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**HAITONG ETF SERIES  
(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)*

**Haitong MSCI China A ESG ETF**

*HKD Counter Stock Code: 03031*

*USD Counter Stock Code: 09031*

*RMB Counter Stock Code: 83031*

**(the “Terminating Investment 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 Terminating Investment Fund dated April 2023, as amended from time to time (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 Terminating Investment Fund (“Units”) on the SEHK, proposed termination and proposed deauthorisation of the Terminating Investment Fund from the SFC and proposed delisting of the Terminating Investment 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 25 September 2024 (Wednesday) (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date, as defined in section 2.5) to the date of deauthorisation of the Terminating Investment Fund (the “Deauthorisation Date”). Upon deauthorisation of the Terminating Investment Fund, any product documentation for the Terminating Investment Fund previously issued to investors, including the Prospectus and the KFS of the Terminating Investment Fund, should be retained for personal use only and not for public circulation. In particular, investors should note that:

- taking into account the relevant factors, in particular, the relatively small net asset value (“Net Asset Value”) of the Terminating Investment Fund (see details of the factors in section 1 below), the Manager has decided to exercise its power under Clause 33.3 of the Trust Deed and proposed to seek termination of the Terminating Investment Fund with effect from the Termination Date (as defined in section 2.5);
- the Last Trading Day (as defined in section 2.5) of the Units will be 24 September 2024 (Tuesday);
- the Units will cease trading as from 25 September 2024 (Wednesday) (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date, as defined in section 2.5);
- the Manager will realise all of the assets of the Terminating Investment Fund effective 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 Terminating Investment Fund and the Terminating Investment Fund will therefore cease to track the performance of the Underlying Index and will not be able to meet its investment objective of tracking the performance of its Underlying Index; (iii) the Terminating Investment Fund will no longer be marketed or offered to the public; (iv) the Terminating Investment Fund will mainly hold cash; and (v) the Terminating Investment Fund will only be operated in a limited manner;
- the Manager will, after having consulted the Trustee and the Terminating Investment Fund’s auditor, declare a Distribution (as defined in section 2.2) to the investors who remain invested in the Terminating Investment Fund as at 2 October 2024 (Wednesday) (i.e. the Distribution Record Date, as defined in section 2.5), and the Distribution is expected to be payable on or around 6 November 2024 (Wednesday) (i.e. the Distribution Date, as defined in section 2.5);
- the amount of Distribution will equal to the Net Asset Value of the Terminating Investment Fund as at the Distribution Record Date (i.e. the total value of the net proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the Terminating Investment Fund as described in section 1.3, less (i) any taxes payable and (ii) any expenses payable and

other liabilities of the the Terminating Investment Fund);

- by the date when the Trustee and the Manager form an opinion that the Terminating Investment Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets or liabilities, the Trustee and the Manager will commence the completion of the termination of the Terminating Investment Fund (i.e. the Termination Date). The Manager expects the Termination Date will be on or around 29 November 2024 (Friday). The Manager will publish an announcement on or shortly before the Termination Date in relation to the termination, deauthorisation and delisting of the Terminating Investment Fund;
- during the period from the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date, the Manager will maintain the Terminating Investment Fund's SFC authorisation status and SEHK listed status, and, subject to the SEHK's approval, expects the delisting to take effect at or around the same time as the deauthorisation; and
- investors should pay attention to the risk factors as set out in section 5.1 below (including liquidity risk, Units trading at a discount or premium and market makers' inefficiency risk, tracking errors during the period from the date of this Announcement and Notice to the Last Trading Day risk, Net Asset Value downward adjustment risk, failure to track the Underlying Index risk and delay in distribution risk). 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 Units, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement and Notice as soon as possible;
- facilitate their clients who want to dispose of Units on or before the Last Trading Day;
- 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; and
- inform their clients of the Distribution arrangements as set out in section 2.2 below and the possible impact in relation to such arrangements to their clients.

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 Terminating Investment Fund, cessation of trading and realisation of assets**

### **1.1 Proposed termination of the Terminating Investment Fund**

According to Clause 33.3(b)(i) of the Trust Deed, the Terminating Investment Fund may be terminated by the Manager in its absolute discretion if after one year from the date of establishment of the Terminating Investment Fund the aggregate Net Asset Value of all the Units outstanding shall be less than RMB100 million.

