

CLOSING AUCTION SESSION &

VOLATILITY CONTROL

MECHANISM



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Agenda

1 Closing Auction Session (CAS)

2 Volatility Control Mechanism (VCM)

3 Rollout Preparation



Why introduce the two market microstructure changes?



Closing Auction Session



- High institutional demand for execution at the closing price
- Catching up with all developed and most developing securities markets
- For securities market only



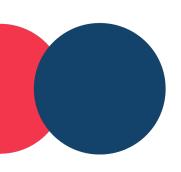
Volatility Control Mechanism

Safeguarding market integrity based on G20 & IOSCO's regulatory guidance

- Safeguarding market integrity from extreme price volatility arising from trading incidents such as "Flash Crash" and algo errors
- Containing systemic risks caused by interlinked benchmarking index products
- For both securities and derivatives markets.

CAS and VCM are major microstructure upgrades to enhance Hong Kong market's overall competitiveness





CLOSING AUCTION SESSION (CAS)



Why CAS?

Why CAS

- Significant equity flow requires execution at the closing price (an investment mandate for many passive funds)
 - ~10% of equity flow on a daily basis
 - > 30%+ on index rebalancing days
- Closing price is used for portfolio valuations and benchmarking

Issues without a CAS

- Trades cannot be executed at closing price
- Higher tracking errors for index funds, hampering investment returns
- Exchange Participants (EPs) cannot execute at the closing price →
 Tension between EPs and investors

Meeting market demand for execution at closing price



CAS is implemented in most developed and emerging markets

All Developed Markets*

With CAS (22):

- ✓ Australia
 - Austria
- Austria
- ✓ Belgium
- ✓ Canada
- ✓ Denmark
- ✓ Finland
- ✓ France
- ✓ Germany
- ✓ Ireland
- ✓ Israel
- ✓ Italy

- ✓ Japan
- ✓ Netherlands
- ✓ New Zealand
- ✓ Norway
- ✓ Portugal
- ✓ Singapore
- ✓ Spain
- ✓ Sweden
- ✓ Switzerland
- ✓ UK
- ✓ US

Without CAS (1):

Hong Kong

Most Emerging Markets*

With CAS (20):

- ✓ Brazil
- ✓ Colombia
- ✓ Czech Republic
- ✓ Greece
- ✓ Hungary
- ✓ Indonesia
- ✓ Korea
- ✓ Mainland (SZSE)
- ✓ Malaysia
- ✓ Mexico

- ✓ Peru
- ✓ Philippines
- ✓ Poland
- ✓ Qatar
- ✓ Russia
- ✓ South Africa
- ✓ Taiwan
- ✓ Thailand
- ✓ Turkey
- ✓ UAE

Without CAS (4):

Chile

India

Egypt

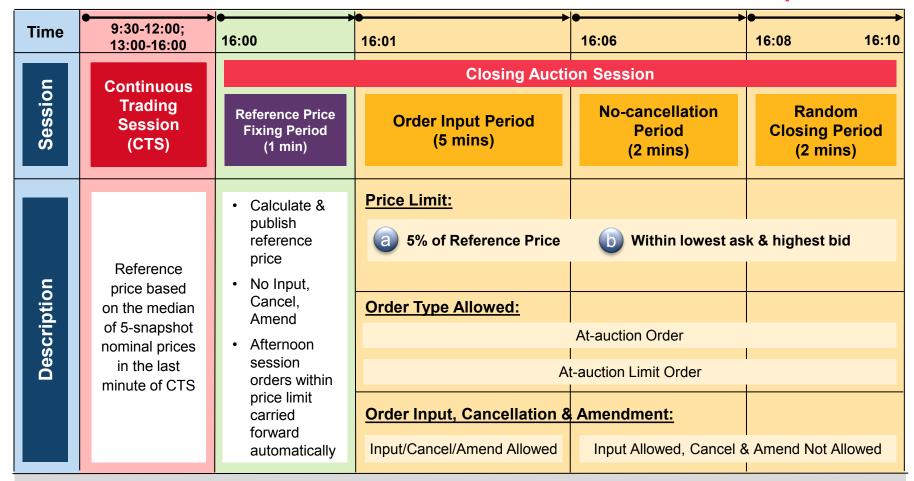
Mainland (SSE)



^{*} Based on MSCI classification.

