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HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LIMITED

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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **UPCOMING LAUNCH OF AFTER-HOURS TRADING ENHANCEMENTS**

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Reference is made to the circulars dated 21 April 2026 (Ref: [MO/DT/100/26](#)) and 9 June 2026 (Ref: [MO/DT/142/26](#)) regarding the enhancements to After-Hours Trading (“T+1”) sessions. The Exchange is pleased to announce the launch of the T+1 enhancements is scheduled for the T+1 Session on **Monday, 20 July 2026**.

The enhancements are as follows:

1. Removal of bank holidays in both the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US) for equity index products²;
2. Reduction in time break between the regular trading session and after-hours trading session (“T and T+1 sessions”) from 45 minutes to 30 minutes; and
3. Widening of the T+1 session price limit for specified stock index futures contracts³ from $\pm 5\%$ to $\pm 6\%$ ⁴

These enhancements will enhance derivatives market accessibility, improve trading continuity between T and the T+1 sessions, and enhance flexibility in trading stock index futures, thereby facilitating more efficient price discovery.

¹ All calls to the HKATS hotline would be recorded. HKEX privacy policy statement is available [here](#).

² The T+1 session will be opened for Equity Index Products during the UK and US mutual bank holidays. Currently UK and US mutual bank holidays are Spring Bank Holiday (UK)/Memorial Day (US) on the last Monday of May and Christmas Day on 25th December.

³ List of specified stock index futures contracts from 9 Jun 2026 circular available [here](#).

⁴ The corresponding Option Trading Halt Mechanism (“THM”) Percentage will be updated to 6% on launch date. For more details of the THM framework, please refer to Appendix 7 – HKATS User Guide [here](#).

Updated trading arrangements are available on the designated After-Hours Trading [web corner](#), including the list of stock index futures subject to the widening T+1 session price limit to $\pm 6\%$ and the T+1 session start times by product group. Exchange Participants may refer to the web corner and the aforementioned circulars for further details.

For the amendments to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures of the Futures Exchange in relation to the first two enhancements above, please refer to the Exchange Circular (Ref: [LSD/029/2026](#)).

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