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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **Recruitment of Regular Market Makers for Equity Index Options in the T+1 Session**

Enquiry: **HKATS Hotline¹ Tel: 2211-6360**

Reference is made to the circular dated 11 August 2017 (Ref: [MO/DT/123/17](#)) and 12 October 2017 (Ref: [MO/DT/160/17](#)). Subject to SFC's approval of the related rule amendments, Hong Kong Futures Exchange (HKFE) plans to include four Equity Index Options in the T+1 Session in the second quarter of 2018, namely:

- Hang Seng Index Options
- Hang Seng China Enterprises Index Options
- Mini-Hang Seng Index Options
- Mini-Hang Seng China Enterprises Index Options

Exchange Participants (EPs) who are currently market makers of Equity Index Options in the T Session will remain as Regular Market Makers (RMMs) for the T Session. EPs who are interested to make market for Equity Index Options in the T+1 Session are required to apply for covering the T+1 Session to become eligible for the incentives for the T+1 Session. T+1 RMMs will enjoy discounted trading fee for each Equity Index Options contract traded and can receive up to 46 OAPI waivers upon fulfilments of the corresponding Market Maker Requirements. Please refer to Attachment I for market making requirements and incentives for T+1 RMMs.

The number of T+1 RMMs of each option is limited to 5. T+1 RMM status will be granted to selected applicants through an annual application/ renewal process. The application deadline for

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the T+1 RMM will be 29 March 2018. Please refer to Attachment II for detailed selection criteria and process.

Interested EPs should contact Ms. Rina Ku (RinaKu@hkex.com.hk) or Ms. Montassya Hutauruk (MontassyaHutauruk@hkex.com.hk) for further information. The appointment of T+1 RMMs will be announced in due course.

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Market Making Requirements and Incentives for Regular Market Makers for the T+1 Session (T+1 RMMs)

A. Market Making Requirements for T+1 RMMs

T+1 RMMs shall follow the following market making requirements for:

- 1) market makers who provide Continuous Quotes (CQ) (Table A); and
- 2) market makers who respond to Quote Requests (QR) (Table B)

Table A – Market Making Requirements for T+1 RMMs Elected to Provide Continuous Quotes (CQ)

Market Making Requirements		Regular Market Makers for the T+1 Session (CQ)
Assigned Option Series	HSI and HHI Options	40 out of 198 (Table A1)
	MHI and MCH Options	20 out of 116 (Table A2)
Minimum Quote Size		HSI and HHI Options: See Table C1 MHI and MCH Options: See Table C2
Maximum Bid/Offer Spread		
Minimum Percentage of Trading Hours Coverage		35%

Table A1 – Option Series Selection Pool (For HSI Options and HHI Options)

Contract Month	Series	Call Series	Put Series
Spot Month	Nearest OTM	15	15
	Nearest ITM	2	2
2 nd Calendar Month	Nearest OTM	15	15
	Nearest ITM	2	2
3 rd Calendar Month	Nearest OTM	15	15
	Nearest ITM	2	2
4 th Calendar Month	Nearest OTM	10	10
	Nearest ITM	2	2
1 st Quarter Month	Nearest OTM	10	10
	Nearest ITM	2	2
2 nd Quarter Month	Nearest OTM	10	10

	Nearest ITM	2	2
3 rd Quarter Month	Nearest OTM	10	10
	Nearest ITM	2	2
Total		198	

Table A2 – Option Series Selection Pool (For MHI Options and MCH Options)

Contract Month	Series	Call Series	Put Series
Spot Month	Nearest OTM	15	15
	Nearest ITM	2	2
2 nd Calendar Month	Nearest OTM	15	15
	Nearest ITM	2	2
1 st Quarter Month	Nearest OTM	10	10
	Nearest ITM	2	2
2 nd Quarter Month	Nearest OTM	10	10
	Nearest ITM	2	2
Total		116	

Table B – Market Making Requirements for T+1 RMMs Elected to Respond to Quote Requests (QR)

Market Making Requirements	Regular Market Makers for the T+1 Session (QR)
Minimum Percentage of QR Responses	35%
Minimum Quote Size	HSI and HHI Options: See Table C1 MHI and MCH Options: See Table C2
Maximum Bid/Offer Spread	
Maximum Time Limit for Responding to QR	20 seconds
Minimum Display Time	20 seconds

