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## Publication of Annual Financial Report 2022, Change of Distribution Method of Future Annual and Interim Financial Reports and Update of Prospectus and Key Facts Statement

The Manager hereby announces that (i) the annual financial report for the year ended 31 December 2022 of the Sub-Fund ("**Annual Financial Report 2022**") has been published; and (ii) all future annual and interim financial reports of the Sub-Fund (the "**Financial Reports**") will be disseminated electronically with effect from 1 June 2023. Furthermore, the Prospectus (the "**Prospectus**") and the Key Facts Statement (the "**KFS**") of the Sub-Fund have been updated.

The Manager would like to inform the Unitholders that the Annual Financial Report 2022 has been published for distribution. Such report can be downloaded from the Manager's website (www.boci-pru.com.hk/english/etf/intro.aspx (for English), or www.boci-pru.com.hk/chinese/

etf/intro.aspx (for Chinese)) (the "**Manager's website**")^ or the website of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkex.com.hk (the "**HKEX's website**") and can be obtained and/or inspected free of charge during normal business hours on any day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) at the office of the Manager at 27/F., Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong (the "**Manager's Office**").

In order to protect the environment and reduce the Sub-Fund's expenses on printing hard copies of Financial Reports for distribution, the Manager will, as an alternative to the distribution of printed copies, disseminate the future Financial Reports electronically as elaborated below with effect from 1 June 2023. Unitholders will be notified by way of an announcement on the Manager's website^ when future Financial Reports are available. Unitholders will have to download the Financial Reports from the Manager's website^ and such reports will be in Adobe's Portable Documents Format (**"PDF"**). To open and view the Financial Reports in PDF format, access to internet and the appropriate hardware and software are required.

## Printed form of the Financial Reports will no longer be distributed after the aforesaid effective date, unless otherwise requested by the Unitholders.

Despite such change to electronic mode of dissemination, printed copies of the Financial Reports can still be obtained and/or inspected free of charge during normal business hours at the Manager's Office.

If Unitholders wish to continue receiving printed copies of the Financial Reports, they will be required to send a signed written request (in the form prescribed by the Manager) with necessary documentary proof to the Manager's Office by 31 May 2023. Unitholders should call the Manager's enquiry hotline at (852) 2280 8697 (the "**Manager's Enquiry Hotline**") during normal business hours for further details relating to administrative procedures of such request.

Unitholders may also request to change the means of delivery of the Financial Reports after the adoption of the electronic means of dissemination at any time by sending a signed written request (in the form prescribed by the Manager) with necessary documentary proof to the Manager's Office. Such request will be effective within 10 business days from receipt of the request by the Manager or upon publication of the upcoming annual report or interim report (as the case may be), whichever is later. Unitholders should also call the Manager's Enquiry Hotline during normal business hours for further details relating to such request.

Unitholders are entitled to receive the Financial Reports free of charge in one means of their choice (i.e. either in paper form or through electronic means as aforementioned). The Manager would like to draw the Unitholders' attention to the following risks associated with the aforesaid electronic means of dissemination:

- (i) appropriate computer / electronic equipment and internet access are required;
- (ii) internet services may be subject to certain information technology risks and disruption, e.g. the electronic transmission of information cannot be guaranteed to be secure and may contain computer viruses and such information could be intercepted, corrupted, lost, destroyed, delayed, interfered or incomplete or otherwise be adversely affected or unsafe to use without the knowledge of the issuer or the intended readers; and

(iii) Unitholders are advised to check the Manager's website^ from time to time for any information update related to the Sub-Fund and save or print a copy of the Financial Reports for future reference if necessary.

The sub-section headed "Accounts and Reports" under the section headed "GENERAL INFORMATION" of the Prospectus has been amended to reflect the aforesaid change.

Besides, certain updates, enhancement of disclosure or minor modifications have been made to the Prospectus (including information update relating to FATCA and AEOI and the enhancement of disclosure relating to the Manager's power to take actions to ensure no Units in the Sub-Fund are acquired or held by an Unqualified Person).

The information relating to the number of listed companies and total market capitalization of the Shanghai Stock Exchange as set out in the Prospectus, and the percentage of the total market capitalisation of the Shanghai Stock Exchange that the 50 constituent stocks of the SSE 50 Index represent as set out in the Prospectus and KFS has been updated.

The corporate information of the Participating Dealers set out in the Prospectus has also been updated.

Changes set out in the previous addenda to the Prospectus have also been incorporated in the updated Prospectus.

Further, the KFS has been updated so as to disclose the updated information relating to the ongoing charges, tracking difference and past performance of the Sub-Fund. Other minor amendments and enhancement of disclosure have also been made to the KFS.

The changes to the Prospectus and KFS shall take immediate effect.

The latest Prospectus and the KFS are available on the HKEX's website and the Manager's website<sup>^</sup>. Hard copies of the offering documents of the Sub-Fund may also be obtained and/or inspected free of charge at the Manager's Office during normal business hours.

Terms not defined in this Announcement will have the meanings as are given to such terms in the Prospectus.

Unitholders who have any enquiries regarding the above may contact the Manager at the Manager's Office or call the Manager's Enquiry Hotline during normal business hours.

25 April 2023

<sup>^</sup> The Manager's website has not been reviewed by the SFC.