# RAYLIANT QUANTAMENTAL CHINA EQUITY ETF

**RAYC** 

The next generation of China ETFs has arrived.

China is too big to ignore, which is why Rayliant has launched the world's first active China ETF.



# **UNMATCHED GROWTH.**



- China's growing startup sector is home to 39% of the world's unicorns<sup>2</sup>
- Chinese consumers made up an estimated 36% of global spending on luxury goods<sup>3</sup>
- China's mainland stock market totals \$11 trillion market cap4
- China's middle class expected to reach 1.2 billion people by 2027<sup>5</sup>

# **UNREALIZED OPPORTUNITY.**



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>International Monetary Fund (2019)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Hurun Research Institute (2020). A "unicorn" is a privately held startup valued at >1B USD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> McKinsey (2017)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>World Federation of Exchanges (2020)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The Brookings Institution (2020)

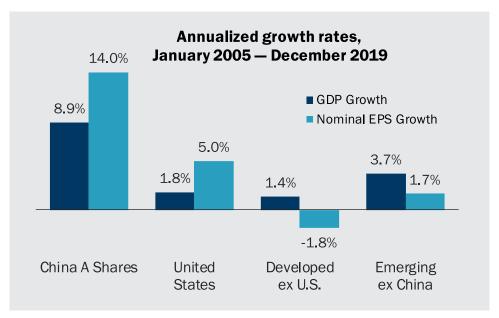
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>The typical global equity portfolio is assumed to track the MSCI All Country World Index, as of October 2020.

# WHY CHINA?

China's economy is big and getting bigger, but that rapid growth is not the only thing drawing investors to the world's second-largest stock market. China's onshore stocks<sup>1</sup> provide investors a unique opportunity to capture alpha<sup>2</sup> and reduce overall portfolio risk.<sup>3</sup> These features strengthen the case for an active allocation to Chinese A shares.

## **Opportunity 1 Accessing Growth**

China's economic expansion has translated to rapid earnings growth for onshore-listed companies. Don't miss out on the market.



**Source:** Rayliant Research, Bloomberg, as of Mar. 31, 2020. U.S. data references the S&P 500 Index; Dev. ex-U.S. references MSCI World Ex-USA Index; China Onshore references the CSI 300 Index; China Offshore references the MSCI China Index, which primarily trades H shares, B shares, Red chips, P chips, and foreign listings, including ADRs; EM ex-China references the MSCI EM ex-China Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Past performance is not indicative of future performance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Onshore stocks" refer to those Chinese stocks, like A-shares, that are traded exclusively on exchanges in Mainland China.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Alpha" is defined herein as an investment's performance in excess of fair compensation for risk.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Diversification does not ensure a profit or guarantee against a loss.

### **Opportunity 2 Capturing Alpha**

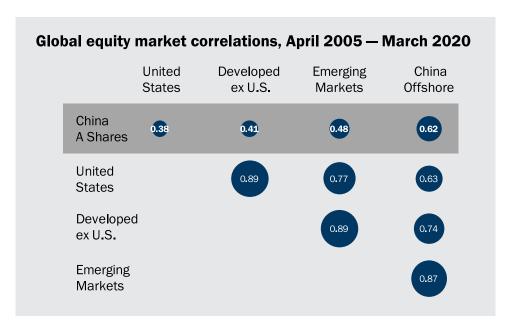
Amateur investors account for 80%-90% of trading onshore in China. In this retail environment, there is opportunity for professionals to outperform the market and obtain "alpha."



**Source:** Rayliant Research, as of Jun. 30, 2020. Data on retail trading come from stock exchange website, factbooks, academic literature, and industry reports.

### **Opportunity 3 Reducing Risk**

Chinese A shares have low correlation with global developed equities and other emerging markets. Diversifying into A shares reduces overall portfolio risk.



**Source:** See Chart 1, with the exception that MSCI EM Index is used in lieu of MSCI World ex-China Index. "China Offshore" are Chinese stocks listed outside of Mainland China. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.



# THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHINA ETFs.

**Rayliant's Quantamental China Equity ETF** RAYC is the world's first active China ETF.<sup>1</sup> It was crafted by the team who also designed China's first Smart Beta strategy in 2009<sup>2</sup>, and who built the investment strategy behind the Hong Kong-listed Premia CSI Caixin China New Economy ETF<sup>3</sup> and the China-listed China AMC ChiNext Momentum Growth ETF<sup>4</sup>.

Click **RAYC** to learn more.

### Be Active.

Chinese A shares are over 80% retail traded.<sup>5</sup> China is one of the few markets where active management has consistently outperformed a passive approach.<sup>6</sup> Rayliant has been delivering active alpha in China since 2009.

