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Dear Chairman Tong,

It is with pleasure that I write to congratulate you and the SFC for taking the lead to embrace the IPO process at the frontier alongside the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

This is so important for the progress of Hong Kong financial services to have our chief securities regulator to be involved in the IPO screening process, be understanding of market changes and sympathetic to the everyday opportunities and challenges of corporates wanting to go public. It is no longer tenable for the SFC to take a back step and maintain a clear space from the commercial foreground. Whilst some might argue that this space allows the regulator to act with objectivity, but the fast speed of how the global markets revolve now requires a different modus operandi. The international financial centres including New York and London understand this, and their regulators adopt an active stance in pursuing the commercial progress of as well protection for their financial markets. In fact, ever since the 2008 financial crisis, we are seeing regulators taking a different role and profile to deal with the onslaught of the crisis's collateral damages. Events after events like the 2010 European debt crises, followed by Greece/Spain/Italy near default; oil and gold price collapse; Swiss franc's bursting, and the late negative interest rate conundrum faced by Euro and Japanese Yen. Near to home we saw China's stock market crash last year, the ill-received currency exchange reform, and the rippling effect of the intensifying economic slowing. All these far-reaching impactful events mean that Hong Kong, as a leading financial center, cannot sit still and act too differently from the more advanced counterparts. SFC cannot be stuck to the typical watchdog's "corrective" role, that it sets policies and penalize those defiant companies. It will need to participate at the market entrance frontier and take a "preventive" role in inducing the right corporates. This would give assurance to international investors that their investments in Hong Kong would receive comparable level of regulatory attention as that in London and New York.

As a very active asset management company seeking for best performance of and protection for the assets under our management in Hong Kong, we are in full support of this new development.

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