

# KRANESHARES ICAV

## KraneShares MSCI China ESG Leaders UCITS ETF

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(A sub-fund of KraneShares ICAV, an Irish collective asset-management vehicle constituted as an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds with registered number C181441 authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland pursuant to the UCITS Regulations).

This Supplement (the “Supplement”) forms part of the Prospectus dated 18 October 2019 (the “Prospectus”) in relation to KraneShares ICAV (the “ICAV”) for the purposes of the UCITS Regulations. This Supplement should be read in the context of, and together with, the Prospectus and contains information relating to the KraneShares MSCI China ESG Leaders UCITS ETF Fund (the “Sub-Fund”) which is a separate sub-fund of the ICAV.

The Sub-Fund is an Index Tracking Sub-Fund.

Prospective investors should review this Supplement and the Prospectus carefully and in their entirety and consider the risk factors set out in the Prospectus and in this Supplement before investing in this Sub-Fund. If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant and/or financial adviser. An investment in the Sub-Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.

The Directors, as listed in the “*Management*” section of the Prospectus accept responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

## KEY INFORMATION

Unless otherwise defined herein or unless the context otherwise requires, all defined terms used in this Supplement shall bear the same meaning as in the Prospectus.

<b>Base Currency</b>	US Dollars
<b>Business Day</b>	a day on which commercial banks are open and settle payments in London, Hong Kong and New York, excluding days on which such commercial banks are open only half a day and on which the northbound link of the Stock Connect Programs is closed.
<b>Dealing Deadline</b>	For cash subscriptions and redemptions, 5pm (Irish time) on the Business Day immediately prior to each Dealing Day.
<b>Index</b>	The MSCI China ESG Leaders 10/40 Index (USD)
<b>Index Provider</b>	MSCI Inc.
<b>Listing Stock Exchange</b>	Euronext Dublin, London Stock Exchange
<b>Offer Period</b>	9 am on 21 October 2019 to 5 pm on 20 April 2020 or such earlier or later date as the Directors may determine.
<b>Settlement Deadline</b>	Appropriate cleared subscription monies must be received by the Second Business Day following the Dealing Day, or such later date as may be determined by the ICAV and notified to prospective investors from time to time.
<b>Valuation</b>	The Net Asset Value per Share is calculated in accordance with the " <i>Determination of Net Asset Value</i> " section of the Prospectus, using the official closing price published by the relevant exchange.
<b>Valuation Point</b>	Close of business on the New York Stock Exchange on each Valuation Day or such other time as the Directors may determine in respect of the Sub-Fund from time to time and notify to Shareholders in advance.

The following Share Classes are available in the Sub-Fund:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Minimum Subscription Amount</b>	<b>Initial Offer Price</b>	<b>TER</b>
Class USD	USD 5,000,000	USD 25	0.40%
Class EUR	EUR 5,000,000	EUR 25	0.40%
Class GBP	GBP 5,000,000	GBP 25	0.40%

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGY

**Investment Objective.** The objective of the Sub-Fund is to provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, correspond generally to the price and yield performance of the investable universe of Chinese companies listed on the Shanghai, Shenzhen or Hong Kong Stock Exchanges (“**China Companies**”).

**Investment Policy.** The investment policy of the Sub-Fund is to track the performance of the Index (or such other index determined by the Directors from time to time as being able to track substantially the same market as the Index and which is considered by the Directors to be an appropriate index for the Sub-Fund to track, in accordance with the Prospectus), as closely as possible, regardless of whether the Index level rises or falls, while seeking to minimise as far as possible the tracking error between the Sub-Fund’s performance and that of the Index. Any determination by the Directors that the Sub-Fund should track another index at any time shall be subject to the provision of reasonable notice to Shareholders to enable any Shareholders who wish to do so to redeem their Shares prior to implementation of this change and the Supplement will be updated accordingly.

The Index is a free-float adjusted market capitalisation weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of large and mid-cap China Companies with high environmental, social and governance (“**ESG**”) performance relative to their sector peers. The Index methodology aims to include securities of companies with the highest ESG ratings representing 50% of the market capitalisation in each Global Industry Classification Standard (“**GICS**”) sector. The Global Industry Classification Standard is a widely accepted industry analysis framework, jointly developed and maintained by MSCI and Standard & Poor’s. The Index targets sector and region weights which are consistent with those of the MSCI China Index to limit the risk introduced by the ESG selection process.

In determining the ESG requirements for inclusion in the Index, the Index Provider utilises a three step process. Firstly, an overall rating is provided based on how well companies manage ESG risks and opportunities such as climate change, product liability and corporate behaviour, with scores and percentiles also indicating how well a company manages each individual ESG element relative to their industry peers. Secondly, an assessment of any negative ESG controversies for the relevant company is undertaken. The ESG controversies framework of the Index Provider is designed to be consistent with international norms represented by the UN Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labour Organization Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights of Work, and the UN Global Compact. Thirdly, an exclusion list is applied where companies meet the relevant criteria to be deemed to be involved in controversial activities including the production of alcohol and tobacco or gambling.

