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# **CSOP ETF SERIES\***

(\* This includes synthetic ETFs) (a Hong Kong umbrella unit trust authorised under Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong) (the "Trust")

### CSOP Bitcoin Futures ETF Stock Code: 03066

### CSOP Ether Futures ETF Stock Code: 03068

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## **Introduction of Unlisted Classes of Units**

Unless otherwise defined in this Announcement, capitalised terms used in this Announcement shall have the same meaning as defined in the prospectus of the Trust and the Sub-Fund (the "**Prospectus**").

CSOP Asset Management Limited (the "**Manager**"), the manager of Trust and the Sub-Funds, hereby wishes to inform unitholders of the Sub-Funds that, with effect from 31 May 2024 (the "**Effective Date**"), Unlisted Class of Units, i.e. Class A, will be introduced to the Sub-Funds.

There are similarities and differences between the Listed Class of Units and Unlisted Class of Units. In particular, the dealing arrangements, fee structure, investment return and Net Asset Value will be different between the Listed Class of Units and Unlisted Class of Units of the Sub-Funds. The Prospectus will be revised with effect from the Effective Date, and investors should refer to the revised Prospectus (in particular, the section headed "Summary of Information" in Appendices 9 and 10 to the revised Prospectus relating to CSOP Bitcoin Futures ETF and CSOP Ether Futures ETF respectively) for information on the similarities and differences about the Listed Class of Units and Unlisted Class of Units.

The product key facts statements in respect of the Listed Class of Units of the Sub-Funds will also be revised with effect from the Effective Date, and separate product key facts statements in respect of the Unlisted Class of Units of the Sub-Funds will be will be published on the Effective Date.

#### Reason for the introduction of Unlisted Class of Units

The introduction of the Unlisted Class of Units is to provide investors with an additional option to subscribe for Units in the Sub-Funds. The Manager expects that the introduction of the Unlisted Class of Units will increase the size of the Sub-Funds. Through Unlisted Class of Units, investors can subscribe/redeem directly to/from the Sub-Funds at each Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value and via distributors.

#### **Risk factors**

As a result of the introduction of the Unlisted Class of Units, the Sub-Funds will be subject to the following risk regarding the differences in dealing arrangements between Listed Class of Units and Unlisted Class of Units:

- Investors of Listed Class of Units and Unlisted Class of Units are subject to different pricing and dealing
  arrangements. The Net Asset Value per Unit of each of the Listed Class of Units and Unlisted Class of
  Units may be different due to different fees and cost applicable to each class. The trading hours of The
  Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited applicable to the Listed Class of Units in the secondary market
  are also different from the dealing deadlines applicable to the Listed Class of Units in the primary market
  and the Unlisted Class of Units. For the avoidance of doubt, the dealing deadlines in respect of the Listed
  Class of Units in the primary market and the Unlisted Class of Units are the same.
- Units of the Listed Class of Units are traded on the stock exchange in the secondary market on an
  intraday basis at the prevailing market price (which may diverge from the corresponding Net Asset Value),
  while Units of the Unlisted Class of Units are sold through intermediaries based on the dealing day-end
  Net Asset Value and are dealt at a single valuation point with no access to intraday liquidity in an open
  market. Depending on market conditions, investors of the Listed Class of Units may be at an advantage
  or disadvantage compared to investors of the Unlisted Class of Units.
- In a stressed market scenario, investors of the Unlisted Class of Units could redeem their Units at Net Asset Value while investors of the Listed Class of Units in the secondary market could only redeem at the prevailing market price (which may diverge from the corresponding Net Asset Value) and may have to exit the relevant Sub-Fund at a significant discount. On the other hand, investors of the Listed Class of Units could sell their Units in the secondary market during the day thereby crystallising their positions while investors of the Unlisted Class of Units could not do so in a timely manner until the end of the day.

#### Impact on the Sub-Funds

Other than as outlined above, there will be no change to the features of the Sub-Funds. For the avoidance of doubt, the investment objectives and strategies of the Sub-Funds will remain unchanged. The introduction of the Unlisted Class of Units is not expected to affect the operation of the Sub-Funds or the manner in which the Sub-Funds are being managed, or to have any effects on existing investors of the Sub-Funds.

The introduction of the Unlisted Class of Units does not materially prejudice the rights or interests of the existing investors of the Sub-Funds, or result in any change in the fee level or cost in managing the Listed Class of Units of the Sub-Funds.

The costs and/or expenses incurred in respect of the introduction of the Unlisted Class of Units are estimated to be not more than USD27,000 and will be borne by the Sub-Funds equally.

#### General

The updated Prospectus and product key facts statements for the Listed Class of Units and Unlisted Class of Units of the Sub-Funds will be available on the Manager's website at <u>www.csopasset.com</u> (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the HKEX's website at <u>www.hkexnews.hk</u> from the Effective Date.

Copies of the Trust Deed are available for inspection free of charge at the offices of the Manager (see below for address) during office hours and copies thereof may be obtained from the Manager upon the payment of a reasonable fee.

If you have any queries or require further information in relation to any aspect of this Announcement, please contact the Manager at 2801-2803, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong or its Customer Service Hotline at (852) 3406 5688.

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

24 May 2024

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