

Notice of Enhancement of Settlement Arrangement for “Multi-counter Eligible Securities” by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited

Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“HKSCC”) is going to enhance the settlement arrangement for “Multi-counter Eligible Securities”¹(e.g. Dual Counter Securities and multi-counter ETF) in Central Clearing and Settlement System (“CCASS”) on 30 June 2025 (the “Effective Date”). After the enhancement come into effect, investors will no longer be required to perform an inter-counter transfer before inter-counter trading². Multiple trading currency counters (e.g. HKD counter and RMB counter) will still be available on the trading front per security as per existing trading arrangement, and be traded under separate securities codes (e.g. the securities codes for HKD counter and RMB counter of the same “Multi-counter Eligible Security” will normally be a 5-digit number starting with a “0” and “8” respectively, with the last four digits for both counters normally be the same). However, all post-trade activities for Multi-counter Eligible Securities will be shown under the “Domain Settlement Counter”³ only. Under normal circumstances, the “Domain Settlement Counter” of a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” refers to the HKD counter. However, if there is any new “Multi-counter Eligible Security” that do not have an HKD counter, the other currency counter (e.g. RMB or other currency), designated by the HKSCC from time to time will be the “Domain Settlement Counter”.

To align with the abovementioned enhancement of settlement arrangement by HKSCC, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (the “Bank”) will make the following adjustments for the “Multi-counter Eligible Securities”:

¹ “Multi-counter Eligible Security” means eligible securities of the same class of an issuer which have been approved or accepted for listing and trading on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong in different eligible currencies under separate securities code numbers in accordance with the Listing Rules. There are multiple trading currency counters for these securities. The securities under different counters are denominated, traded and money settled in different eligible currencies. Though the securities under multiple trading currency counters are under separate securities codes, they are of the same class with the same shareholders’ rights and entitlements.

² Inter-counter trading means buying in one counter and selling in another counter as two independent transactions, even though both transactions involve the same security.

³ After the enhancement become effective, customer may visit Mobile Banking (click “Securities” > “Market Information” > “Stock Information”), Internet Banking (click “Investment” > “HK Securities” > “Stock Information”) or our website www.bochk.com (click “Investment” > “Securities” > “Product Features” > “Stock Trading Made Strategic” > “Stock Information” > “HK Stock Information”) to check the securities codes of the “Domain Settlement Counter” of the relevant securities.



	Before the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
Need to perform inter-counter transfer before “Inter-counter Trading”?	Yes	No
Which trading currency counter’s securities code is used to show shareholdings?	Use the securities code of the <u>trading currency counter</u> you use to conduct the transaction	Will use the securities code of the “ <u>Domain Settlement Counter</u> ” of the “Multi-counter Eligible Security”
Which trading currency counter’s securities code is used for deposit/transfer securities and submit corporate action instruction?	Use the securities code of the <u>trading currency counter</u> you hold the securities	Will use the securities code of the “ <u>Domain Settlement Counter</u> ” of the “Multi-counter Eligible Security”
Which trading currency counter’s currency is used to show the reference average purchase price and reference gain/loss calculated by the “Automatic Calculate Average Purchase Price” feature ⁴ ?	The <u>trading currency counter</u> through which you hold the securities	The “ <u>Domain Settlement Counter</u> ” of the “Multi-counter Eligible Security”

Examples

Assuming there is a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” with HKD counter (securities short name: ABC and securities code: 0XXXX) and RMB counter (securities short name: ABC – R and securities code: 8XXXX). The “Domain Settlement Counter” is the HKD counter.

⁴ (For retail customers only) Customer can activate the “Automatic Calculate Average Purchase Price” feature via Mobile Banking (click “Menu” > “Securities” > “My Securities Account”) or Internet Banking (click “Investment” > “HK Securities” > “Account Details”). The feature will become effective after one working day. The feature is for reference only, which does not reflect the actual situation, and cannot be used as the basis for securities trading.



