HKEX
香港交易所

香港交易及結算所有限公司
HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING LIMITED
(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
Stock Codes: 388 (HKD counter) and 80388 (RMB counter)

Proposed Change of Auditor

Reference is made to the announcement issued by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEX" or the "Company") on 27 February 2025, disclosing, among others, the commencement of an audit tender for HKEX and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") for the year ending 31 December 2026, which is in line with the Group's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance. Selected accounting firms, including HKEX's current auditor, PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PwC"), have been invited to participate in the tender process.

Following the conclusion of the tender process and based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee of HKEX, the Board of Directors of HKEX (the "Board") has resolved to appoint KPMG as the external auditor of the Group for the year ending 31 December 2026, subject to approval by shareholders of HKEX ("Shareholders") at the 2026 annual general meeting ("AGM").

PwC, which was re-appointed as the Auditor at the 2025 AGM on 30 April 2025 to undertake the Group's audit for 2025, will retire as the Auditor at the conclusion of the 2026 AGM. The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation to PwC for its professional services and support to the Group during the past years.

The Company confirms that, to its best knowledge, there are no matters in connection with PwC's prospective retirement as the Auditor, which need to be brought to the attention of its Shareholders. Following completion by PwC of the Group's audit for 2025, the Company will make further disclosure under Rule 13.51(4) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

By Order of the Board
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Timothy Tsang
Group Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 5 November 2025

As at the date of this announcement, HKEX's Board of Directors comprises 12 Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr Carlson TONG (Chairman), Mr Nicholas Charles ALLEN, Mr Peter Wilhelm Hubert BRIEN, Mr CHAN Kin Por, Mr CHEAH Cheng Hye, Ms CHEUNG Ming Ming, Anna, Mr CHIA Pun Kok, Herbert, Mrs CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan, Ms DING Chen, Mr LEUNG Pak Hon, Hugo, Mr YAM Chi Kwong, Joseph and Mr ZHANG Yichen, and one Executive Director, Ms CHAN Yiting, Bonnie, who is also the Chief Executive of HKEX.