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A new CAS model based on the consultation result will be implemented



Other New Measures

- 1. Better transparency by showing the limit for the Indicative Equilibrium Price, the 16:00 CTS closing and imbalance information (direction and quantity)
- 2. Will consider short selling with a price not below reference price in Phase 2
- 3. Allow matching of at-auction and at-auction limit orders at the reference price when an auction price cannot be determined

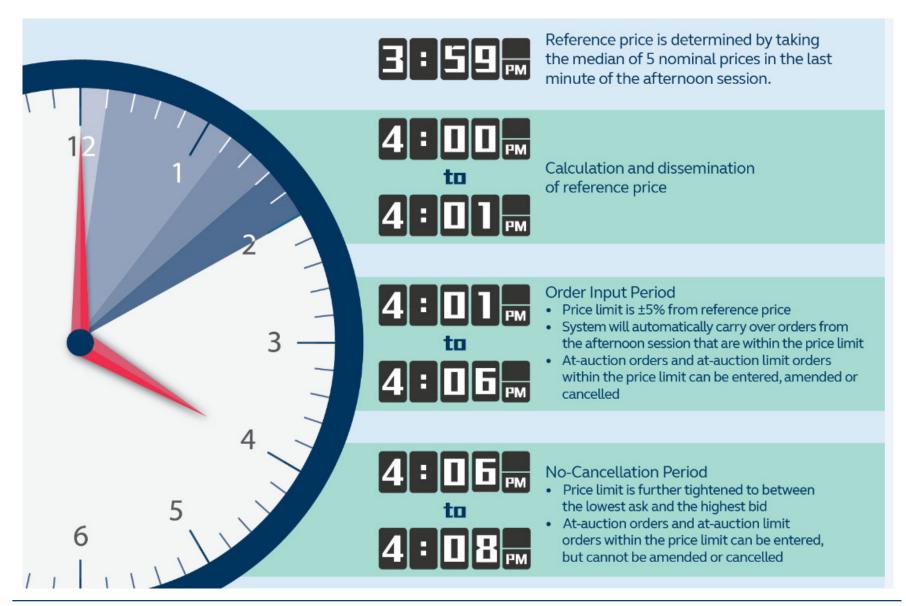


Four key features to facilitate investors trading

	Features	Descriptions			
1	Price Limit	 1st stage: ± 5% 2nd stage: Between lowest ask and highest bid 			
2	Random Closing	 Auction matching ends randomly within the 2-minute period of 16:08 to 16:10, exact ending of the CAS determined randomly by the system 			
3	At-auction Limit Orders	 All investors can input At-auction Limit orders throughout the CAS 			
4	Enhanced Auction Transparency	 New information to be displayed: Order imbalance quantity & direction, upper & lower price limit, CTS closing price/reference price Original information maintained: Indicative Equilibrium Price (IEP), Indicative Equilibrium Volume (IEV) 			



How does CAS work?





How does the market close in CAS?

Random close between 4:08pm and 4:10pm



- The following 2 minutes is the Random Closing Period
- At-auction orders and at-auction limit orders can still be entered before the random close, but cannot be amended or cancelled
- Actual closing time is determined randomly by the system
- System will match all orders at the price where the highest volume can be traded



Phased rollout to different securities to ensure a smooth rollout

CAS Phase 1

CAS Phase 2

Rollout date

Tentatively on 25 July 2016

Timing subject to review of Phase 1

Scope

Major index stocks & all ETFs

- Constituent stocks of HS Composite LargeCap and MidCap indices
- H shares with corresponding A shares listed on Mainland
- All ETFs

All equities and funds

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No equity and derivative warrants, CBBCs or debt securities

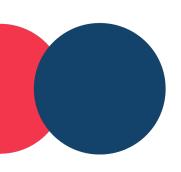
Auction Model No short selling

May allow short selling

With price not lower than reference price

Other auction features – tentatively, identical





VOLATILITY CONTROL MECHANISM (VCM)



Why VCM?

