

Important Notice of Trading China A Shares via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Due to the differences between the markets in terms of trading regulations, investment environment and investment products etc, the customers have to face other potential risks in addition to the investment risks of trading in local markets. When investing in relation to trading of A shares listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange via Northbound Trading of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and listed on Shenzhen Stock Exchange via Northbound Trading of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, customers should grasp the basic knowledge of the Mainland stock market, understand the trading rules of the stock exchange and fully aware of the investment risks arising from trading via Shanghai Stock Connect and "Shenzhen Stock Connect", and thus leading to rational investment. The following points are the operations and overview of some of the potential risks related to "Shanghai Stock Connect" and "Shenzhen Stock Connect". Customers should have a comprehensive understanding of other potential risks prior to investment. Please refer to the Rules of the Exchange, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) website and other documents for detailed information.

Details of Operation of Stock Code, Board Lot/Odd Lot, Order Size and Tick Size

Customers should note that A shares trading will follow the Shanghai Stock Exchange's (SSE) or Shenzhen Stock Exchange's (SZSE) trading hour. The stock codes of SSE and SZSE Securities are 6 digits and customers should use SSE and SZSE stock codes when placing orders. All trading must be conducted on SSE or SZSE, i.e. no over-the-counter (OTC) or manual trades are allowed. SSE and SZSE Securities are subject to the same trading board lot size, which is 100 shares (buy orders must be in board lots). Odd lot trading is only available for sell orders and all odd lots should be sold in one single order. The maximum order size is 1 million shares and the tick size is uniformly set at RMB 0.01. Customer are not allow carry out naked short selling activities. Please refer HKEX website for detailed information.

The recalling of eligible stocks

Customers can only trade eligible A shares. When a stock is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via "Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect" or "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect", the stock can only be sold but restricted from being bought. This may affect the investment portfolio or strategies of customers. Customers should therefore pay close attention to the list of eligible stocks as provided and renewed from time to time by SSE, SZSE and SEHK.

Trading and Settlement Currency

The trading and settlement currency of A shares are in RMB. Customers need to have sufficient RMB funds for trading A shares.

Only Limited order is available

Only limited order is accepted for A shares transaction.

Price Limit

Customers should pay attention to the price limit of Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) and Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE). All orders input for A shares must be at or within the price limit, i.e. cannot exceed +/- 10% of the previous closing price. (+/- 5% for A shares in the risk alert board).

Arrangement of order amendment

If a customer wants to amend an A shares order which has been issued, he/she has to cancel the existing order and place a new order subject to the quota balance at that moment and queue up again.

Stock and money settlement arrangement

For A shares trading, stock settlement will be conducted on T-day, and will settle the money (including the transaction amount as well as the related fees and levies) on T+1 day. Moreover, customers should also note the listing date of bonus shares Shenzhen Stock Exchange would be on the following day of the record date.

Shareholding restriction and disclosure obligation

According to the regulations of the Mainland China, single foreign investor's shareholding in a particular A share should not exceed 10% of the total issued shares. All foreign investors' shareholding in the A shares of a listed company is not allowed to exceed 30% of its total issued shares. For any exceeding of this threshold, HKEX will identify and arrange forced-sale of the relevant A-shares. Customers should make sure the shareholding percentage complies with the related restriction. The Mainland China also requires single investors to report in writing to the China Securities Regulatory Commission within a specified period and the relevant exchange and inform the listed companies when the percentage of A shares held or controlled by the investor exceeds 5% of its total issued shares. Customers have to conform to the relevant rules themselves. Also customers should understand fully the Mainland rules and regulations in relation to short-swing profits, disclosure obligations and follow such rules and regulations accordingly.

Quotas restriction

Once the daily quota is used up, acceptance of the corresponding buy orders will also be immediately suspended and no further buy orders will be accepted for the remainder of the day. Buy orders which have been accepted will not be affected by the using up of the daily quota, while sell orders will be continued to be accepted. Depending on the aggregate quota balance situation, buying services will be resumed on the following trading day. Customers should not place buy orders with fictitious prices in order to secure or reserve the quota.

Trading day difference

"Shanghai Stock Connect" and "Shenzhen Stock Connect" will only operate on days when both markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. So it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the Mainland market but customers cannot carry out any A-share trading. Customers should take note of the days "Shanghai Stock Connect" and "Shenzhen Stock Connect" is open for business and decide according to their own risk tolerance capability whether or not to take on the risk of price fluctuations in A-shares during the time when "Shanghai Stock Connect" and "Shenzhen Stock Connect" is not trading.

Day (turnaround) Trading

Customers are not allowed to carry out A shares day trading. A shares bought on trade day (T-day) can only be sold on or after T+1 day.

