



Comparative Overview:
Key Listing Requirements in New York,
London, and Hong Kong
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# **Listing Guide**

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#### **OVERVIEW**

An overview of regulatory listing requirements in New York, London and Hong Kong for typical operating companies

As the global financial markets have continued to mature, companies now have a wide range of options for listing venues. No one company is the same, whether in terms of stage of development, industry/sector focus, growth strategy or global ambitions. A variety of factors may influence a particular company's decision as to which listing venue is the best choice for its future. Our capital markets partners across the Dorsey international platform regularly advise companies contemplating a listing for their securities. This comparative guide summarizes the main regulatory requirements in the three leading global markets – New York, London and Hong Kong.

Each of the New York, London and Hong Kong stock exchanges operates multiple market tiers to accommodate companies at differing stages of development. The NASDAQ has three market tiers – the Global Select Market (for the largest issuers), the Global Market (for mid-sized issuers) and the Capital Market (for smaller issuers), while the NYSE operates the New York Stock Exchange and the NYSE American (a market for smaller, high-growth companies). In London, the London Stock Exchange (LSE) operates the Main Market and AIM (a market for smaller, high-growth companies). In Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKSE) operates the Main Board (for established companies) and the Growth Enterprise Market Board (GEM) (for growth companies).

In this guide, we present summaries of the relevant listing requirements on a category by category basis to aid comparison of the various markets. For each category of listing requirement, we have also addressed the corresponding junior markets, including the NYSE American, NASDAQ Global Market and Capital Market, London AIM and HKSE GEM. Our summaries in respect of London markets is updated as of 1 January 2022 and reflects the revisions to the UK Listing Regime effective 3 December 2021.

We hope you find this comparative guide useful and informative.



