



Best ETF Index Provider – China Hang Seng Indexes Company

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Hang Seng Indexes Company (HSIL) is the leading index provider that compiles and manages indexes covering Hong Kong and mainland China markets.

As at the end of 2023, there are 114 exchange-traded products based on the Hang Seng family of indexes worldwide, with listings on 12 different stock exchanges and assets under management of USD 65.8 billion, a 14% growth from 2022 despite declining stock markets in Mainland China and Hong Kong during the year.

In 2023, HSIL launched 86 new indexes, mainly sector and thematic. A notable example of the role HSIL plays in connecting China with global investors is the first-ever Covered Call ETFs listed in Hong Kong are tracking HSIL's flagship indexes, e.g. the Hang Seng Index and Hang Seng China Enterprises Index. This year marks the 55th anniversary of the launch of the flagship Hang Seng Index. Since its public launch on 24 November 1969, the Hang Seng Index has become the most widely recognised barometer of the Hong Kong stock market and it includes the largest and most liquid stocks listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

The Hang Seng Tech Index, one of the HSIL's flagship indexes, continued to be investors' top interest in 2023. While the index itself fell by 9% during the year, the AUM of ETPs tracking the index shot up by 66% and stood at USD16.2 billion. The total number of futures and options contracts traded on the HSTECH in 2023 also increased by nearly 48% to 28 million.

Comprehensive China index solutions

In late 2023, HSIL became the first offshore index compiler to include securities listed on the Beijing Stock Exchange into its related indexes universe. In addition, HSIL has recently launched the Hang Seng China A Specialised & Sophisticated 50 Index, the world's first index compiled by offshore index compiler to include constituent securities listed on the BSE. This move enables the company to cover securities listed across all mainland China's stock exchanges, providing offshore and onshore investors with comprehensive index solutions.

ESG integration

HSIL kicked off its ESG journey since the launch of its first ESG index series in 2010. Over the years, 29 sustainability indexes have been launched to factor in various sustainability investment strategies and themes. So far, there are 9 investment products tracking the company's ESG indexes. The AUM of these products tripled to HKD 18 billion in the challenging 2023. In particular, the HSI ESG Enhanced Index became the benchmark for the first Hong Kong equity ESG Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) product, allowing pension fund holders to integrate ESG considerations into their retirement savings. Currently, this index series is tracked by four ETFs, including the world's largest Hong Kong equity ESG ETF with an AUM of USD0.9 billion as at the end of 2023.