As at 20 June 2024, the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Unit were as follows:

Name	Net Asset Value	Net Asset Value per Unit
Haitong MSCI China A ESG ETF	RMB48,132,798	RMB7.41

Having taken into account the relevant factors including interests of the investors of the Terminating Investment Fund as a whole, the fact that the Terminating Investment Fund has been established for more than one year, the current relatively small Net Asset Value of the Terminating Investment Fund, the Manager is of the view that the proposed termination of the Terminating Investment Fund would be in the best interests of the investors of the Terminating Investment Fund.

Therefore, the Manager has decided to exercise its power under Clause 33.3 of the Trust Deed, to terminate the Terminating Investment Fund on the date on which the Trustee and the Manager form an opinion that the Terminating Investment Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets or liabilities. The Manager has given written notice to the Trustee notifying the Trustee of its proposal to terminate the Terminating Investment Fund, 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 33.4 of the Trust Deed, no less than three months' notice is hereby given to the investors, notifying them of the proposed termination of the Terminating Investment Fund. Also, as required under Chapter 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 Terminating Investment Fund will cease to track the performance of the Underlying Index, and cease trading, from the Trading Cessation Date.

No approval from the unitholders of the Terminating Investment Fund is required for such termination under Clause 33.3 of the Trust Deed.

## **1.2 The proposed cessation of trading of the Terminating Investment Fund**

The Manager will apply to SEHK to have the Units cease trading on the SEHK with effect from 25 September 2024 (Wednesday), (i.e. the Trading Cessation Date). The Manager will realise all of the assets of the Terminating Investment Fund effective from the Trading Cessation Date. The realisation of assets of the Terminating Investment Fund will not incur any additional cost as compared to the costs associated with a normal realisation of investments. 24 September 2024 (Tuesday) 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.

For the avoidance of doubt, 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 from the date of this Announcement and Notice.

Investors should note that they cannot create or redeem Units directly from the Terminating Investment Fund in the primary market. Only Participating Dealers may submit creation and redemption applications to the Manager and the 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, not 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 Impacts on the proposed realisation of the assets of the Terminating Investment Fund

After realisation of all the assets of the Terminating Investment Fund (as described in section 1.2 above and subject to section 2.4 below), the Terminating Investment Fund will mainly hold cash, primarily consisting of the proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the Terminating Investment Fund. Following this, from the Trading Cessation Date, the Terminating Investment Fund will cease to track its Underlying Index, and will not be able to meet its investment objective of tracking the performance of its Underlying Index.

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

### 2.1 Trading on the SEHK on any trading day up to and including the Last Trading Day

On any trading day up to and inclusive of 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 market makers of the Terminating Investment Fund will continue to perform their market making functions in accordance with the trading rules of the SEHK until the Last Trading Day.

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), an Accounting and 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 stamp duty will be imposed on any sale or purchase of the Units on the SEHK.

The trading price of Units may be below or above the Net Asset Value per Unit. Please see the “Units trading at a discount or premium and market makers’ inefficiency risk” in section 5.1 below.

Investors 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 unitholding in the Terminating Investment Fund during the period from the Trading Cessation Date up till the date on which they cease to hold their Units.

### 2.2 Distribution

For Relevant Investors (as defined below) who are still holding Units after the Last Trading Day, the Manager will, after consulting the Trustee, the Terminating Investment Fund’s auditor, and PRC tax advisers, declare a distribution of assets in the Terminating Investment Fund’s Base Currency (the “**Distribution**”) in respect of those investors who remain invested in the Terminating Investment Fund as of the Distribution Record Date (i.e. 2 October 2024 (Wednesday)) (the “**Relevant Investors**”). Such Distribution is expected to be made on or around 6 November 2024 (Wednesday).

Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to the Distribution of an amount equal to the Terminating Investment Fund’s then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor’s Units as at the Distribution Record Date. The Terminating Investment Fund’s then Net Asset Value will be the total value of the net proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the Terminating Investment Fund as described in section 1.3 above, less (i) any taxes payable and (ii) any expenses payable and other liabilities of the the Terminating Investment Fund.