I. LISTING STANDARDS			
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE	NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT	MAIN MARKET	MAIN BOARD
	MARKET		
Standard 1 — Quantitative Standards for Domestic Companies  1A. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS for Typical Operating Companies — one of two tests:    Earnings Test — Adjusted Pre-tax income of at least:	I. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS – one of four standards:  Standard 1  Pre-tax earnings:  Aggregate income from continuing operations before income taxes of at least \$11 million over the prior 3 fiscal years;  positive income from continuing operations before income taxes in each of the prior 3 fiscal years, and  at least \$2.2 million income from continuing operations before income taxes in each of 2 most recent fiscal years.	An issuer seeking admission to trading of its securities on the LSE's Main Market must also seek admission to the UKLA Official List.  Premium Listing and Standard Listing are two listing standards.  1. Financial Requirements/ Minimum Market Capitalisation  Both standards: companies must list securities with a market value of at least £30 million for shares and at least £200,000 for debt securities (or of lower value if the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) is satisfied that there will be an adequate market for them).  The minimum market capitalisation threshold was revised upwards from £700,000 in both listing segments	I. Financial Requirements – one of three tests:  Profit Test —  Profits of not less than HK\$80 million (US\$10.3 million) in the last three financial years, with not less than HK\$35 million (US\$4.5 million) in the most recent financial year, and an aggregate of HK\$45 million (US\$5.8 million) in the two preceding financial years and  market capitalization of at least HK\$500 million (US\$64.3 million) at the time of listing.  Market Cap/ Revenue Test —  Market capitalization of at least HK\$4 billion (US\$514.1 million) at the time of listing, and
Global Market Capitalization Test — with less than 3 years' operating history  At least \$200 million in global market capitalization for a minimum of 90 consecutive trading days prior to receipt of clearance to make application to list.  1B. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS for Real Estate Investment Trusts - with less than 3 years of operating history  At least \$60 million in shareholders' equity shown on the pro forma for the offering.  If more than 3 years of operating history, then the heightened requirements of either the earnings test or the global market capitalization test for typical operating companies must be met.  1C. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS for Closed-end Management Investment Companies	Standard 2 – Capitalization with Cash Flow  Cash flows: Aggregate cash flows of at least \$27.5 million over the prior 3 fiscal years and positive cash flows in each of the prior 3 fiscal years;  Market capitalization: average market capitalization of at least \$550 million over prior 12 months; and  Revenue: total revenue of at least \$110 million in the previous fiscal year.  Standard 3 - Capitalization with Revenue  Market capitalization: average market capitalization of at least \$850 million over prior 12 months; and  Revenue: total revenue of at least \$90 million in the previous fiscal year.  Standard 4 – Assets with equity	from 3 December 2021 onward. This revised threshold applies for new listings and does not apply as a continuing obligation for currently listed companies.  □ The £700,000 market capitalisation threshold also continues to apply to listing applications made by close-ended investment funds and open-ended investment companies.  □ Companies with existing classes of shares which are admitted and, that continue to have one class of shares listed will also be able to list additional classes of shares on the basis of the erstwhile £700,000 threshold. This will not be time-limited.  □ A Premium Listed company must also confirm that it has sufficient working capital for at least 12 months from listing.  □ A Premium Listed company must have a three year	<ul> <li>revenue of at least HK\$500 million (US\$64.3 million) in the last audited financial year.</li> <li>Market Cap/ Revenue/Cash Flow Test —</li> <li>Market capitalization of at least HK\$2 billion (US\$257.1 million) at the time of listing;</li> <li>revenue of at least HK\$500 million (US\$64.3 million) in the last audited financial year; and</li> <li>positive cash flow from operations of at least HK\$100 million (US\$12.9 million) in aggregate for the three preceding financial years.</li> <li>II. Other Requirements (applicable to all three tests) — company must have:         <ul> <li>a trading record of at least three financial years;</li> <li>substantially the same management for at least the three preceding financial years;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Market value of publicly held shares at least \$20 million.  1D. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS for Business Development Companies  (a) at least \$75 million in global market capitalization; and (b) at least \$60 million market value of publicly held shares  2. DISTRIBUTION STANDARDS (applicable to all the financial requirement tests):  400 holders of 100 or more shares;  1.1 million publicly held shares; market value of public shares of \$40 million or more in the case of an IPO, spinoff or affiliate listing; otherwise, \$100 million; provided, that a closed-end management investment company may instead have at least \$20	□ Market capitalization: at least \$160 million; □ Total assets: at least \$80 million and □ Stockholders' equity: at least \$55 million.  II. LIQUIDITY REQUIREMENTS (applicable to all four standards): □ bid price of at least \$4 per share; □ at least 3 market makers if the company satisfies Income Standard or Equity Standard for NASDAQ Global Market, or at least 4 market makers if it does not satisfy one of these standards; □ an average trading of 2,000 shares over the 30 day trading period prior to listing if the security is trading in the U.S. over-the-counter market as of the date of application (including trading volume of the underlying security on the primary market with	accounting track record including historical information covering at least 75% of its business (see also Section II "Operating History" below).  2. Other Requirements (applicable to both standards):  at least 10%% of a company's issued share capital must be held by the public (including third party institutional shareholders), both at the time of listing and as a continuing obligation.  warrants or options must not exceed 20% of the company's total issued share capital at the time of issuance;  a company must apply for listing of all securities of a class;  a company's securities must be freely transferable, eligible for electronic settlement and admitted to trading on the LSE's Main Market;	<ul> <li>ownership continuity and control for at least the last audited financial year;</li> <li>a market capitalization of at least HK\$50 million (US\$6.4 million) at the time of listing;</li> <li>in case of listing of options, warrants or similar rights, market capitalization of at least HK\$10 million (US\$1.3 million);</li> <li>a minimum 25% of the company's total issued share capital must be held by the public at the time of listing (and at all times after listing) (this can be lowered at HK\$1's discretion to between 15% and 25% if market capitalization exceeds HK\$10 billion (US\$1.3 billion));</li> <li>at least 300 shareholders;</li> <li>no more than 50% of publicly held securities</li> </ul>



