

## **Brief History of Hong Kong Stock Market's Association with Exchange Square**

- **1980:** The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (SEHK) was incorporated to unify the city's four exchanges — the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Far East Exchange, the Kam Ngan Stock Exchange and the Kowloon Stock Exchange (established in 1947, 1969, 1971 and 1972, respectively).
- **1982:** The Hong Kong Government offered a prime site of reclaimed land in Central for a commercial development that would house the new unified stock exchange, with the tender awarded to Hongkong Land to build Exchange Square.
- **1985:** Upon Exchange Square's completion, the Trading Hall was handed back to the Government to be leased to SEHK.
- **1986:** The four exchanges ceased business on 27 March. SEHK opened for business at its new Trading Hall in Exchange Square on 2 April, with the new premises officially opened on 6 October, and at its height accommodated over 1,200 traders.
- **2000:** The merger of SEHK, Hong Kong Futures Exchange, and Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company into HKEX took effect on 6 March, and HKEX was listed on SEHK by introduction on 27 June.
- **2006:** The renovated Trading Hall opened in January, with the trading area reduced by over half to accommodate new exhibition space and booths for broadcast media.
- **2011:** HKEX inaugurated the iconic Gong-strike ceremony in December to mark new listings at the Trading Hall.
- **2017:** HKEX closed the Trading Hall on 27 October for extensive transformation, marking the end of floor trading in Hong Kong's securities markets, as new technology enabled off-floor trades and significantly reduced demand for floor trading.
- **2018:** HKEX Connect Hall was unveiled in February as a financial market showcase, and an icon for signature market-open ceremonies. The Hong Kong Museum of Finance opened in March.
- **2022:** HKEX Connect Hall was revitalised to reflect HKEX's commitment to connectivity, with state-of-the art enhancements adding more versatile collaboration space for our communities, partners and colleagues.
- **2025:** HKEX announces strategic investment in Exchange Square to establishment Group's permanent headquarters, with purchase of nine office floors at the top of One Exchange Square and additional space adjacent to HKEX Connect Hall, part of long-term partnership with Hongkong Land and commitment to the long-term vibrancy of Hong Kong's markets.