Table C1 – Minimum Quote Size and Maximum Bid/Offer Spread (For HSI Options and HHI Options)

Contract Month	Call/Put Option Price	Requirements	
		Minimum Quote Size	Maximum Bid/Offer Spread
spot month to 4 th calendar months	1 – 750 points	3 contracts	40 points or 20% of bid price, whichever is higher
	751 points or more		150 points

1 st and 2 nd calendar quarter months following the 4 th calendar month	1 – 750 points	2 contracts	60 points or 30% of bid price, whichever is higher
	751 points or more		225 points
3 rd calendar quarter month following the 4 th calendar month	1 – 750 points		80 points or 40% of bid price, whichever is higher
	751 points or more		300 points

Table C2 – Minimum Quote Size and Maximum Bid/Offer Spread (For MHI Options and MCH Options)

Contract Month	Call/Put Option Price	Requirements	
		Minimum Quote Size	Maximum Bid/Offer Spread
spot month and 2 nd calendar months	1 – 750 points	3 contracts	40 points or 20% of bid price, whichever is higher
	751 points or more		150 points
1 st and 2 nd calendar quarter months following the 2 nd calendar month	1 – 750 points	2 contracts	60 points or 30% of bid price, whichever is higher
	751 points or more		225 points

B. Incentives for T+1 RMMs

Upon fulfilling the market making requirements, the performance of each T+1 RMM will be measured monthly against 3 incentive tiers to determine the eligible monthly incentives. Details of the requirements for respective incentives tiers are as follows:

Table D – T+1 Session Market Makers Requirements for the 3 Incentive Tiers

Market Makers Requirements for the 3 Incentive Tiers		Incentive Tier 1	Incentive Tier 2	Incentive Tier 3
Assigned Option Series ²	HSI and HHI Options	50	40	40
	MHI and MCH Options	25	20	20
Minimum Percentage of Trading Hours Coverage ² or		70%	50%	35%

² Applicable to market makers who provide continuous quotes in the T+1 Session

Minimum Percentage of QR Responses ³			
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The incentives of T+1 RMMs include:

- 1) Reduced trading fee for the products which the T+1 RMMs make market (Table E)
- 2) Reduced trading fee for the products with same underlying index⁴
- 3) OAPI Waivers (Table F)

Table E – Trading Fees

Product	Incentive Tier 1	Incentive Tier 2	Incentive Tier 3
HSI Options	Free	HK\$2.00	HK\$2.00
HHI Options		HK\$0.50	HK\$0.50
MHI Options		HK\$0.40	HK\$0.40
MCH Options		HK\$0.20	HK\$0.20

Table F – OAPI Waivers

Product	Incentive Tier 1	Incentive Tier 2	Incentive Tier 3
HSI Options	Up to 18 waivers (i.e. HK\$46,800 per month or equivalent) for each product	Up to 4 waivers (i.e. HK\$10,400 per month or equivalent) for each product	Up to 2 waivers (i.e. HK\$5,200 per month or equivalent) for each product
HHI Options			
MHI Options	Up to 5 waivers (i.e. HK\$13,000 per month or equivalent) for each product	Up to 2 waivers (i.e. HK\$5,200 per month or equivalent) for each product	Up to 1 waiver (i.e. HK\$2,600 per month or equivalent) for each product
MCH Options			

³ Applicable to market makers who respond to quote requests in the T+1 Session

⁴ The number of contracts that are eligible for a reduced trading fee may be limited as specified in the Trading Procedures relating to Stock Index Futures and Stock Index Options contained in the HKFE Rules

Attachment II

Selection Criteria and Process for Regular Market Makers for the T+1 Session (T+1 RMMs)

The number of T+1 RMMs of each option is limited to 5. T+1 RMMs will be selected through an annual application/ renewal process:

- a) Eligibility criteria: EPs who have not had any MM permit revoked in any option product in the past 6 months;
- b) Selection process: Consideration factors include applicants' past market making performance/quality, turnover and the type of market making, i.e. market maker providing continuous quotes or market maker responding to quote requests. HKFE shall retain sole discretion in the selection of the applicant; and
- c) Service term: Not less than 6 months.