The Distribution payable to each Relevant Investor is expected to be paid on or around 6 November 2024 (Wednesday) 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 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 Terminating Investment Fund in due course.

### **2.3 Further Distribution**

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 5.1 below and consult their professional and financial advisers before disposing of the 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 any 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.**

### **2.4 During the period from the Trading Cessation Date (as defined in section 2.5) until the Termination Date**

Following the realisation of the assets and the Distribution and further distribution, if any, on the date on which the Manager and the Trustee form an opinion that the Terminating Investment Fund cease to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets or liabilities (i.e. the Termination Date), the Trustee and Manager will commence the completion of terminating the Terminating Investment Fund.

During the period from the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date, the Terminating Investment Fund will still maintain its listing status with the SEHK and remain SFC authorised, although the Terminating Investment Fund will no longer be marketed or offered to the public and will be operated only in a limited manner as there will not be any trading of Units and the Terminating Investment Fund will have no investment activities from the Trading Cessation Date onwards.

The deauthorisation and delisting of the Terminating Investment Fund will take place either on the Termination Date or shortly after the Termination Date, subject to the SFC's and SEHK's approval respectively. The Manager expects, subject to the SEHK's approval, that the delisting will only take place at or around the same time of the deauthorisation.

The proposed termination, deauthorisation and delisting will be subject to the payment of all outstanding fees and expenses (please refer to section 4 below for further information), discharge of all other liabilities of the Terminating Investment Fund, as well as the final respective approvals by the SFC and the SEHK.

Following deauthorisation, the Terminating Investment Fund will no longer be regulated by the SFC and will not be available for public distribution in Hong Kong. Any product documentation for the Terminating Investment Fund previously issued to investors, including the Prospectus and any KFS in respect of the Terminating Investment 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 Terminating Investment Fund to the public in Hong Kong as this may be in breach of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

## 2.5 Important dates

Subject to the SFC's and the SEHK's approvals for the proposed arrangements set out in this Announcement and Notice, it is anticipated that the expected important dates in respect of the Terminating Investment Fund will be as follows:

Dispatch of Announcement and Notice	After market close on 24 June 2024 (Monday)
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	25 June 2024 (Tuesday)
Last day for dealings in the Units on the SEHK (the " <b>Last Trading Day</b> ") and last day for creation of Units by Participating Dealers for market making activities of market makers and redemption of Units in the primary market through a Participating Dealer	24 September 2024 (Tuesday)
Dealings in the Units on the SEHK cease (the " <b>Trading Cessation Date</b> ") and the Terminating Investment Fund will no longer be marketed or offered to the public in Hong Kong  No further creation and redemption of Units in the primary market through a Participating Dealer, i.e. same date on which the Manager will start to realise all the investments of the Terminating Investment Fund and the Terminating Investment Fund will cease to track its Underlying Index	25 September 2024 (Wednesday)
Last valuation of the Terminating Investment Fund to be conducted upon realisation of all assets	26 September 2024 (Thursday)
Record date for determining the eligibility of entitlement of investors for the Distribution and further distribution, if any (the " <b>Distribution Record Date</b> ")	By close of business on 2 October 2024 (Wednesday)
The date as at which the Manager will, after having consulted the Trustee and the Terminating Investment Fund's auditor, declare the Distribution amount per Unit and dispatch the announcement on the Distribution	On or around 7 October 2024 (Monday)
Distribution, after the Manager having consulted with the Trustee and the Terminating Investment Fund's auditor, will be paid to the Relevant Investors (the " <b>Distribution Date</b> ")	On or around 6 November 2024 (Wednesday)

Termination of the Terminating Investment Fund when the Manager and the Trustee form an opinion that the Terminating Investment Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets or liabilities (the “ <b>Termination Date</b> ”)	Expected to be 29 November 2024 (Friday)
Deauthorisation and delisting of the Terminating Investment Fund upon approval by the SFC and SEHK respectively  The Manager expects that the deauthorisation and delisting will take place either on or immediately after the Termination Date	On or shortly after the Termination Date

The Manager will issue the following:

