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HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LIMITED

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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **After-Hours Trading Enhancements**

Enquiry: HKATS Hotline¹ Tel: 2211-6360

Reference is made to the circular dated 27 November 2025 (Ref: [MO/DT/260/25](#)). Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEX") plans to enhance the After-Hours Trading ("T+1") session in the derivatives market around **mid-2026**, subject to market readiness and regulatory approval.

The enhancements will provide Exchange Participants ("EPs") with increased accessibility of the derivatives market and improve trading continuity during the T+1 session. Please see the following features of the After-Hours Trading Enhancements:

1. Removal of Bank Holidays in both the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US) for Equity Index Products:

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 May² and Christmas Day on 25th December.

2. Reduction in Time Break between the T and T+1 Sessions from 45 Minutes to 30 Minutes:

T+1 session will commence 15 minutes earlier for all T+1 products, including Equity Index, Currency and Commodity products³:

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

² Please be advised that there will be no After-Hours Trading (T+1) Session for equity index products on 25 May 2026, which is a bank holiday in both the United Kingdom and the United States. The removal of the US and UK mutual bank holiday arrangement will take effect from mid-2026 onwards.

³ For the list of products available for the T+1 session, please refer to the following link:

https://www.hkex.com.hk/Services/Trading/Derivatives/Overview/Trading-Mechanism/After-Hours-Trading?sc_lang=en

Product Group ⁴	Current T+1 Session	Proposed T+1 Session
1	14:30 – 03:00 on the next calendar day	14:15 – 03:00 on the next calendar day
2	17:15 – 03:00 on the next calendar day	17:00 – 03:00 on the next calendar day
3	19:15 – 03:00 on the next calendar day	19:00 – 03:00 on the next calendar day

To ensure the EP's readiness for the reduction in time break between T and T+1 sessions, a Practice Session will be arranged for EPs on Saturday, 20 June 2026 to verify their operational readiness. EPs who are eligible to trade during T+1 session are highly recommended to participate in the Practice Session. EPs who wish to participate in the Practice Session should complete the [online registration form](#) on or before 12 June 2026. A detailed activity rundown of the Practice Session will be sent to the registered EP by 16 June 2026.

For any enquiries, please contact the HKATS hotline at 2211 6360 or email to HKATSupport@hkex.com.hk.

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⁴ Product grouping is by T+1 start time. For the list of products under each Product Group, please refer to the following link: https://www.hkex.com.hk/Services/Trading/Derivatives/Overview/Trading-Mechanism/After-Hours-Trading?sc_lang=en