

Professional Investors Declaration

The definition of Professional investor under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") can be found [here \(Securities and Futures Ordinance \(Cap. 571\) Schedule 1 Part 1\)](#), and [here \(Securities and Futures \(Professional Investor\) Rules \(Cap. 571D\)\) \(the "PI Rules"\)](#).

(please tick as appropriate)

Individual Professional Investor

I fall under the definition of a Professional Investor under the category of persons described in paragraph (j) of the definition of "Professional Investor" in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the SFO and specified in section 5(1) of the PI Rules, and agree to be treated as such.

- ☐ An Individual, either alone or with any his/her spouse or children on a joint account, having a portfolio of not less than HK\$ 8 million or equivalent in any foreign currency at the relevant date.

Supporting document(s) provided:

- ☐ A certificate issued by an auditor or certified public accountant of the individual within 12 months of the date this application is submitted; or
- ☐ One or more custodian statements issued to the individual or joint account holder within 12 months of the date this application is submitted; or
- ☐ A public filing submitted by or on behalf of the individual within 12 months of the date this application is submitted.

Corporate Professional Investor

We fall under the definition of a Professional Investor under the category of persons described in paragraph (j) of the definition of "Professional Investor" in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the SFO and specified in section 4, 6 or 7 of the PI Rules, and agree to be treated as such.

- ☐ A Corporation or Partnership having a portfolio held by a custodian of not less than HK\$ 8 million (or its foreign currency equivalent) or total assets of not less than HK\$ 40 million (or its foreign currency equivalent) at the relevant date.
- ☐ A Trust Corporation having been entrusted under the trust of which it acts as a trustee with total assets of not less than HK\$ 40 million (or its foreign currency equivalent) at the relevant date.
- ☐ A Corporation, the principal business of which is to hold investments and which at the relevant date is wholly owned by one or more of an individual PI or corporation/ partnership/ trust corporation as mentioned above.

Supporting document(s) provided:

- ☐ Most recent audited financial statement prepared in respect of the corporation and within 16 months before the relevant date; or
- ☐ One or more custodian statements issued to the corporation within 12 months before the relevant date; or
- ☐ A certification issued by an auditor or certified public accountant of the corporation within 12 months before the relevant date; or
- ☐ A public filing submitted by or on behalf of the corporation within 12 months before the relevant date.

- ☐ Any supporting documents showing the corporate structure (e.g. corporate structure chart or organization chart).
- ☐ Any supporting documents showing the expertise of the authorized representative (e.g. academic/ professional qualification, investment/ working experience).
- ☐ Any supporting documents showing the awareness of terms and risks (e.g. a signed Risk Disclosure Statement, Prospectus, or Offering Document).

Institutional Professional Investor

- ☐ We fall under the definition of a Professional Investor under the category of persons described in paragraph (a) to (i) of the definition of “Professional Investor” in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the SFO (e.g. banks, insurance companies, licensed entities, etc.) and agree to be treated as such.

Client’s Affirmation

- ☐ I/We confirm the information provided above by me/ us is true, complete and accurate. I/We hereby give consent to be treated as a Professional Investor for the Relevant Financial Product(s) and/or Relevant Market(s).
- ☐ I/We fully understand the risk and consequences of being treated as a Professional Investor; of our right to withdraw from being treated as a Professional Investor and taking independent advice if I/we wish.
- ☐ I/We shall inform the Company immediately if I/we find that I/ we no longer under within the definition of Professional Investor.
- ☐ I/We understand that lodging of this assessment form shall in no way implies the Company’s approval of my/ our status as a Professional Investor; the Company has the right to reject my/our request for being treated as a Professional Investor without giving any reason.

This is an electronic form.

Risk and Consequence of being treated as a Professional Investor

If you will be treated as a Professional Investor, please take note of the exemption details under paragraphs 15.4 and 15.5 of the Code of Conduct for Persons Licensed by or Registered with the SFC (the “Code”).