#### LISTING STANDARDS **UNITED STATES UNITED STATES LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE** HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT NYSE **MAIN MARKET MAIN BOARD** MARKET million in net assets: and respect to an ADR), unless the security is listed in □ a company's shares must be fully paid, free from all liens beneficially owned by three largest public connection with a firm commitment IPO of at least and any restriction on the right of transfer (subject to shareholders: □ \$4 closing stock price per share. certain exceptions); ☐ fully disclosed any competing businesses of directors Note: The NYSE also has separate listing criteria for a special ☐ In the case of ADRs, at least 400,000 issued for a Premium Listing only, the company must appoint a and controlling shareholders (to be made in the purpose acquisition company ("SPAC"), a company that prospectus at the time of listing and on ongoing basis sponsor for the purposes of its IPO. However, subject to primarily operates to provide venture capital to small and □ at least 550 shareholders and an average monthly limited exceptions, it does not need to retain a sponsor in the annual report); midsize businesses, and an equity tracking stock trading volume of at least 1,100,000 shares per after listing; and Standard 2 - Quantitative Listing Standards for Non-U.S. month over the prior 12 months, or at least 2,200 □ the public tranche must be fully underwritten; total shareholders, or at least 450 round lot holders the company must publish a prospectus which has been Companies ☐ the sponsors must be appointed at least two months vetted by the UKLA. and 50% of such holders hold unrestricted securities 1A. FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS - one of three before submission of listing application; with a market value of at least \$2,500, with certain 3. Dual class share structures: □ at least two of the executive directors must be exceptions for special purpose acquisition □ Earnings Test — Adjusted pre-tax income of at least \$100 ☐ Effective 3 December 2021, commercial companies with ordinarily resident in Hong Kong; and companies (SPAC) million in the aggregate for the last 3 fiscal years (or 2 'specified weighted voting rights shares' are eligible for appointed two authorized representatives to 1,250,000 publicly held shares; and fiscal years if the company is an EGC), with a minimum of listing in the premium segment. Set out below are communicate with the HKSE; the authorized \$25 million in each of the most recent 2 fiscal years. market value of the publicly held shares of at least conditions for such 'specified weighted voting rights representatives must be either two directors or a \$45 million if listing in connection with an initial □ Valuation/Revenue Test — either director and the applicant's secretary. public offering.1 o A maximum weighted voting right of 20:1 which is (a) Valuation/ Revenue with Cash Flow –at least (i) \$500 III. Other Considerations Note: Exceptions apply for certain companies, available in two limited circumstances involving (a) million in global market capitalization; (ii) \$100 million □ mineral companies which are unable to satisfy the including closed end management investment a vote on removal of the holder of the specified in revenues during the most recent 12-month period; financial standards requirements and/or rely on the weighted voting rights shares as a director and (b) companies and business development companies. and (iii) \$100 million aggregate cash flow for the last 3 exceptions of qualifying under a shorter trade period a vote on any matter following a change of control fiscal years (or 2 fiscal years if the company is an EGC), can apply to be listed if the HKSE is satisfied that the in the listed company (i.e., to act as a deterrent to with at least \$25 million in each of the 2 most recent directors or the senior managers of the applicant, takeover); taken together, have sufficient experience relevant to o The specified weighted voting rights shares may (b) Pure Valuation/ Revenue - at least (i) \$750 million in the exploration and/or extraction activity that such only be held by a director of the listed company or mineral company is pursuing. The HKSE requires an global market capitalization; and (ii) \$75 million in a beneficiary of the director's estate (following the revenues during the most recent fiscal year. independent technical report substantiating the death of said director); relied upon resources prepared by a Competent □ Affiliated Company Test — (a) at least \$500 million in o The specified weighted voting rights shares must Person ("Competent Person"). A Competent Person global market capitalization; (b) at least a 12-month expire after 5 years. must have a minimum of five years relevant industry operating history (not required to be a separate corporate experience and have appropriate professional entity during such period); (c) a parent or affiliated ☐ These provisions are not available to close-ended qualifications. The Competent Person must also be company is a listed company in good standing; and (d) a investment funds or open-ended investment companies. independent of the applicant, its directors, senior parent or affiliated company retains control of the ☐ In cases where a listed company has more than one class management and advisers. company or is under common control with the company. of securities admitted to premium listing, the aggregate Biotech companies which are unable to satisfy either 1B. Distribution Standards (applicable to all voting rights of the securities in each class should be of the three financial requirement tests are subject to financial tests): broadly proportionate to the relative interests of those additional listing conditions, disclosure requirements classes in the equity of the listed company. □ 5,000 worldwide holders of 100 or more shares; and continuing obligations. The HKSE requires an 2.5 million publicly held shares worldwide; initial market capitalization of at least HK\$1.5 billion at the time of listing. The company will have been in □ \$4 closing stock price per share; and operation in its current line of business for at least ☐ market value of worldwide publicly-held shares of at least two financial years prior to listing under substantially \$100 million (\$60 million for companies using the the same management. The company should ensure Affiliated Company Test). that it has available sufficient working capital to cover at least 125% of the group's costs for at least 12 Note: Non-U.S. companies may elect to qualify for listing under either domestic listing criteria Standard 1 (Domestic months from the date of publication of its listing document. An applicant has to disclose details of the

