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## **Phillip Capital Management launches mainland-linked Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF in collaboration with China Universal Asset Management**

**7 MARCH 2024, SINGAPORE** – Phillip Capital Management, in collaboration with China Universal Asset Management (CUAM), is excited to announce the launch of their new Exchange Traded Fund (ETF), the Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF. This innovative product is scheduled to be officially listed on the Singapore Exchange Limited (SGX) on 20 March 2024, with the initial offering period starting from 4 March till 14 March 2024.

This link is in alignment with the establishment of an ETF Product Link between SGX and Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) last year, aimed at enhancing connectivity between Singapore and China through a master-feeder fund model.

Accessed through the ETF Product Link for a comprehensive market exposure, the ETF's competitive fee structure of 0.01 per cent for the feeder ETF positions it as an attractive investment vehicle for those looking to invest in the Chinese market.

**Mr Linus Lim, Chief Executive Officer of Phillip Capital Management**, said: "This partnership with CUAM to launch the Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF marks a new era in our mission to expand investment frontiers. Many Chinese companies are exporting to many markets and enjoying local consumer growth. As such, we are providing investors a strategy that allows them to invest into these growth companies listed in China. We believe this ETF will be a cornerstone product for investors looking to diversify their portfolios with robust and promising Chinese equities. This product is a culmination of our commitment to integrating global market opportunities with local expertise."

"We are also delighted to share that this momentous venture coincides with Phillip Capital Management's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As we celebrate this significant milestone, the launch of the Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF marks a testament to our unwavering commitment to innovation and excellence in the finance industry. We look forward to continued success and growth in the years ahead, providing our investors with innovative solutions and expanding the horizons of global investment opportunities," said Mr Lim.

The Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF provides a strategic avenue for investors aiming to gain exposure to China's mainland equity market without the complexity of directly purchasing individual stocks. It is a feeder ETF that primarily holds the mainland-listed master ETF managed by CUAM. The goal is to replicate the performance (before fees and expenses) of the MSCI China A 50 Connect Index listed on SSE.

**Mr Herbert Zhang, Chief Executive Officer of China Universal Asset Management**, said: "From a global perspective, the growth of Chinese assets is still outstanding. The long-term investment value of China's capital market is worth looking forward to. China Universal Asset Management strives to be one of the best managers of China-related assets in the global asset management industry, building a bridge for global investors to invest in China. The Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF represents a milestone achievement in our ongoing effort."

“This ETF is also a testament to our strong research capabilities and forward-looking product innovation capabilities. The MSCI A 50 Connect Index is a quality index that is representative of the future. It selected top-tier A-share stocks across the Shanghai and Shenzhen stock exchanges, has a well-balanced industry structure, is dynamically adjusted to reflect structural changes in the market, and is very investable.” said Mr Zhang.

The 50 stocks in this index include the likes of electric car maker BYD, tech hardware maker Foxconn Industrial Internet, and electric vehicle battery maker CATL. With its innovative structure, the ETF ensures easy diversification across the mainland China stock market and is particularly appealing for investors who prioritise a lower expense ratio.

Managed by Phillip Capital Management, with BNP Paribas serving as its custodian and administrator, the Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF is supported by Phillip Securities as the designated market makers with Futu Holdings and Phillip Securities as the participating dealers.

**Mr Luc Renard, Head of Southeast Asia, Securities Services at BNP Paribas**, said: “The successful launch of the ETF by Philip Capital Management and China Universal Asset Management marks a significant milestone in the investment landscape. This joint initiative provides investors with a compelling opportunity to access the Chinese market and its growth potential.

BNP Paribas’ Securities Services business is proud to assist this strategic partnership, as we remain committed to supporting the asset management industry in Asia across all type of investment strategies, from traditional funds, ETFs, Hedge Funds to Private Capital investments, through our multi-local expertise and global network.”

The official listing on SGX on 20 March 2024 is set to be a significant occasion. **Mr Loh Boon Chye, CEO of SGX Group, Mr Linus Lim, CEO of Phillip Capital Management, and Senior Management from SSE and CUAM** will be gracing the event.

For more information about the Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF, please see Annex A below or visit <https://phillipfunds.com/etfs/>.