The Company is exempt from the requirements in paragraph 15.4 of the Code if it is reasonably satisfied that the Corporate Professional Investor meets the three criteria set out in paragraph 15.3A(b) of the Code in relation to the relevant products and markers as follows:

1. the Corporate Professional Investor has the appropriate corporate structure and investment process and controls (i.e., how investment decisions are made, including whether the corporation has a specialised treasury or other function responsible for making investment decisions);
2. the person(s) responsible for making investment decisions on behalf of the Corporate Professional Investor has (have) sufficient investment background (including the investment experience of such person(s)); and
3. the Corporate Professional Investor is aware of the risks involved which is considered in terms of the person(s) responsible for making investment decisions.

Please ensure that you understand the risks and consequences of being treated as a Professional Investor.

Paragraph 15.4 of the Code of Conduct

The Company is exempt from the following requirements for Corporate Professional Investors where the licensed or registered persons have complied with paragraphs 15.3A and 15.3B of the Code and Institutional Professional Investors:

- a) Information about clients
 - (i) the need to establish a client's financial situation, investment experience and investment objectives (paragraph 5.1 and paragraph 2(d) and 2(e) of Schedule 6 to the Code), except where the licensed or registered person is providing advice on corporate finance work;
 - (ii) the need to ensure the suitability of a recommendation or solicitation (paragraph 5.2 and paragraph 49 of Schedule 6 to the Code); and
 - (iii) the need to assess the client's knowledge of derivatives and characterize the client based on his knowledge of derivatives (paragraph 5.1A of the Code);
- b) Client agreement
 - (i) the need to enter into a written agreement and the provision of relevant risk disclosure statements (paragraph 6.1, paragraph 20.2(c), paragraph 2 of Schedule 3, paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to the Code);
- c) Discretionary accounts
 - (i) the need for a licensed or registered person to obtain from the client an authority in a written form prior to effecting transactions for the client without his specific authority (paragraph 7.1(a)(ii) of the Code);
 - (ii) the need to explain the authority described under paragraph 7.1(a)(ii) of the Code and the need to confirm it on an annual basis (paragraph 7.1(b) of the Code); and
 - (iii) the need for a licensed or registered person to disclose benefits receivable for effecting transactions for a client under a discretionary account (paragraph 7.2 of the Code);
- d) the need to ensure the suitability of a transaction in a complex product, to provide sufficient information about a complex product and to provide warning statements (paragraph 5.5(a) of the Code).

Paragraph 15.5 of the Code of Conduct

The Company is exempt from the following requirements for Corporate Professional Investors and Individual Professional Investors where licensed or registered persons have complied with paragraph 15.3B and Institutional Professional Investors:

- a) Information for clients
 - (i) the need to inform the client about the licensed or registered person and the identity and status of its employees and others acting on its behalf (paragraph 8.1 of the Code);
 - (ii) the need to provide the client with documentation on the Nasdaq-Amex Pilot Program (paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the Code).

Right to withdrawal from being treated as a Professional Investor

To register and maintain an account with the Company, you must be, and remain at all material times, a Professional Investor.

You have the right to withdraw from being treated as a Professional Investor, whether in respect of all of the Relevant Financial Product(s) and/or Relevant Market(s) or any part thereof, at any time by giving written notice to us (the "Withdrawal Notice"). After receiving the Withdrawal Notice, we will process it within 14 business days and inform you about the effective date of such withdrawal. Any withdrawal shall be without prejudice to and shall not affect the provision of any services rendered and/or financial products offered to you on the basis that you were a Professional Investor prior to such withdrawal taking effect.

We may, at any time, stop treating you as a Professional Investor by giving not less than 14 days written notice to you. Such notice shall be effective upon the expiry of the notice period, unless you re-apply to be treated as a Professional Investor.

Corporate Professional Investor (CPI) Assessment

Corporate structure and investment process and controls

Check whether the Corporate PI satisfies any of the following criteria.

