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# **iShares Asia Trust**

*a Hong Kong unit trust authorized under*

*Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong*

## **iShares Core CSI 300 ETF**

**(HKD Counter Stock Code: 2846)  
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 82846)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9846)**

## **iShares FTSE China A50 ETF**

**(HKD Counter Stock Code: 2823)  
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 82823)**

## **iShares Core MSCI China ETF**

**(HKD Counter Stock Code: 2801)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9801)**

## **iShares Core SENSEX India ETF**

**(HKD Counter Stock Code: 2836)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9836)**

## **iShares Core MSCI Asia ex Japan ETF**

**(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3010)  
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 83010)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9010)**

## **iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (HK)**

**(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3022)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9022)**

**iShares Core MSCI Taiwan ETF**  
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3074)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9074)

**iShares NASDAQ 100 ETF**  
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 2834)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9834)

**iShares Core Hang Seng Index ETF**  
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3115)  
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 83115)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9115)

**iShares Hang Seng TECH ETF**  
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3067)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9067)

**iShares China Government Bond ETF**  
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 2829)  
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 82829)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9829)

**iShares Short Duration China Policy Bank Bond ETF**  
(HKD Counter Stock Code: 3125)  
(RMB Counter Stock Code: 83125)  
(USD Counter Stock Code: 9125)

**sub-funds of the iShares Asia Trust (the “Trust”)**  
**(each a “Sub-Fund” and collectively, the “Sub-Funds”)**

## Announcement

The Manager of the Sub-Funds, BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited (the “**Manager**”), hereby announces the following changes to the Sub-Funds (the “**Changes**”).

Unless specified otherwise, capitalised terms have the same meaning as stated in the prospectuses of the relevant Sub-Funds.

### 1. Update to the definition of Business Day

In light of the upcoming implementation of trading of Hong Kong securities and derivatives under severe weather conditions by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, with effect from 23 September 2024 (the “**Effective Date**”), the definitions of “**Business Day**” for the Sub-Funds in the relevant prospectuses will be updated as follows:

Sub-Fund(s) Name	Existing Definition of “Business Day”	New Definition of “Business Day”
iShares Core SENSEX India ETF	“ <b>Business Day</b> ” means a day (other than a Saturday) on which (a) the SEHK is open for normal trading, (b) the Bombay Stock Exchange is open for normal trading, and (c) banks in Hong Kong are open for general	“ <b>Business Day</b> ” means a day (other than a Saturday and Sunday) on which (a) the SEHK is open for normal trading, (b) the Bombay Stock Exchange is open for normal trading, and (c) banks in Hong Kong are open for, or

	business provided that, where as a result of a Number 8 Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm warning or other similar event, the period during which banks in Hong Kong are open on any day is reduced, such day shall not be a Business Day unless the Manager and the Trustee otherwise determine.	available to provide, banking services (including on days where such services can be supported via electronic channels only), or such other day or days as the Manager and the Trustee may determine from time to time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iShares Core MSCI Taiwan ETF</li> <li>• iShares NASDAQ 100 ETF</li> <li>• iShares Core Hang Seng Index ETF</li> <li>• iShares Hang Seng TECH ETF</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Business Day”</b> means a day (other than a Saturday) on which the SEHK is open for normal trading provided that, where as a result of a Number 8 Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm warning or other similar event, the period during which banks in Hong Kong are open on any day is reduced, such day shall not be a Business Day unless the Manager and the Trustee otherwise determine.</p>	<p><b>“Business Day”</b> means a day (other than a Saturday and Sunday) on which the SEHK is open for normal trading, and on which banks in Hong Kong are open for, or available to provide, banking services (including on days where such services can be supported via electronic channels only), or such other day or days as the Manager and the Trustee may determine from time to time.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iShares China Government Bond ETF</li> <li>• iShares Short Duration China Policy Bank Bond ETF</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Business Day”</b> means a day (other than a Saturday) on which the SEHK is open for normal trading and on which the Underlying Index is compiled and published, and a day on which banks in Hong Kong are open for general business provided that, where as a result of a Number 8 Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm warning or other similar event, the period during which banks in Hong Kong are open on any day is reduced, such day shall not be a Business Day unless the Manager and the Trustee otherwise determine.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iShares Core CSI 300 ETF</li> <li>• iShares FTSE China A50 ETF</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Business Day”</b> means a day (other than a Saturday) on which the SEHK is open for normal trading and on which the Underlying Index is compiled and published, and a day on which banks in Hong Kong are open for general business provided that, where as a result of a Number 8 Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm warning or other similar event, the period during which banks in Hong Kong are open on any day is reduced, such day shall not be a Business Day unless the Manager and the Trustee otherwise determine.</p>	
iShares Core MSCI China ETF	<p><b>“Business Day”</b> means a day (other than a Saturday) on which the SEHK is open for normal trading and a day on which the relevant Underlying Index is compiled and published, and on which banks in Hong Kong are open for general business provided that, where as a result of a Number 8 Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm warning or other similar event, the period during which banks in Hong Kong are open on any day is reduced, such day shall not be a Business Day unless the Manager and the Trustee otherwise determine.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iShares Core MSCI Asia ex</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Business Day”</b> means a day (other than a Saturday) on which the SEHK is open for</p>	

<b>Japan ETF</b> • <b>iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (HK)</b> <sup>1</sup>	normal trading and on which the relevant Underlying Index is compiled and published, and a day on which banks in Hong Kong are open for general business provided that, where as a result of a Number 8 Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm warning or other similar event, the period during which banks in Hong Kong are open on any day is reduced, such day shall not be a Business Day unless the Manager and the Trustee otherwise determine.	
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All references to “**Business Day**” in the relevant prospectuses of the Trust and the Sub-Funds should be construed accordingly, including but not limited to the definitions for “**Dealing Day**” and “**Settlement Day**”.