1. Customer places an order to buy 100 shares of #8XXXX. After execution, the shareholdings will be shown as below:

	Before the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
Securities Code	#8XXXX	#0XXXX ("Domain Settlement Counter")
Shareholdings	100 shares	100 shares

2. Customer places orders to buy 500 shares of #0XXXX and 300 shares of #8XXXX. After execution, the shareholdings will be shown as below:

	Before the Effective Date		From the Effective Date
Securities Code	#0XXXX	#8XXXX	#0XXXX ("Domain Settlement Counter")
Shareholdings	500 shares	300 shares	800 shares

3. Customer has bought 100 shares of #0XXXX before and wants to sell these 100 shares through the RMB counter:

	Before the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
"Inter-counter Trading"	Customer should inter-counter transfer the 100 shares of #0XXXX from HKD counter to RMB counter and then use the securities code of the RMB counter (#8XXXX) to sell these 100 shares.	Customer can directly use the securities code of the RMB counter (#8XXXX) to sell these 100 shares. No need to transfer these 100 shares from HKD counter to RMB counter beforehand.

4. Customer transfer 100 shares of #8XXXX from another bank to the Bank:

	Before the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
Deposit securities	Customer should use the securities code of #8XXXX to deposit the 100 shares	Customer should use the securities code of the "Domain Settlement Counter" (#0XXXX) to deposit the 100 shares



5. Customer submit corporate action instruction:

	Before the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
Submit corporate action instruction	If a customer holds #8XXXX, he/she should use the securities code of #8XXXX to submit instruction	Customer should use the securities code of the “Domain Settlement Counter” (#0XXXX) to submit instruction

6. Customer has already activated the “Automatic Calculate Average Purchase Price” feature and then buy 100 shares of #8XXXX via the RMB counter. Before the Effective date, the reference average purchase price and reference gain/loss calculated by the feature will be reflected in the currency (RMB) of the trading currency counter through which #8XXXX is bought. From the effective date, such reference average purchase price and reference gain/loss will change to be reflected in the equivalent amount of the currency of the “Domain Settlement Counter”.

	Before the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
Securities code	#8XXXX	#0XXXX (“Domain Settlement Counter”)
Shareholdings	100 shares	100 shares
Reference average purchase price and reference gain/loss	Reflected in RMB	Reflected in HKD (Currency of the “Domain Settlement Counter”)

For details, please refer to Appendix 1 《Important Notice for Multi-counter Eligible Securities》.

Important Notice for Securities Margin Services

Please note that the securities margin services will be adjusted as below,

	Before the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
Shareholdings and their loanable value	The loanable value will be calculated based on the market price and loanable percentage of its currency counter separately.	All shareholdings of “Multi-counter Eligible Securities” in securities margin account and their loanable value will be calculated and displayed based on the market price and currency of the “Domain Settlement Counter”, regardless of the purchase counter.
Trading of “Multi-counter Eligible Securities”	Only support trading of relevant shareholding via the same currency counter. Inter-counter transfer/transaction is not supported [^] .	Only support trading “Multi-counter Eligible Securities” via “Domain Settlement Counter”.

[^]Please note that if a Good Till Date order which crosses the Conversion Date is submitted, only order instructions of “Domain Settlement Counter” of “Multi-counter Eligible Securities” will be supported.

Please note that the existing shareholdings held before the Effective Date will be converted according to <Arrangement of Conversion of Existing Shareholdings of “Multi-counter Eligible Securities”> listed below, the margin ratio of securities margin account and the loanable value of relevant securities may be affected after the conversion.



Important information about "Wealth Portfolio Financing" Overdraft Facility Service

	Before the Effective Date	From the Effective Date
Eligible list of Loanable Shares	Only designated eligible HKD securities are accepted as collateral	Remain unchanged If your holdings in non-HKD counters are "Multi-counter Eligible Securities" and are also on the list of Eligible list of Loanable Shares, the relevant Securities will be charged for the "Wealth Portfolio Financing" service with the loan ratio in the list and obtain the relevant credit limit.
Selling securities through HKD counter	Can sell securities through HKD counter via any trading channel	Remain unchanged
Selling securities through non-HKD counter	Can sell securities through non-HKD counter via any trading channel	If your securities account is charged to the Bank, you could not sell the securities through non-HKD counter in Mobile / Internet Banking. You can only sell securities through HKD counters in Mobile / Internet Banking. If you want to sell your securities through non-HKD counter, please contact our Investment Service Hotline at (852) 3988 2688 to conduct the transaction or transfer the relevant securities to other non-charged securities account which you will then be able to sell securities through non-HKD counters in Mobile / Internet Banking.



