

## 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: As Hong Kong's financial market is closely related and influenced by global financial markets, any major news or events in Europe or the US could affect Hong Kong's financial markets. The introduction of after-hours futures trading could allow investors to hedge their portfolio through the futures market outside regular trading hours.

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?

Agree. But exchange participants should have sufficient manpower for night shift and the trading system should be compatible.

b) the proposed clearing arrangements?

Agree. But exchange participants should check if the batch job could be completed on time.

c) the proposed risk management arrangements?

Agree.

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

Agree.

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

There is a concern regarding the trading liquidity. Without a market maker or liquidity provider, the futures price might varies, and the market depth might be thin. Therefore, we propose the trading hour of cash market should also be extended as soon as possible.