<sup>📭</sup> seasoned companies currently trading on another market are required to have a market value of publicly held shares of at least \$100 million or a market value of publicly held shares of at least \$100 million and \$110 million in stakeholders' equity.



	I. LISTING STANDARDS				
UNITED STATES NYSE	UNITED STATES  NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT  MARKET	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE MAIN MARKET	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE  MAIN BOARD		
Standards) or Standard 2 (Alternative Listing Standards).			relevant experience of the applicant's directors and senior management in the research and development, manufacturing and commercialization of Biotech Products.		
			Applicants with a weighted voting right ("WVR") or seeking a listing with the same are expected to demonstrate characteristics of innovation and growth, as well as the contribution of their proposed beneficiaries of WVR to be eligible and suitable for listing with a WVR structure. A new applicant seeking a listing with a WVR structure is required to have either a market capitalization of at least HK\$40 billion (US\$ 5.1 billion) at the time of listing, or at least HK\$10 billion (US\$1.3 billion) at the time of listing and revenue of at least HK\$1 billion (US\$127.4 million) for the most recent financial year. The beneficiaries of WVR must beneficially own collectively at least 10% of the underlying economic interest in the applicant's total issued share capital at the time of listing. Any beneficiaries of WVR must be members of the applicant's board of directors.		

I. LISTING STANDARDS				
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE	
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL MARKET	AIM	GEM	
1. Financial Requirements – one of four standards:  Standard 1  Pre-tax income: at least \$750,000 from continuing operations in the latest fiscal year, or in 2 of 3 most  operations in the latest fiscal year, or in 2 of 3 most	1. Financial Requirements – one of four standards: Income Standard:  annual income from continuing operations before income taxes of at least \$1 million in the most recently completed fiscal year (or in 2 of the 3 most recently completed fiscal years);  stockholders' equity of at least \$15 million;  publicly held shares with market value of at least \$8 million; and  at least 3 registered and active market makers.  Equity Standard:  stockholders' equity of at least \$30 million;  publicly held shares with market value of at least \$18 million;  at least 3 registered and active market makers; and  at least 2 -year operating history.  Market Value Standard:  listed securities with a market value of at least \$75 million (if the company is publicly traded, then the company must meet this and the \$4 bid price	1. Financial Requirements:  No minimum market capitalization.  Company must have sufficient working capital for its present requirements that is for at least 12 months from the date of admission.  An investing company (with primary business of investing funds in securities, businesses or assets) must raise a minimum of £6 million in cash via an equity fund raising on, or immediately before, admission.  2. Other Requirements:  A company must appoint and retain a nominated adviser (NOMAD) (from the list of advisers approved by the LSE) and a broker.  Prior to admission to trading, a NOMAD must confirm to the LSE that:  □ the company's directors have received advice and guidance as to the company's responsibilities and obligations under the AIM Rules;  □ to the best of NOMAD's knowledge and belief, after due and careful enquiry, all relevant requirements of the AIM	1. Financial Requirements:    Market capitalization: at least HK\$150 million (US\$19:3 million) at the time of listing; and   Cash flow: positive cash flow from operating activities of at least HK\$30 million (US\$3.9 million) in aggregate for two preceding financial years.  1B. Other Requirements:  At the time of listing, a company must have:   substantially the same management as for the two full financial years preceding the listing;   the ownership continuity and control for at least the last audited financial year;   market capitalization of at least HK\$45 million (US\$5.8 million) held by the public at the time of listing;   in case of listing of options, warrants or similar rights, market capitalization of at least HK\$6 million (US\$0.8 million);   minimum 25% of the company's total issued share capital held by the public at the time of listing (and at	



