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# W.I.S.E. – Nasdaq Overseas China New Economy Companies Top 50 Index Tracker

標智納斯達克中國新經濟公司海外 50 指數基金 a sub-fund (the "Sub-Fund") of the World Index Shares ETFs (the "Fund")

> (a Hong Kong unit trust authorized under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the laws of the Hong Kong SAR))

> > (Stock Code: 03182)

Announcement Change of Directors
and Update of Corporate Information of
a Participating Dealer of the Sub-Fund

The Manager hereby announces a change in the composition of the board of directors of the Manager with effect from 28 September 2022. Further, the Manager would like to inform investors of certain update of corporate information of a participating dealer of the Sub-Fund, namely, BNP Paribas Securities Services (as disclosed in the Prospectus of the Sub-Fund (the "Prospectus")), will be merged into its parent company, BNP Paribas, on 1 October 2022.

#### 1. Change of Directors

The Manager would like to inform the investors that there is a change in the composition

of the board of directors of the Manager with effect from 28 September 2022. Please refer to the Second Addendum to the Prospectus (the "Second Addendum") for details.

## 2. Update of Corporate Information of a Participating Dealer

As informed by BNP Paribas Securities Services, BNP Paribas Securities Services will be merged into its parent company, BNP Paribas, in accordance with Articles L. 236-11 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code on 1 October 2022.

In view of this, all of the contracts entered into by BNP Paribas Securities Services in relation to the Sub-Fund and the related documentation, including all its rights, liabilities, duties and obligations under and in connection with such contracts and documentation, will be fully and finally transferred to BNP Paribas, and therefore BNP Paribas will become a Participating Dealer for the Sub-Fund with effect from 1 October 2022. The other Participating Dealers for the Sub-Fund remain unchanged. Please refer to the Second Addendum for information relating to BNP Paribas.

The latest Prospectus of the Sub-Fund together with the Second Addendum and the current list of Participating Dealers are available on the website of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkex.com.hk and the Manager's website<sup>1</sup> at www.boci-pru.com.hk/english/etf/intro.aspx (for English) and www.boci-pru.com.hk/chinese/etf/intro.aspx (for Chinese). 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 at 27th Floor, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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

Investors who have any enquiries regarding the above may contact the Manager at the above address or the Manager's enquiry hotline at (852) 2280 8697.

28 September 2022

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information contained in the Manager's website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

**IMPORTANT:** This Addendum is supplemental to and forms part of the Prospectus of W.I.S.E. – Nasdaq Overseas China New Economy Companies Top 50 Index Tracker (the "Sub-Fund") dated 22 December 2021 and the Addendum dated 27 May 2022 (collectively, the "Prospectus"). Unless otherwise defined herein, words and expressions defined in the Prospectus shall have the same meaning when used in this Addendum.

The Manager accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Addendum 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.

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## **Second Addendum to the Prospectus**

#### I. The Prospectus is hereby supplemented, with immediate effect, as follows:

Under the section headed "PARTIES" of the Prospectus, the list of directors of the Manager (as amended by the Addendum dated 27 May 2022 on page 1) shall be amended and restated as follows:

"Directors of the Manager

Wang Zhongze Tse Yung Hoi Lee Yui Leung Yeo Whay Nee

### Lim Wendy Hwee Ching"

## II. The Prospectus is hereby supplemented, with effect from 1 October 2022, as follows:

Under the section headed "Participating Dealer(s)" under Appendix II "OPERATION OF THE SUB-FUND" to the Prospectus,

- (i) the third paragraph on page 76 shall be amended and restated as follows:
  - "As at the date of this Prospectus, the Sub-Fund has three Participating Dealers, China Merchants Securities (HK) Co., Limited, Citigroup Global Markets Asia Limited and BNP Paribas."
- (ii) the second last paragraph on page 76 shall be amended and restated as follows:
  - "BNP Paribas, acting through its Hong Kong Branch, is regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and is licensed by the SFC to conduct Types 1, 4, 6 and 9 regulated activities."

The Prospectus may only be distributed if accompanied by this Addendum.

28 September 2022