

Media release

BetaShares launches two additional currency-hedged global ETFs on ASX

SYDNEY, 23 July 2020: BetaShares, a leading Australian ETF manager, has today launched currency-hedged versions of its flagship global equities ETFs.

BetaShares CEO, Alex Vynokur, said: ‘Currency exposure can be a significant driver of investment returns. We are adding to our range of currency-hedged ETFs in response to significant client demand, as many investors are seeking to minimise the impact of currency fluctuations on portfolio returns.’

The launch of the BetaShares Global Sustainability Leaders ETF – Currency Hedged (ASX: HETH), and the BetaShares NASDAQ 100 ETF – Currency Hedged (ASX: HNDQ) follows the launch last month of the BetaShares Global Quality Leaders ETF – Currency Hedged (ASX: HQLT).

HETH provides access to a portfolio of large global companies that meet strict sustainability and ethical standards¹. ETHI, the unhedged version of the strategy, is the largest ethical ETF on the ASX, with more than \$650M in assets².

HNDQ enables investors to get exposure to the currency-hedged version of the iconic Nasdaq-100 Index³. NDQ, the unhedged version of the strategy, is Australia’s largest technology-focused ETF, with over \$950M in assets⁴.

Mr Vynokur concluded: “The unhedged versions of these two new ETFs have an outstanding performance record, with the indices that the funds aim to track significantly outperforming broad sharemarket benchmarks over the long-term to date⁵. The new currency-hedged funds give investors an important choice – to remain exposed to exchange rate movements as another source of potential returns, or to substantially remove the currency variable from the investment equation.”

The two new ETFs join BetaShares’ existing range of nine currency-hedged global equities ETFs, the largest range of currency-hedged exposures on the market.

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¹ HETH obtains its investment exposure indirectly by investing in ETHI, with currency exposure hedged back to the Australian Dollar.

² As at 14 July 2020.

³ HNDQ obtains its investment exposure indirectly by investing in NDQ, with currency exposure hedged back to the Australian Dollar.

⁴ As at 14 July 2020.

⁵ As at 14 July 2020. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Investing involves risk.

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With over 60 products available, we currently offer the broadest range of exchange traded products in the market, all of which can be bought and sold via the ASX. We offer investors simple, liquid and cost-effective access to Australian and global equities, cash and fixed income, currencies, commodities, and active and alternative strategies.

As at 15 July 2020, BetaShares managed over \$12 billion in assets.

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.

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