G20 & IOSCO*

 Trading venues should have suitable VCM to deal with systemic risks arising from volatile market situations

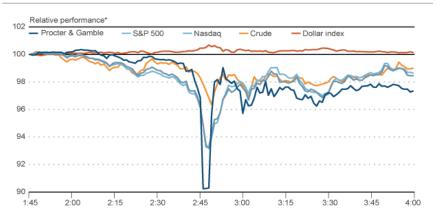
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 Support HKEX to review VCM for safeguarding market integrity

International Practice

Major US, European and Asian markets have developed VCMs over time, but not in Hong Kong

The plunge of May 6 2010



What happened

- Extreme price fluctuation started in individual instruments...
- ...triggering adverse snowballing effect / chain reaction due to interconnectedness of different asset classes and products...
- ...causing non-fundamental driven volatility in overall market
- ... leading to a loss in investor confidence and a series of regulatory and market review

It's our statutory duty to introduce a VCM to safeguard the Hong Kong market



VCM is implemented in major markets to safeguard market integrity

Country (Exchange)	Type of VCM Model	Triggering Point		Process & Resumption	Consideration for the HK Market
	Market-Level Circuit Breaker	7%, 13% and 20% drop in the S&P 500 Index		Suspend trading for all stocks in all market places for 15 minutes (7%, 13%) or for the whole day (20%)	Significant impact by halting trading of the whole market
US	Stock-Level Dynamic Price Limit & Trading Limitation*	Type of Stocks	Triggering %		Model is too complexRequire significant system changes
(All regulated		Most liquid stock group > US\$3	5%	Multiple changes in trading method:	
exchanges)		Less liquid stock group > US\$3	10%	Trading within a price limit	
		US\$0.75 ≤ stock price ≤ US\$3	20%	Trading suspension Auction	
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		Note: Rules vary for opening and close		1. Buok to 010	
Europe (e.g. LSE)	Stock Level Trading Limitation	2 reference prices (auction price and last trade)10 different triggering levels for different securities		Switching from CTS to auction with random end and extensions	 Complex model with many trading disruptions (>100 triggers per day)
Mainland (SSE /	Stock-Level Static Price Limit	10% from previous close of the stock		A stock cannot move beyond ±10% in a day	Not conducive to price discovery
SZSE)	Market level circuit breaker (suspended)	5% or 7% away from clos CSI300 index	sing index of	Whole market suspension for 15 minutes (5% trigger) or whole day (7% trigger)	Difficult to manage overnight risk
Singapore (SGX)	Stock-Level Dynamic Price Limit	10% from last trade 5 minutes ago for stocks > S\$0.5		Allow continuous trading as long as it is within the price limitMultiple triggers allowed	✓ Relative simple model✓ Well-received by the market



^{*}Trading Limitation: Mechanism with trade suspension followed by auction trading and then resumption to CTS.

^{**} Based on publicly available information. Please consult the relevant exchanges for more details or further updates if necessary.

Based on market feedback, a simple and light-touch model would be most suitable for HK

Intended to...

- Prevent drastic events such as algorithm errors/flash crash which may cause systemic risks
- Offer temporary cooling-off period and allow trading within a band during the cooling-off; normal trading to resume afterwards

Not a...

- Circuit breaker or trading halt to suspend trading
- Daily price limit for individual stocks

A simple lighttouch approach to balance market protection and trading with no limits

- Instrument level only and applicable to key HSI & HSCEI constituent stocks (81) and related index futures contracts (8)
- Reference to a dynamic price (last trade 5-minute ago) to capture rapid and large price movements; 5-minute trading within band when triggered; normal trading resumes afterwards
- Exclude auction sessions (Pre-opening Session (POS) & CAS), first 15 minutes of the CTS and the last 15 minutes of the last CTS
- Max of 1 trigger in each CTS for each instrument (i.e. 1 in the morning session and 1 in the afternoon session)



How does VCM work?

