

## **Applicant's Declarations**

I declare, undertake, agree with and confirm all of the following (including the Important Notice) below:

1. I have personally read, understand and accepted the “terms and conditions”, the “disclaimer”, the “issue circular and programme circular” and the “conditions for application”.
2. (a) This is an application for the Retail Bonds using the Investment Services Account or the Securities Account specified in this application ("Investment Account").  
(b) I am making this application using my identity or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder's identity.  
(c) Where the Investment Account is in joint names, I make the declarations and confirmations set out in this Declaration Section for myself and for and on behalf of the Principal Account Holder and each of the other account holders of the Investment Account as appropriate. I confirm that I am authorised by each account holder (other than myself) to make the declarations and confirmations on his behalf. Each account holder of the Investment Account including myself and the Principal Account Holder is referred to as an "account holder".
3. My HKID Card Number and name or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the HKID Card Number and name of the Principal Account Holder maintained in the Bank's record will be passed on to the Issuer. Where the Investment Account is in joint names, even though the Principal Account Holder's HKID Card Number and name are provided to the Issuer in connection with the application, any Retail Bonds successfully allotted to the Principal Account Holder will be credited to the Investment Account in joint names and will be jointly owned by all account holders.
4. I confirm that each account holder has read and understood the Terms and Conditions for HSBC IPO Nominees Services and IPO Loan set out in the Appendix of the Integrated Account Terms and Conditions, which are available on the Bank's website, and agrees to be bound by them.
5. I confirm that each account holder has read and understood the terms and conditions and application procedures relating to the Retail Bonds to be issued by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China ("HKSAR Government") as set out in the programme circular dated 30 September 2024 and the issue circular dated 30 September 2024, electronic copies of which can be viewed online at the HKSAR Government Bonds website ([www.hkgeb.gov.hk/](http://www.hkgeb.gov.hk/)), and agrees to be bound by them. In particular, each account holder has read and understood and hereby confirm the representations, undertakings, and agreements set out in the sub-section on pages 13 to 14 headed "What confirmations do I have to make?" under the Section entitled "HOW TO APPLY FOR RETAIL BONDS" in the issue circular.

I confirm that, I understand my personal data and/or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the personal data of the Principal Account Holder will be involved in making this application. The personal data provided above or the personal data stored with the Bank may be used. Regardless of whether the personal data is provided above or from that stored with the Bank, I confirm that, such data belongs to me in the capacity as the account holder or belongs to the Principal Account Holder. Each account holder is aware of the selling and transfer restrictions as stated in the issue circular. I confirm that, I hold or the Principal Account Holder holds a valid Hong Kong identity card and was born on or before 31 December 1965. I confirm that, I am not or the Principal Account Holder is not located within the United States or Canada and not a U.S. Person within the meaning of Regulation S

under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (which includes any person resident in the United States and any partnership or corporation organised or incorporated under the laws of the United States) ("U.S. Person") or a resident of Canada. I further confirm that I am not or the Principal Account Holder is not acting as an agent of a U.S. Person or a resident of Canada.

6. I confirm that, I have or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder has made one application for the Retail Bonds only. Any application to HKSAR Government by a placing bank or Hong Kong Securities Company Limited ("HKSCC") (for an investor applying through a securities broker) will constitute an offer to subscribe for Retail Bonds. In case of multiple applications, each account holder understands and agrees that all applications submitted using the Investment Account may be rejected.
7. I acknowledge and agree that HKSAR Government has set a maximum principal allocation amount of HK\$1,000,000 per applicant and that I or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder will not be allocated in full the principal amount of Retail Bonds I or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder applies for if it exceeds such maximum principal allocation amount. I or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder further acknowledge and agree that the principal amount of Retail bonds allocated to me may be less than such maximum principal allocation amount.
8. Each account holder acknowledges and agrees that, subject to any announcements by HKSAR Government, this instruction is irrevocable.
9. Please debit the application amount (inclusive of the handling fee, if applicable) from the settlement account specified in this application form ("Settlement Account"). Each account holder understands and agrees that the Bank may at its discretion and without reference to any account holder determine whether to carry out the instructions given in this application form if the Settlement Account does not have sufficient available fund(s) to pay for the application amount (inclusive of handling fee). Any costs, charges and losses incurred as a result thereof shall be borne by all of the account holders.
10. Each account holder understands that the Bank has the discretion to hold the relevant application amount (inclusive of handling fee) in the Settlement Account from the date of this application until the relevant application amount (inclusive of handling fee) has been debited from the Settlement Account on or before the closing date of the subscription period or upon being notified that the above instruction cannot be carried out for whatever reason.

#### **11. Personal Information Collection Statement**

The following Personal Information Collection Statement is given to the account holders in accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, Cap. 486 (the "PDPO"). It sets out the purposes for which the personal data (the term "personal data" means personal data as defined in the PDPO) provided by me as an applicant for Retail Bonds may be used after collection as well as what I am agreeing to in respect of the use, disclosure, transfer and retention of such personal data by HKSAR Government as the issuer of Retail Bonds and my rights under the PDPO.

#### **Purposes of Collection of Personal Data**

It is necessary for me as an applicant for Retail Bonds, when applying for Retail Bonds, to provide

my personal data and/or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder's personal data to HKSAR Government and any agents or parties duly authorised by it in connection with the Retail Bond issuance.

Failure to provide such personal data may result in the application for Retail Bonds being rejected, delay or an inability to process the application. It may also result in delay to the allocation of Retail Bonds if the application is successful or to any refund of application moneys if the application is not successful in full.

