

PART 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.

Section I: HKEx's Proposal

Change (A): Advance the morning continuous trading session (CTS) by 0.5 hours. The morning CTS of the securities and stock futures/options markets will open at 09:30 and close at 12:00; the index futures/options markets will open at 09:15 and close at 12:00 (i.e. our markets will open at the same time as the Mainland's in the morning).

Change (B): Advance the opening times of the afternoon CTS:

Option 1: the afternoon CTS of all markets will open at 13:00 resulting in a 1-hour lunch break from 12:00 to 13:00 (i.e. our markets will open at the same time as the Mainland's in the afternoon); or

Option 2: the afternoon CTS of all markets will open at 13:30 resulting in a 1.5-hour lunch break from 12:00 to 13:30 (i.e. our markets will open 0.5 hours later than the Mainland's in the afternoon).

1. Do you/your company support *Change (A) of the Proposal*, i.e. advance the morning CTS by 0.5 hours?

Yes, due to reason(s) stated below (multiple selection allowed):

Better price discovery

Enhanced compatibility with the Mainland

Better service to investors

Strengthened competitiveness

Other reason(s), please specify:

No, due to reason(s) stated below (multiple selection allowed):

System/operational issues

Insufficient time to digest market news before market open

Business commitments (e.g. morning briefings)

Longer and earlier working hours

Other reason(s), please specify:

2. Do you/your company support *Change (B) of the Proposal*, i.e. advance the opening times of the afternoon CTS?

Yes, due to reason(s) stated below (multiple selection allowed):

- Better price discovery
- Enhanced compatibility with the Mainland
- Better service to investors
- Strengthened competitiveness
- Other reason(s), please specify:

No, due to reason(s) stated below (multiple selection allowed):

- System/operational issues
- Insufficient time to digest market news before market open
- Business commitments (e.g. lunch meetings with clients)
- Change of lunch practice
- Other reason(s), please specify:

3. Which of the *two options of Change (B) of the Proposal* would you prefer:

- Option 1: the afternoon CTS of all markets will *open at 13:00 resulting in a 1-hour lunch break from 12:00 to 13:00* (i.e. our markets will open at the same time as the Mainland's in the afternoon)
- Option 2: the afternoon CTS of all markets will *open at 13:30 resulting in a 1.5-hour lunch break from 12:00 to 13:30* (i.e. our markets will open 0.5 hours later than the Mainland's in the afternoon)

Remarks: At least one-hour lunch time publication window should be provided in order to allow sufficient time to check the announcement. (English and Chinese) is all correct before publication.

4. *(For respondents representing your company's view)*

If Changes (A) and (B) in the Proposal are adopted, does your company need to prepare for implementation? How much *lead time* would be required?

Not applicable.

Section II: Auction Sessions

No change in the auction sessions except that they will move along with the CTS as follows:

- Morning auction sessions for securities market and index futures/options markets will become 09:00 to 09:30 and 08:45 to 09:15 respectively; and
- Afternoon auction session for index futures/options markets will become 12:30 to 13:00 (Option 1) or 13:00 to 13:30 (Option 2).

5. If *Change (A)* is adopted, should the *morning auction sessions* remain *0.5 hours*? If not, what is your/your company's suggestion? Please state reason(s).

We have no comments.

6. If *Change (B)* is adopted, should the *afternoon auction session* remain *0.5 hours* for Option 1 and Option 2? If not, what is your/your company's suggestion? Please state reason(s).

We have no comments.

Section III: Other issues

7. Are there any other issues regarding the Proposal to change trading hours that HKEx should consider?
- As a listed company which usually has its board meetings held in the morning, we are concerned about reducing the time for publication of announcements during the lunch break.
 - It is not desirable to announce the results after the market closes for the day since both the media and analysts briefings will have to be deferred to the late afternoon which is probably too late for reporting in the main evening news.
 - In line with practices of leading jurisdictions, such as the UK and USA, consideration can be given to allow issuers to announce results during trading hours. This will eliminate the issue of lunch time publication window.
 - In general, we support the HKEx's initiative to extend the trading hours to enhance the compatibility of the Hong Kong stock market with that of the Mainland and to strengthen its market competitiveness.

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