Scope of securities / derivatives products

- Securities: HSI & HSCEI constituent stocks (currently 81 stocks)
- Derivatives: HSI Futures (HSI), Mini-HSI Futures (MHI), H-shares Index Futures (HHI) and Mini H-shares
 Index Futures (MCH) spot month and the next calendar month contracts (currently 8 contracts)
- No plans to include more instruments which would be subject to the VCM.

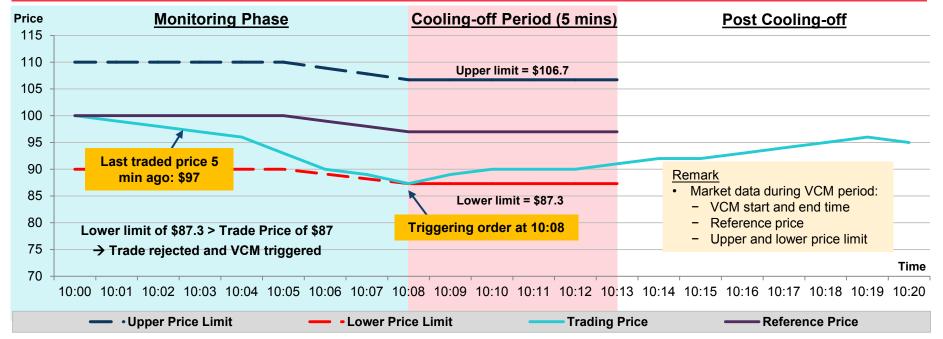
Triggering Point

• **Triggering level**: $>\pm 10\%$ from the reference price for securities market

>±5% from the reference price for derivatives market

Reference price: Last trade 5 minutes ago

Illustrative example by using the trading of an applicable VCM stock during CTS (excluding first 15 minutes of morning and afternoon sessions and last 15 minutes* of the afternoon session)





^{*} Since a VCM trigger will last for 5 minutes, the monitoring will stop 20 minutes before end of continuous trading session (CTS).

HKEX's "light-touch" approach is evidenced by the back-test statistics in the past 9+ years

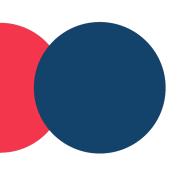
Cash Market

- No trigger for most years including
 - 2015 (when China market surged in April and May, during which HKEX observed record turnover)
 - Jan 2016 (when global financial markets experienced significant downturn)
- Once a month trigger across all applicable securities for the most volatile years such as:
 - 2007 (due to the through train speculation)
 - 2008 (due to US subprime mortgage crisis leading to the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers and global financial crisis)

Derivatives Market

2 triggers over the entire period

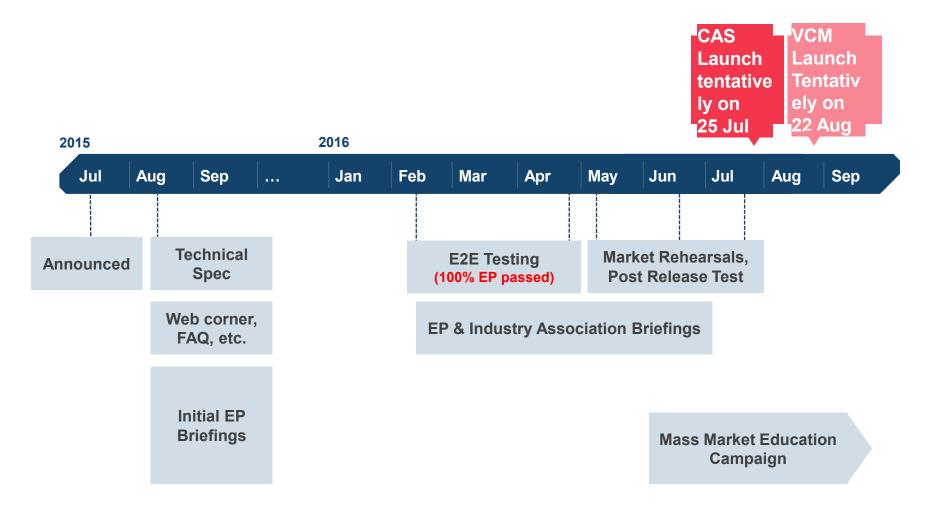




ROLLOUT PREPARATION



HKEX has actively engaged the market to ensure market participants will be ready for the launch