The Trust Deed will be revised in due course to reflect the update to the definition of Business Day.

## 2. Update to the definition of Dealing Day

From the Effective Date, the definitions of “**Dealing Day**” for the following Sub-Funds will be updated as follows:

Sub-Fund(s) Name	Existing Definition of “ <b>Dealing Day</b> ”	New Definition of “ <b>Dealing Day</b> ”
<b>iShares Core CSI 300 ETF</b>	“ <b>Dealing Day</b> ” means each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units. In addition, a Dealing Day for the purposes of a Creation Application and Redemption Application is limited to each Business Day where both the SEHK and Stock Connect are open for trading and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.	“ <b>Dealing Day</b> ” means each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units. In addition, for the purposes of a Creation Application and Redemption, a particular Business Day will not be a Dealing Day if SEHK, Stock Connect or any one of the exchange(s) on which the Securities of the Underlying Index are listed are closed for normal trading, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.
<b>iShares FTSE China A50 ETF</b>	“ <b>Dealing Day</b> ” means each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units. In addition, a Dealing Day for the purposes of a Creation Application and Redemption Application is limited to each Business Day where both the SEHK and Stock Connect are open for trading and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.	

<sup>1</sup> The iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (HK) is in the process of termination. Please refer to the “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” (the “Termination Announcement”) together with the Prospectus, the KFS and any other Relevant Future Announcement(s) (as defined in the Termination Announcement).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iShares Core MSCI Taiwan ETF</li> <li>• iShares NASDAQ 100 ETF</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Dealing Day”</b> means each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular Index Fund. In addition, for the purposes of a Creation Application and Redemption Application, a particular Business Day will not be a Dealing Day if, (i) the market(s) on which more than 30% of the Securities by value of the relevant Underlying Index are listed, are not open for normal trading, unless the Manager determines otherwise with the approval of the Trustee or (ii) the market(s) on which the Securities of the relevant Underlying Index are listed, are closed for normal trading (e.g. public holiday).</p>	<p><b>“Dealing Day”</b> means each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular Index Fund. In addition, for the purposes of a Creation Application and Redemption Application, a particular Business Day will not be a Dealing Day if the market(s) on which the Securities of the relevant Underlying Index are listed, are closed for normal trading (e.g. public holiday), and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.</p>
<p>iShares Core SENSEX India ETF</p>	<p><b>“Dealing Day”</b> means each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.</p>	<p><b>“Dealing Day”</b> means each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units. In addition, for the purposes of a Creation and Redemption Application, a particular Business Day (T) will not be a Dealing Day if, (i) the Exchange on which the Securities of the Underlying Index are listed is closed for normal trading, or (ii) the first Business Day after T (i.e. T+1) is a US federal reserve holiday, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.</p>
<p>iShares Core MSCI Asia ex Japan ETF</p>	<p><b>“Dealing Day”</b> means: (a) for the iShares Core MSCI Asia ex Japan ETF, each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.</p>	<p><b>“Dealing Day”</b> means (a) for the iShares Core MSCI Asia ex Japan ETF, each Business Day during the continuance of the Trust, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units. In addition, for the purposes of a Creation Application and Redemption Application, a particular Business Day (T) will not be a Dealing Day if the first or second Business Day after T (i.e. T+1 or T+2) is a Hong Kong public holiday or US federal reserve holiday, and/or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine with the approval of the Trustee either generally or for a particular class or classes of Units.</p>

### **3. Implications of the Changes**

The Changes will not result in any material change to the features and risks applicable to the Sub-Funds. Save as otherwise provided above, the Changes will not result in any other changes in the operation and/or manner in which the Sub-Funds are being managed, or other effects on existing investors of the Sub-Funds. The Changes will not materially prejudice the existing investors' rights or interests. There will be no change in the fees payable out of the assets of the Sub-Funds as a result of the Changes.

While the Manager, the Trustee and other service providers of the Trust will take appropriate measures to ensure normal operations under severe weather conditions as far as possible to facilitate dealings in a Sub-Fund, in both primary and secondary markets, investors should note that their ability to deal in a Sub-Fund will also depend on the availability of the services of their own service providers. For example, investors who wish to deal in Units listed on the SEHK on a day on which severe weather conditions persist will have to do so through their brokers. Such brokers are independent of the Manager, and it cannot be guaranteed that their services will not be disrupted by severe weather events.

### **4. General**

The prospectus of each Sub-Fund will be updated in due course to reflect the changes as described above and other miscellaneous updates, and will be uploaded on the Manager's website at [www.blackrock.com/hk](http://www.blackrock.com/hk) (this website has not been reviewed by the SFC) and the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited's website at [www.hkex.com.hk](http://www.hkex.com.hk).

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**as Manager of the Trust and the Sub-Funds**

**Hong Kong, 23 September 2024**