

## **Important information**

Amundi FTSE China A50 Index ETF (the "A50 ETF") is a physical exchange traded fund seeking to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the FTSE China A50 index (the "Index").

- Investment involves risks and investors may lose substantial part of their investment in the A50 ETF. Investors should not only base on this material alone to make investment decisions, but should read the A50 ETF's offering documents, including the full text of the risk factors.
- The A50 ETF is traded on the exchange at market price, which may be different from its net asset value. The A50 ETF carries risks such as liquidity risk and risk of trading suspension.
- The A50 ETF is subject to tracking error risks and risks associated with passive investments.
- Investing solely in A-share market, which is inherently a market with restricted access (such as RQFII and Stock Connect constraints), may subject the ETF to emerging market risk (such as economic, political, tax, foreign exchange, regulatory, volatility and liquidity risks) and concentration risk.
- RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions. Non-RMB based investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk.
- The Manager may, at its discretion, pay dividends out of capital or effectively out of capital. Payment of dividends out of capital or effectively out of the capital amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or from any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Any such distributions may result in an immediate reduction of the NAV per Unit.

#### **Press Release**

Amundi ETF launches Amundi FTSE China A50 Index ETF: an exposure to FTSE China A50 Index at the lowest cost<sup>1</sup> on Hong Kong market

**Hong Kong, October 31, 2016** – Amundi ETF today announces the listing of the Amundi FTSE China A50 Index ETF on the HKEX. The new ETF offers exposure to the FTSE China A50 Index, with estimated ongoing charges<sup>1</sup> of just 0.48%, the lowest on Hong Kong market on this exposure.

Xiaofeng Zhong, CEO Amundi North Asia, said: "To meet the growing demand for ETFs in the region, we're delighted to announce this new step in the development of the Amundi ETF platform. Our mission as a leading asset manager<sup>2</sup> is to provide investors with a complete toolset of investment solutions, from active to passive, to accompany them in their allocation choices."

# China equity market outlook

Despite recent market turmoil, exposure to the China market is an important component for investors in their asset allocation. China market potentially offers a valuable investment opportunity over the next three years given economic growth is stabilising with accommodative monetary policy. This is why investors were showing strong interest in the potential of A Shares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Data as of 15/09/2016 – Estimated ongoing charges of Amundi FTSE China A50 Index ETF: 0.48% per annum (Source: Amundi Hong Kong), the cheapest compared to expense ratio of all HK listed ETFs tracking the FTSE China A50 index (Source: Bloomberg, Field "expense ratio"). As the ETF is newly set up, this figure is a best estimate only and represents the sum of the estimated ongoing charges expressed as a percentage of the estimated average net asset value of the ETF. It may be different upon actual operation of the ETF and may vary from year to year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> No.1 European asset manager based on global assets under management (AUM) and the main headquarters being based in Continental Europe - Source IPE "Top 400 asset managers" published in June 2016 and based on AUM as at December 2015.

Future growth should be driven by long-term secular trends such as urbanisation, industrialisation and accelerating infrastructure spending. The China economy has shifted from its reliance on exports to domestic consumption, given the emergence of middle-class consumers with rising disposable incomes that boost domestic demand. The market is now attractively valued and offers good diversification to investors due to its low correlation with global markets<sup>3</sup>.

# A cost-efficient ETF replicating the FTSE China A50 Index

The FTSE China A50 Index is one of the flagship indices used by investors when including the China domestic market in their global asset allocation. It represents A Shares - securities of companies incorporated in mainland China and traded by Chinese and institutional investors under the Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor and Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (QFII & RQFII) regulation<sup>4</sup>.

Amundi FTSE China A50 Index ETF (stock code: 82843 RMB | 2843 HKD), physically replicated, is offered at the lowest cost compared to other ETFs tracking the same index on the Hong Kong market, with estimated ongoing charges<sup>1</sup> of 0.48%.

Fannie Wurtz, Managing Director at Amundi ETF, Indexing & Smart Beta, said: "We're glad to provide investors with this new allocation brick at the lowest cost on the market<sup>1</sup>. Cost-efficiency is one of Amundi ETF key-strengths, along with innovation. These two core-pillars led us to position ourselves as a top-5 ETF provider in Europe<sup>5</sup> and we have the ambition to become a reference partner for ETF investors in Asia by 2020".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: Amundi Hong Kong

For further information on the index methodology : http://www.ftse.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Source: Deutsche Bank *European Monthly ETF market review*, September 2016

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## **About Amundi**

Publicly traded since November 2015, Amundi is the largest European Asset Manager in terms of AUM<sup>1</sup>, which amounts to over 1,000 billion euros worldwide<sup>2</sup>. Headquartered in Paris, France, Amundi has six investment hubs located in the world's key financial centers, and offers a combination of research depth and market experience that has earned the confidence of its clients.

Amundi is the trusted partner of 100 million retail clients, 1,000 institutional clients and 1,000 distributors in more than 30 countries, and designs innovative, high-performing products and services for these types of clients tailored specifically to their needs and risk profile.

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# **About Amundi ETF, Indexing & Smart Beta**

The Amundi ETF, Indexing and Smart Beta business line is one of the group's strategic business areas and totalizes 64bn US\$ AuM¹.

Built on strong commitments on cost efficiency, innovation and transparency, the Amundi ETF platform is the 5th largest ETF provider in Europe<sup>2</sup> with 100 ETFs and more than 450 listings across Europe.

On Indexing and Smart Beta, innovation and customization are at the core of the client-oriented approach. The objective is to provide investors with robust, flexible and highly cost efficient solutions, leveraging on Amundi pricing power and extensive resources, including first class research capabilities in SRI and Factor investing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Amundi figures as of 30 September 2016.

<sup>1-</sup> Source: Amundi ETF, Indexing & Smart Beta as of 30/09/2016

<sup>2-</sup> Source: Deutsche Bank European Monthly ETF market review, September 2016

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