

BlackRock Premier Funds – iShares Asia ex-Japan Equity Index Fund

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*This statement provides you with key information about this product.
This statement is a part of the Prospectus.
You should not invest in this product based on this statement alone.*

Quick facts

Manager:	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited
Trustee:	Cititrust Limited
Custodian:	Citibank N.A., Hong Kong Branch
Ongoing charges over a year[#]:	Class A2: 0.71%
Tracking difference of the last calendar year:	-1.73%
Underlying index:	FTSE MPF Asia Pacific ex Japan, Australia & New Zealand Index (HKD hedged total return)
Base currency:	Hong Kong Dollars
Dividend policy:	No dividends will be declared or paid
Financial year end of this fund:	30 September
Minimum investment (initial and additional):	Class A2 Units: HK\$5,000 or currency equivalent
Dealing frequency:	Daily

[#] The ongoing charges figure for a class is based on the costs and expenses of that class with reference to the annual report of the Fund for the year ended 30 September 2021. This figure may vary from year to year.

What is this product?

iShares Asia ex-Japan Equity Index Fund (the "**Fund**") is a sub-fund of BlackRock Premier Funds, an umbrella unit trust established under the laws of Hong Kong. The Fund is a passively managed index fund falling within section 8.6 of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds.

Objective and Investment Strategy

Objective

To provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, closely correspond to the performance of the FTSE MPF Asia Pacific ex Japan, Australia & New Zealand Index (HKD hedged total return) (the "**Index**").

Strategy

To achieve its investment objective, the Manager intends to invest primarily in securities included in the Index using a representative sampling strategy through investing a representative sample of the securities included in the Index that collectively has an investment profile that reflects the profile of the Index.

The Fund will primarily invest directly in securities included in the Index. The Fund may invest up to 10% of the latest available Net Asset Value of the Fund in financial derivative instruments for the purposes of hedging and non-hedging including investment, and/or return optimization.

The Fund may invest less than 30% of its Net Asset Value in A-Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively the "**Stock Connects**") and/or B-Shares.

The Fund will not directly or indirectly invest in debt securities.

The Fund currently does not intend to engage in any securities financing transactions. Prior approval from the SFC and at least one month's prior notice will be given to Unitholders in the event the Manager intends to engage in such activities.

Index

The Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization index consisting of Asian constituent securities, excluding Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Specifically, the Index consists of eligible large and mid-cap Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Taiwan, South Korea, India and China companies that are listed on the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority's approved stock exchanges from the FTSE All-World Index. The base currency of the Index is Hong Kong dollars. The Index is compiled and managed by FTSE International Limited and is a hedged total return index (this means that (i) the Index will hedge its non-Hong Kong dollar currency exposure in excess of 65% in the Index back into Hong Kong dollars and (ii) the Index measures the price movements of constituents assuming any cash distributions after dividend withholding tax are reinvested back into the Index). For details of the Index, including information on the constituents of the Index and their respective weightings, please refer to the Index website at: www.ftserussell.com/products/indices/MPF. Please note that the aforesaid website has not been reviewed by the SFC.

Additional information of the Index

Base date	30 November 2000
Launch date	1 January 2005
Number of constituent securities*	1,744
Net market capitalization*	HK\$51,057 billion
*as at 31 March 2022	

Use of derivatives / investment in derivatives

The Fund's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Fund's latest Net Asset Value.

What are the key risks?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the Prospectus for details including the risk factors.

1. Investment Risks

The Fund is an investment fund. The values of equities fluctuate daily and the Fund's investment portfolio may fall in value, therefore your investment in the Fund may suffer losses. The price of equities can be influenced by many factors at the individual company level, as well as by broader economic and political developments.

2. Passive Investment Risks

The Fund is passively managed and the Manager may lack discretion to adapt to market changes due to the nature of index funds. Falls in the Index are expected to result in corresponding falls in the value of the Fund.

3. Tracking Error Risks

The Fund may be subject to tracking error risk, which is the risk that its performance may not track that of the Index exactly. This tracking error may result from the investment strategy used (including the use of representative sampling which may, for example, involve exclusion of certain index constituents), and fees and expenses. The Manager will monitor and seek to manage the above potential risks to minimise tracking error. Investors should note that there can be no assurance that the performance of the Fund will be identical to the performance of the Index particularly on a day-to-

day basis.

