

## 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: Overall this should be positive for the market, for clients and for brokers. In terms of managing this, MF Global already has a night desk servicing our clients for overseas markets. There are some operational and IT aspects that need to be addressed before this commences. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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2. Do you have any comments or concerns on:

a) the proposed trading arrangements?

\_\_\_ In principle this is positive and should not be problematical for MF Global. \_\_\_\_\_

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b) the proposed clearing arrangements?

\_\_\_ These appear feasible especially as the T+1 clearing session does not provide for T session clearing post 18.45pm. There maybe some detailed operational processes that require further study. \_\_\_\_\_

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c) the proposed risk management arrangements?

\_ The CBPL monitoring needs to be addressed. In times of high volatility during the T+1 session, how is the CBPL going to be monitored? At present, practically this can only be done on a once a day basis. Also given that the banking system is not open for brokers to collect/pay margins, there maybe risk that a highly volatile environment (during T+1) could affect clients/brokers ability to trade.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Client agreements require amendments to reflect valid instructions from clients  
(e.g. after close of trading). \_\_\_\_\_

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