

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:

More trading opportunities

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:

More trading opportunities

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: _____

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? No need to prepare for implementation and lead time should only be a day.

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).

Yes.

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).

Yes.

Section III: Other issues

7. Are there any other issues regarding the Proposal to change trading hours that HKEx should consider?

In view that Hong Kong is currently having one of the shortest trading hours in the world, we strongly support the new proposal of the extended trading hours which enables trading hour alignment with the Mainland and follows closely the global trends in extending trading hours. In the medium run, it is worthwhile to consider cancelling the afternoon break for a continuous trading which also increases interaction with the Japanese stock market and extending the closing time of one to two hours in order to enable an overlapping with the London Stock market. In the long run, a 24-hour trading stock market for Hong Kong may be very attractive as well.