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HKEx to Introduce RMB Currency Futures on 17 September

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx) will introduce renminbi (RMB) currency futures on 17 September. The US Dollar vs Renminbi (Hong Kong) or USD/CNH* Futures contract will be the world's first deliverable RMB Currency Futures.

USD/CNH Futures will require delivery of USD by the seller and payment of the Final Settlement Value in RMB by the buyer at maturity. The futures will be quoted in RMB per USD (for example, RMB 6.2486 per USD) and margined in RMB, with the trading and settlement fees charged in RMB. The final settlement price will be based on the spot USD/CNY(HK) fixing published by the Treasury Markets Association (TMA) at 11:15 am on the Last Trading Day (the fixing is available on TMA's website (https://www.tma.org.hk/en_market_info.aspx)).

The following contract months will be available for trading on 17 September: October 2012, November 2012, December 2012, January 2013, March 2013, June 2013 and September 2013. Details of the contract specifications and a list of information vendor codes for USD/CNH Futures are attached below (they will also be available on the HKEx website). Margin requirements and market makers will be announced before the launch date.

So far, more than 1,000 market practitioners and investment professionals have attended a seminar or briefing on the new futures and more events are planned.

"These new futures are part of our strategy to offer a wide range of RMB-related products and expand beyond equities and equity-related derivatives into fixed income, currencies and commodities," said HKEx Chief Executive Charles Li. "In addition, they will help us support RMB internationalisation and Hong Kong's further development as an offshore RMB centre."

"Although we do not have any volume or open interest targets, we see great long-term potential in RMB currency futures," said Calvin Tai, HKEx's Head of Trading.

* USD - US dollar; CNH - Renminbi traded in Hong Kong.

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**Contract Specifications for
US Dollar vs Renminbi (Hong Kong) (USD/CNH) Futures**

The following Contract Specifications shall apply to the USD/CNH Futures Contract:

Contract Size	USD100,000
Contract Months	Spot month, the next three calendar months and the next three calendar quarter months (i.e. quarter months are March, June, September and December). The Chief Executive may, in consultation with the Commission, introduce additional Contract Months for trading from time to time as he considers appropriate.
Price Quotation	RMB per USD (e.g. RMB 6.2486 per USD)
Minimum Fluctuation	RMB 0.0001 (4 decimal places)
Tick Value	RMB 10
Contracted Price	The price at which a USD/CNH Futures Contract is registered by the Clearing House
Contracted Value	Contracted Price multiplied by the Contract Size (e.g. RMB 6.2486 x 100,000)
Trading Hours	9:00 am – 4:15 pm (Hong Kong time) There is no trading after 12:00 noon on the eves of Christmas, New Year and Lunar New Year. The trading hours on those three days shall be 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (Hong Kong time)
Trading Hours on the Last Trading Day	9:00 am – 11:00 am (Hong Kong time)
Trading Method	The Exchange's Automated Trading System (HKATS)
Position Limits	8,000 net contracts in all Contract Months combined and no more than 2,000 open contracts in the Spot Month Contract during the five Hong Kong Business Days up to and including the Last Trading Day per Exchange Participant for the Exchange Participant's own behalf; and 8,000 net contracts in all Contract Months combined and no more than 2,000 open contracts in the Spot Month Contract during the five Hong Kong Business Days up to and including the Last Trading Day, per Client

Large Open Positions	500 open contracts, in any one Contract Month, per Exchange Participant for the Exchange Participant's own behalf; and 500 open contracts, in any one Contract Month, per Client
Settlement Method	Delivery of US dollars by the Seller and payment of the Final Settlement Value in RMB by the Buyer in accordance with the mechanism and provisions set forth in the Regulations for trading Currency Futures Contracts and the Clearing House Rules
Final Settlement Value	Contract Size x Final Settlement Price
Final Settlement Day	The third (3rd) Wednesday of the Contract Month. If it is not a Hong Kong Business Day, the Final Settlement Day shall be the next Hong Kong Business Day
Last Trading Day	The Last Trading Day of a Contract shall be two Hong Kong Business Days prior to the Final Settlement Day
Final Settlement Price	Spot USD/CNY(HK) fixing published by the Hong Kong Treasury Markets Association* at 11:15 am on the Last Trading Day
Trading Fee (per contract per side)	Exchange Fee (in RMB) RMB 8.00 The amount indicated above is subject to change from time to time
Levies (per contract per side)	Investor Compensation Levy are payable at the rate or of the amount prescribed from time to time pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance
Commission Rate	Negotiable

*Please refer to the HKEx website

(<http://www.hkex.com.hk/eng/prod/drprod/rmb/cnhspecs.htm>) for Treasury Markets Association's disclaimer and copyright notice regarding information provided on its website.

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