4. Derivatives Risks

In adverse situations, the Fund's use of derivatives may be ineffective in hedging, cash management or investment purposes and the Fund may suffer significant losses.

5. Index-Related Risks

There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve a high degree of correlation to the Index and therefore achieve its investment objective. Market disruptions and regulatory restrictions could have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to adjust its exposure to the required levels in order to track the Index. Errors in index data may occur from time to time and may not be identified and corrected for a period of time, and may have an adverse impact on the Fund and its Unitholders.

The securities which comprise the Index are changed by the index provider from time to time. Where the Index is rebalanced, any transaction costs arising from the Fund's corresponding rebalancing will be borne by the Fund.

6. Emerging Markets

Emerging markets are typically those of poorer or less developed countries which exhibit lower levels of economic and/or capital market development, and higher levels of share price and currency volatility, amongst these, those which exhibit the lowest levels of economic and/or capital market development may be referred to as frontier markets, and the below mentioned risks may be amplified for these markets.

The performance of the Fund compared to that of the Index may be affected by the fact that the Fund invests in emerging market securities. In certain emerging markets, there may be limits concerning the manner and/or extent to which foreign investors can invest directly in securities in that market, and also taxes or other charges applicable to foreign investors which may render direct investment inefficient or uneconomical for Unitholders. This may affect the Fund's ability to invest in all of the securities that make up the Index or hold the appropriate amount of these.

7. Concentration Risk

To the extent that the Index is concentrated in the securities in a particular market (in this case, the Asia ex-Japan market), the Fund may be adversely affected by the performance of those securities, may be subject to increased price volatility and may be more susceptible to adverse economic, market, political or regulatory event affecting that market, industry, group of industries, sector or asset class.

8. Financial Markets, Counterparties and Service Providers

The Fund may be exposed to finance sector companies which act as a service provider or as a counterparty for financial contracts. In times of extreme market volatility, such companies may be adversely affected, with a consequent adverse effect on the activities of the Fund.

9. Regulatory Risk

Regulators and self-regulatory organisations and exchanges are authorized to take extraordinary actions in the event of market emergencies. The effect of any future regulatory action on the Fund could be substantial and adverse.

10. Early Liquidation Risk

As may be determined by the Manager and the Trustee, the Fund may be liquidated under certain circumstances set out in the Prospectus. In the event of the liquidation of the Fund, the Fund would have to distribute to Unitholders their pro rata interest in the assets of the Fund. It is possible that at the time of such sale or distribution, certain investments held by the Fund might be worth less than the initial cost of such investments, resulting in a loss to holders.

