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### SPDR<sup>®</sup> FTSE<sup>®</sup> Greater China ETF ("Greater China ETF") A sub-fund of the SPDR<sup>®</sup> ETFs

A Hong Kong collective investment scheme authorized under Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong (Stock Code: 3073)

## NOTICE TO UNITHOLDERS

Dear Unitholders

On 28 April 2021, the Greater China ETF issued (i) an addendum (the "**Addendum**") to the prospectus dated 30 December 2019 (as amended by an addendum dated 28 April 2020 and an addendum dated 9 September 2020) (collectively, the "**Prospectus**") and (ii) a revised product key facts statement of the Greater China ETF dated April 2021 (the "**Revised KFS**") to effect the changes described below.

Unless otherwise defined in this notice, terms and expressions used in this notice shall have the same meanings ascribed to them under the Prospectus of the Greater China ETF.

#### 1 Amendments relating to A shares disclosure

Currently, the aggregate weight of China A share constituents in the FTSE® Greater China Index is subject to a cap of 9% each quarter in March, June, September and December (the "A Share Cap"). With effect from 21 June 2021, in light of the changes made to the Guidelines III.4 – Guidelines on Approved Exchanges (the "MPFA Guidelines") issued by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (the "MPFA"), the Manager will be removing the references related to the A Share Cap.

Effective from 13 November 2020, the MPFA Guidelines have been updated to include, amongst other exchanges, Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange, to the list of approved stock exchanges for the purpose of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (General) Regulation (the "**Regulation**"). Under the Regulation, a total of not more than 10% of the funds of a constituent fund of an MPF Scheme may be invested in securities that are approved, or are of a kind approved, by the MPFA, other than shares listed on an approved stock exchange. Since the Greater China ETF is an index-tracking collective investment scheme approved by the MPFA as a permissible investment by a constituent fund of an MPF Scheme, the Greater China ETF is subject to the restriction on investments in securities that are not shares listed on an approved stock exchange.

As a result of the inclusion of Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange to the list of approved stock exchanges, investments in A shares are no longer subject to the relevant restrictions under the Regulation and the Manager will accordingly remove the A Share Cap.

In addition, FTSE Russell, the index provider of the Underlying Index, has announced that certain stocks listed on the Science and Technology Innovation Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("**STAR Market**") will be eligible for inclusion in the FTSE Global Equity Index Series ("**Eligible Market Inclusion**"). As the Underlying Index forms a part of the FTSE All-World Index Series, which represents the performance of the FTSE Global Equity Index Series, the Prospectus has been updated to reflect the inclusion of A shares listed on the STAR Market in the Underlying Index of the Greater China ETF, which will take effect from 21 June 2021.

The Manager considers that the removal of the A Share Cap and the Eligible Market Inclusion do not (i) amount to a material change to the Greater China ETF or its index construction, methodology, level of diversification or overall investment objectives, policies and restrictions, (ii) amount to a material change or increase in the overall risk profile of the Greater China ETF, or (iii) have a material adverse impact on unitholders' rights and interests.

The Prospectus for Greater China ETF has been updated by way of the Addendum to reflect the removal of A Share Cap which will have effect from 21 June 2021.

#### 2 Updates relating to index disclosure

The Prospectus has also been updated to reflect the latest index disclosure relating to periodic review of constituents and the three screening criteria of the Index Universe (i.e. size, liquidity and free float). The Manager does not consider such updates to have a material effect on the index construction, methodology, or overall investment objective of the Greater China ETF.

# **3** Updates in relation to ongoing charges, tracking difference, past performance information, index data and website address of the Underlying Index

The Revised KFS provides updated information relating to the following:

- the ongoing charges, tracking difference and past performance information of the Greater China ETF;
- the index data relating to the Underlying Index's net market capitalisation and the number of large and mid-cap stocks in the Underlying Index as at 29 January 2021; and
- website address of the Underlying Index.

The Prospectus has also been updated to reflect the latest index data relating to the Underlying Index's net market capitalisation, the number of large and mid-cap stocks in each of the FTSE® All-World Index Series and Underlying Index as at 29 January 2021, and the updated website address of the Underlying Index.

You may also find information on the ongoing charges figure, tracking difference and the past performance of the Greater China ETF on its website.

#### 4 Clarification amendments to reflect up-to-date disclosure

Clarification amendments have also been made to the Prospectus and Revised KFS (where applicable) to remove references to statements that are no longer applicable (e.g. removal of June Wong as a

director of the Manager, phrases such as "with effect from 9 October 2020" and "from 22 June 2020 onwards").

The FTSE Disclaimer in the Prospectus has also been updated to reflect the latest version.

A copy of this notice, Addendum and the updated KFS are available at the Greater China ETF's website: https://www.ssga.com/hk/en/individual/etfs/funds/spdr-ftse-greater-china-etf-3073<sup>1</sup>.

Alternatively, hardcopies of the Prospectus and KFS are also available for inspection, free of charge at the Manager's office located at 68<sup>th</sup> Floor, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong at all times during normal office hours on each Business Day.

Investors who have any questions concerning this notice may contact State Street Global Advisors Asia Limited, as the manager of the Greater China ETF, at telephone number +852 2103 0100.

#### State Street Global Advisors Asia Limited Manager 28 April 2021

The Manager accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this notice as at the date of publication, and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading and opinions expressed in this notice have been arrived at after due and careful consideration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This website has not been reviewed by the SFC.