

**Submitted via Qualtrics**

**Company / Organisation view**

**1. Do you agree that the board lot value floor guidance should be revised? If not, please provide reasons.**

Yes. The existing board lot system has historically deterred retail investors by creating high entry costs for certain stocks and complicating market operations, which in turn hampers liquidity and competitiveness compared to markets like the US, so a revision to the system is definitely welcome.

**2. Do you agree that the board lot value floor guidance should be revised to HK\$1,000? If not, please provide reasons.**

Yes. It depends on the overhead cost for trading. Ideally this should be as low as possible while making economic sense from the traders point of view.

**3. Do you agree with introducing board lot value ceiling guidance? If not, please provide reasons.**

Yes. Yes same as the reasoning above.

**4. Do you agree that the board lot value ceiling guidance should be set at HK\$50,000? If not, please provide reasons.**

Yes.

**5. Do you agree with applying the board lot value ceiling guidance only to issuers whose board lot units exceed 100 shares in order to facilitate potential future adoption of a single board lot unit and support alignment with Chinese Mainland markets? If not, please provide reasons.**

Yes. Yes - to align with the other markets.

**6. Do you support further reduction of the board lot value ceiling guidance in the future? If not, please provide reasons.**

No. The value seems reasonable.

**7. Do you support standardising board lot units as a pathway to reducing market complexity? If not, please provide reasons.**

Yes. The current option for 8 choices seem to be too many.

**8. Do you support adopting the eight board lot units specified (1, 50, 100, 500, 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000 share(s))? If not, please provide reasons.**

No. Aiming for just one (ideally 1 share per lot, as in the US where fractional trading is common) would further simplify the system and boost competitiveness. This could be phased in alongside the upcoming paperless system rollout, with monitoring of metrics like liquidity, trading volume, spreads, and retail participation to evaluate progress.

**9. If you do not support adopting eight board lot units, do you prefer a larger number of board lot units? If yes, please provide reasons.**

No. Same reasoning as above.

**10. (For issuers only) If a change is required, is six months an appropriate duration for an issuer to adjust its board lot unit or undertake other corporate action, to comply with board lot value ceiling guidance or standardisation of board lot units? If not, please provide reasons.**

N/A

**11. Do you support aligning implementation of standardisation of board lot units with the USM initiative? If not, please provide reasons.**

Yes.

**12. Are there any anticipated challenges, such as system limitations, in implementing the proposed board lot framework?**

Yes. Investor education, potentially increasing IT costs for brokers, adjustments for low-priced stocks

**13. Do you have any other comments regarding the board lot framework enhancements in the Hong Kong securities market?**

No comment.