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## **About Phillip Capital Management**

Incorporated in 1999, Phillip Capital Management (PhillipFunds) is a fund management company with network across the region including Singapore, Thailand, Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Thailand, and London. They have approximately USD 8 billion of assets under management. PhillipFunds' products and asset classes include unit trusts and segregated discretionary portfolios investing in equities, bonds, money market and private equity. PhillipFunds serves clients including private banks, insurance companies, tertiary institutions, sovereign wealth funds and Singapore government agencies.

A member of PhillipCapital, PhillipFunds has an established track record managing funds investing in the Asia Pacific region and globally, having won fund awards from Standard & Poor's, Lipper and Singapore Exchange.

The funds managed by the Company include the following: Phillip SGX APAC Dividend Leaders REIT ETF (2016 Most innovative ETF by SGX), Phillip SING Income ETF, Lion-Phillip S-REIT ETF Phillip, Phillip SGD Money Market ETF, Phillip MSCI Singapore Daily (2X) Leverage Product, Phillip MSCI Singapore Daily (-1X) Inverse Product, Phillip HK Newly Listed Equities Index ETF, Phillip Money Market Fund, Phillip US Dollar Money Market Fund, Phillip Singapore Real Estate Income Fund, Sustainable Reserve Fund, Phillip Global Opportunities Fund, Phillip Global Quality Fund as well as Phillip Global Rising Yield Innovators Fund. The Phillip Money Market Fund is one of the largest retail Singapore Dollar money market funds today.

## **About China Universal Asset Management**

China Universal Asset Management Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "China Universal" or "CUAM") was established in 2005 and is a top-tier comprehensive asset management companies in China. The company is headquartered in Shanghai, with branches in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Nanjing and Shenzhen, as well as subsidiaries in Hong Kong, Shanghai, the United States and Singapore.

China Universal has established seven major business segments, including mutual funds, segregated accounts, private equity, pension management, e-commerce, international business, and investment advisory. China Universal, known as a "stock-picking expert," has won the recognition and trust of fund investors in general as well as domestic and foreign institutions.

Since its establishment, China Universal has received many honours, including authoritative industry awards such as "Golden Bull Award," "Golden Fund Award" and "Star Fund Award." CUAM has always adhered to the principle of "Client First" and the business philosophy of "Starting from the long term," and is committed to be China's most recognized asset management brand.

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**Annex A:**
**Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF – Product Summary**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phillip-China Universal MSCI China A 50 Connect ETF</b>
<b>Investment Objective</b>	To replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the performance of the MSCI China A 50 Connect Index
<b>Benchmark Index</b>	MSCI China A 50 Connect Index
<b>Index Methodology</b>	The index aims to reflect the overall performance of the 50 largest stocks in various industries in China's A-shares (within the scope of Stock Connect). See below for detailed description.
<b>Eligible Countries</b>	China mainland A-shares market
<b>ETF Replication Method</b>	Physical Replication. The ETF is a Feeder Fund, and will primarily invest its Net Asset Value in the mainland-listed China Universal MSCI China A50 Connect ETF
<b>Exchange Listing</b>	Singapore Exchange Limited SGX
<b>Base Currency</b>	SGD
<b>Trading Currency</b>	Primary : SGD Secondary : USD
<b>Launch price</b>	S\$ 1.000 per unit
<b>Investment Product Type</b>	Excluded Investment Product (EIP)
<b>Minimum size (for creation/redemption through PD)</b>	50,000 units Creation/Redemption only in cash
<b>Expense Ratio</b>	Management Fee 0.01% p.a. (master ETF management fee 0.50% p.a.)
<b>Manager</b>	Phillip Capital Management (S) Ltd
<b>Investment Advisor</b>	China Universal Asset Management (Hong Kong)
<b>Designated Market Makers</b>	Phillip Securities Pte Ltd
<b>Participating Dealer</b>	Phillip Securities Futu Holdings (During Initial offering Period)
<b>Custodian and Administrator</b>	BNP Paribas, acting through its Singapore Branch
<b>Expected initial offering period</b>	4 to 14 March 2024
<b>Expected listing date</b>	20 March 2024