

# iShares FTSE A50 China Index ETF\* (\* This is a synthetic ETF)



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IMPORTANT: Investment involves risk, including the loss of principal. Investors should refer to the Prospectus and Key Facts Statement of the iShares FTSE A50 China Index ETF\* (\* This is a synthetic ETF) (the "ETF") for details, including the risk factors. Investors should not base investment decisions on this marketing material alone. Investors should note:

- The ETF aims to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the FTSE China A50 Index ("the Underlying Index").
- Generally, investments in or linked to emerging markets, such as the A Share market, may involve increased risks such as liquidity risks, currency risks/control, political and economic uncertainties, legal, regulatory and taxation risks, settlement risks, custody risk and the likelihood of a high degree of volatility. The A Share market may be more volatile and unstable than those in the more developed markets. The ETF's exposure is concentrated in the PRC and may be more volatile than funds adopting a more diversified strategy.
- The ETF is subject to tracking error risk, which is the risk that its performance may not track that of the Underlying Index exactly.
- CAAPs are susceptible to price fluctuations and higher volatility, which may result in large bid and offer spreads with no active secondary market. The ETF may suffer losses equal to the full value of the CAAPs. The Manager seeks to mitigate counterparty risks by fully collateralizing all counterparty exposures. However, the ETF may still suffer losses to the extent the value of the collateral does not fully cover the value of the CAAPs and any associated costs that may be incurred to close out the collateral arrangements. While the ETF holds, or has recourse to, collateral to mitigate its exposure to each CAAP Issuer, this is subject to the risk of the CAAP Issuer or Collateral Provider not fulfilling its obligations. The value of the collateral assets may also be affected by market events and may diverge substantially from the performance of the Underlying Index, which may cause the ETF's exposure to the CAAP Issuer to be under-collateralised and therefore result in significant losses.
- The ETF is subject to restrictions and requirements applicable to QFII and/or RQFII investment, and the applicable laws, rules and regulations in the PRC, which are subject to change and such change may have potential retrospective effect. The ETF may be unable to utilise the QFII and/or RQFII quota if the relevant QFII and/or RQFII licence is revoked/terminated or otherwise invalidated as the ETF may be prohibited from trading relevant securities and repatriation of the ETF's monies, or if any of the key operators is bankrupt or in default and/or is disqualified from performing its obligations.
- The relevant rules and regulations on the Stock Connect are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. Where a suspension in the trading through the programme is effected, the ETF's ability to invest in A shares through Stock Connect will be adversely affected.
- Due to their synthetic nature, CAAPs may have costs associated with their early redemption that are potentially significantly higher than the costs of trading the underlying A-Shares, particularly during times of high market volatility. These costs can vary significantly through time. Factors influencing this cost differential include A Share market volatility, foreign exchange market volatility and costs associated with redeeming the CAAPs prior to maturity, such as the cost of unwinding the hedging positions associated with the CAAPs. Such costs may vary depending on market conditions and are beyond the control of the Manager.
- The ETF is denominated in HKD whilst the CAAPs are denominated in USD and the underlying A Shares represented by the CAAPs, Physical A Share ETFs and A Shares are denominated in RMB. Accordingly the ability of the ETF to track the Underlying Index is subject to foreign exchange fluctuations between the HKD, USD and the RMB. RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. Non-RMB based investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk.
- The ETF currently does not provision for withholding tax on capital gains ("CGT") arising from its investment via CAAPs, QFII or RQFII on or after 17 November 2014, or its investment via Stock Connect. The Manager is currently liaising with each of the CAAP Issuers to settle the taxes on gains realized in respect of CAAPs prior to 17 November 2014. Investors should be aware that there could be several significant (either positive or negative) adjustments to the NAV of the ETF. Depending on the timing of their subscriptions and/or redemptions, investors may be disadvantaged as a result of any adjustment and will not have a right to claim any part of positive adjustment (as the case may be). There are risks and uncertainties associated with the current PRC tax laws, regulations and practice in respect of capital gains realized on the ETF's PRC investments, which may have retrospective effect. Any increased tax liabilities on the ETF may adversely affect its value, and the resultant tax liability would be eventually borne by investors.
- The Manager may at its discretion pay dividends out of capital or effectively out of capital amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Any distributions involving payment of dividends out of the ETF's capital may result in an immediate reduction of the ETF's NAV per unit
- The trading price of the units of the ETF on the SEHK is subject to market forces and may trade at a substantial premium/discount to the ETF's NAV.

# **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The iShares FTSE A50 China Index ETF\* (\* This is a synthetic ETF) aims to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the FTSE China A50 Index.



The chart shows change of investment amount based on a hypothetical investment in the Index Fund.

## CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALIZED PERFORMANCE

	Cumulative			Annualized			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Index Fund	2.17%	5.52%	-7.65%	-2.87%	8.88%	3.14%	9.60%
Index	1.34%	2.90%	-9.13%	-5.24%	9.83%	5.50%	11.23%

### CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Index Fund	-10.43%	61.21%	-12.25%	10.38%	-15.00%
Index	-10.59%	67.53%	-8.94%	15.50%	-13.45%

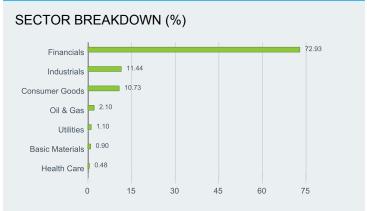
#### **FUND DETAILS**

Listing Date 18/11/2004 Inception Date 15/11/2004 Index FTSE China A50 Index Number of Holdings 54 31,015,955,567 HKD Net Assets Management Fee 0.99% **Units Outstanding** 2,744,000,000 Domicile Hong Kong Base Currency HKD Bloomberg Index Ticker TX9HKNRH

# TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

PING AN INSURANCE (GROUP) OF CHINA	8.67
CHINA MINSHENG BANKING CORP. LTD.	6.22
INDUSTRIAL BANK CO. LTD.	6.09
CHINA MERCHANTS BANK CO LTD A	5.76
SHANGHAI PUDONG DEVELOPMENT	
BANK L	4.69
KWEICHOW MOUTAI LTD A	3.92
CITIC SECURITIES CO. LTD.	3.52
BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS CO. LTD.	3.06
AGRICULTURAL BANK OF CHINA LTD.	3.04
BANK OF BEIJING LTD A	2.74
Total	47.71
Holdings are subject to change	

Performance is calculated based on NAV-to-NAV with dividend reinvested. Performance is calculated in the base currency of the Index Fund, including ongoing charges and taxes, and excluding your trading costs on SEHK. Investment involves risk, including the loss of principal. Past performance does not represent future returns.



Allocations are subject to change. Due to rounding, the total may not be equal to 100%. From 1 September 2016, GICS will increase from 10 to 11 sectors. Real Estate securities, previously classified with Financials, will be reported as a new sector – Real Estate.

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Stock Code 2823 ISIN HK2823028546 Bloombera NAV 2823NAV SEDOL B046M96 Exchange Hong Kong Stock Exchange **Board Lots** 100 HKD Trading Currency Bloomberg Ticker 2823 HK

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