Reaching out to more than 2000 industry practitioners via briefings and seminars

More than 10 sessions of Exchange Participants (EP) briefings reaching out many industry practitioners





Series of seminars/luncheons with industry associations

- CPT seminars for broker associations
- Vendor seminars to their clients
- Seminar with HKSI

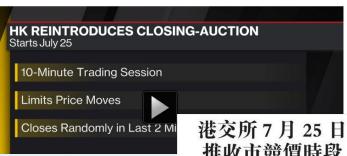
Dedicated communication and support for market participants

- Circulars, information and technical documents
 Web corner and weblinks
- Support enquiry hotlines and email address



Conducting media workshop and interviews to promote investor awareness

Hong Kong Rejoins Developed Market Bourses **With Closing Auction**



收市競價時段

準備就緒後確定。

港交所於2008年5月曾引入競價時段,但多

格過分波動

推收市競價時段

所有交易所買賣基金。而俗稱「冷靜機制」的證券市場 市調機制,暫定於8月在收市競價首階段穩定期之後推 行,確實日期稍後公布。

將安排兩次市場演習

港交所表示,端對端測試於昨天(4月22日)結束。 所有使用經紀自設系統 (BSS) 進行交易的交易所參與

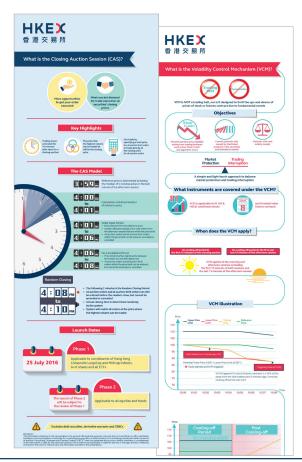
(OG)的支援將於 6 月後終止。爲了讓交易所參與者 更好地準備市場演習和收市競價交易時段首階段的實 施,香港交易所安排於5月6日、10日及12日舉行三 場簡報會

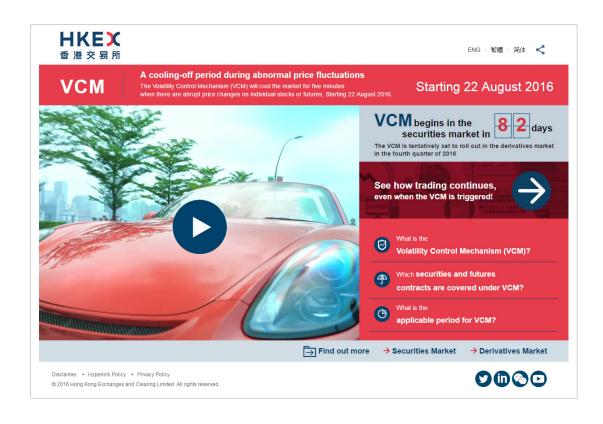




Launching a mass educational programme targeting the investing public

1 Microsites Infographics Web-corner Videos







SFC and HKEX are fully committed in detecting and deterring possible market manipulation

Joint-HKEX/SFC surveillance system enhancement program

Customised
surveillance tools for
monitoring and
detecting possible
trading irregularities in
CAS and VCM

SFC-HKEX's joint effort on real-time and ongoing market surveillance and enforcement



Key dates, useful links and enquiry information





HKEX's CAS and VCM Microsites

CAS <u>www.hkex.com.hk/cas</u> VCM <u>www.hkex.com.hk/vcm</u>

Designated Web Corner

Securities Market <u>www.hkex.com.hk/eng/market/sec_tradinfra/vcm_cas/vcm_cas.htm</u>
Derivatives Market <u>www.hkex.com.hk/eng/market/dv_tradinfra/vcm.htm</u>

