

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

The Hong Kong Securities and Futures
Commission

and

Israel Securities Authority

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2. Introduction

2.1 The Authorities share a mutual desire to stay abreast of innovation in financial services in their respective markets. Both Authorities have established Innovation Functions in order to do so:

2.1.1 The SFC established the Fintech Contact Point (FTCP) in March 2016 to enhance communication with businesses involved in the development and application of Fintech in Hong Kong. The purpose of the FTCP is to facilitate the Fintech community's understanding of the current regulatory regime, and to enable the SFC to stay abreast of the development of Fintech in Hong Kong.

2.1.2 In July 2018, the ISA established a Fintech Innovation Hub. This initiative is aimed at promoting common discourse between the ISA and relevant players in the field of Fintech. The ISA is set to promote and enable the technological and business innovation in the area of financial services. The ISA aims at establishing trust and providing certainty to the Fintech industry and encourages market actors in the Fintech industry to contact its staff with the purpose of becoming familiar with the relevant regulatory framework and to examine any required adjustments to their activity, through guidance of the ISA's staff.

3. Purpose

3.1 The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework for co-operation and referrals between the Innovation Functions of each Authority. It also sets out how the Authorities plan to share and use information on innovation in their respective markets.

4. Principles

4.1 The Authorities intend to provide the fullest possible mutual assistance to one another within the terms of this MoU. This MoU operates subject to the domestic laws and regulations of each Authority and does not modify or supersede any laws or regulatory requirements in force in, or applying to, Hong Kong or Israel. This MoU sets forth a statement of intent and accordingly does not create any enforceable rights, and is not legally binding, does not constitute an international agreement and is not subject to international law.

4.2 This MoU is intended to complement, but not affect or alter the terms and conditions of any other multilateral or bilateral arrangement or memorandum of understanding either concluded or which will be concluded between the Authorities or between the Authorities and third parties, or between the respective governments of both countries.

6. Confidentiality & Permissible Uses

- 6.1 Any information disclosed by one Authority to the other Authority under this MoU, unless otherwise stated, should be treated by the other

