

**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:

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*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:

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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:

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*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:

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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: Suggest to change to 12:30pm to 2:00pm  
or 12:45pm to 2:15pm.

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?

**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).

Suggest the morning auction sessions reduce to 15 minutes.

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).

**Section III: Other issues**

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

Extend trading hours to 4:15pm or 4:30pm.