- (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;
- (in due course) an announcement to inform the investors of the Distribution Date and further distribution date, if any;
- (prior to further distribution, if any) an announcement to inform investors the amount of further distribution per Unit; and
- (on or shortly before the Termination Date) an announcement to inform the investors of the Termination Date, the dates for the deauthorisation and delisting of the Terminating Investment Fund,

in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

If there is any change to the dates mentioned in this section, 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 2.4 above, while the Units will cease trading effective from the Trading Cessation Date, because of certain outstanding actual or contingent assets or liabilities in relation to the Terminating Investment Fund, the Terminating Investment Fund will remain in existence after the Trading Cessation Date until the Termination Date. During such period, the Terminating Investment Fund will maintain its SFC authorisation status, and its SEHK listed status, until the completion of the proposed termination, deauthorisation and delisting.

Given the Terminating Investment Fund will no longer be offered or marketed to the public and have limited operations after it ceases trading, pursuant to 8.6(t) of the Code and Question 13 of



the Frequently Asked Questions on Exchange Traded Funds and Listed Funds, the Terminating Investment Fund will continue to maintain its SFC authorisation status without strictly complying with certain provisions of the Code for the period from the Trading Cessation Date to 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 Terminating Investment Fund without strict compliance with 10.7 of the Code 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.haitongtf.com.hk](http://www.haitongtf.com.hk)<sup>1</sup> from the Trading Cessation Date until the Deauthorisation Date to notify investors that the Units have ceased trading on the SEHK from 25 September 2024 (Wednesday) (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 Terminating Investment Fund will maintain its listing status with the SEHK after 24 September 2024 (Tuesday) (i.e. the Last Trading Day) until the delisting of the Terminating Investment Fund, investors may continue to access further announcements in relation to the Terminating Investment Fund via the HKEX's website and the Manager's website: [www.haitongtf.com.hk](http://www.haitongtf.com.hk)<sup>1</sup> 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 8.6(u)(ii) of the Code, the Manager is required to provide real time or near-real time indicative Net Asset Value per Unit (updated at least every 15 seconds during trading hours) and last Net Asset Value per Unit and last Net Asset Value of the Terminating Investment 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 Terminating Investment Fund without strict compliance with 8.6(u)(i) and 8.6(u)(ii) of the Code (for the period 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 Net Asset Value per Unit as at 24 September 2024 (Tuesday) (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.haitongtf.com.hk](http://www.haitongtf.com.hk)<sup>1</sup>; and
- (B) the Manager shall update the latest available Net Asset Value per Unit on the Manager's website: [www.haitongtf.com.hk](http://www.haitongtf.com.hk)<sup>1</sup> as soon as practicable should there be any other change to the Net Asset Value of the Terminating Investment Fund, including but not limited to changes arising from (i) the Distribution (please see further in section 2.2 above); (ii) any further distribution (if any); (iii) any change in market value of any scrip dividend receivable by the Terminating Investment Fund; (iv) and any deduction of transaction costs or taxes relating to the realisation of assets of the Terminating Investment Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> The website has not been reviewed by the SFC.  
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### **3.4 Updating of the Prospectus and KFS in respect of the Terminating Investment Fund**

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

The Manager will continue to manage the Terminating Investment Fund without updating the Prospectus and the KFS in respect of the Terminating Investment 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 will promptly notify investors of any changes to the Terminating Investment Fund or to the Prospectus or the KFS of the Terminating Investment Fund by means of publishing further announcement(s) on the Manager's website: [www.haitongetf.com.hk](http://www.haitongetf.com.hk)<sup>1</sup> and the HKEX's website (each, a "Relevant Future Announcement"); and
- (B) the Manager will 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 of the Terminating Investment Fund, 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 SEHK and other applicable laws and regulations in respect of the Terminating Investment 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 or before the Last Trading Day.

### **4.2 Creation and redemption by Participating Dealers**

All creation and redemption of Units by Participating Dealers will be subject to the fees and costs as set out in the Prospectus. Participating Dealers may pass on to the relevant investors such fees and costs, and may also impose fees and charges in handling creation and redemption requests which would increase the cost of creation and redemption. Investors are advised to check with Participating Dealers as to their relevant fees, costs and charges.

### **4.3 Ongoing charges of the Terminating Investment Fund**

The ongoing charges of the Terminating Investment Fund over a year are 2.13%.

