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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

LYXOR MSCI EMERGING MARKETS UCITS ETF (STOCK CODE: H1N)

- Merger of the Lyxor MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF (Stock Code: H1N)(the <u>"ETF</u>") into the Lyxor MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF (Stock Code: To be confirmed¹(the "<u>MUF ETF</u>")(collectively, the "<u>ETFs</u>")
- Suspension of trading of units of the ETF from 31 August 2018 and proposed delisting of the ETF from the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("<u>SGX-ST</u>") due to the merger

Lyxor International Asset Management (the "**Manager**") as the manager of the ETFs hereby announces that the ETF will be merged into the MUF ETF:

Last trading day of ETF on the SGX-ST	30 August 2018
Effective date of the merger	6 September 2018
Commencement of trading of shares of the MUF ETF on SGX-ST	12 September 2018

Investors should note that the dates mentioned above may be subject to change.

Approval of the merger was sought from the home regulator of the ETFs (the *Autorité des Marché Financiers* of France (the "**AMF**")) and was granted on 6 June 2018.

The SGX-ST granted its approval-in-principle of the proposed delisting of the ETF on 30 July 2018.

The SGX-ST's non-objection to the merger as described above is conditional upon the Manager's submission of a written confirmation to the SGX-ST that:

¹ The stock code for the MUF ETF will be available on the SGX-ST website at <u>http://www.sgx.com</u> from the date of commencement of trading of the shares on the SGX-ST.



- the proposed merger and the timeline for the merger of the ETF into the MUF ETF is in accordance with the applicable laws, regulations and agreements governing the ETF;
- (2) the Manager will notify unitholders (as named in the depository register maintained by CDP for the ETF) in writing of the proposed merger of the ETF promptly upon the announcement of the proposed merger on SGXNET;
- (3) the costs and expenses of the merger of the ETF and the merger with the MUF ETF will not be borne by the ETF, the MUF ETF and the unitholders of the ETF; and
- (4) the designated market maker will stand ready to quote bid and ask prices prior to the suspension of the listing and quotation of the ETF to ensure that the unitholders are able to liquidate their position in the ETF before the close of the Last Trading Day.

The MUF ETF has received a letter of eligibility to list on the SGX-ST and it is expected to be admitted to the Official List of the SGX-ST for trading on the MAINBOARD on 12 September 2018.

Redemption charges which are imposed on party(ies) authorised on the primary market for the redemptions of units of the ETF will be waived for 30 calendar days following the issue date of this announcement. As always, the Manager will not charge any subscription or redemption fee on the purchase or sale of the ETF's units on the SGX-ST (i.e. in the secondary market).

Investors will be notified of any further developments in relation to the merger, proposed suspension and delisting of the ETF via further announcements on the SGXNET.

Rationale for the merger

To improve economic efficiency and provide investors with an investment vehicle that is recognised internationally, it has been decided, at the request of the Manager, to merge the ETF into the MUF ETF which is a sub-fund of the French SICAV Multi Units France.

The investment objective of both funds is to track the same index, namely, the MSCI Emerging MarketsTM Net Return index (the "**Benchmark Index**").

A table setting out a comparison of key characteristics of the ETF and the MUF ETF is set out in the Annex for reference.

Summary of proposed procedure of the merger



The following is an indicative timeline of the proposed merger:

Event	Indicative Date
Suspension of the primary market for the ETF	31 August 2018 after 6.30 pm Paris time
Last Trading Day of the ETF	30 August 2018
Suspension of trading of units of the ETF on the SGX-ST	From 31 August 2018 (date included)
Book closure date	6 September 2018 (5 p.m. Singapore time)
Effective Date of the Merger	6 September 2018
Commencement of trading of shares of the MUF ETF on SGX-ST	12 September 2018
Delisting of the ETF from SGX-ST	12 September 2018

Class C-USD of the ETF (which is currently listed on the SGX-ST) will be merged into Class Acc (USD) of the MUF ETF on 6 September 2018 (the "**Effective Date of the Merger**") by a transfer of assets of the Class C-USD of the ETF to the Class Acc (USD) of the MUF ETF.

Class C-USD units of the ETF held by investors as at 6 September 2018 (5 p.m. Singapore time) will be converted into Class Acc (USD) shares of the MUF ETF in a 1:1 conversion rate. This will mean that a unit of the Class C-USD of the ETF will, after the conversion, represent a share of the Class Acc (USD) of the MUF ETF instead.

In order to determine the number of units of the ETF held by investors as at 6 September 2018 (5 p.m. Singapore time), it is intended that the trading of units of the ETF in the primary market will be suspended with effect from 31 August 2018 after 6.30 p.m. Paris time.

Trading of units of the ETF on the secondary market (i.e. trading on SGX-ST) will be suspended with effect from 31 August 2018.