Under normal circumstances, the Sub-Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in securities of China Companies or in depositary receipts representing securities of the Index. Depositary receipts are securities issued by a financial institution which evidence ownership interests in a security or a pool of securities deposited with the financial institution.

As of 2 August 2019, the Index included 106 securities of companies with a market capitalisation range of US\$667million to US\$414,280million and an average market capitalisation of approximately US\$20,505million. The Index is rebalanced in August, November and February and May. The Index Provider is independent of the ICAV and the Investment Manager. Further details on the Index, including its components and performance, are available at: [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

In order to seek to achieve the Sub-Fund’s investment objective, the Investment Manager will aim to replicate the Index by holding all of the constituents of the Index in a similar proportion to their weighting

in the Index. Further information on the use of the replication methodology can be found under “*Index Tracking Sub-Funds*” in the “*Investment Objectives and Policies*” section of the Prospectus.

The Sub-Fund may in certain, limited circumstances, where replication of the Index is not reasonably practical (for example as a result of the illiquidity or unavailability of certain securities within the Index), invest in instruments that are not included in the Index but which the Investment Manager believes will help the Sub-Fund replicate the Index, e.g. securities which provide similar price and yield performance and risk profiles to constituents of the Index. These investments may include equity securities and depositary receipts of issuers whose securities are not components of the Index.

**Instruments / Asset Classes.** The following types of China-related equity securities may be included in the Index and/or represent investments of the Sub-Fund:

- A-Shares issued by companies incorporated in mainland China and accessed through the Stock Connect Programs.
- *China B-Shares* of companies incorporated in mainland China and listed on the Shanghai Exchange in US Dollars and Shenzhen Exchange in Hong Kong Dollars.
- *China H-Shares* of companies incorporated in mainland China and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, where they are traded in Hong Kong Dollars and may be traded by foreign investors.
- *China N-Shares* of companies with business operations in mainland China and listed on an American stock exchange, such as NYSE or NASDAQ.
- *P-Chips* of private sector companies with a majority of their business operations in mainland China and controlling private Chinese shareholders, which are incorporated outside of mainland China and traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in Hong Kong Dollars.
- *Red Chips*, which are shares of companies with a majority of their business operations in mainland China and controlled by the central, provincial or municipal governments of the PRC, whose shares are traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in Hong Kong Dollars.
- *Global Depositary Receipts (including American Depositary Receipts)* as alternatives to directly purchasing the above equity securities in their national markets and currencies.

The securities in which the Sub-Fund invests will be primarily listed or traded on Recognised Markets globally, although the Sub-Fund may also invest in unlisted securities in accordance with the limits set out in the UCITS Regulations. In normal circumstances, the Sub-Fund may hold up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in ancillary liquid assets (deposits, certificates of deposit, commercial paper and fixed rate bonds issued by governments which are rated investment grade) in accordance with the UCITS Regulations, provided however that this restriction will not apply following large subscriptions to the Sub-Fund. The Sub-Fund may also, subject to a maximum of 10% of its Net Asset Value, invest in other regulated, open-ended collective investment schemes, including ETFs, as described under “*Investment in other Collective Investment Schemes*” in the “*Investment Objectives and Policies*” section of the Prospectus, where the objectives of such funds are consistent with the objective of the Sub-Fund. Such funds may be advised, sponsored or otherwise serviced by the Investment Manager or an affiliate. The Sub-Fund does not currently use financial derivative instruments.

**Risk Management.** The Sub-Fund does not intend to engage in securities lending. The Sub-Fund will not have any exposure to repurchase agreements or total return swaps.

For information in relation to the difficulties associated with tracking indices, please refer to “*Index Tracking Risk*” in the “*Risk Information*” section of the Prospectus. It is currently anticipated that the tracking error of the Sub-Fund will be up to 1% under normal market conditions. The causes of tracking error can include but are not limited to the following: holdings/size of the Sub-Fund, cash flows, such as any delays in investing subscription proceeds into the Sub-Fund or realising investments to meet redemptions, fees and the frequency of rebalancing against the Index.

**Portfolio Holding Disclosure Policy.** The Sub-Fund will publicly disclose its complete holdings on a daily basis. Details of the Sub-Fund’s holdings and full disclosure policy may be found at: [www.kraneshares.com](http://www.kraneshares.com)

## **INVESTMENT RISKS**

Investment in the Sub-Fund carries with it a degree of risk including the risks described in the “*Risk Information*” section of the Prospectus. These risks are not intended to be exhaustive and potential investors should review the Prospectus and this Supplement carefully and consult with their professional advisers before purchasing Shares. In addition, investors should be aware of the risks headed “*Country Concentration*”, “*Holdings and Sector Concentration*”, “*Emerging Markets Including China*” and “*Index Related Risks*” in the “*Risk Information*” section of the Prospectus.

