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GEM Expects First Listing in the Fourth Quarter

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong will now accept applications from potential issuers seeking listing on the Growth Enterprise Market (GEM). It expects to have its first listing on GEM in the fourth quarter following the announcement of the GEM sponsor list today (Tuesday).

Potential issuers wishing to list on GEM must be sponsored and the sponsor must meet the Exchange's eligibility criteria. After listing, the issuer must retain the sponsor for two years to act as adviser to assist the issuer in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules.

The following 30 sponsors and co-sponsors have been approved by the GEM Listing Committee:

Name		<u>Role</u>
1.	Asia Financial Capital Limited	Sponsor
2.	BNP Prime Peregrine Capital Limited	Sponsor
3.	BOCI Asia Limited	Sponsor
4.	Celestial Capital Limited	Co-sponsor
5.	China Everbright Capital Limited	Co-sponsor
6.	Core Pacific-Yamaichi Capital Limited	Sponsor
7.	Credit Suisse First Boston (Hong Kong) Limited	Sponsor
8.	Dao Heng Securities Limited	Sponsor
9.	DBS Asia Capital Limited	Sponsor
10.	Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C.	Sponsor
11.	HSBC Investment Bank Asia Limited	Sponsor
12.	ICEA Capital Limited	Sponsor
13.	ING Barings Asia Limited	Sponsor
14.	J. P. Morgan Securities Asia Private Limited	Sponsor
15.	Jardine Fleming Securities Limited	Sponsor
16.	Kleinwort Benson Limited	Sponsor
17.	Lehman Brothers Asia Limited	Sponsor
18.	Merrill Lynch Far East Limited	Sponsor
19.	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Asia Limited	Sponsor
20.	Oriental Patron Asia Limited	Sponsor

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21.	Pacific Challenge Capital Limited	Sponsor
22.	Platinum Securities Company Limited	Sponsor
23.	Salomon Smith Barney Hong Kong Limited	Sponsor
24.	Schroders Asia Limited	Sponsor
25.	SG Securities (HK) Limited	Sponsor
26.	Standard Chartered Bank	Sponsor
27.	Tai Fook Capital Limited	Sponsor
28.	Vickers Ballas Capital Limited	Sponsor
29.	Warburg Dillon Read (Asia) Limited	Sponsor
30.	Yuanta Securities (Hong Kong) Company	Sponsor
	Limited	

Other sponsor applications are being considered by the GEM Listing Committee. The sponsor list will be revised from time to time.

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