<input type="checkbox"/>	The client has an in-house treasury, investment or similar function comprising competent and suitably qualified professional responsible for its investment strategies and investment process
<input type="checkbox"/>	The client has a designated investment committee comprising competent and suitably qualified professional responsible for its investment strategies and investment process; and (1) such a committee makes investment decisions on behalf of the Corporate PI or (2) the Corporate PI makes informed investment decisions taking into account the advice or recommendation of such committee
<input type="checkbox"/>	The client has engaged an external investment advisory team comprising competent and suitable qualified professionals responsible for its investment strategies and investment process; and (1) such a team makes investment decisions on behalf of the Corporate PI or (2) the Corporate PI makes informed investment decisions taking into account the advice or recommendation of such team, and in each case this external team is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) independent of the intermediary that is conducting the Corporate PI assessment;(ii) subject to regulatory oversight (where required); and(iii) in an investment advisory capacity in advising the Corporate PI on investment strategies, advice and recommendations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The client relies on and follows the investment strategies, advice and recommendations of its related corporation provided that such related corporation has competent and suitably qualified professionals responsible for the investment strategies and investment process of the Corporate PI: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) has an in-house treasury, investment or similar function;(ii) has a designated investment committee; or(iii) engages an external investment advisory team that meets the conditions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) independent of the intermediary that is conducting the Corporate PI assessment;b) subject to regulatory oversights (where required); andc) in an investment advisory capacity in advising the Corporate PI on investment strategies, advice and recommendations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The client is ultimately owned by or established for the ultimate benefit of an individual or individuals (such as family members) and its relies on competent and suitably qualified professionals to manage the investments of the Corporate PI, where either: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the professionals are authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of the Corporate PI; or(ii) the Corporate PI makes informed investment decisions taking into account the advice or recommendation of such professionals; and the professionals are responsible for the investment strategies and investment process of the Corporate PI.

Investment background

Does the authorized trading representative have investment, working and management experience in dealing the following types of product(s) and market(s) and/or product(s) of similar features/nature?

Financial Product	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years of Investment/ Working Experience• Market involved (e.g. Hong Kong, China, US, others)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of Product Traded• Transactions per Annum
Securities		
Structured Products		
Derivatives, e.g. futures, options, warrants, CBBCs, convertible bonds, etc.		
Digital currencies/ Virtual Asset Products		
Other (please specify): _____		

How did the authorized trading representative obtain the relevant work experience in the financial sector? (e.g. name(s) of relevant employer(s), job title(s), duties, level of responsibility and length of service(s))

Academic/ Professional Qualifications

Does the authorized trading representative possess any relevant licence/ professional status, academic/ professional qualifications?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Degree in accounting/ business administration/ economics/ finance/ law; or other degree (with passes in at least two courses in the above disciplines)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Internationally recognized professional qualifications in law/ accounting/ finance (including Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Certified International Investment Analyst (CIIA) and Certified Financial Planner (CFP))</p> <p>Please specify, if any: SFC license no./ HKMA registration no./ CFP no./ CFA no./ CPA no. _____</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passes in Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute Diploma Programme Examination Paper 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passes in Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute Diploma Programme Examination Papers 1 and 3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passes in Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute Licensing Examination for Securities and Futures Intermediaries Paper 7 and 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passes in Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute Licensing Examination for Securities and Futures Intermediaries Paper 1 and 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passes in Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute Professional Diploma in Financial Markets Modules 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Passes in Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute Professional Diploma in Financial Markets Modules 4 and 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Passes in English or Chinese, and Mathematics in HKCEE/HKDSE or equivalent plus at least 2 years of relevant industry experience over the past 5 years.</p> <p>Job role: _____ Functions: _____</p> <p>Market: _____</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Attended training or courses relating to the following types of product(s)</p> <p>Name of training/ course: _____</p> <p>Name of institution: _____</p> <p>Year of attendance: _____</p> <p>Type of product(s):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Securities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Structured Products</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Derivatives</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Digital currencies/ Virtual asset products</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>

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Onboarding Team	
<input type="checkbox"/> The client is a Corporate Professional Investor which satisfies the requirements under paragraph 15.3A(b) of the SFC Code of Conduct.	
<input type="checkbox"/> The client does not satisfy the Corporate Professional Investor requirements under paragraph 15.3A(b) of the SFC Code of Conduct.	
Staff Name:	Position:
	Date:
Compliance Department	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve, <input type="checkbox"/> exempt from the requirements set out in paragraphs 15.4 and 15.5 of the code. <input type="checkbox"/> exempt from the requirements set out in paragraph 15.5 of the code.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reject	
Staff Name:	Position:
	Date: