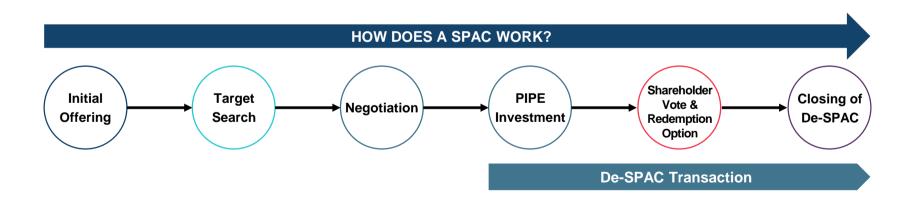


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What is a Special Purpose Acquisition Company ("SPAC")?







Proposals for a SPAC Regime in Hong Kong

HKEX's proposal seeks to strike balance between:

Investor Protection Market Quality Market Competitiveness



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RATIONALE:

To provide an attractive alternative to a traditional IPO

Shorter time to listing

Greater price certainty

Deal structure flexibility



Only SPACs with experienced and reputable SPAC Promoters that seek good quality De-SPAC Targets

45 Day
Consultation
Period

31 October 2021



Close of Consultation Period



Proposed Safeguards

Before De-SPAC

De-SPAC Transaction

Liquidation and De-listing

SUBJECT	KEY	KEY PROPOSALS	
Investor Suitability	•	Subscription and trading of SPAC's securities restricted to Professional Investors only , which include:	
		o Institutional Professional Investors; and	
		 Non-institutional Professional Investors (including individuals with a portfolio of at least HK\$8 million) 	
	•	Successor Company's ¹ securities would be freely transferable amongst all investor types	

^{1.} A Successor Company is the listed issuer resulting from the completion of a De-SPAC Transaction.



SUBJECT	KEY PROPOSALS	
SPAC Promoters ¹	Must meet rigorous suitability and eligibility requirements	
	 One must be an SFC licensed firm² holding at least 10% of Promoter Shares³ 	
Promote Size	 Shares can be issued at nominal value to a SPAC Promoter up to 30% of the SPAC's total shares at initial offering date 	
Dilution Cap	30% cap on dilution from the exercise of warrants	
Fund Raising Size	A SPAC must raise <u>at least HK\$1 billion</u> from its initial offering	

- 1. SPAC Promoters are professional managers, usually with private equity, corporate finance and/or industry experience, who establish and manage a SPAC. They are also known as "SPAC sponsors" in the US.
- 2. Firms with a Type 6 (advising on corporate finance) and/or a Type 9 (asset management) license issued by the Securities and Futures Commission.
- 3. Promoter Shares are shares of a separate class to the ordinary listed SPAC shares that are convertible into the ordinary listed SPAC shares, issued by a SPAC exclusively to a SPAC Promoter at nominal consideration as a financial incentive to establish and manage the SPAC.



Proposed Safeguards

Before De-SPAC

De-SPAC Transaction

Liquidation and De-listing

SUBJECT	KEY PROPOSALS	
New Listing Requirements	 Successor Company must meet all new listing requirements (including all financial eligibility tests) 	
Independent Third Party Investment	Mandatory independent PIPE investment of at least 15 to 25% of Successor Company's expected market capitalisation to back-up Successor Company's valuation	
Shareholder Vote	De-SPAC Transaction conditional on shareholder approval at a general meeting (excluding SPAC Promoter and other shareholders with a material interest)	
Redemption Option	 SPAC Shareholders must be given the option to redeem their shares prior to: a) De-SPAC Transaction; b) Change of SPAC Promoter; and c) Any extension of deadline for finding a suitable De-SPAC Target 	



Proposed Safeguards

Before De-SPAC

De-SPAC Transaction Liquidation and De-listing

SUBJECT	KEY PROPOSALS	
Return of Funds to Shareholders	 Mandatory liquidation of SPAC and return of <u>100%</u> of funds raised (plus accrued interest) to SPAC Shareholders if the SPAC is unable to: 	
	(a) announce a De-SPAC Transaction within 24 months; or	
	(b) complete a De-SPAC Transaction within 36 months	
	Automatic de-listing of SPAC following liquidation	



Q & A