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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – WAIVERS FROM COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN RULES OF THE SGX-ST LISTING MANUAL

We, **Lion Global Investors Limited** (the "**Manager**"), the manager of Lion-China Merchants Emerging Asia Select Index ETF (the "**Fund**"), wish to announce that pursuant to an application made by us on 12 July 2024 to the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**"), the SGX-ST granted waivers in respect of the Fund from compliance with the following rules (the "**Rules**") under the listing manual of the SGX-ST (the "**Listing Manual**") on 30 August 2024 and 15 October 2024. The waivers granted by the SGX-ST and the reasons for seeking the waivers are set out below:

(1) Rule 404(2)(a)

Rule 404(2)(a) of the Listing Manual states that an investment fund denominated in a foreign currency must have a minimum asset size of at least US$20 million (or its equivalent in other currencies).

The amount to be raised by the Fund would depend on, among others, the issue price of the Units, the prevailing market conditions during the initial offer period and the levels of subscription. Under such circumstances, it would not be possible to determine, until the close of the initial offer period, whether the Fund has a minimum asset size of at least US$20 million.

In view of the above, the SGX-ST has granted a waiver from compliance with Rule 404(2)(a), subject to the appointment of at least one designated market maker (approved by the Member Supervision function of the SGX-ST) to make a market in the Fund's Units to ensure that there will be a ready market for the trading of the Fund's Units.

(2) Rules 404(4) and 617

Rule 404(4) of the Listing Manual states that a newly formed investment fund must not change its investment objectives and policies in the first three years unless approved by a special resolution of the shareholders in a general meeting.

Rule 617 of the Listing Manual requires (among others), in the case of a newly formed investment fund, a statement in the prospectus that the investment policy will be adhered to for at least three years following the issue of the prospectus, unless otherwise agreed by the shareholders of the investment fund by a special resolution in general meeting.

Whilst the Manager does not currently intend to change the investment objective of the Fund during its first three years, there may be instances where the investment objective or policy of the Fund may need to change pursuant to the requirement of any regulatory authorities or as a result of a change in the applicable laws and regulations or due to changes in market environment or changes in relation to the iEdge Emerging Asia Select 50 Index (the "**Index**") (e.g. the Index ceases to be compiled or published or if the licence agreement with respect to the Index is terminated for any reason).

Under the Code on Collective Investment Schemes (the "**Code**"), the manager of a Singapore authorised collective investment scheme ("**CIS**")) is required to inform the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "**Authority**") and existing participants of the scheme of any significant change to be made to the scheme (including a change of investment focus of the scheme or investment approach of the manager) not later than one month before the change is to take effect. To require a special resolution by unitholders in general meeting to approve any change of investment objective or investment policy to comply with applicable laws or for non-material changes is administratively cumbersome, time consuming and costly to the Fund.

In view of the above, the SGX-ST has granted a waiver from compliance with Rules 404(4) and 617, in relation to the requirement that the Fund must not change its investment objective and policy in the first three years, provided that unitholders' approval, by way of special resolution, will be sought unless (i) the change of the investment objective or policy is required pursuant to any requirement of any regulatory authority in Singapore or elsewhere or pursuant to the change in the laws and regulations in any jurisdiction, or (ii) the change of the investment objective or policy is not material.

(3) Rules 705(1) and 705(3)(b)

Rule 705(1) of the Listing Manual states that an issuer must announce the financial statements for the full financial year immediately after the figures are available, but in any event not later than 60 days after the relevant financial period.

Rule 705(3)(b) of the Listing Manual states, amongst other things, that an issuer that is not required to comply with Rule 705(2) must either: (i) announce the financial statements for each of the first three quarters of its financial year; or (ii) announce its first half financial statements, in each case immediately after the figures are available, but in any event not later than 45 days after the relevant financial period.

As the Fund is a CIS authorised under section 286 of the Securities and Futures Act 2001, it will be required to comply with the financial reporting requirements under the Code. The Code sets out the time period within which accounts and reports of an authorised CIS have to be sent to unitholders under paragraph 2.3(b) of the Code, and the content of the accounts and reports of an authorised CIS are set out in Chapter 5 of the Code.

In view of the above, the SGX-ST has granted a waiver from compliance with Rules 705(1) and 705(3)(b), subject to (i) compliance with the financial reporting requirement set out under the Code and (ii) announcement on SGXNET of the Fund's semi-annual and full year financial results within two months and three months after the end of the relevant financial period respectively.

(4) Rule 748(1)

Rule 748(1) of the Listing Manual provides that an investment fund must announce via SGXNET its net tangible assets per share or per unit at the end of each week.

The Manager will post the net asset value per Unit of the Fund for each Dealing Day on its website on the Business Day following each Dealing Day.

In view of the above, the SGX-ST has granted a waiver from compliance with Rule 748(1), subject to the (i) provision, on the Manager's website, of the net asset value per Unit of the Fund, the sale price and the redemption price of Units of the Fund and the dealing days to which the net asset value per Unit of the Fund and the prices relate, on the Business Day following each Dealing Day before market opens (i.e. before 8.30 a.m.

Singapore time), and (ii) announcement on SGXNET of the net asset value per Unit of the Fund at the end of each week.

(5) Rule 748(4)

Rule 748(4) of the Listing Manual states that an investment fund must seek shareholders' approval for any change of the investment manager.

Under Clause 29.5(C) of the trust deed of the Fund (the "**Trust Deed**"), unitholders have the right to remove the Manager. Moreover, the Manager may also be removed by notice in writing given by the trustee of the Fund (the "**Trustee**") under the following circumstances:

(a) if the Manager goes into liquidation (except a voluntary liquidation for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation upon terms previously notified in writing to the Trustee) or if a receiver is appointed over any of its assets or if a liquidator or judicial manager is appointed in respect of the Manager; or

(b) if in the opinion of the Trustee, the Manager fails or neglects after reasonable notice from the Trustee to carry out or satisfy any obligations imposed on the Manager by the Trust Deed. In such an event, the Trustee shall appoint another manager (duly approved as may be required by law for the time being applicable to the Trust Deed) as the new manager; or

(c) the Authority withdraws its approval of the Manager as manager of the Fund or directs the Trustee to remove the Manager as manager of the Fund.

The purpose of permitting the removal of the Manager without unitholders' approval under the circumstances set out above is to allow the Trustee and the Authority to effectively safeguard the interests of unitholders in a timely manner in situations where the Manager is no longer in a capacity to discharge its duties in respect of the Fund.

It is also intended that the Manager shall have the power to retire in favour of some other person considered by the Trustee to be suitably qualified and eligible to be the manager of the Fund and who is acceptable to the Authority, by giving three months' prior notice in writing to that effect to the Trustee. Unitholders' interest will not be prejudiced by allowing the Manager to retire in favour of some other person who is considered by the Trustee to be suitably qualified and eligible, and who is acceptable to the Authority.

In view of the above, the SGX-ST has granted a waiver from compliance with Rule 748(4), subject to the provision of an undertaking by the Manager that (i) where unitholders' approval is not required for any change of the manager of the Fund in the circumstances provided for in the Trust Deed or pursuant to the Code, prior notifications will nonetheless be given to investors on SGXNET and to the Authority and (ii) unitholders' approval will be sought for the appointment of a new manager of the Fund in the situations provided for in the Trust Deed.

Issued by Lion Global Investors Limited (as manager of the Fund)

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