distribution. However, the Manager now anticipates a further distribution ("Further Distribution") after the Distribution for the Sub-Fund.

As at 13 January 2023, the Sub-Fund is entitled to receive a declared dividend in relation to one of the securities held by the Sub-Fund, Tencent Holdings Limited (Ticker: 700 HK), in the form of a distribution in specie of a number of Class B ordinary shares in the share capital of Meituan (Ticker: 3690 HK) (the "**Stock Dividend Receivable**"). It is expected that the Stock Dividend Receivable will only be received by the Sub-Fund on or around 24 March 2023. The Manager expects to realise the Stock Dividend Receivable shortly after the Sub-Fund receives the Stock Dividend Receivable.

The Sub-Fund will, upon consultation with the Trustee and the Auditor, declare a Further Distribution, which will include the proceeds from the realisation of the Stock Dividend Receivable. If the Sub-Fund subsequently receives any other declared dividends in relation to the securities held (or used to be held) by the Sub-Fund on or before 4 April 2023, i.e. the date on which an announcement will be published on the Further Distribution, any such dividends would also form part of the Further Distribution. The Manager will issue an announcement on or around 4 April 2023 to inform Relevant Investors of the exact day of payment of the Further Distribution, together with the amount of Further Distribution per Unit. Such Further Distribution payable to the Relevant Investors is expected to be paid on or around 14 April 2023 (i.e. the Further Distribution Date).

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

# 2. Postponement of Termination Date

As a result of the Further Distribution, the Manager would like to postpone the Termination Date to a day expected to be on or around 21 April 2023, which is the date when the Manager and Trustee form an opinion that the Trust and the Sub-Fund cease to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities. The Trustee does not have any objection to such arrangement.

Please refer to the timetable below for the events following the date of this Announcement and Notice:

Dispatch of this Announcement and Notice	13 January 2023 (Friday)
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	26 January 2023 (Thursday)
Last day for dealings in the Units on the SEHK in the secondary market	
(i.e. the Last Trading Day)	
No further requests for creation and redemption of Units in the primary market by Participating Dealers will be accepted	27 January 2023 (Friday)
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	
(i.e. the Trading Cessation Date)	
Last valuation of the Sub-Fund to be conducted upon realisation of all assets	31 January 2023 (Tuesday)
(i.e. the Last Valuation Date)	
Record date for determining the eligibility of entitlement for the Distribution and the Further Distribution	By close of business on 31 January 2023 (Tuesday)
(i.e. the Distribution Record Date)	
Dispatch of announcement on Distribution and Distribution rate per Unit	On or around 8 February 2023 (Wednesday), at least five business days before the Distribution Date
Distribution, after the Manager having consulted the Trustee and the Auditor, will be paid to the investors who are still holding Units as at the Distribution Record Date	On or around 15 February 2023 (Wednesday)
(i.e. the Distribution Date)	
Dispatch of announcement on Further Distribution and Further Distribution rate per Unit	On or around 4 April 2023 (Tuesday), at least five business days before the Further Distribution Date

Further Distribution, after the Manager having consulted the Trustee and the Auditor, will be paid to the investors who are still holding Units as at the Distribution Record Date (the <b>"Further Distribution Date</b> ")	On or around 14 April 2023 (Friday)
Termination of the Trust and the Sub-Fund when the Manager and the Trustee form an opinion that the Trust and the Sub-Fund cease to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities (i.e. the Termination Date)	Expected to be 21 April 2023 (Friday)
Deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and delisting of the Sub- Fund	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 shortly after the Termination Date.	

The Manager will issue the following:

- (i) (on a weekly basis from the date of the First Announcement 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) (on or around 8 February 2023) an announcement to inform the investors of the Distribution Date and the amount of Distribution per Unit;
- (iii) (on or around 4 April 2023) an announcement to inform the investors of the Further Distribution Date and 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 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 in this Announcement and Notice, the Manager will issue an announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the revised dates.

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IMPORTANT NOTES: Stockbrokers and financial intermediaries are urged to forward a copy of this Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement and Notice as soon as possible.

Investors are strongly advised to read and consider the First Announcement and this Announcement and Notice together with the Prospectus, for further details in relation to the Trust and the Sub-Fund, the termination and deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and delisting of the Sub-Fund and the applicable risk factors and their implications to investors.

## 3. 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 29/F, One International Finance Centre, 1 Harbour View Street, Central, Hong Kong or by telephone at +852 2872-2000 during normal office hours.

# China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Asset Management Limited

as Manager of the Trust and the Sub-Fund

13 January 2023

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# 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 (the "**Prospectus**") dated 18 March 2022.

