# Hang Seng Investment Index Funds Series (the "Trust")

#### Hang Seng China Enterprises Index ETF (HKD Counter Stock Code: 02828 / RMB Counter Stock Code: 82828)

#### Hang Seng TECH Index ETF (Listed Class Units HKD Counter Stock Code: 03032 and Unlisted Class Units)

#### (each a "Sub-Fund", collectively the "Sub-Funds")

#### Announcement

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Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined will have the same meanings as defined in the Hong Kong Offering Document of the Trust and the Sub-Funds.

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**Dear Unitholders** 

#### Amendments to the Hong Kong Offering Document of the Sub-Funds

We, as the Manager of the Sub-Funds, are writing to inform you that with effect from the date of this document, certain amendments have been made to the Hong Kong Offering Document of the Sub-Funds to reflect (i) updates to prohibited securities related risk disclosure; (ii) updates of stamp duty related disclosure; (iii) removal of inter-counter transfer fee payable by investors; (iv) updates to index information; and (v) renaming of FRC to AFRC. Please refer to the "Amendments to the Hong Kong Offering Document of the Sub-Funds" enclosed for details.

For the avoidance of doubt: (i) the amendments outlined in this document do not amount to a material change to the Sub-Funds; (ii) there will be no material change or increase in the overall risk profile of the Sub-Funds as a result of the amendments outlined in this document; and (iii) the amendments outlined in this document do not have any material adverse impact on the rights or interests of the Unitholders of the Sub-Funds.

The updated Product Key Facts Statements of the Sub-Funds reflecting the amendments as described above (if applicable) are available at the Manager's website at www.hangsenginvestment.com (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and/or the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkex.com.hk (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) from the date of this document.

If you have any queries concerning the above, please contact us at (852) 2198 5890 during office hours.

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Hang Seng Investment Management Limited 30 April 2024

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### Amendments to the Hong Kong Offering Document of the Sub-Funds

The following amendments have been made to the Hong Kong Offering Document of the Sub-Funds with effect from the date of this document. These amendments form part of and should be read in conjunction with the Hong Kong Offering Document of the Sub-Funds.

# A. All references to "FRC" and "the Financial Reporting Council" have been replaced with "AFRC" and "the Accounting and Financial Reporting Council" respectively.

### B. WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF INVESTING IN A SUB-FUND?

1. The risk factor headed "*Prohibited securities risks*" under the sub-section headed "*Risks applicable to both Listed Class Units and Unlisted Class Units*" has been deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

## "Prohibited securities risks

A Sub-Fund may not invest in securities of certain companies, for example, companies and/or securities deemed incompatible with the best interest of investors, such as those subject to sanctions, ESG or sustainability concerns or those with potential tax issues ("non-investment in incompatible companies and/or securities"). In addition, in accordance with HSBC Group policy (which applies as the Manager is a member of the HSBC Group) ("HSBC Group policy", together with "non-investment in incompatible companies and/or securities", defined as "policy", a Sub-Fund may not invest in the securities of companies considered to be involved directly in the use, development, manufacturing, stockpiling, transfer or trade of controversial weapons banned by international convention. As this policy aims to prohibit investment in certain types of securities, investors should be aware that this reduces the investment universe and prevents a Sub-Fund from benefitting from any potential returns from these companies (in case there is originally no such restriction at the fund or index level). The HSBC Group policy does not apply to third party funds or derivative instruments any Sub-Fund may invest in."

 The first bullet point of the risk factor headed "Differences in fee and cost arrangements between Listed Class and Unlisted Class Units" under the sub-section headed "Risks applicable to both Listed Class Units and Unlisted Class Units" has been deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"For Listed Class Units, the Transaction Fee may be payable by the Participating Dealer in respect of Creation and Redemption Applications. In relation to cash Creation and Redemption Applications by Participating Dealers, the Manager reserves the right to require the relevant Participating Dealer to pay an additional sum on the creation amount or deduct from the redemption proceeds such sum representing the Duties and Charges for the purpose of compensating or reimbursing the relevant Sub-Fund. Investors in the secondary market will not be subject to the foregoing, but may incur SEHK-related fees such as brokerage fees, transaction levy and trading fee."

### C. TAXATION

1. The last paragraph in the part headed "*Stamp Duty*" under the sub-section "*Hong Kong*" under the section headed "**Taxes and Duties Payable by the Trust and the Sub-Funds**", has been deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"The sale and purchase of the Index Constituent Stocks by a Sub-Fund will be subject to Hong Kong stamp duty under the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117)."

 The first paragraph in the part headed "Stamp Duty in respect of Unlisted Class Units" under the sub-section headed "<u>Hong Kong</u>" under the section headed "Taxes and Duties Payable by Investors", has been deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"No Hong Kong stamp duty should be payable where the sale or transfer of the Unlisted Class Units is effected by selling the relevant Units back to the Manager, who then either extinguish the Unlisted Class Units or re-sells the Unlisted Class Units to another person within two months thereof. Other types of sales or purchases or transfers of Unlisted Class Units by the Unitholders in a Sub-Fund should normally be liable to Hong Kong stamp duty under the Stamp Duty Ordinance (Cap. 117)."

#### D. APPENDIX 1: Hang Seng China Enterprises Index ETF

- 1. The last row of the table entitled "(B) Fees and expenses payable by investors" under the sub-section headed "Fees and expenses payable by Participating Dealers and investors" under the section headed "Current Fees and Charges" has been deleted in its entirety.
- 2. The last point of the sub-section headed "*Notes*" under the section headed "**Current Fees and Charges**" has been deleted in its entirety.
- 3. The first paragraph under the part headed "**Other Information**" under the sub-section headed "**(B) Information about the Index**" has been deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"As at 28 March 2024, the Index comprised 50 constituents listed on SEHK with total market capitalisation of HKD 6,871.0 billion."

#### E. APPENDIX 2: Hang Seng TECH Index ETF

The first paragraph under the part headed "*Other Information*" under the sub-section headed "**(B) Information about the Index**" has been deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

"As at 28 March 2024, the Index has 30 constituent securities and a freefloat-adjusted index market capitalisation (after capping) of HKD 1,791.4 billion."

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