# Market Announcement



16 October 2018

# iShares MSCI South Korea ETF (ASX:IKO) – 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 South Korea ETF (ASX:IKO) (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 South Korea 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 South Korea 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 South Korea ETF will continue to be disseminated under the ASX Code IKO.

#### **Deferred Settlement Trading**

Units in the iShares MSCI South Korea ETF will trade on ASX on a deferred settlement basis (ASX Code: IKODA) from Wednesday 17 October 2018, following admission of the iShares MSCI South Korea 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 IKO in accordance with the following timetable:

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



#### **Quotation information**

Quoted Securities:	ETF Units
ASX Code:	IKO
Time:	10:00 AM +/- 15 sec
Date:	Wednesday, 17 October 2018
ASX Trade Abbreviation:	ISHARES MSCI SK ETF
ISIN:	AU000000IKO6
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 Korea 20/50 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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