經滬港通、深港通買賣中國A股注意事項

由於滬、深、港市場在交易所規則、投資環境以及投資產品等方面都存在一定差異，客戶除面對與香港股票市場投資同樣的風險外，還可能面臨其他潛在特殊風險。因此客戶在參與「滬港通」及「深港通」下的「滬股通」及「深股通」A股股票（「A股」）交易前，宜掌握內地市場的證券基礎知識，了解交易所業務規則，充分知曉「滬股通」及「深股通」投資運作及風險後，始理性地參與投資。以下列舉部份涉及「滬股通」及「深股通」的運作及潛在風險，惟未能盡錄，客戶在參與交易前，還應認真全面了解其他可能潛在的風險因素。請參閱《交易所規則》、香港交易所（港交所）網站及其他文件以了解詳情。

股票代碼、每手單位/碎股、買賣盤規模及最低上落價位等運作

客戶須按上海交易所（上交所）/深圳交易所（深交所）的交易時間進行A股買賣，在輸入股票買賣盤時應使用上交所/深交所6位數字的股票代碼。客戶所有交易均是在上交所或深交所進行，而非場外交易或非自動對盤交易。「滬股通」及「深股通」股票買賣每手均為100股（必須以整手輸入買賣盤）。僅賣盤可接納碎股，而所有碎股必須以單一賣盤出售。滬股/深股最大買賣盤為100萬股，最低上落價位劃一為人民幣0.01元。此外，客戶不得進行無備兌賣空活動。請參閱港交所網站以了解資訊。

合資格股票的調出

客戶只能買賣合資格股票。當一些原本為「滬港通」或「深港通」合資格股票被調出「滬港通」或「深港通」範圍時，該股票只能被賣出而不能被買入。這對客戶的投資組合或策略可能有影響。客戶需要密切關注兩地交易所或港交所網站提供及不時更新的合資格股票名單。

交易及結算貨幣

A股交易以人民幣進行交易及結算，客戶需備有足夠的人民幣資金以進行A股交易。

只接受限價盤

A股交易只接受以限價盤形式落盤。

價格限制

客戶須留意上交所及深交所實行價格限制，所有A股交易訂單的價格必須在價格限制範圍之內，即落盤價格不可超過前一日收市價的+/-10%（被納入風險警示板的A股的價格限制則為+/-5%）。

改盤安排

如客戶欲修改已發出的A股交易指示，必須先取消原有指示，然後根據當時額度餘額情況發出新的指示，並重新排隊。

股票交收及資金結算安排

客戶進行A股交易，股票交收將於T日進行，於T+1日進行資金結算（包括交易金額及相關稅費）。客戶亦應留意深交所內宣佈的紅股的上市日期為記錄日期之下一個工作天。

持股限制及披露責任

根據中國內地法規，單一境外投資者對單一A股的持股比例，不得超過該A股股份總數的10%；所有境外投資者對單一A股的持股比例，不得超過該A股股份總數的30%。客戶須自行確保持股比例不超過相關規定，若超過持股限額，香港交易所將識別並安排強制出售相關A股。當客戶持有或控制內地上市公司已發行股份達5%時，其須以書面形式於指定限期內向中國證監會及有關交易所匯報，並通知上市公司，客戶須自行遵守相關規定。此外，客戶亦應完全瞭解並遵守中國內地有關短線交易利潤及其他披露責任的法規。

額度限制

每日額度用完時，會即時暫停相應買賣盤交易訂單（已獲接受的買賣盤不會因每日額度用盡而受到影響，此外仍可繼續接受賣盤訂單），當日不會再次接受買賣盤訂單，但會視乎總額度餘額狀況於下一個交易日恢復買賣盤交易。客戶切勿意圖「預留」或「霸佔」額度而輸入買賣盤訂單。

交易日差異

由於「滬股通」及「深股通」只有在兩地市場均為交易日、而且兩地市場的銀行在相應的款項交收日均開放時才會開放，所以有可能出現內地市場為正常交易日、而香港客戶卻不能買賣A股的情況。客戶應該注意「滬股通」及「深股通」的開放日期，並因應自身的風險承受能力決定是否在「滬股通」及「深股通」不交易的期間承擔A股價格波動的風險。

回轉交易限制

客戶不可以回轉交易方式（俗稱「即日鮮」）進行A股買賣，於交易日（T日）買入的A股只可於T+1日或之後賣出。

Restrictions on selling imposed by front-end monitoring

For investors who keep their A-shares outside of their brokers, if they want to sell certain A-shares they hold, they must transfer those A-shares to the respective accounts of their brokers before the market opens on the day of selling (T day). If they fail to meet this deadline, they will not be able to sell those A-shares on T day.

Force-sell arrangement

The Bank has the right to force-sell client's shares upon receiving the forced-sale notification from HKEX.

A shares depository

Since A shares are issued in scripless form, customers cannot withdraw A shares in physical form.

Risks of client assets received or held outside Hong Kong

Client assets received or held by the licensed or registered person outside Hong Kong are subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the relevant overseas jurisdiction which may be different from the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571) and the rules made thereunder. Consequently, such client assets may not enjoy the same protection as that conferred on client assets received or held in Hong Kong.

Company announcement and General meetings arrangement

Follow the market practice. For the company announcements issued by SSE and SSE-listed companies, Customers should refer to the websites of Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and officially appointed newspapers and website. Following existing market practice, investors engaged in the trading of A Shares will not be able to attend general meetings by proxy or in person, unlike the current practice in Hong Kong in respect of SEHK-listed shares.