It is important that I inform the person or party to whom I provided such personal data immediately upon becoming aware of any inaccuracy in or change to such personal data so provided.

The personal data provided in this application for Retail Bonds will be used for one or more of the following purposes:

- (a) processing this application;
- (b) verifying the validity of this application;
- (c) enabling compliance with the terms and application procedures set out in this application form and the issue circular for Retail Bonds dated 30 September 2024;
- (d) conducting identity and signature verifications;
- (e) enabling exchange of information directly or indirectly between HKSAR Government as the issuer of Retail Bonds and me or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder;
- (f) statistical purposes;
- (g) enabling compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, codes and practices binding on or applicable to HKSAR Government or any agents or parties duly authorised by it or an order of a court of any competent jurisdiction (including making required disclosures);
- (h) any other incidental or associated purposes relating to any of the above purposes; and
- (i) for any other purposes in connection with the Retail Bond issuance as permitted by law.

#### **Transfer of Personal Data**

The personal data I provided will be kept confidential but may, for any of the above purposes, be disclosed or transferred to any of the following parties (whether within or outside Hong Kong):

- (a) Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and recognized dealers and placing banks (as defined in the issue circular for Retail Bonds dated 30 September 2024);
- (b) any agents, contractors or third-party service providers who offer administrative, telecommunications, computer, payment, data processing, matching, storage, research, statistical or other services to HKSAR Government for the purposes mentioned above, or to any of the parties mentioned in (a) above in connection with the operation of such party's activity or business for purposes relating to Retail Bonds;
- (c) any government or regulatory bodies;
- (d) any legal adviser, accountant, other financial or professional adviser to HKSAR Government; and
- (e) any other persons with whom, or institutions with which, I or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder as a holder of Retail Bonds have or propose to have dealings for purposes relating to the Retail Bonds, including but without limitation my or the Principal Account Holder's bankers, legal advisers, accountants or securities brokers.

### **Access to and Correction of Personal Data**

Under the PDPO, I have or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder has:

- (a) the right to check whether HKSAR Government and/or any of the agents or parties duly authorised by it in connection with the Retail Bond issuance holds personal data about me or the Principal Account Holder and the right of access to such personal data;
- (b) the right to require HKSAR Government and/or any of the agents or parties duly authorised by it in connection with the Retail Bond issuance to correct any personal data relating to me or the Principal Account Holder which is inaccurate; and
- (c) the right, as far as practicable, to ascertain the policies and practices of HKSAR Government and/or any of the agents or parties duly authorised by it in connection with the Retail Bond issuance in relation to personal data for purposes relating to Retail Bonds.

In accordance with the PDPO, HKSAR Government and/or any of the agents or parties duly authorised by it in connection with the Retail Bond issuance have the right to charge a reasonable fee for processing of any data access request. All requests for access to or correction of personal data held by HKSAR Government and/or any of the agents or parties duly authorised by it in connection with the Retail Bond issuance, or for information regarding the policies and practices of such parties in relation to the personal data for purposes relating to Retail Bonds should be addressed to:

#### Hong Kong Monetary Authority

Attention: The Data Protection Officer

Address: 55/F, Two International Finance Centre

8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong

Fax Number: 2878 8262

Email: [hkgbenquiry@hkma.gov.hk](mailto:hkgbenquiry@hkma.gov.hk)

- 12. Each account holder understands and acknowledges that:
  - (a) the Bank is acting in the capacity of an agent in handling this application;
  - (b) the Bank does not have any affiliation with HKSAR Government; and
  - (c) the Bank will receive from HKSAR Government a placing fee of 0.15% of the allotted amount of Retail Bonds.
  - (d) HKSAR Government has set a maximum principal allocation amount of HK\$1,000,000 per applicant as specified in paragraph 7 above; and
  - (e) if I or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder submit more than one application for the Retail Bonds, either through the Bank or through any other placing bank(s) or securities broker(s), all of the applications may be rejected. I or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder confirm that this is the only application I have submitted for the Retail Bonds.
- 13. Each account holder acknowledges that, except as expressly stated above, the terms and conditions/charges applicable to the Investment Account shall continue to apply to the Investment Account.
- 14. I am or (where the Investment Account is in joint names) the Principal Account Holder is physically present in Hong Kong at the time when I submit this application form.
- 15. I confirm that each account holder is not a person who:

- is a US citizen or with US nationality (whether or not also a citizen or national of any other jurisdiction);
- is a US resident (whether or not also a resident of any other jurisdiction);
- is a US tax payer (i.e. a person who has elected to be treated as a US resident for US federal income tax purpose (whether or not also a citizen or national of any other jurisdiction) by attaching such election to his/her US federal income tax return);
- has a US address (e.g. primary mailing, residence or business address in the US).

16. I undertake to immediately notify the Bank should any account holder becomes or to be deemed to be a U.S. Person or resident of Canada at any future time.

17. I confirm that the account holders make their own decision to apply for the Retail Bonds having regard to the information and statements in the programme circular and the issue circular, and have not relied on any information or statement in any promotional or marketing materials, media coverage or any other publications or materials in relation to the Retail Bonds.

18. Each account holder understands that the remuneration for the Bank's sales staff is determined based on the staff's overall performance with reference to a wide range of factors, and is not determined solely on his financial performance. Sales staff's remuneration is subject to review from time to time, for the purpose of encouraging the building of deep, long-lasting and mutually valuable relationships with customers.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT:**

- **Each applicant must not make more than one application for Retail Bonds.**
- **The maximum principal allocation amount is HK\$1,000,000 per applicant.**