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 Trust and 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 27 January 2023 (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date) to the date of deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund [The Sub-Fund]. 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, which is the only outstanding sub-fund of the Trust (see section 1 below), the Manager decided to exercise its power under Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A) of the trust deed dated 16 March 2018, as amended from time to time (the "Trust Deed") and proposed to seek termination of the Trust and the Sub-Fund respectively 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 Trust and 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 26 January 2023;

- the Units will cease trading on the SEHK from the Trading Cessation Date (as defined in section 2.4 below), 27 January 2023;
- as the establishment costs of the Sub-Fund have not been fully amortised, the Sub-Fund will continue to bear its establishment costs (based on daily amortisation) up to the Last Trading Day, and the Manager and/or the Sub-Manager will bear any remaining unamortised establishment costs;
- the Manager will aim to realise all of the assets of the Sub-Fund from the Trading Cessation Date. Accordingly, from the Trading Cessation Date onwards, (i) there will be no further trading of Units on the SEHK 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 auditor of the Trust and the Sub-Fund (the "Auditor"), will declare a Distribution (as defined in section 2.2 below) to the investors who remain so as at 31 January 2023 (i.e. the Distribution Record Date). The amount of Distribution will equal to the Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value in proportion to such investors' Units in the Sub-Fund as at the Distribution Record Date, which will exclude (i) any taxes payable and (ii) any expenses payable. The Distribution is expected to be payable on or around 15 February 2023 (i.e. the Distribution Date);
- by the date when the Trustee and the Manager form an opinion that the Trust and the Sub-Fund cease to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities, the Trustee and the Manager will commence the completion of the termination of the Trust and the Sub-Fund (i.e. the Termination Date). The Manager expects the Termination Date will be on or around 23 March 2023. The Manager will publish an announcement on or shortly before the Termination Date about the termination and deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and the delisting of the Sub-Fund;
- from the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date, the Manager will maintain the Trust's and the Sub-Fund's authorisation by the SFC and the Sub-Fund'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 expects that the deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and the 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 6.1 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 Trust and 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 8 below).

#### 1. <u>Proposed termination of the Trust and the Sub-Fund, cessation of trading and realisation of assets of</u> <u>the Sub-Fund</u>

#### 1.1. Proposed termination of the Trust and the Sub-Fund

According to Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A) of the Trust Deed, the Trust and the Sub-Fund may be terminated by the Manager in its absolute discretion by notice in writing to the Trustee if after one year from (in the case of the Trust) the date of the Trust Deed or (in the case of the Sub-Fund) the date of establishment of the Sub-Fund, the aggregate Net Asset Value of all the Units in the Sub-Fund outstanding shall be less than USD10,000,000. The Trust Deed does not require investors' approval for terminating the Trust and the Sub-Fund on the grounds set out in Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A).

As at 22 December 2022, the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Sub-Fund are as follows:

Net Asset Value	Net Asset Value per Unit
USD2,971,595.28	USD5.9432

Having taken into account the relevant factors, including the interests of the investors of the Sub-Fund as a whole and the current relatively small Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund, which is the only outstanding sub-fund of the Trust, the Manager is of the view that the proposed termination of the Trust and the Sub-Fund would be in the best interests of the investors of the Sub-Fund. Therefore, the Manager decided to exercise its powers 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 Sub-Fund respectively on the date on which the Trustee and the Manager form an opinion that the Trust and the Sub-Fund cease to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities.

The Manager has given written notice to the Trustee notifying the Trustee of its proposal to terminate the Trust and the Sub-Fund pursuant to Clauses 35.5(A) and 35.6(A) of the Trust Deed, and to voluntarily seek the deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and the delisting of the Sub-Fund (the **"Proposal**"). 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 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 of the Sub-Fund

The Manager will apply to the SEHK to have the Units cease trading on the SEHK with effect from 27 January 2023 (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.

26 January 2023 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 realisation of the assets of the Sub-Fund

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 the 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 the market maker for each trading counter of the Sub-Fund (the "Market Maker") will continue to perform its 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 trading price of the Units), an Accounting and Financial Reporting Council transaction levy (at 0.00015% of the trading price of the Units) and a trading fee (currently at 0.005% and to be updated to 0.00565% effective from 1 January 2023 of the trading price of the Units) will be payable by the buyer and the seller of the Units. A trading tariff of HKD0.50 is payable to the HKEX on each and every purchase or sale transaction, but this will be removed with effect from 1 January 2023. 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 6.1 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 and the Auditor, declare a distribution in USD (for Units in each of USD counter, 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 15 February 2023 (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) any taxes payable and (ii) any expenses payable).

The Distribution payable to each Relevant Investor is expected to be paid on or around 15 February 2023, 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 one business day 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.