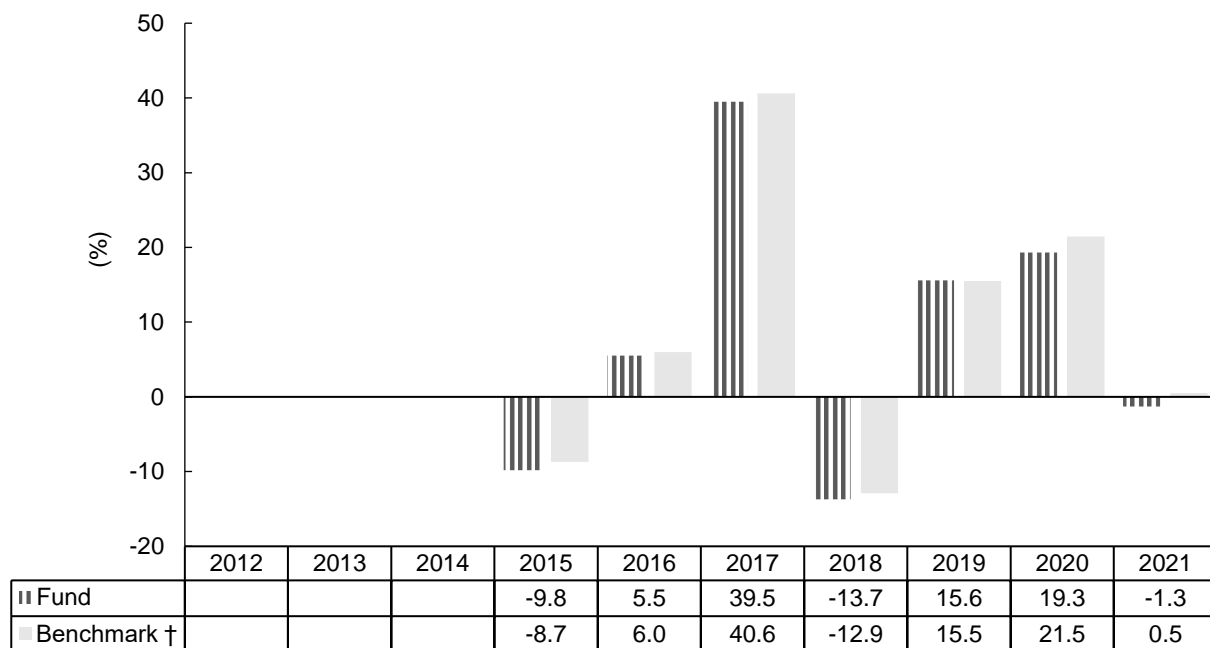
11. PRC Market Risk and Tax Risk

The Fund invests in PRC constituent securities. Investing in such securities is subject to the risks of investing in emerging markets generally. This may involve higher levels of risks relating to share price and currency volatility, greater political and social uncertainties, different accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices, and lower liquidity.

There are risks and uncertainties associated with the current PRC tax laws, regulations and practice in respect of the Fund's investment in PRC securities (which may have retrospective effect). Based on professional tax advice, the Fund will not provision for PRC tax arising from transfers or sales of its underlying PRC investments. Any increased tax liabilities on the Fund may adversely affect the Fund's value.

How has the fund performed?

Historic performance to 31 December 2021



During this period the performance of the Fund was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. The Fund changed its investment policy in 22 March 2021.

- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend re-invested.
- These figures show by how much the Class A2 increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in HKD including ongoing charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Where no past performance is shown there was insufficient data available in that year to provide performance.
- Fund launch date: 8 October 2014
- Class A2 launch date: 8 October 2014
- The Manager views Class A2, being the focus unit class of the Fund available to the public of Hong Kong, as the most appropriate representative unit class.

† FTSE MPF Asia Pacific ex Japan, Australia & New Zealand Index (HKD hedged total return)

Is there any guarantee?

The Fund does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

What are the fees and charges?

Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the Units of the Fund:

Fee	What you pay
Subscription Fee (Initial Charge)	Class A2 Units: Up to 3% of the subscription price.
Switching Fee (Conversion Charge)	Nil [^]
Redemption Fee (Redemption Charge)	Nil [^]

[^] A 2% charge of (i) the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Fund on conversion or (ii) the redemption price of Units on redemption may be levied for excessive conversion / trading by a unitholder. Please refer to the section "Fees, Charges and Expenses payable by the Unitholders – Excessive Trading or Excessive Conversion charges" in the Prospectus for detail.

Ongoing fees payable by the Fund

The following expenses will be paid out of the Fund. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments:

Fee	Annual Rate (as a % of the Fund's Net Asset Value)
Management Fee	Class A2 Units: Up to 2%, currently 0.55%*
Administration Fee	Class A2 Units: Up to 0.25%
Trustee Fee	Included in the Administration Fee
Custodian Fee	Included in the Administration Fee
Performance Fee	Nil

* May be increased to the permitted maximum level in the Prospectus by giving not less than 1 month's prior notice.

Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the Units of the Fund.

You may need to bear additional costs under certain situations in order to mitigate any adverse impact to the Fund caused by your subscription or redemption of Units. Please refer to the section "Prices of Units – Pricing adjustment mechanism" in the Prospectus for detail.

Additional Information

- ▶ You generally buy and redeem Units at the Fund's next-determined net asset value after the Trustee receives your request in good order on or before the 11.00 a.m. dealing cut-off (Hong Kong time). Orders placed through intermediaries may be subject to different procedures and cut-off times.
- ▶ The net asset value of the Fund is calculated and is available on the Manager's website at www.blackrock.com/hk on each dealing day.
- ▶ Please refer to the Manager's website at www.blackrock.com/hk for performance information regarding other classes (when available). Investors may also obtain information on the Fund from the Manager's website at www.blackrock.com/hk. Investors should note that the Manager's website has not been reviewed by the SFC.
- ▶ The Prospectus and this statement will be updated to include the classes of Units currently available for subscription from time to time.

Important

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

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