Accordingly, the last day on which investors can buy or sell units of the ETF on the SGX-ST will be 30 August 2018 ("Last Trading Day"). Investors should exercise caution when buying or selling units of the ETF on the SGX-ST. Investors should refrain from short selling units of the ETF on the Last Trading Day as they may not be able to buy units of the ETF to close out their positions.



It is expected that investors can begin trading their shares of the MUF ETF on SGX-ST from 12 September 2018.

It is expected that the ETF will be delisted from SGX-ST on 12 September 2018.

No costs and expenses in connection with the merger will be charged to the ETFs.

In view of the foregoing, investors who have bought the units of the ETF via the SGX-ST have the following options:

Option 1

Investors may choose to participate in the merger and receive share(s) of the MUF ETF in exchange for unit(s) of their current holding of the ETF. In such case, no action on their part is required.

Option 2

With effect from the date hereof and up to the Last Trading Day, investors may choose to participate in the merger and buy additional units in the ETF on the SGX-ST from the market maker of the ETF who will stand ready to sell the units at the price which the market maker would have proposed under normal conditions.

The usual clearing and brokerage fees (and the applicable goods and services taxes on such fees) for buying units on the SGX-ST will apply.

Investors should exercise caution when buying units of the ETF. **Option 3**

With effect from the date hereof and up to the Last Trading Day, investors may choose to sell all or some of their units in the ETF on the SGX-ST to the market maker of the ETF who will stand ready to buy the units at the price which the market maker would have proposed under normal conditions.

The usual clearing and brokerage fees (and the applicable goods and services taxes on such fees) for selling units on the SGX-ST will apply.

Investors should exercise caution when selling units of the ETF.



Investors who have not sold all of their units of the ETF by the Last Trading Day will have their units converted to represent shares of the MUF ETF (in a 1:1 conversion rate) and will therefore hold shares of the MUF ETF instead of the ETF.

Investors who wish to participate in the merger should seek professional advice to ascertain the possible tax consequences which they may encounter by participating in the merger, including by holding shares in the MUF ETF as a result of the merger.

Please note that the dates mentioned in this announcement may be subject to change, such as if pursuant to any requirement of any exchange or any regulatory authority and/or due to any other factors that are not within the control of the Manager.

The Manager will make a subsequent announcement on the SGXNET should there be any material change to the information provided in this announcement.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lyxor ETF Client Service Hotline by phone at +65 6423-2638 or by email at info@lyxoretf.com.sg, should you have questions regarding the above matter.

Unless otherwise defined in this announcement, terms and expressions used in this announcement shall have the same meanings ascribed to them under the current prospectus of the ETF.

The SGX-ST assumes no responsibility for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed in this announcement and its decision is not an indication of the merits of the proposed merger of the ETF into the MUF ETF. If you are in any doubt about the content of this announcement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, professional accountant or other professional adviser. The Manager or any other parties shall not be liable to investors for any tax liability that investors may incur.



Annex – Table comparison

	ETF	MUF ETF
Name	LYXOR MSCI EUROPE	LYXOR MSCI EUROPE
	UCITS ETF	UCITS ETF
Benchmark Index	MSCI Emerging Markets [™]	MSCI Emerging Markets [™]
	Net Return index	Net Return index
Investment objective	To gain exposure to the	To gain exposure to the
	emerging countries stock	emerging countries stock
	markets by providing	markets by providing
	investment results that closely	investment results that closely
	correspond to the	correspond to the
	performance of the	performance of the
	Benchmark Index,	Benchmark Index,
	denominated in USD insofar	denominated in USD insofar
	as possible minimising the	as possible minimising the
	tracking error between the	tracking error between the
	scheme's performance and	scheme's performance and
	that of the Benchmark Index.	that of the Benchmark Index.
Anticipated ex-post	0.10%	1.00%
tracking error		
Applicable law	French law	French law
Supervisory authority	AMF	AMF
Legal form	A common investment fund	The sub-fund of a SICAV
	(FCP)	investment company
Depositary / Custodian	Société Générale (in France)	Société Générale (in France)
Bank		
Registrar	Société Générale (in France)	Société Générale (in France)
Entity appointed to	Société Générale (in France)	Société Générale (in France)
calculated NAV		
Statutory auditor	PricewaterhouseCoopers	PricewaterhouseCoopers
	Audit (in France)	Audit (in France)
Unit / share class (to be	Class C-USD	Class Acc (USD)
listed on the SGX-ST)		

Important: The comparison set out above is for reference only. The prospectus and product highlights sheet for the MUF ETF is available and may be obtained from <u>www.lyxoretf.com.sg</u>. Investors should read the prospectus before deciding whether to



hold shares in the MUF ETF. The value of shares in the MUF ETF and the income accruing to the shares, if any, may fall or rise. The MUF ETF, like the ETF, invests in financial derivative instruments such as swap transactions for investment, hedging and/or efficient portfolio management and the net asset value of shares may have a high volatility due to the potential volatility of the Benchmark Index.