

LETTER OF INTENT

GUERNSEY

**Financial Services
Commission**

**HONG KONG SPECIAL
ADMINISTRATIVE
REGION
OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

**Securities and Futures
Commission**

**Hong Kong
3 June 2005**

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Whereas the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (“GFSC”), a body corporate established by virtue of the Financial Services Commission (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 1987 (Order in Council XIX of 1987),

And

the Securities and Futures Commission of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China (“SFC”), a statutory corporation established pursuant to the repealed Securities and Futures Commission Ordinance (Cap. 24) and continued in existence pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571),

(each referred to as an “authority” and together as the “authorities”),

Are responsible for administering the law governing the securities and capital markets, regulating various investment products including collective investments schemes and fund management activities as well as facilitating and encouraging market development in their respective jurisdictions;

And

are members of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (“IOSCO”) to which the IOSCO Objectives and Principles of Securities Regulation apply;

And whereas

The authorities wish to facilitate the development of deeper and broader investment markets in both jurisdictions and attain closer regulatory co-operation in a mutually beneficial manner;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT

Following the agreement between the authorities in 1992 on the confidentiality of information disclosed between the GFSC and the SFC, and the SFC’s recognition of certain Guernsey investment products as recognized jurisdiction schemes under the SFC’s Code on Unit Trusts and

Mutual Funds, the authorities have entered into this Letter of Intent the objective of which is to state their common intention to work towards the attainment of the following goals:-

1. Regulatory equivalence of the regulatory framework under their respective regimes in the areas of the regulation, supervision and marketing of mutually acceptable investment products;
2. Mutual recognition and establishment of cross-border trading of mutually acceptable investment products that are regulated by each authority, respectively;
3. Further strengthening of regulatory co-operation and assistance between the authorities in matters pertaining to cross-border supervision of fund management activities;
4. The desire to provide each other with the mutual assistance necessary to facilitate the performance of the duties and functions with which each authority is entrusted within its jurisdiction to enforce or secure compliance with its laws and regulations;
5. Maintaining the confidentiality of any request made by one authority to the other, the content of such request, information provided on such request and matters that may arise from the consultation between the authorities for the purpose of facilitating the mutual recognition of mutually acceptable investment products;
6. Periodic exchange of views with each other about matters of common concern with a view to further improving mutual understanding and co-operation between the authorities;
7. Establishing a bilateral working group comprising staff of the authorities to work together with a view to attaining these goals. It is generally intended that such co-operation will be in accordance with the spirit of the IOSCO;
8. The scope of work and conditions pertaining to the above can be varied by mutual consent of the authorities.

This Letter of Intent will come into effect on the date specified below. Each authority may withdraw from the Letter of Intent at any time by giving 30 days prior written notice to the other authority.

In witness whereof the authorized representatives of the authorities signify their understanding by signing below.

Dated this 3rd day of June 2005
in Hong Kong.

On behalf of the GFSC

Mr. Peter Neville

Director General

On behalf of the SFC

Mrs. Alexa C. Lam

Acting Chairman