Reminder: Holdings held prior to the Effective Date will be converted in accordance with the <Arrangement of Conversion of Existing Shareholdings of “Multi-counter Eligible Securities”> below, in which case there may be a change in the credit limit of the “Wealth Portfolio Financing” Overdraft Facility Service

Arrangement of Conversion of Existing Shareholdings of “Multi-counter Eligible Securities”

To align with the conversion of existing shareholdings in all “Multi-counter Eligible Securities” from other currency counters to “Domain Settlement Counters” carried out by HKSCC on 28 June 2025 (the “Conversion Date”), the Bank will also carry out a conversion of your existing shareholdings in all “Multi-counter Eligible Securities” from other currency counters to “Domain Settlement Counters” on the Conversion Date. You can check your shareholdings after conversion via Mobile Banking (Click “Menu” > “Securities” > “My Securities Account”) or Internet Banking (Click “Investment” > “HK Securities” > “Account Details” > “Customer Holdings”) around one day after the conversion. The daily statement and monthly statement issued by the Bank afterwards will also reflect the related records. To facilitate the aforementioned arrangement of conversion of existing shareholdings, from the Conversion Date to 8:30 a.m. of the Effective Date, the Bank will stop to accept order instructions of currency counters other than “Domain Settlement Counter”. Also, if before the Conversion Date, a Good Till Date order with good till date beyond the Conversion Date is submitted, our Bank will not accept order instructions of currency counters other than “Domain Settlement Counter”.

Examples

Assuming there is a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” with HKD counter (securities short name: ABC and securities code: 0XXXX) and RMB counter (securities short name: ABC – R and securities code: 8XXXX). The “Domain Settlement Counter” is the HKD counter



1. Customer is holding 100 shares of #8XXXX before the conversion. On the Conversion Date, these 100 shares of #8XXXX will be converted to 100 shares of #0XXXX.

	Before Conversion	After Conversion
Securities code	#8XXXX	#0XXXX ("Domain Settlement Counters")
Shareholdings	100 shares	100 shares

2. Customer is holding 100 shares of #0XXXX before the conversion. As #0XXXX is the "Domain Settlement Counter", the display of shareholdings will remain unchanged after the conversion.

	Before Conversion	After Conversion
Securities code	#0XXXX	#0XXXX ("Domain Settlement Counters")
Shareholdings	100 shares	100 shares

3. Before the conversion, customer is holding 200 shares of #0XXXX and 100 shares of #8XXXX. On the Conversion Date, the 100 shares of #8XXXX will be converted to 100 shares of #0XXXX while the 200 shares of #0XXXX will remain unchanged after the conversion.

	Before Conversion		After Conversion
Securities code	#0XXXX	#8XXXX	#0XXXX ("Domain Settlement Counters")
Shareholdings	200 shares	100 shares	300 shares

If you have already activated⁵ the "Automatic Calculate Average Purchase Price" feature⁶ in Mobile / Internet Banking, and you have shareholdings in the other currency counter of the "Multi-counter Eligible Securities". The reference average purchase price and the reference gain/loss reflected by the feature will change to be reflected in

⁵ The feature will become effective after one working day.

⁶ The feature is for reference only, which does not reflect the actual situation, and cannot be used as the basis for securities trading.



the equivalent amount of the currency of the “Domain Settlement Counter”. If you have not activated the “Automatic Calculate Average Purchase Price” feature in Mobile / Internet Banking and the reference average purchase price is input by yourself, the reference average purchase price will also be reflected in the equivalent amount of the currency of the “Domain Settlement Counter” after the conversion⁷. If you need to keep record of the reference average purchase price and the reference gain/loss before the conversion, please record them beforehand.

