

Press Release

KIM Launches Semiconductor ETF Tracking Solactive Index

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FRANKFURT AM MAIN – The increasing demand for computing products and mobile devices, as well as the growing interest in electric cars and home appliances, mainly built on artificial intelligence developments, lead to a vast potential in the semiconductor industry. The sector has grown by more than 20% to around \$600 billion in 2021 and is forecast to have an aggregate annual growth from 6% to 8% up to 2030¹, according to an analysis by McKinsey & Company. The document shows that the result is a \$1-trillion-dollar industry by the end of the decade. Envisaging this potential, Korea Investment Management launches the KIM ACE Solactive Global Semiconductor TOP4 ETF, tracking the Solactive Global Semiconductor Top 4 Plus Index, offering investors a balanced exposure to semiconductor industry based on four major classifications: memory semiconductors, non-memory semiconductors, foundry services, and semiconductor equipment. This index will be a representation of securities that have business operations in the global semiconductor industry.

Timo Pfeiffer, Chief Markets Officer at Solactive, says: *"Nowadays, semiconductors are already the core of every electric device, from domestic appliances to cars. But if we think about the future, there is more to come. With a growing need for chips to fuel our future smart economy and the new remote working trend, companies that are active in this space are well positioned for growth. We are delighted that KIM perceived the great potential of this future 1-trillion dollar industry and chose Solactive to this new thematic ETF. We are looking forward to strengthening our partnership."*

Jaehwan Shim, Chief Investment Officer at KIM, comments: *"As an essential technology of future industries, semiconductor is leading the industrial transition worldwide, and we believe that investing in semiconductor industry provides long-term opportunities. We are excited to be working with Solactive to launch KIM ACE Solactive Global Semiconductor TOP 4 ETF, a very efficient access to core companies that derived top revenue from Semiconductor industry directly. The goal of 'KIM ACE Solactive Global Semiconductor TOP 4 ETF' is to capture the performance of the key companies in four major sectors of semiconductor value chain – 1) Memory semiconductors, 2) Non-memory semiconductors, 3) Foundry services, 4) Semiconductor equipment, and its top companies weighted 20% each in the portfolio. With a client-first approach, KIM and Solactive are applying*

¹ <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/semiconductors/our-insights/the-semiconductor-decade-a-trillion-dollar-industry>

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the successful expert-driven ETFs, and beyond this first collaboration, we expect many more innovative products to come from this partnership."

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Note to editors

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The unique blend of our 250 staff's expertise in data, data science, financial markets, and technology enables our clients' continued success through the delivery of a superior experience, unique customization capabilities, and the best value for money available in the industry. With more than 20,000 indices calculated daily, we offer a full suite of solutions, including market-leading ESG and thematic indices.

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Launched in 1974 as the very first asset management company in Korea, Korea Investment Management ('KIM') is a leading investment manager in Korea with more than US\$ 31 bi in assets under management (as of October 31, 2022). KIM offers a wide range of investment products to both retail investors and institutional investors including governments, pension funds, and insurance companies. ACE is ETF brand of KIM, managing more than 60 ETF products that track domestic and overseas indices, making it the fourth largest ETF provider in Korea.

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