The Sub-Fund will invest in China A-Shares through the Stock Connect Programmes which are subject to regulatory change, quota limitations and also operational constraints (as set out in the Prospectus) which may result in increased counterparty risk.

## **INVESTOR PROFILE**

Typical investors in the Sub-Fund are expected to be investors who want to take short, medium or long term exposure to the performance of China based companies that have high environmental, social and governance (ESG) ratings relative to their sector peers and are prepared to accept the risks associated with an investment of this type.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS – PRIMARY MARKET**

The Shares will be available during the Offer Period at the Initial Offer Price per Share set out above under “*Key Information*”.

After the Closing Date, Shares will be issued on each Dealing Day at the appropriate Net Asset Value per Share with an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges in accordance with the provisions set out below and in the Prospectus. Investors may subscribe for Shares for cash on each Dealing Day by making an application by the Dealing Deadline in accordance with the requirements set out below and in the “*Purchase and Sale Information*” section of the Prospectus. Consideration, in the form of cleared subscription monies/securities, must be received by the applicable Settlement Deadline.

## **REDEMPTIONS – PRIMARY MARKET**

Shareholders may effect a redemption of Shares on any Dealing Day at the appropriate Net Asset Value per Share, subject to an appropriate provision for Duties and Charges, provided that a valid redemption request from the Shareholder is received by the ICAV by the Dealing Deadline on the relevant Dealing Day, in accordance with the provisions set out in this section and at the “*Purchase and Sale Information*” section of the Prospectus. Settlement will normally take place within two Business Days of the Dealing Day but may take longer depending on the settlement schedule of the underlying markets. In any event, settlement will not take place later than 10 Business Days from the Dealing Deadline.

## **FEES AND EXPENSES**

The TER for each Class is set out in the table in the “*Key Information*” section above.

Further information in this respect is set out in the “*Fees and Expenses*” section of the Prospectus.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Sub-Fund has determined to accumulate all net investment income and net realised capital gains attributable to the Class USD, Class EUR Shares and Class GBP Shares and therefore does not intend to declare dividends in respect of Shares in such Share Classes.

## **LISTING**

Application has been made for the Shares to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the regulated market of Euronext Dublin and to trading on each of the Listing Stock Exchanges and such Shares are expected to be admitted to listing on or about 31 January 2020.

As at the date of this Supplement, the Sub-Fund has no loan capital (including term loans) outstanding or created but unissued, or any outstanding mortgages, charges, debentures or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowings, including bank overdraft, liabilities under acceptances or acceptance credits, obligations under finance leases, hire purchase, commitments, guarantees or other contingent liabilities.

As at the date of this Supplement, no Director, or person closely associated with any Director, the existence of which is known to, or could with reasonable diligence be ascertained by that Director, whether or not held by another party, has any interest, beneficial or non-beneficial, in the share capital or in any options in the share capital of the ICAV. Save for the information given in the “*Management*” section of the Prospectus, no further information is required to be given in respect of the Directors pursuant to the listing requirements of Euronext Dublin.

## **OTHER SUB-FUNDS OF THE ICAV**

As at the date of this Supplement, in addition to the Fund, the ICAV has also obtained the approval of the Central Bank for the establishment of the following sub-funds: the KraneShares CSI China Internet UCITS ETF and the KraneShares MSCI China A Share UCITS ETF.

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Although MSCI shall obtain information for inclusion in or for use in the calculation of the Index from sources that MSCI considers reliable, none of the MSCI Parties warrants or guarantees the originality, accuracy and/or the completeness of the Index or any data included therein. None of the MSCI Parties makes any warranty, express or implied, as to results to be obtained by the issuer of the Sub-Fund, owners of the Sub-Fund, or any other person or entity, from the use of the Index or any data included therein. None of the MSCI Parties shall have any liability for any errors, omissions or interruptions of or in connection with the Index or any data included therein. Further, none of the MSCI Parties makes any express or implied warranties of any kind, and the MSCI Parties hereby expressly disclaim all warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with respect to the Index and any data included therein. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall any of the MSCI Parties have any liability for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential or any other damages (including lost profits) even if notified of the possibility of such damages. No purchaser, seller or holder of this security, product or fund, or any other person or entity, should use or refer to any MSCI trade name, trademark or service mark to sponsor, endorse, market or promote this security without first contacting MSCI to determine whether MSCI's permission is required. Under no circumstances may any person or entity claim any affiliation with MSCI without the prior written permission of MSCI.