Case of Contingency or Arrangement under severe weather conditions

The Bank may not be able to send in customer's order cancellation requests in case of contingency such as when HKEX loses all its communication lines with SSE or SZSE, etc and customers should still bear the settlement obligations if the orders are matched and executed. If the typhoon signal no.8 is announced after Shanghai SSE or SZSE market opens, customers can only cancel orders and enquire transaction order status via channels other than branches (for instances, Internet Banking, manned investment trading hotline). Also the Bank shall have the right to cancel customer's orders without prior notice in case of contingency such as hoisting of Typhoon Signal No 8. Also, if SSE or SZSE suspends "SH Northbound Trading" or "SZ Northbound Trading" due to severe weather conditions, customers will not be able to trade A shares.

Restrictions on trading Shenzhen ChiNext shares (Only eligible for "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect")

Trading Shenzhen ChiNext shares limited to institutional professional investors.

Other Transaction Costs

Owing to the difference of fee schedule between the listed Hong Kong shares and A-shares, Customers should fully understand the charging arrangement, levies and taxes prior to trading via "Shanghai Stock Connect" or "Shenzhen Stock Connect". In addition, enterprises established in the People's Republic of China, shall withhold for payment of the corporate income tax at the rate of 10% of the dividend when distributing dividends to non-resident enterprise shareholders.

Other

The Bank has the rights to forward the client's identity to HKEX which may on-forward to SSE or SZSE for surveillance and investigation purposes. If the SSE Rules or SZSE Rules are breached, or the disclosure and other obligations referred to in the SSE Rules or SZSE Rules are breached, SSE or SZSE has the power to carry out an investigation, and may, through HKEX, require the Bank to provide relevant information and materials and to assist in its investigation. HKEX may upon SSE's or SZSE's request, require the Bank to reject orders from the customer. The Bank has the rights to execute the request.

The customer needs to accept the risks concerned in Northbound trading, including but not limited to prohibition of trading SSE Securities and SZSE Securities, comply with SSE Rules or SZSE Rules, the SSE Listing Rules or SZSE Listing Rules, mainland China's laws and regulations of trading at China Connect Securities and other applicable laws and regulations.

SSE and SZSE may request SEHK to require the EP to issue warning statements (verbally or in writing) to the customer, and not to provide Northbound trading service to the customer; and

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前端監控對沽出的限制

對於那些將A股存放於券商以外的投資者而言，如果需要沽出所持有的某些A股股票，必須在不晚於沽出當天（T日）開市前成功把該A股股票轉至券商帳戶中。如果投資者錯過了此期限，他/她將不能於T日沽出該A股。

強制出售安排

本行有權於接獲香港交易所的強制出售通知時強制出售客戶股份。

A股存管

A股以無紙化形式發行，因此客戶不能以股票實物形式提取A股。

在香港以外地方收取或持有的客戶資產的風險

持牌人或註冊人在香港以外地方收取或持有的客戶資產，是受到有關海外司法管轄區的適用法律及規例所監管的。這些法律及規例與《證券及期貨條例》(第571章)及根據該條例制訂的規則可能有所不同。因此，有關客戶資產將可能不會享有賦予在香港收取或持有的客戶資產的相同保障。

公司通訊及股東大會安排

根據現有的市場慣例，關於上交所及深交所上市公司發出的公司公告，客戶應自行瀏覽上交所及深交所網站以及官方指定報章及網站。另外，客戶不能委派代表或親身出席股東大會。

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在緊急情況（例如聯交所失去與上交所的所有聯絡渠道等）下，本行或未能發出客戶的取消買賣盤指令；在該等情況下，如訂單經已配對及執行，客戶須承擔交收責任。若於上交所或深交所開市後，香港宣佈懸掛8號或以上颱風，由颱風生效起客戶只能透過網上/手機買賣平台渠道辦理消盤及查詢交易指示狀態。本行亦有權於緊急情況（如懸掛八號颱風訊號）下取消客戶訂單而無須另行通知。另外，若上交所或深交所因天氣惡劣而暫停「滬股通」及「深股通」交易，客戶將不能買賣A股。

買賣深圳創業板股票的限制（只適用於深港通）

買賣深圳創業板股票僅限於機構專業投資者。

交易相關費用安排

港股與中國A股收費項目及準則不同，客戶宜在參與「滬股通」或「深股通」前充分了解可能需要繳納的費用、徵費及稅費等安排。另外，凡中國境內企業向非居民企業股東派發股息時，需代扣代繳股息的10%為企業所得稅。

其他

本行有權向香港交易所轉發客戶身份資料，香港交易所可能將該等資料繼而轉發予上交所或深交所以作監察及調查之用。倘發現有違反上交所規則或深交所規則所述的披露及其他責任的情況，上交所或深交所所有權進行調查，並可能透過香港交易所要求本行提供相關資料及材料協助調查。香港交易所或會應上交所、深交所要求，要求本行拒絕處理客戶訂單。本行有權執行有關要求。

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