Should you have any enquiry/response, please contact Investment Service Hotline at (852) 3988 2688 or Online Customer Service Enquiry via Mobile Banking.

Should there be any inconsistency between the English and Chinese versions, the Chinese version shall prevail.

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⁷ (For retail customers only) If you hold a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” under the “Domain Settlement Counter” and other trading currency counters at the same time, and you only input the average purchase price of the “Domain Settlement Counter”. After conversion, the average purchase price you input will be used directly as the average purchase price of that “Multi-counter Eligible Security”.



Appendix 1 Important Notice for Multi-counter Eligible Securities

“Multi-counter Eligible Security” means eligible securities of the same class of an issuer which have been approved or accepted for listing and trading on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong in different eligible currencies under separate securities code numbers in accordance with the Listing Rules. There are multiple trading currency counters for these securities. The securities under different counters are denominated, traded and money settled in different eligible currencies. Though the securities under multiple trading currency counters are under separate securities codes, they are of the same class with the same shareholders’ rights and entitlements. Shareholders under multiple trading currency counters are expected to be treated equally. The prices of multiple trading currency counters are affected by different factors, including but not limited to market supply and demand. Even after exchange rate adjustment, there may still be a price difference between different counters.

An investor can distinguish between the “Multi-counter Eligible Securities” by their securities codes and their securities short names. Separate and unique securities codes are assigned to different trading currency counters of a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” respectively. For a “Multi-counter Eligible Security”, the securities code for RMB counter will be a 5-digit number starting with an “8”, while a 5-digit number starting with a “0” would be assigned for the HKD counter. The last four digits of the securities codes for HKD counter and RMB counter will normally be the same.

HKD counter – 0XXXX

RMB counter – 8XXXX

You can also identify security of a particular trading currency counter with the securities short name. For the RMB counter, the securities short name will end with “- R” to indicate that the securities are traded in RMB. There will be no specific marking in the securities short name of the HKD counter.

HKD counter – “XYZ”

RMB counter – “XYZ-R”

Under normal circumstances, the “Domain Settlement Counter” of a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” refers to the HKD counter. However, if there is any new “Multi-counter Eligible Security” that do not have an HKD counter, the other currency counter



(says for example RMB or other currency), designated by the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company from time to time will be the “Domain Settlement Counter”. You may visit Mobile Banking (click “Securities” > “Market Information” > “Stock Information”), Internet Banking (click “Investment” > “HK Securities” > “Stock Information”) or our website www.bochk.com (click “Investment” > “Securities” > “Product Features” > “Stock Trading Made Strategic” > “Stock Information” > “HK Stock Information”) to check the securities code of the “Domain Settlement Counter” of the relevant securities.

For easy understanding, HKD counter will be used as the “Domain Settlement Counter” for the examples in this important notice.

Important Notice

1. The securities code and securities name of the trading currency counter of the security through which you place the order / conduct the transaction will be reflected in the trade record. Only the securities code and securities name of the “Domain Settlement Counter” of this security will be shown in the securities holdings record for any shareholdings of different trading currency counters.

Example

Assuming there is a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” with HKD counter (securities short name: ABC and securities code: 0XXXX) and RMB counter (securities short name: ABC – R and securities code: 8XXXX). When you buy 100 shares of ABC-R (#8XXXX), the trade record will show that you have bought 100 shares of ABC - R (#8XXXX), while your shareholdings record will show that you have held 100 shares of ABC (#0XXXX).

2. Generally speaking, so long as the record of your shareholdings shows that you hold shares under the “Domain Settlement Counter” of a security, you can directly sell the shareholdings under other trading currency counters of the security.

Example:

If there is a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” with HKD counter (securities short name: ABC and securities code: 0XXXX) and RMB counter (securities short name:

ABC – R and securities code: 8XXXX), the record of your shareholdings shows that you hold 500 shares of #0XXXX, you can use the securities code 8XXXX to sell a maximum of 500 shares under the RMB counter. If you sell 300 shares of #8XXXX, the record of your shareholdings will show that the balance of #0XXXX is 200 shares after the transaction.