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 6.1 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 Trust and the Sub-Fund cease 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 Trust and 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 of the Trust and the Sub-Fund 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 and deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and the proposed delisting of the Sub-Fund will be subject to the payment of all outstanding fees and expenses (please refer to section 5 below), discharge of all outstanding liabilities of the Trust and the Sub-Fund, as well as final approvals by the SFC and the SEHK respectively.

Following deauthorisation, the Trust and 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 in respect 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 Trust and the Sub-Fund to the public in Hong Kong as this may be in breach of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of the Laws 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 Sub-Fund will be as follows:

Dispatch of this Announcement and Notice	After market close on 23 December 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	28 December 2022 (Wednesday)
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	26 January 2023 (Thursday)
Last day for dealings in the Units on the SEHK in the secondary market	
(the "Last Trading Day")	

No further requests for creation and redemption of Units in the primary market by Participating Dealers will be accepted	27 January 2023 (Friday)
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 "Trading Cessation Date")	
Last valuation of the Sub-Fund to be conducted upon realisation of all assets	31 January 2023 (Tuesday)
(the "Last Valuation Date")	
Record date for determining the eligibility of entitlement for the	By close of business
Distribution and further distribution, if any	on 31 January 2023 (Tuesday)
(the "Distribution Record Date")	
Dispatch of announcement on Distribution and the distribution rate per Unit	On or around 8 February 2023 (Wednesday), at least five business days before the Distribution Date
Distribution, after the Manager having consulted the Trustee and the Auditor, will be paid to the investors who are still holding Units as at the Distribution Record Date	On or around 15 February 2023 (Wednesday)
(the "Distribution Date")	
Termination of the Trust and the Sub-Fund when the Manager and the Trustee form an opinion that the Trust and the Sub- Fund cease to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities	Expected to be 23 March 2023 (Thursday)
(the "Termination Date")	
Deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and delisting of the Sub-Fund	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 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); and
- (iii) (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 and deauthorisation of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and the proposed 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. Publication 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 <a href="https://cicchkam.com">https://cicchkam.com</a> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) from the Trading Cessation Date until the Deauthorisation Date to notify investors that the Units have ceased trading on the SEHK from 27 January 2023 (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 <u>https://cicchkam.com</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the 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 Chapters 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 Manager's website or such other channels as the SFC considers appropriate.

The Manager will continue to manage the Sub-Fund without strict compliance with Chapters 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 26 January 2023 (i.e. the Last Trading Day), which will be the latest Net Asset Value per Unit, will be published on the Manager's website <u>https://cicchkam.com</u> (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 <u>https://cicchkam.com</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 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 Trust and 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 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:

- (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 <u>https://cicchkam.com</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the HKEX's website (each, a "Relevant Future Announcement"); and
- (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).

#### 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 (the "Listing Rules") and other applicable laws and regulations in respect of the Trust and the Sub-Fund.

#### 4. <u>Preparing Termination Audit Report covering the Termination Audit Period</u>

Under Chapter 11.6 of the Code, the Manager is required to publish and distribute annual reports containing the information required in Appendix E to the Code to investors within four months of the end of the Trust's and Sub-Fund's financial year-end, which is 31 December every year. Chapter 11.6 of the Code also provides that, as an alternative to the distribution of printed financial reports, investors may be notified of where such reports, in printed and electronic forms, can be obtained within the relevant time frame.

With a view to minimising operational cost, the Manager will rely on Note (2) to Chapter 11.6 of the Code which permits extension of reporting period for the annual report in the case of fund termination. Accordingly, to the extent that the Termination Date falls within the first four months after the financial year ending 31 December 2022, the annual report for the financial year ending 31 December 2022 will be combined with the termination audit of the Trust and the Sub-Fund (the "**Termination Audit Report**"), covering an extended reporting period from 1 January 2022 to the Termination Date (the "**Termination Audit Report**"). The Termination Audit Report will be published on the Manager's website <a href="https://cicchkam.com">https://cicchkam.com</a> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the HKEX's website as soon as practicable and in any event no later than four months after the Termination Date.

The Manager will publish the Termination Audit Report as follows:

- (A) the contents of the Termination Audit Report shall comply with the requirements under Chapter 4.5(f) and Appendix E to the Code, and all other applicable provisions of the Code, other applicable laws and regulations; and
- (B) the Manager shall notify the investors by way of an announcement on its website <u>https://cicchkam.com</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the HKEX's website on or before 30 April 2023 (i.e. the due date for issuance of the normal annual report) of, among other things: (i) when the Termination Audit Report will be published; (ii) the start and end dates of the Termination Audit Period; and (iii) where the Termination Audit Report, in printed and electronic forms, can be obtained.