### Be Local.

Rayliant's strategies are *localized*—tailored to the features that make China unique. We employ novel data sources and local fundamental insights to address China-specific risks and opportunities, including Chinese accounting, regulations, market structure, state ownership, and investor behavior.

### Be Onshore.

Most investors access China through offshore listings in Hong Kong and the United States. RAYC invests primarily in onshore A shares, which offer exposure to the primary growth engine of the Chinese economy.<sup>7</sup>

### Be Scientific.

RAYC applies systematic, data-driven strategies based on rigorous research into investor behavior to seek outperformance in China's retail-dominated market. Our diversified multifactor approach incorporates machine learning and robust optimization is designed to maximize the likelihood of reliable outperformance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: New York Stock Exchange, utilizing FactSet ETF Screener data (23 December 2020)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: China Securities Index Data (28 December 2020)

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Premia CSI Caixin China New Economy ETF (Tickers: 3173 HK / 9173 HK)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ChinaAMC ChiNext Momentum Growth ETF (Ticker: 159967 CH Equity)



Shanghai and Shenzhen .... 1990

First B shares listed for sale to foreign investors .... 1992

Foreign investors gain access to
A shares through the Qualified Foreign ••••• 2002
Institutional Investor program

Reforms make large blocks of state-owned shares eligible for trading .... 2005

China complies with International Financial Reporting Standards .... 2007

2009 .... Launches CSI Fundamental Index Family, the first China A shares smart beta

Partners with Harvest Funds, AXA SPD, ICBC

2010 · · · · Prudential to launch Smart Beta strategies
in China

Stock Connect program makes accessing
A shares easier for offshore investors

2014

MSCI adds China A shares
2018 .... Exclusive Quant Multi-factor ETF partnership with China AMC

Rayliant teams with largest independent

2018 •••• wealth platform, Gopher Asset Management, to offer quantitative active China equities

**2019** .... Rayliant New Economy A Shares strategy for offshore investors made widely available.

China A shares market exceeds \$10T in total market cap \*\*\*\* 2020 \*\*\*\* Rayliant-developed China AMC ChiNext Momentum Growth ETF made available to investors in Mainland China.

2020 ···· Rayliant launches RAYC, the world's first active China equity ETF

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Hsu, Wool, Liu, "Should You Have More China in Your Portfolio? Putting Common Arguments for Increased China Exposure to the Test", *The Journal of Index Investing*, Winter 2020, p. 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Cornell *et al*, "Assessing Mutual Fund Performance in China", *The Journal of Portfolio Management*, Volume 46, No. 5 (2020), p. 8, "We find evidence of significant persistence in relative skill in fund management [in China]."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Hsu et al at 4, establishing that earnings-per-share growth is higher for Chinese companies that are listed onshore.

# Portfolio management from award-winning investment researchers and seasoned China investment professionals.



**Jason Hsu, PhD**Portfolio Manager

Jason Hsu is the founder and chairman of Rayliant Global Advisors. Jason was at the forefront of the smart beta revolution before turning his sole attention to China. Building on his pioneering work on the RAFI™ series of indices, he has partnered with many of China's leading institutions to develop and distribute cutting-edge China ETFs. Jason has authored more than 40 peer-reviewed articles and is on the Board of Directors at the Anderson School of Management at UCLA, where he is also an adjunct professor in finance. He has also held visiting professorships at Tsinghua University, Kyoto University and Taiwan National Chengchi University.



**Phillip Wool, PhD**Portfolio Manager

Phillip Wool conducts research with a focus on quantitative approaches to asset allocation and return predictability within asset classes. He plays a pivotal role in tailoring Rayliant's Chinese A shares strategies to the unique characteristics of the Chinese market.



Mark Schlarbaum
Head of Trading & Capital Markets

Mark Schlarbaum has nearly 30 years of investment experience, and over the past five years he has supported the launch of nearly 20 ETFs trading primarily in China. At Rayliant, Mark oversees trading and capital markets, ensuring effective portfolio implementation and optimal execution.

# STRATEGIES FROM PEOPLE WHO KNOW CHINA.



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### **Investment Objectives**

There can be no assurance that an ETF will achieve its stated objectives.

#### **Quantitative Investments**

Investments that are managed according to a quantitative model can perform differently from the market as a whole.

### **International and Emerging Markets**

International markets involve political, social, economic and currency risks. These risks are heighten in emerging markets, which also include the risk of increased volatility and lower trading volume. Securities focusing on a single country may also be subject to higher volatility. Investments in smaller companies typically exhibit higher volatility.

### **Local Rules and Regulations**

Trading through Stock Connect is subject to a number of restrictions that may affect an ETF's investments and returns. China A Shares purchased by the ETF through Stock Connect are generally subject to Chinese securities regulations and listing rules, among other restrictions.

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#### Diversification

The ETF is not diversified.

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