Market Announcement



18 September 2018

iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF (ASX:IXI) – Admission of new Australian domiciled ETF and Suspension of CDI ETF

Description

On 22 June 2018, holders of CHESS Depository Interests of the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF (ASX:IXI) (the 'CDIs'), issued by iShares Trust, approved the exchange of CDIs for units in a newly established Australian registered managed investment scheme (the 'iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF') on a 1-for-1 basis (the 'Reorganisation').

Suspension of CDIs

The CDIs will be suspended from quotation at the close of trading today, Tuesday 18 September 2018 in accordance with Listing Rule 17.2, to facilitate the Reorganisation.

Admission under the AQUA Rules

iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF will be admitted under Schedule 10A of the ASX Operating Rules (the 'AQUA Rules') on the morning of Wednesday 19 September 2018.

Investors should be aware of the differences between the AQUA Rules and the ASX Listing Rules frameworks. See section 18 of the iShares International Equity ETFs No.2 Product Disclosure Statement dated 3 May 2018 (the 'PDS') for further information.

Announcements relating to the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF will continue to be disseminated under the ASX Code IXI.

Deferred Settlement Trading

Units in the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF will trade on ASX on a deferred settlement basis (ASX Code: IXIDC) from Wednesday 19 September 2018, following admission of the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF as an ETF pursuant to the AQUA Rules.

On 11 September 2018, BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited, on behalf of iShares Trust, announced that it would undertake the Reorganisation of IXI in accordance with the following timetable:

Last day of trading in CDIs on ASX prior to conversion into Units (ASX Code: IXI)	18 September 2018
Trading of Units in the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF to commence on ASX on a post-conversion basis. Units in the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF to commence trading on a deferred settlement basis (ASX Code: IXIDC)	19 September 2018
Last day to register transfers on a pre-Reorganisation basis (record date)	20 September 2018
Implementation date for the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF Reorganisation	21 September 2018
First day to send notice to each security holder. Last date of deferred settlement trading in Units in the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF.	21 September 2018
Dispatch holding confirmations to security holders for the Units in the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF.	24 September 2018
Trading of Units in the iShares Global Consumer Staples ETF commences on ASX on a normal T+2 settlement basis (ASX Code: IXI).	



Quotation information

Quoted Securities:	ETF Units
ASX Code:	IXI
Time:	10:00 AM +/- 15 sec
Date:	Wednesday, 19 September 2018
ASX Trade Abbreviation:	ISHS GLOBAL CONS ETF
ISIN:	AU000000IXI1
Home Branch:	Sydney
Industry Classification:	N/A
Registered Office:	c/- BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited, Level 26, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000
Company Secretary:	Alison Telfer
Share Registry:	Computershare Investor Services
Balance Date:	30 June
CHESS:	Participating – Issuer will operate an Issuer Sponsored Subregister
Place of Establishment:	Australia
Distribution Policy:	See section 22 of the PDS
Activities:	Exchange Traded Fund tracking the performance of the S&P Global 1200 Consumer Staples Net TR Index (AUD)
Lead Manager:	N/A
Underwriter:	N/A
ASX Restricted Securities:	N/A
Other Securities Not Quoted:	N/A

What do I need to do by when?

Please refer to the PDS or call BlackRock Australia on 1300 474 273.

Need more information

Please refer to the PDS or call BlackRock Australia on 1300 474 273.

Disclaimer

Please refer to the following <u>disclaimer</u>.

Issued by

George Tharian

Adviser, Listings Compliance (Sydney)

18 September 2018 Market Announcement 2/2