

## **HKEX Connect Hall Fact Sheet**

## **Features of HKEX Connect Hall**

- Total area of over 30,000 square feet, offering a multi-functional venue.
- Designed for maximum flexibility, capable of simultaneously hosting multiple events.
- Showcasing the latest in display technologies: a convex LED media wall, measuring 19.5
  meters long and 3 meters high; a mainstage presentation TV wall, 12.4 meters long and 2
  meters high; plus a 270-degree immersive projection wall.
- Large media wall, which dynamically displays live market data throughout the day, comes
  to life at four key moments of trading, giving a new interpretation of the traditional ticker.
- Dedicated media booths for TV programming direct from Connect Hall, with infrastructure in place to support live video links for other digital news organisations.
- HKEX Museum of Finance tells the story of Hong Kong's financial markets and HKEX, and what the future may hold. Opening in late March, the museum will be constantly updated with new content and exhibits over time.

## **Brief History of Connect Hall space**

- The Hong Kong Government in January 1982 offered a prime site of reclaimed land in Central for a commercial development that would house the new unified stock exchange. The tender was awarded to Hongkong Land to build Exchange Square.
- Upon Exchange Square's completion, the Trading Hall was handed back to the Government for leasing to the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (SEHK).
- The SEHK opened for business at its new Trading Hall in Exchange Square on 2 April 1986. The new premises were officially opened on 6 October the same year.
- Over 1,200 floor traders worked at the Trading Hall in its early days. But new technology that enabled off-floor trades and stock trading via the Internet significantly reduced demand for floor trading.
- The renovated Trading Hall opened in January 2006 and was renamed the Exchange Trading and Exhibition Hall Complex, with the trading area reduced by over half.
- The Trading Hall closed for the last time on 27 October 2017, marking the end of floor trading in Hong Kong's securities markets.