



BetaShares

Exchange Traded Funds

Media release

Asian Technology, Blockchain Innovators, Robotics and A.I.: BetaShares announces plans to expand the range of international exposures available on the ASX

SYDNEY, 21 August 2018: BetaShares, a leading Australian ETF manager, has today announced plans to expand its global shares product suite via the launch a range of new international ETFs.

BetaShares will commence the roll out of the new series of Funds by initially launching three new ETFs that will provide exposure to some of the fastest growing technology investment themes globally. Three new products are expected to launch soon on the ASX¹:

- BetaShares Asia Technology Tigers ETF (ASIA);
- BetaShares Global Blockchain Innovators ETF (BLOK); and
- BetaShares Global Robotics and Artificial Intelligence ETF (RBTZ).

ASIA will be the first local ETF dedicated to providing exposure to the largest 50 Asian (ex-Japan) technology companies, including innovative powerhouses such as Alibaba, JD.com, Tencent and Baidu.

BLOK will be the first ETF in Australia dedicated to providing access to an index of global companies that are leading the way in the development, research or utilisation of blockchain technologies.

RBTZ will provide exposure to the global Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) sector – and will aim to track the performance of an index of companies involved in the production or use of robotics and automation products and services.

BetaShares CEO, Alex Vynokur, said: “These new funds will capture some of the most exciting growth stories in the world today, and significantly expand on the range of technology-oriented ETFs available on the ASX.”

The three funds will complement BetaShares’ two existing technology exposures: the BetaShares NASDAQ 100 ETF (ASX: NDQ), and the BetaShares Global Cybersecurity ETF (ASX: HACK), which have gathered approximately \$500M in combined assets to date.

¹ Subject to regulatory approval.

Increased demand for international exposures

BetaShares is expecting the new products will be well received, noting continuing strong demand for international exposures from local investors.

According to the BetaShares 2018 half year ETF report, International Equities received \$941 million of net inflows in the six months to 30 June, almost double the amount flowing to Australian Equities, which received \$567m.

“In recent years there’s been a noticeable trend of Australian investors turning their attention to investment opportunities outside of our local sharemarket, as growth prospects in Australia have become more limited.

“Traditional drivers of growth in the Australian economy, the resources and financials sectors, may not, by themselves, deliver the sorts of returns that most effectively underpin long term growth in Australian retirement portfolios. Hence, investing more globally has become so important.”

“A number of BetaShares ETFs, including the new funds we have just announced, allow Australian investors to invest globally in a transparent and cost-effective way, and with the same ease and convenience as buying a share on the ASX”, Mr Vynokur said.

BetaShares plans to follow the technology-specific funds with a range of additional international equities ETFs in the near future.

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About BetaShares

Awarded ETF Fund Manager of Year for 2017 and 2016 by Professional Planner/Zenith and 2016 ETF Manager of the Year by Money Management/Lonsec, BetaShares Capital Ltd ("BetaShares") is a leading Australian manager of exchange traded products ("ETPs") which are traded on the Australian Securities Exchange. BetaShares offers a range of ETPs which cover Australian and International equities, cash, currencies, commodities and alternative strategies. BetaShares currently has approximately \$5.6 billion in assets under management.

BetaShares is owned and managed by its Australian based management team along with a strategic shareholding from Mirae Asset Global Investment Group, one of Asia’s largest asset management firms. As at June 2018, Mirae manages over US\$120 billion.

BetaShares’ range of ASX-traded funds includes:

Product Series	Product	Ticker
Cash & Fixed Income ETFs	Australian Bank Senior Floating Rate Bond ETF	QPON
	Australian High Interest Cash ETF	AAA
	Australian Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF	CRED
Hybrid Funds	Active Australian Hybrids Fund (managed fund)	HBRD
Commodity ETFs	Agriculture ETF – Currency Hedged (synthetic)	QAG
	Commodities Basket ETF – Currency Hedged (synthetic).	QCB
	Crude Oil Index ETF – Currency Hedged (synthetic)	OOO
	Gold Bullion ETF – Currency Hedged	QAU
Currency ETFs	British Pound ETF	POU
	Euro ETF	EEU
	U.S. Dollar ETF	USD
	BetaShares Strong U.S. Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	YANK
	BetaShares Strong Australian Dollar Fund (hedge fund)	AUDS
Equities ETFs	FTSE RAFI Australia 200 ETF	QOZ
	Financials Sector ETF	QFN
	Resources Sector ETF	QRE
	Australian Ex-20 Portfolio Diversifier ETF	EX20
	Australian Small Companies Select Fund (managed fund)	SMLL
	Australian Sustainability Leaders ETF	FAIR
	Australia 200 ETF	A200

Equity Income Funds	Australian Dividend Harvester Fund (managed fund)	HVST
	Equity Yield Maximiser Fund (managed fund)	YMAX
Geared Funds	Geared Australian Equity Fund (hedge fund)	GEAR
	Geared US Equity Fund – Currency Hedged (hedge fund)	GGUS
International Funds	FTSE RAFI U.S. 1000 ETF	QUS
	Global Agriculture ETF – Currency Hedged	FOOD
	Global Banks ETF – Currency Hedged	BNKS
	Global Cybersecurity ETF	HACK
	Global Energy Companies ETF – Currency Hedged	FUEL
	Global Gold Miners ETF – Currency Hedged	MNRS
	Global Healthcare ETF – Currency Hedged	DRUG
	Global Sustainability Leaders ETF	ETHI
	NASDAQ 100 ETF	NDQ
	S&P 500 Yield Maximiser Fund (managed fund)	UMAX
	WisdomTree Europe ETF – Currency Hedged	HEUR
	WisdomTree Japan ETF – Currency Hedged	HJPN
Managed Risk Funds	Managed Risk Australian Share Fund (managed fund)	AUST
	Managed Risk Global Share Fund (managed fund)	WRLD
Short Funds	Australian Equities Bear Hedge Fund	BEAR
	Australian Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund	BBOZ
	US Equities Strong Bear Hedge Fund – Currency Hedged	BBUS

Active	AMP Capital Dynamic Markets Fund (Hedge Fund)	DMKT
	AMP Capital Global Infrastructure Securities Fund (Unhedged) (Managed Fund)	GLIN
	AMP Capital Global Property Securities Fund (Unhedged) (Managed Fund)	RENT
	BetaShares Legg Mason Equity Income Fund (managed fund)	EINC
	BetaShares Legg Mason Real Income Fund (managed fund)	RINC

A PDS for the Funds is expected to be made available on the BetaShares website www.betashares.com.au on or before 15 September 2018. BetaShares Capital Ltd (ACN 139 566 868 AFS Licence 341181) (“BetaShares”) is the issuer.

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