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Microsites and VCM video

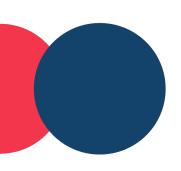
Demo sessions





Questions & Answers





APPENDICES



Appendix 1: Current closing mechanism

Illustration

Current closing mechanism

Taking the median of 5 nominal prices in the last minute of the CTS as the closing price

Snapshot	Time	Bid Price	Ask Price	Last Recorded Price	Nominal Price
1.	3:59:00 pm	\$39.40	\$39.50	\$39.50	\$39.50
2.	3:59:15 pm	\$39.40	\$39.50	\$39.50	\$39.50
3.	3:59:30 pm	\$39.30	\$39.40	\$39.50	\$39.40
4.	3:59:45 pm	\$39.30	\$39.40	\$39.40	\$39.40
5.	4:00:00 pm	\$39.20	\$39.30	\$39.30	\$39.30



Median price = \$39.40 as closing price



Appendix 2: Examples of price limit in CAS

First Stage

16:01-16:06

16:00 Price

Reference Price = \$100 Price Limit = \$95 to \$105

16:06 Price

Best (highest) Bid Price = \$103 Best (lowest) Ask Price = \$101

IEP is formed in the first stage

Second Stage

16:06-16:10

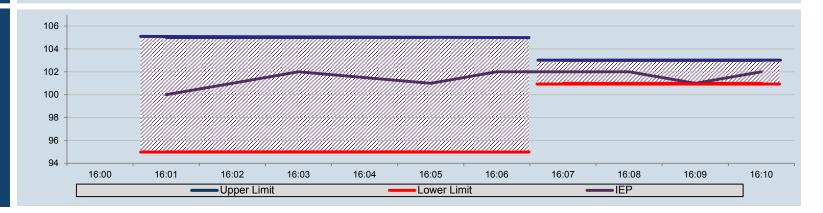
16:06 Price

IEP = \$102

At-Auction limit order price limit = \$101 to \$103

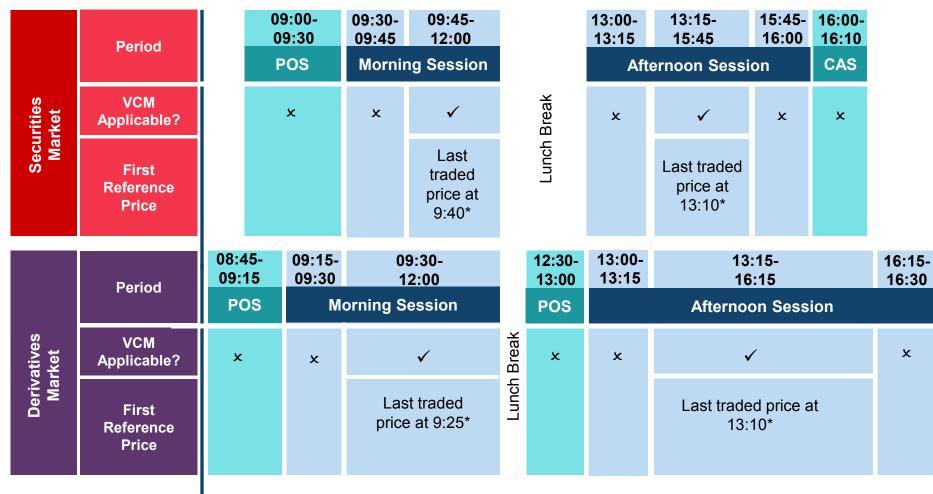
IEP price range maintains between \$101 - \$103 since no cancellation and amendments of orders after

Illustration





Appendix 3: Applicable period for VCM#



Auction Session Continuous Trading Session

POS = Pre-opening Session in the securities market or Pre-Market Opening Period in the derivatives market