The ongoing charges figure above is based on expenses for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 of the Terminating Investment Fund, expressed as a percentage of the Terminating Investment Fund's average Net Asset Value over the same period. The Manager does not expect that the termination of the Terminating Investment Fund will impact the figures 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 Terminating Investment Fund (which are to be borne by the Terminating Investment Fund): (i) transaction costs and (ii) any taxes relating to the liquidation of assets of the Terminating Investment Fund.

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

The Manager will bear all costs and expenses associated with the termination and deauthorisation as well as the delisting of the Terminating Investment Fund (other than any transaction costs and any taxes relating to the realisation of assets of the Terminating Investment Fund), such as legal costs, auditor's fees and other administrative expenses, 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 a trustee fee up to and including the Trading Cessation Date.

#### **4.5 Unamortised Establishment Cost**

As disclosed in the Prospectus, the establishment costs of the Terminating Investment Fund are estimated to be approximately RMB900,000 and will be borne by the Terminating Investment Fund. The establishment costs will be amortised over the first five years of the Terminating Investment Fund ("**Amortisation Period**").

The actual establishment costs incurred by the Terminating Investment Fund are RMB900,000 and are amortised over the Amortisation Period. As at 20 June 2024, approximately RMB692,347 of the establishment costs have been amortised. The unamortised establishment costs, which amounted to approximately RMB207,653 as at 20 June 2024, will continue to be borne by the Terminating Investment Fund and will be amortised (based on daily amortisation) up to the Last Trading Day and the Manager will bear any remaining unamortised establishment costs.

Save for the unamortised establishment costs, the Terminating Investment Fund does not have any contingent liabilities (such as outstanding litigation) as at the date of this Announcement and Notice.

### **5. Other matters**

#### **5.1 Other implications of the proposed cessation of trading of Units on the SEHK, the proposed termination, deauthorisation and delisting of the Terminating Investment Fund from the SEHK**

In consequence of this Announcement and Notice and the proposed cessation of trading of Units on the SEHK, the proposed termination and the proposed deauthorisation and delisting of the Terminating Investment 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 their Net Asset Value. Although up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, the market makers will continue to perform its market making functions in respect of the Terminating Investment Fund in accordance with the trading rules of the SEHK, Units may trade at a discount compared to its Net Asset Value in extreme market situations. This is because many investors may want to sell their Units after this Announcement and Notice has been published 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 such Units before the Trading Cessation Date, the market maker 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. Following this, the price volatility of the Units may be higher than usual from the date of this Announcement and Notice through 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 Terminating Investment Fund may drop drastically before the Last Trading Day. This may impair the Manager's ability to fulfill the investment objective of the Terminating Investment Fund and result in significant tracking error. In the extreme situation where the size of the Terminating Investment Fund becomes so small that the Manager considers that it is not in the best interest of the Terminating Investment Fund to continue to invest in the market, the Manager may decide to convert the whole or part of the investments of the Terminating Investment Fund into cash or deposits in order to protect the interest of the investors of the Terminating Investment 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 Underlying Index risk* – All assets of the Terminating Investment Fund will be liquidated with effect from the Trading Cessation Date. Thereafter, the entirety of the Terminating Investment Fund's assets will be cash and the Terminating Investment Fund will operate in a limited manner. Following this, from the Trading Cessation Date, the Terminating Investment Fund will cease to track its Underlying Index, and will not be able to meet its investment objective of tracking the performance of its Underlying Index; and

*Delay in distribution risk* – The Manager will aim to realise all of the assets of all the Terminating Investment Fund and then 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 Terminating Investment Fund in a timely manner during certain periods of time, for example, when the 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 the Distribution and further distribution (if any) to the Relevant Investors may be delayed.

Investor attention is also drawn to the risks disclosed in the Prospectus of the Terminating Investment Fund.

## **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 Terminating Investment Fund is collective investment scheme authorised under Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 Laws of Hong Kong), profits of the Terminating Investment Fund derived from realisation of its assets in Hong Kong are exempt from Hong Kong profits tax. Notwithstanding that profits of the Terminating Investment Fund derived from realisation of its assets are exempt from Hong Kong profits tax, the Terminating Investment Fund may be subject to tax in certain jurisdictions where investments are made, on income or capital gains derived from such investments.

