

# Economic Outlook and Smart Beta Investments with ETFs

**Speakers: Mr. Thomas Taw & Mr. Ben Garland, BlackRock**

In this talk, we are pleased to invite Mr. Thomas Taw & Mr. Ben Garland of BlackRock to share their views on the following topics:

- **Economic Outlook** – To provide an overview of market prospects of emerging Asia countries particularly China / South Korea / Taiwan / India and also the home base Hong Kong as well as to discuss what has led to the recent growth in assets under management and which underlying markets are best positioned to outperform in the second half of 2017.
- **Factor Investing with ETFs** – To explore Smart Beta ETFs and learn how to use Smart Beta ETFs in investor's portfolios to capture the power of factor investing.

Mr. Thomas Taw is Vice President of the iShares Capital Markets function in the APAC region. The team works with a variety of market participants to facilitate client execution services and solutions as well as providing specialist knowledge to develop customised trading strategies and deliver market insight. Prior to joining Blackrock in 2014, Tom worked in roles at Macquarie and Nomura in equity trading and execution.

Mr. Ben Garland, CFA, Director, is a Senior Investment Strategist in BlackRock's Factor-Based Strategies Group within the Multi-Asset Strategies Group. Ben is responsible for communicating the breadth and depth of the company's risk parity, long/short style factor and smart beta capabilities to investors across the Asia Pacific region. Prior to assuming his current role in 2017, Ben was Head of Asia Pacific Index Strategy, responsible for product strategy and client relationships for all institutional index equity capabilities in the Asia Pacific region. His service with the firm dates back to 1999, including ten years with Barclays Global Investors (BGI), which merged with BlackRock in 2009. Ben relocated to Hong Kong from Australia in 2010 to join the iShares ETF Specialist team, providing portfolio and product analytics to ETF clients in the Asia Pacific region. Prior to this, he was a Client Solutions Strategist, providing portfolio consulting and analytical services to Australian institutional investors.



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**Date** : 13 June 2017 (Tuesday)  
**Time** : 6:00 pm - 6:25 pm **Registration and Networking**  
6:25 pm - 8:00 pm **Talk and Q&A**  
8:00 pm **End**  
**Venue** : **BlackRock Office**  
16/F, Champion Tower, 3 Garden Road  
Central, Hong Kong  
**Charge** : **HK\$200 per person (ASHK Member)**  
**HK\$400 per person (Non ASHK member)**  
**Level** : **Participants at all levels**

**Remarks:**

1. Bookings are on a first-come-first-served basis. No reservations will be accepted after 7 June 2017. (Seating is limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment.)
2. No refund for cancelling registration after 7 June 2017.
3. You will be charged the full amount if you register, but do not attend the talk.
4. 1 CPD hour = 60 minutes

### Registration Form

I / We shall attend the Evening Talk of the Actuarial Society of Hong Kong to be held on Tuesday, 13 June 2017 at 6:00 pm at BlackRock Office, 16/F, Champion Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong. A cheque for HK\$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to The Actuarial Society of Hong Kong is attached herewith.

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