Implementation of Uncertificated Securities Market (USM)

Dear Valued Clients,

With effect from 16 November 2026, Hong Kong's Uncertificated Securities Market (USM) measures will commence, with the regime to be rolled out in phases over the subsequent five years. Under the USM framework, electronic records will replace physical share certificates. Investors may hold and manage securities electronically in their own name through platforms operated by SFC-approved Approved Securities Registrars (ASRs), and enjoy full statutory shareholder rights.

Upon the effective date of the USM regime, registered holders who wish to deal with participating securities held in uncertificated form are required to open a Uncertificated Securities Identifier (USI) account with the relevant ASR that maintains the register for those securities.

You may search for the relevant securities registrar of each issuer via:

https://www.hkex.com.hk/Market-Data/Securities-Prices/Equities?sc_lang=en

For details on opening a USI account, please enquire directly with the relevant Approved Securities Registrar.

1. Deposit of Securities through our Company

With effect from 16 November 2026 under the USM, the deposit methods and applicable charges for shares deposited via us are as follows:

Type of Securities Held by Client	Deposit Method	Charges & Service Items
Physical Certificates	In-person submission at our office	1. Physical Scrip Deposit – Dematerialisation Fee (only applicable to USM Participating Securities) 2. Physical Scrip Deposit – Transfer and Registration Fee (Collected by Approved Securities Registrar via HKSCC) 3. Transfer Deed Stamp Duty (Collected by HKSAR Government)
USM Participating Securities	Transfer in from a USI account	Free (Relevant fees are payable directly by the USI holder to the relevant Approved Securities Registrar)
Securities held with other Intermediaries (SI) / HKSCC Investor Account (ISI)	Via CCASS	Free

2. Withdrawal / Transfer-out of Securities through our Company

With effect from 16 November 2026, the withdrawal / transfer-out methods and applicable charges for shares via us are as follows:

Type of Securities	Withdrawal / Transfer-out Method	Charges Items
USM Participating Securities (Physical Certificates withdrawal is not available)	Transfer out to a USI account	Scripless Shares Withdrawal through CCASS (USI)
	Transfer out via CCASS to Another intermediary (bank / broker / HKSCC Investor Account)	Scripless Shares Delivery through CCASS (SI)
Non-USM Participating Securities	In-person application to withdraw Physical Certificates	Physical Scrip Withdrawal Fee
	Transfer out via CCASS to Another intermediary (bank / broker / HKSCC Investor Account)	Scripless Shares Delivery via CCASS (SI) / (ISI)

3. Scrip Fee on Book Closure Dates

This fee applies to stocks with distributions and is charged by HKSCC. It is set at HKD 1.50 per board lot for Book Closure Dates on or before 13 November 2026, and free of charge for Book Closure Dates on or after 16 November 2026.

For the latest official information on the Uncertificated Securities Market, please visit the links below:

i. Uncertificated Securities Market | SFC
https://www.sfc.hk/en/Rules-and-standards/Uncertificated-Securities-Market

ii. Uncertificated Securities Market | HKEX
https://www.hkex.com.hk/Services/Settlement-and-Depository/USM?sc_lang=en

iii. USM at a glance | IFEC
https://www.ifec.org.hk/web/en/investment/market-intermediaries/financial-market/usm/at-a-glance.page

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Yours sincerely,

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