The Manager considers that the investors' interests will not be prejudiced by the above arrangement. Save as otherwise set out above, the Manager will continue to comply with all the other applicable provisions of the Code, the applicable provisions in the Trust Deed, the Listing Rules and other applicable laws and regulations in respect of the Trust and the Sub-Fund.

# 5. Costs

#### 5.1. 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.

#### 5.2. 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 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.

# 5.3. Ongoing charges

The ongoing charges over a year for the Sub-Fund as a percentage of the Net Asset Value is 0.72%\*.

\* The ongoing charges figure is an annualised figure based on the annual report of the Sub-Fund for the year ended 31 December 2021. As the Sub-Fund adopts a single management fee structure, the ongoing charges of the Sub-Fund are equal to the amount of the single management fee which is capped at a maximum of 0.72% of the average Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund.

The Manager does not expect that the termination of the Sub-Fund will impact the figure disclosed above for ongoing charges. Please note for completeness, the ongoing charges figure shown above is calculated in accordance with the guidance under the relevant SFC circular, and excludes the following costs and expenses associated with the termination of the Sub-Fund (which are to be borne by the Sub-Fund): (i) transaction costs and (ii) any taxes relating to the realisation of assets of the Sub-Fund.

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

The Manager and/or the Sub-Manager will bear all costs and expenses associated with the termination and deauthorisation of the Trust and 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.

The Manager will continue to charge a Management Fee and the Trustee will continue to charge the Trustee's fee (which is included in the Management Fee) up to and including the Last Trading Day.

#### 5.5. Unamortised establishment costs

As at 22 December 2022, the Sub-Fund has unamortised establishment costs of USD729.33. The unamortised establishment costs will continue to be charged to the Sub-Fund and will be amortised (based on daily amortisation) up to the Last Trading Day. The Manager expects that the unamortised establishment costs will be fully amortised as at the Last Trading Day. In the unlikely event that there are unamortised establishment costs as at the Last Trading Day, the Manager and/or the Sub-Manager will bear any remaining unamortised establishment costs.

The Manager does not expect that the unamortised establishment cost will impact the figure disclosed above in section 5.3 for ongoing charges. Save for the unamortised establishment costs, the Trust and the Sub-Fund do not have any contingent liabilities (such as outstanding litigation) as at the date of this Announcement and Notice.

#### 6. Other matters

#### 6.1. Risk factors relating to the proposed cessation of trading, 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 Sub-Fund and the 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** – 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. 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 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 depositary 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.

**Distribution in other currency risk** - Investors should note that all Units will receive distributions in the base currency (USD) only. In the event that the relevant Unitholder has no USD account, the Unitholder may have to bear the fees and charges associated with the conversion of such distribution from USD to HKD or 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.

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

#### 6.2. 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 Sub-Fund are collective investment schemes authorised under Section 104 of the SFO, profits of the Trust and the Sub-Fund derived from realisation of their assets are exempted from Hong Kong profits tax. Notwithstanding that profits of the Trust and the Sub-Fund derived from realisation of their assets are exempted from Hong Kong profits tax, the Trust and 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 Trust and 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.

#### 6.3. Connected party transaction

China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited ("**CICC Securities**"), which is a Connected Person of the Manager, currently acts as one of the Participating Dealers of the Sub-Fund. As at 22 December 2022, CICC Securities held 24,150 Units in the Sub-Fund, which is approximately 4.83% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund.

CICC Securities may decide to dispose of all or part of its 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 such disposal of Units by CICC Securities, which is beyond the control of the Manager, may reduce the size of the Sub-Fund and impair the Manager's ability to fulfil 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 6.1 above.

Other than disclosed above, no other Connected Person of the Manager, the Sub-Manager and/or the Trustee is a party to any transaction in relation to the Sub-Fund, nor holds any interest in the Sub-Fund.

### 7. 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 8 below) during normal business hours:

- (i) the Trust Deed;
- (ii) the Service Agreement(s);
- (iii) the Participating Dealer Agreement(s);
- (iv) the Prospectus;
- (v) the KFS of the Sub-Fund; and
- (vi) the most recent annual financial statements of the Trust and the Sub-Fund and the most recent interim financial statements of the Trust and the Sub-Fund.

Copies of the above documents may be obtained from the Manager at a cost of HKD150 per set of copy documents (other than the Prospectus and KFS of the Sub-Fund as stated in (iv) and (v) and financial statements as stated in (vi) above, which may be obtained free of charge).

## 8. 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 29/F, One International Finance Centre, 1 Harbour View Street, Central, Hong Kong or by telephone at +852 2872-2000 during normal office hours.

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.

# China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Asset Management Limited

as Manager of the Trust and the Sub-Fund **23 December 2022**