



Daishi Bank (Japan): Merger with Hokuetsu Bank (Japan) Changes in Russell Global Index Series

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Daishi Bank (Japan, constituent) has proposed to merge with Hokuetsu Bank (Japan, constituent) to form a new company named as Daishi Hokuetsu Financial Group (Japan) and subsequently list on the Tokyo Stock Exchange effective 1 October 2018. According to the timetable, Daishi Bank and Hokuetsu Bank will be delisted on 26 September 2018.

Both Daishi Bank and Hokuetsu Bank will pay a cash dividend ex 26 September 2018.

In order to apply index changes in a manner that can be closely replicated, please see details of affected indexes and effective dates below:

Index	Effective From Start of Trading
Russell Global Index	02 October 2018
Russell Developed Index	02 October 2018

Please note:

- 1) Both Daishi Bank and Hokuetsu Bank will pay a cash dividend ex 26 September 2018.
- 2) The last trading day of Daishi Bank and Hokuetsu Bank is expected to be 25 September 2018.
- 3) On 1 October 2018, Daishi Bank will carry the closing price of the newly merged company Daishi Hokuetsu Financial Group.
- 4) Hokuetsu Bank will be deleted from index at a synthetic price based on the merger terms and Daishi Hokuetsu Financial Group closing price as of 1 October 2018, effective 2 October 2018.
- 5) The share in issue of Daishi Hokuetsu Financial Group is based on the merger terms of one share of Daishi Hokuetsu Financial Group for every Daishi Bank share held and 0.5 shares of Daishi Hokuetsu Financial Group for every Hokuetsu Bank Share held.

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