Market Announcement



16 October 2018

iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (ASX:IEM) – Admission of new Australian domiciled ETF and Suspension of CDI ETF

Description

On 22 June 2018, holders of CHESS Depository Interests of the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF (ASX:IEM) (the 'CDIs'), issued by iShares Inc., approved the exchange of CDIs for units in a newly established Australian registered managed investment scheme (the 'iShares MSCI Emerging Markets 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 16 October 2018 in accordance with Listing Rule 17.2, to facilitate the Reorganisation.

Admission under the AQUA Rules

iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF will be admitted under Schedule 10A of the ASX Operating Rules (the 'AQUA Rules') on the morning of Wednesday 17 October 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 MSCI Emerging Markets ETF will continue to be disseminated under the ASX Code IEM.

Deferred Settlement Trading

Units in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF will trade on ASX on a deferred settlement basis (ASX Code: IEMDA) from Wednesday 17 October 2018, following admission of the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF as an ETF pursuant to the AQUA Rules.

On 2 October 2018, BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited, on behalf of iShares, Inc., announced that it would undertake the Reorganisation of IEM in accordance with the following timetable:

Last day of trading in CDIs on ASX prior to conversion into Units (ASX Code: IEM)	16 October 2018
Trading of Units in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF to commence on ASX on a post-conversion basis. Units in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF to commence trading on a deferred settlement basis (ASX Code: IEMDA)	17 October 2018
Last day to register transfers on a pre-Reorganisation basis (record date)	18 October 2018
Implementation date for the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF Reorganisation	19 October 2018
First day to send notice to each security holder. Last date of deferred settlement trading in Units in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF.	19 October 2018
Dispatch holding confirmations to security holders for the Units in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF.	22 October 2018
Trading of Units in the iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF commences on ASX on a normal T+2 settlement basis (ASX Code: IEM).	



Quotation information

Quoted Securities:	ETF Units
ASX Code:	IEM
Time:	10:00 AM +/- 15 sec
Date:	Wednesday, 17 October 2018
ASX Trade Abbreviation:	ISHS MSCI EMG MKTETF
ISIN:	AU000000IEM3
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 MSCI Emerging Markets Net TR Index (AUD)
Lead Manager:	N/A
Underwriter:	N/A
ASX Restricted Securities:	N/A
Other Securities Not Quoted:	N/A

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

Need more information

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