3. In the daily / monthly statement, the securities code and securities name of the trading currency counter of the security through which you place the order / conduct the transaction will be reflected in the trade record, however, only the securities code and securities name of the “Domain Settlement Counter” of the security will be shown in the securities holdings record for any shareholdings of different trading currency counters.

4. Buy / Sell Transaction (including board lot, odd lot and Monthly Stocks Savings Plan)

You should use the securities code of the trading currency counter through which you want to buy / sell shares of a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” to trade. For example, for a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” with HKD counter (securities code: 0XXXX) and RMB counter (securities code: 8XXXX), you should use #0XXXX to buy / sell shares under HKD counter and #8XXXX to buy / sell shares under RMB counter.

5. Deposit / Transfer / Submit Corporate Action Instruction

If the security is a “Multi-counter Eligible Security”, you should use the securities code of the “Domain Settlement Counter” to deposit / transfer shares and submit corporation action instruction. As an example, for a “Multi-counter Eligible Security” with HKD counter (securities code: 0XXXX) and RMB counter (securities code: 8XXXX), you should use #0XXXX to deposit / transfer shares and submit corporate action instruction.

6. The “Average Purchase Price”* and “Reference Gain/Loss”* in Mobile / Internet banking are reflected in the equivalent amount of the currency of the “Domain Settlement Counter”. For example, if the “Domain Settlement Counter” means HKD counter, the “Average Purchase Price”* and “Reference Gain / Loss”* will be reflected in HKD equivalent. * For reference only, which does not reflect the actual



situation, and cannot be used as the basis for securities trading. This feature is only available to retail customers.

Example:

	Number of Shares Bought	Purchase Price	Purchase Cost ^a	Purchase Cost (HKD eqv.) ^a
HKD Counter	1,000	HKD 2	HKD 2,000	HKD 2,000
RMB Counter	4,000	RMB 1.8	RMB 7,200	HKD 7,632 ^b

^a For easy understanding, the purchase cost in the example only includes the purchase price. In actual situation, the purchase cost includes, but is not limited to the transaction charges, such as brokerage fee, stamp duty, other levies and taxes, etc..

^b The purchase cost is converted to the equivalent amount of the currency of the “Domain Settlement Counter”, which will then be used to calculate the “Average Purchase Cost”.

“Average Purchase Price”

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \text{Total purchase cost} / \text{Total number of shares bought} \\
 &= (\text{HKD } 2,000 + \text{HKD } 7,632) / (1,000 + 4,000) \\
 &= \text{HKD } 1.926
 \end{aligned}$$

Holding Shares	Average Purchase Price	Market Price
5,000	HKD 1.926	HKD counter: HKD 2.1

“Reference Gain / Loss”

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (\text{HKD } 2.1 \times 5,000) - (\text{HKD } 1.926 \times 5,000) \\
 &= \text{HKD } 870
 \end{aligned}$$

- If you input the “Average Purchase Price” by yourself, please input the price in the equivalent amount of the currency of the “Domain Settlement Currency”.
- Under normal circumstances, the charges and fees involved in transaction of



“Multi-counter Eligible Securities” are the same as those for general transactions of Hong Kong securities. For the relevant fees and charges details, please visit our website www.bochk.com (click “Investment” > “Securities” > “Service Charges”) or any of our branches for details.

9. If you are using “Wealth Portfolio Financing” Overdraft Facility Service and securities account is charged to the Bank, please note that you can only sell your securities through HKD counter via Mobile / Internet Banking. If you want to sell your securities through non-HKD counter, please contact our Investment Service Hotline at (852) 3988 2688 to conduct the transaction or transfer the relevant securities to other non-charged securities account which you will then be able to sell securities through non-HKD counters in Mobile / Internet Banking.
10. For Securities Margin Account, it will only accept client’s buy/sell order for securities under “Domain Settlement Counter”.

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