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W.I.S.E. – CSI 300 China Tracker^{®*}

(*This is a synthetic ETF)

標智滬深 300 中國指數基金^{®*}

(*此基金為一隻合交易所買賣基金)

a sub-fund (the “Sub-Fund”)

of the World Index Shares ETFs (the “Trust”)

(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: 02827)

Announcement

Transition of Investment Strategy from Synthetic Representative Strategy to Physical Representative Strategy and Removal of Synthetic Fund Name Condition

The Manager hereby announces that the transition of investment strategy of the Sub-Fund from synthetic representative strategy to physical representative strategy and the removal of synthetic fund name condition will take effect from 28 December 2017 (the “**Effective Date**”).

The Manager would like to inform investors that, the Sub-Fund’s transition of the investment strategy from the use of the synthetic representative strategy to physical

representative strategy has resulted in the Sub-Fund's direct holding of A Shares comprising more than 70% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund on an ongoing basis. Accordingly, as mentioned in the Manager's announcements dated 1 December 2016 and 3 January 2017, the Manager has applied for and has been granted approval by the SFC to remove the Synthetic Fund Name Condition (as defined below).

The aforesaid change will become effective on the Effective Date and the updated Prospectus of the Sub-Fund (the "**Prospectus**") and Product Key Facts Statement ("**KFS**") will also be available on the same date.

Details of the change are described below. The changes described below are not subject to Unitholders' approval pursuant to the Trust Deed of the Trust or any applicable laws or regulations. The Trustee of the Trust has confirmed that it does not have any comments on the changes below. The Manager considers the changes described below are beneficial to the Sub-Fund and its Unitholders and will not have a material adverse effect on the Unitholders.

1. Removal of the Synthetic Fund Name Condition

Pursuant to the authorization condition imposed on the Sub-Fund with effect from 16 January 2011, the Sub-Fund must place an asterisk "*" and an annotation in English "(This is a synthetic ETF)" and in Chinese "(此基金為一隻合成交易所買賣基金)", as the case may be, right after the name of the Sub-Fund whenever it is mentioned in all offering documents, marketing materials, notices and other communications issued by or on behalf of the Sub-Fund to investors in Hong Kong, including any websites hosted by or on behalf of the Sub-Fund targeting investors in Hong Kong (the "**Synthetic Fund Name Condition**").

Pursuant to the announcement dated 1 December 2016, the Manager expects that when the holdings of the Sub-Fund in physical A Shares increases to more than 70% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value, the Manager will apply to the SFC to remove the symbol "*" in the name of the Sub-Fund and the notation "(This is a synthetic ETF)", and the Sub-Fund will cease to be considered as a synthetic ETF.

As the Sub-Fund progressively changes its investment strategy from synthetic representative strategy to physical representative strategy, the Sub-Fund's current holdings in physical A Shares has exceeded 70% of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund on an ongoing basis. Accordingly, as mentioned in the Manager's announcements dated 1 December 2016 and 3 January 2017, the Manager has applied for and has been granted approval by the SFC to remove the Synthetic Fund Name Condition.

The Manager intends to continue to decrease the Sub-Fund's use of the synthetic representative strategy of investing in AXP's and increase the use of the physical representative strategy, including investing in A Shares through the Manager's QFII quota and/or Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and/or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect. When the Sub-Fund's holding in physical A Shares ultimately increases to more than 90%, and its holding in AXP's ultimately decreases to less than 10% of the Sub-Fund's Net Asset Value, the Manager will apply to the SFC to remove the collateral requirement for the AXP's, and after the approval is obtained, the Sub-Fund may continue to invest in AXP's for not more than 10% of the Net Asset Value

of the Sub-Fund for cash management and contingency purposes.

The investment objective, Underlying Index and Management Fee of the Sub-Fund will remain unchanged.

2. Fund name and stock short name

From the Effective Date onwards,

- (i) the asterisk and annotation to the name of the Sub-Fund will be removed. With effect from the Effective Date, the name of the Sub-Fund will be changed as follows:

Original name:

W.I.S.E. – CSI 300 China Tracker®>(*This is a synthetic ETF)

標智滬深300中國指數基金®(*此基金為一隻合成交易所買賣基金)

New name:

W.I.S.E. – CSI 300 China Tracker®

標智滬深300中國指數基金®

- (ii) the marker “X” will be removed and the stock short name of the Sub-Fund will change from X WISECSI300ETF to WISE CSI300 ETF (in English), and X標智滬深300 to 標智滬深300 (in Chinese).

3. Changes to the Prospectus and KFS

In view of the aforesaid changes, consequential amendments will be reflected in the updated Prospectus and KFS in relation to the Sub-Fund. Changes set out in the previous addenda to the Prospectus will also be incorporated in the updated Prospectus.

The updated Prospectus and KFS are available for viewing on the website of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkex.com.hk and the website of the Manager¹ at www.boci-pru.com.hk/english/etf/intro.aspx (for English) and www.boci-pru.com.hk/chinese/etf/intro.aspx (for Chinese) on 28 December 2017. Hard copies of the updated Prospectus and KFS may also be obtained from the Manager at 27th Floor, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong free of charge.

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.

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¹ The Manager’s website has not been reviewed by the SFC.