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If you have sold or transferred all your Units in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (HK), you should at once hand this Announcement and Notice to the purchaser or transferee or to the bank, stockbroker or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or the transferee.

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iShares Asia Trust (the “Trust”)

(A Hong Kong umbrella unit trust authorised under Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of the Laws of Hong Kong)

**iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (HK)
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3022)
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9022)**

(the “Sub-Fund”)

DISTRIBUTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Reference is made to the announcement and notice titled “Announcement and Notice of the Proposed Cessation of Trading, Termination, Voluntary Deauthorisation and Delisting and Non-applicability of Certain Provisions of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds” dated 15 July 2024 (the “**First Announcement**”).

This Announcement and Notice is to inform the Relevant Investors of the Distribution per Unit of the Sub-Fund as follows:

	Distribution (in USD)	Distribution per Unit (in USD) (rounded down to 4 decimal places)
HKD counter and USD counter	USD7,610,616	USD63.4218

The Distribution for the Sub-Fund will be credited to the CCASS accounts of the relevant financial intermediaries and stockbrokers through whom the Relevant Investors held the Units by close of business on 30 August 2024 (i.e. the Distribution Record Date).

It is expected that the Relevant Investors will receive the Distribution on or around 13 September 2024, but the exact timing may vary between different stockbrokers and financial intermediaries. Each Relevant Investor should contact his/her stockbrokers or financial intermediaries in relation to the payment arrangements, including payment procedures and settlement date, of the Distribution from them.

The Manager will issue further announcements as and when appropriate in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements, including: (i) if there is a further distribution after the Distribution, an announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the details of further distribution (including the further distribution date, the amount of further distribution and further distribution rate per Unit), prior to such further distribution; and (ii) an announcement on or shortly before the Termination Date informing the Relevant Investors about the Termination Date, Deauthorisation Date and date of delisting of the Sub-Fund.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Stockbrokers and financial intermediaries are urged to forward a copy of this Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units in the Sub-Fund, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement and Notice as soon as possible. Relevant Investors should contact their stockbrokers and financial intermediaries in relation to the payment of the Distribution from them. Investors should exercise caution and consult their professional and financial advisers before deciding on the course of actions to be taken in relation to their Units.

Reference is made to the First Announcement. Terms not defined in this Announcement and Notice will have the meanings as are given to such terms in the First Announcement.

The purpose of this Announcement and Notice is to inform Relevant Investors of the Distribution. Relevant Investors, as defined in the First Announcement, mean those investors who remain invested in the Sub-Fund as of 30 August 2024, being the Distribution Record Date.

1. Distribution amount

As disclosed in the First Announcement, the Manager will, after having consulted the Trustee and the Auditor, declare a Distribution in USD (for Units in both HKD counter and USD counter) in respect of the Relevant Investors (i.e. those investors who remain invested in the Sub-Fund as of the Distribution Record Date).

The Manager, after having consulted the Trustee and the Auditor, has resolved to approve that Distribution of the following amount shall be paid in cash by the Sub-Fund in the form of a Distribution to the Relevant Investors:

	Distribution (in USD)	Distribution per Unit (in USD) (rounded down to 4 decimal places)
HKD counter and USD counter	USD7,610,616	USD63.4218

The Distribution per Unit for the Sub-Fund was determined on the basis of the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Sub-Fund as at 5 September 2024, rounded down to 4 decimal places. Each Relevant Investor will be entitled to a Distribution of an amount equal to the Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor's Units in the Sub-Fund as at the Distribution Record Date. The Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value is the total value of the net proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the Sub-Fund, excluding (i) any taxes payable, and (ii) any expenses payable.

2. Distribution payment

The Distribution for the Sub-Fund will be credited to the CCASS accounts of the relevant financial intermediaries and stockbrokers through whom the Relevant Investors held the Units by close of business on 30 August 2024 (i.e. the Distribution Record Date).

It is expected that the Relevant Investors will receive the Distribution on or around 13 September 2024, but the exact timing may vary between different stockbrokers and financial intermediaries. Each Relevant Investor should contact his/her stockbrokers or financial intermediaries in relation to the payment arrangements, including payment procedures and settlement date, of the Distribution from them.