No tax is expected to be payable by investors in Hong Kong in respect of the Distribution or further distributions (if any) to the extent of distribution of profits and/or capital of the Terminating Investment Fund. For investors carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong, profits derived in redemption or disposal of Units 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 are revenue assets of the investors.

## *PRC tax*

The Manager, after consultation with the PRC tax advisers, has not made any tax provision with respect to the gross unrealised and realised capital gains derived by the Terminating Investment Fund, given that:

- pursuant to “Notice on the temporary exemption of Corporate Income Tax (“CIT”) on capital gains derived from the transfer of PRC equity investment assets such as PRC domestic stocks by QFII and RQFII” (Caishui [2014] No. 79), QFII/RQFIIs (without a permanent establishment (“PE”) in the PRC or having a PE in the PRC but the income so derived in China is not effectively connected with such PE) are temporarily exempt from CIT on gains derived from the transfer of PRC equity investment assets (including A-Shares) effective from 17 November 2014; and
- pursuant to “Notice about the tax policies related to the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect” (Caishui [2014] No. 81) and the “Notice about the tax policies related to the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect” (Caishui [2016] No. 127), CIT is be temporarily exempted on capital gains derived by Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Terminating Investment Fund) on the trading of A-Shares through the Stock Connect.

Investors’ attention is drawn to the sub-section entitled “PRC Taxation Risk” in the section “Specific Risks Applicable to the Haitong MSCI China A ESG ETF” in Part II of the Prospectus for information about the PRC tax obligations of the Terminating Investment Fund.

Investors should consult their professional tax advisers for tax advice.

### **5.3 Connected party transaction**

Haitong International Securities Company Limited, which is a Connected Person of the Manager, currently acts as one of the Participating Dealers of the Terminating Investment Fund. As at 17 May 2024, Haitong International Securities Company Limited holds 5,594,200 Units which is approximately 86.05% of the Net Asset Value of the Terminating Investment Fund.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, which is a Connected Person of the Trustee, currently acts as one of the Participating Dealers of the Terminating Investment Fund and engages in brokerage services in Hong Kong. As at 17 May 2024, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited holds 66,800 Units which is approximately 1.03% of the Net Asset Value of the Terminating Investment Fund.

Hang Seng Securities Limited, which is a Connected Person of the Trustee, currently engages in brokerage services in Hong Kong. As at 17 May 2024, Hang Seng Securities Limited holds 5,800 Units which is approximately 0.09% of the Net Asset Value of the Terminating Investment Fund.

The above Connected Person 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 to terminate the Terminating Investment Fund via this Announcement and Notice. Any such disposal of Units may reduce the size of the Terminating Investment Fund and impair the Manager’s ability to fulfil the investment objectives of the Terminating Investment 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.

Other than disclosed above, no other Connected Persons of the Manager and/or the Trustee are party to any transaction in relation to the Terminating Investment Fund, nor hold any interest in the Terminating Investment Fund.

## **6. Documents available for inspection**

Copies of the following documents are available for inspection free of charge upon request at the Manager's registered office (see section 7 below) during normal business hours:

- the Trust Deed;
- the Material Contracts;
- the latest annual and semi-annual reports of the Trust and Terminating Investment Fund (if any);
- the Prospectus; and
- the KFS of the Terminating Investment Fund.

Copies of the Trust Deed and Material Contracts may be purchased from the Manager at a reasonable fee. Copies of the annual and the semi-annual reports, the Prospectus and the KFS of the Terminating Investment Fund are available from the Manager free of charge.

## **7. Enquiries**

If you have any questions in relation to the contents of this Announcement and Notice, please direct them to your stockbrokers or financial intermediaries or contact the Manager by calling our enquiry hotline at (852) 3588 7699 during normal office hours (Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), from 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.), or writing to the Manager at 22/F., Li Po Chun Chambers, 189 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, or visiting the Manager's website: [www.haitongetf.com.hk](http://www.haitongetf.com.hk)<sup>1</sup>.

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.

**Haitong International Asset Management (HK) Limited**  
as Manager of the Terminating Investment Fund

24 June 2024