

## SECTION 2: QUESTIONS FOR RESPONSE

Please indicate your views by providing comments as appropriate. Where there is insufficient space, please use additional sheets of paper as necessary.

### HKEx's Proposal:

- HKEx is proposing an after-hours trading session for the futures market (T+1 Session). The opening time of the T+1 Session will be 30 minutes after the close of the regular trading session (T Session), i.e. 4:45 p.m. for Hang Seng Index futures and H-shares Index futures and 5:30 p.m. for gold futures. The T+1 Session will end at 11:15 p.m.
- All trades transacted in the T+1 Session will be registered as T+1 Trades and will be cleared and settled on the following trading day.
- At the initial stage, Hang Seng Index futures, H-shares Index futures and gold futures will be traded in the T+1 Session. Other derivatives products might be considered at a later stage.
- HKEx will manage the risk of after hours trading through appropriate regular, ad-hoc and/or real time monitoring during the T+1 Session and via a new mandatory variation adjustment and margin call following the market open of each T Session and payable by 11:00 a.m.

### Questions

1. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce after-hours futures trading?

Yes, please state your views: \_\_\_\_\_

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No, please specify your concerns and impact to you or to the market:

We strongly oppose to the proposal to introduce after-hours futures trading for the following reasons.

- (i) Operation cost will rise sharply because extra manpower and resources are required to allocate on the change in trading hours. In the aspects of customer support, system configuration and maintenance and IT operation, there will be a burden induced.
- (ii) According to interview with other brokerage firms, the change is not cost-effective while they cannot foresee an increase in trading volume resulting from the change. Given the cost has risen simultaneously, it would make the business environment more difficult for both our clients and information vendors.

2. Do you have any comments or concerns on:

a) the proposed trading arrangements?

Not applicable

b) the proposed clearing arrangements?

Not applicable

c) the proposed risk management arrangements?

Not applicable

d) the use of the Calculated Opening Price as the basis for the proposed mandatory variation adjustment and margin call?

Not applicable

3. Are there any other issues regarding the Proposal that HKEx should consider?