The Manager does not expect or anticipate there will be a further distribution after the Distribution. However, in the unlikely event there is a further distribution after the Distribution, the Manager will issue an announcement informing the Relevant Investors.

Distribution to the extent of distribution of profits and/or capital of the Sub-Fund should generally not be subject to Hong Kong profits tax by Hong Kong investors (whether by way of withholding or otherwise). For investors carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong, profits derived in redemption or disposal of Units in the Sub-Fund may be subject to Hong Kong profits tax if the profits in question arise in or are derived from such trade, profession or business, sourced in Hong Kong, as well as the Units of the Sub-Fund are revenue assets of the investors.

Investors should consult their professional tax advisers for tax advice.

IMPORTANT NOTES: This document is important and requires your immediate attention. Stockbrokers and financial intermediaries are urged to forward a copy of this Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units in the Sub-Fund, and inform them of the contents of this Announcement and Notice as soon as possible. Relevant Investors should contact their stockbrokers and financial intermediaries in relation to the payment arrangements, including payment procedures and settlement date, of the relevant Distribution from them.

Investors are strongly advised to read and consider the First Announcement and this Announcement and Notice together with the Prospectus, for further details in relation to the Sub-Fund, the termination, deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund and the applicable risk factors and their implications to investors.

3. Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund

Each of the Manager and the Trustee confirms that, the Net Asset Value and Net Asset Value per Unit of the Sub-Fund as at 5 September 2024 were as follows:

Net Asset Value	Net Asset Value per Unit
USD7,610,616	USD63.4218

A simple breakdown of the Net Asset Value of the Sub-Fund is as follows:

As at 5 September 2024

Assets		
	Cash and cash equivalents	USD7,610,616
	Total assets	USD7,610,616
Liabilities		
	Accrued expenses and other payables	USD0
	Total liabilities	USD0
Net Asset Value		USD7,610,616
Number of Units in issue as of the Distribution Record Date		120,000.00
Net Asset Value per Unit		USD63.4218
Distribution per Unit (i.e. the Net Asset Value per Unit rounded down to 4 decimal places)		USD63.4218

As mentioned in the First Announcement, the Manager will bear all costs and expenses associated with the termination, deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund (other than normal operating expenses such as transaction costs and any taxes relating to the liquidation of assets of the Sub-Fund) from the date of the First Announcement up to and including the date of deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund.

4. Future events

Please refer to the following timetable for events following the date of this Announcement and Notice:

Distribution, after the Manager having consulted the Trustee and the Auditor, will be paid to the investors who are still holding Units as at the Distribution Record Date (i.e. the Distribution Date)	On or around 13 September 2024 (Friday)
Termination of the Sub-Fund on a date on or after the Manager and the Trustee form an opinion that the Sub-Fund ceases to have any outstanding contingent or actual assets and liabilities (i.e. the Termination Date)	Expected to be 15 October 2024 (Tuesday)

<p>Deauthorisation and delisting of the Sub-Fund</p> <p>The date of deauthorisation and delisting will be the date which the SFC and SEHK approve the deauthorisation and delisting respectively. The Manager expects that the deauthorisation and delisting will take place either on the Termination Date or shortly after the Termination Date.</p>	<p>On or shortly after the Termination Date</p>
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The Manager will update investors by the following further announcements:

- (i) (prior to further distribution, if any) if there is further distribution payable to the Relevant Investors, an announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the details of further distribution (including the further distribution date, the amount of further distribution and further distribution rate per Unit); and
- (ii) (on or shortly before the Termination Date) an announcement informing the Relevant Investors about the Termination Date, Deauthorisation Date and date of delisting of the Sub-Fund,

in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

If there is any change to the dates mentioned as set out in the table above, the Manager will issue an announcement to inform the Relevant Investors of the revised dates.

5. **General**

Investors should exercise caution and consult their professional and financial advisers before deciding on the course of actions to be taken in relation to their Units.

If you have any queries concerning this Announcement and Notice, please direct them to your stockbrokers or financial intermediaries or contact the Manager at (852) 3903 2823 during office hours (except Hong Kong statutory holidays) or by email: iSharesAsiaEnquiry@blackrock.com.

The Manager accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of this Announcement and Notice, 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.

BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited
as Manager of the Trust and the Sub-Fund

6 September 2024