

Ashburton Management Company RF Proprietary Limited

Ashburton Top 40 ETF

A portfolio in the Ashburton Collective Investment Scheme ("the portfolio") registered in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, 45 of 2002

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

(Date of incorporation: 15 October 2008)

Share Code: ASHT40

ISIN: ZAE000215364

("ASHTOP40")

DISTRIBUTION FINALISATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The manager and trustees (namely Ashburton Management Company RF Proprietary Limited and Standard Chartered Bank) have resolved to make a quarterly distribution to holders of Ashburton Top 40 securities for the quarter ended 31 December 2017.

The aggregate distribution will amount to 8.41727 cents per Ashburton Top 40 security and is constituted as follows:

Alpha code	Dividend/Interest	Foreign/ Local	Gross Distribution (Cents per unit)	Subject to Withholding tax Yes/ No	*Withholding Tax (%)	Net Distribution (Cents per unit)
ASHT40	Interest	Local	0.00000	No		0.00000
	Dividend	Local	8.29503	Yes	20	6.63602
	Dividend	REITs	0.00000	Yes	20	0.00000
	Dividend	Foreign	0.12224	Yes	20	0.09779
			8.41727			6.73381

Notice is hereby given that the following dates are of importance regarding the distribution for the quarter ended December 2017 by the ETF to holders of Ashburton Top 40 ETF securities:

Last day to trade "cum" distribution:	Tuesday, 23 January 2018
Securities trade "ex" distribution:	Wednesday, 24 January 2018
Record date:	Friday, 26 January 2018
Payment date:	Monday, 29 January 2018

Withholding Tax on Interest (WTI) came into effect on 1 March 2015.

Interest accruing from a South African source to a non-resident, excluding a controlled foreign company, will be subject to withholding tax at a rate of 15% on payment, except interest,

- arising on any Government debt instrument.
- arising on any listed debt instrument.
- arising on any debt owed by a bank or the South African Reserve Bank.
- arising from a bill of exchange or letter of credit where goods are imported into South Africa and where an authorized dealer has certified such on the instrument.
- payable by a headquarter company.
- accruing to a non-resident natural person who was physically present in South Africa for a period exceeding 183 days in aggregate, during that year, or carried on a business through a permanent establishment in South Africa.

Investors are advised that to the extent that the distribution amount comprises of any interest, it will not be subject to WTI by virtue of the fact that it is listed debt instruments and/or bank debt.

No dividend withholding tax will be deducted from dividends payable to a South African tax resident qualifying for exemption from dividend withholding tax provided that the investor has provided the following forms to their Central Securities Depository Participant (“CDSP”) or broker, as the case may be in respect of its participatory interest:

- a) a declaration that the distribution is exempt from dividends tax; and**
- b) a written undertaking to inform their CSDP or broker, as the case may be, should the circumstances affecting the exemption change or the beneficial owner cease to be the beneficial owner, both in the form prescribed by the South African Revenue Service. South African tax resident investors are advised to contact their CSDP, to arrange for the abovementioned documents to be submitted prior to payment of the distribution, if such documents have not already been submitted.**

Non-resident investors for South African income tax purposes

The dividend distribution received by non-resident investors will be exempt from income tax in terms of section 10(1)(k)(i) of the Act, but will be subject to dividend withholding tax. Dividend withholding tax is levied at a rate of 20%, unless the rate is reduced in terms of any applicable agreement for the avoidance of double taxation (“DTA”) between South Africa and the country of residence of the non-resident investor

A reduced dividend withholding rate in terms of the applicable DTA may only be relied on if the non-resident investor has provided the following forms to their CSDP or broker, as the case may be in respect of its participatory interest:

- a) a declaration that the dividend is subject to a reduced rate as a result of the application of a DTA; and**
- b) a written undertaking to inform the CSDP or broker, as the case may be, should the circumstances affecting the reduced rate change or the beneficial owner ceases to be the beneficial owner, both in the form prescribed by the South African Revenue Service. Non-resident investors are advised to contact their CSDP or broker, as the case may be, to arrange for the abovementioned documents to be submitted prior to the payment of the distribution if such documents have not already been submitted.**

Both resident and non-resident investors are encouraged to consult their professional advisors should they be in any doubt as to the appropriate action to take.

Additional information:

The dividend distribution as outlined above is subject to the Dividends Tax that was introduced with effect from 22 February 2017. The dividend, as defined in the Income Tax Act of 1962, is payable from dividends accumulated in the fund. The South African Dividend Tax rate of 20% has been applied to both local and foreign dividends.

There are 12 388 332 Ashburton Top 40 securities in issue. The total dividend amount payable is R 1,042,759.11.

Ashburton Top 40 ETF Income Tax number is 2144/830/14/4.

A copy of the ETF issue document can be found at <http://www.ashburtoninvestments.com/za/individual-investor/investment-range/exchange-traded-funds/ashburton-top-40-etf>

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