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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 -Amendment of Trust Deed and Offering Documents to comply with revised Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds

The Manager hereby announces that the Trust Deed of the Fund dated 11 July 2007, as amended from time to time (the "**Trust Deed**") has been amended by way of a deed of variation and substitution effective today (i.e. 31 December 2019) (the "**Effective Date**"). The Prospectus of the Sub-Fund has also been updated. The amendments have been made mainly to incorporate changes in compliance with the requirements of the revised Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the "**Code**").

The Manager would like to inform the investors that in order to comply with the Code, the Trust Deed has been amended by way of a deed of variation and substitution effective on the Effective Date.

The major changes to the Trust Deed relate to the following:

- the investment restrictions applicable to the Sub-Fund have been revised to reflect the updated investment restrictions under Chapter 7 and Chapter 8.6 of the revised Code. Investors can refer to the section headed "Investment and Borrowing Restrictions" in the Prospectus for the revised investment restrictions;
- (2) the maximum borrowing of the Sub-Fund has been reduced from 25% to 10% of its Net Asset Value, in compliance with the revised Code; and
- (3) other changes to comply with the revised Code.

The Prospectus has also been updated to reflect the above changes. Other minor adjustments and updates have also been made to the Prospectus. The changes to the Prospectus are effective on the Effective Date.

In the meantime, the information relating to the total market capitalization of the Nasdaq Overseas China New Economy Companies Top 50 Index<sup>SM</sup> as set out in the Prospectus has been updated.

There is no change to the investment objective and policy of the Sub-Fund, the level of fees payable by the Sub-Fund and the Unitholders, or the manner in which the Sub-Fund is being managed.

The latest Prospectus of the Sub-Fund which has incorporated changes in previous addenda is 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 Prospectus may also be obtained and/or inspected free of charge at the Manager's office at 27<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong.

A copy of the deed of variation and substitution to amend the relevant provisions of the Trust Deed can be inspected free of charge or obtained upon payment of a reasonable fee during the normal business hours at the office of the Manager at the above address.

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.

31 December 2019

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