	I. LISTING STANDARDS				
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE		
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL MARKET	AIM	<b>GEM</b>		
recent fiscal years.    Market value of public float: \$3 million or more.   Minimum share price: at least \$3 per share.   Shareholders' equity: at least \$4 million.  Standard 2   Market value of public float: \$15 million or more.   Minimum share price: at least \$3 per share.   Shareholders' equity: at least \$4 million.   Operating history: at least 2 years.  Standard 3   Market capitalization: \$50 million or greater.   Market value of public float: \$15 million or more.   Minimum share price: at least \$2 per share.   Shareholders' equity: at least \$4 million.	requirement for 90 consecutive trading days prior to listing);    publicly held shares with market value of at least \$20 million; and   at least 4 registered and active market makers.  Total Assets/Total Revenue Standard:   total assets and total revenue of at least \$75 million each in the most recently completed fiscal year (or 2 of the 3 most recently completed fiscal years);   publicly held shares with market value of at least \$20 million; and   at least 4 registered and active market makers.  2. Liquidity Requirements (applicable to all four standards):   minimum bid price of at least \$4 per share;   at least 1.1 million publicly held shares;   at least 400 round lot shareholders and at least 50% of such shareholders hold unrestricted securities with a market value of at least \$2,500 with certain exceptions for special purpose acquisition companies;   an average trading of 2,000 shares over the 30 day trading period prior to listing (including trading volume of the underlying security on the primary market with respect to an ADR) if the security is trading in the U.S. over-the-counter market as of the date of application, unless the security is listed in connection with a firm commitment IPO of at least \$4 million; and   In the case of ADRs, at least 400,000 issued	Rules have been complied with;  in its opinion, the NOMAD is satisfied that the company and its securities are appropriate to be admitted to AIM;  it will comply with the AIM Rules in its role as nominated adviser to the company; and  the company must publish an AIM Admission Document. AIM Admission Documents are not subject to any vetting requirement.	all times after listing) (this can be lowered at HKSE's discretion to between 15% and 25% if market capitalization exceeds HK\$10 billion (US\$1.3 billion);  at least 100 shareholders at the time of listing;  no more than 50% of publicly held securities beneficially owned by three largest public shareholders;  appointed a sponsor to assist with application for listing at least two months before submission of application;  appointed two authorized representatives to communicate with the HK\$E; the representatives do not have to be resident in Hong Kong; and  made full disclosure regarding any competing businesses of directors and controlling shareholders in the prospectus. This requirement is applicable on an ongoing basis following the listing and disclosure shall be made in the company's annual report.  Note: Underwriting is not compulsory. However, if new capital is to be raised by the issuer in an amount not fully underwritten, a listing may only proceed if the minimum subscription amount set out in the prospectus has been raised.		



	I. LISTING STANDARDS		
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ CAPITAL MARKET	AIM	GEM
Standard 4	1. Financial Requirements — one of three standards:		
a) Market capitalization: \$75 million; or	Equity Standard:		
b) Total assets and total revenue: \$75 million or greater	□ stockholders' equity of at least \$5 million;		
each in the last fiscal year, or in two of the last three fiscal years.	□ publicly held shares with a market value of at least \$15 million; and		
☐ Market value of public float: \$20 million or more.	🗆 at least 2-year operating history.		
□ Minimum share price: at least \$3 per share.	Market Value of Listed Securities Standard:		
Public shareholders/ public float requirement (one of the following must be met; applicable to all four	□ stockholders' equity of at least \$4 million;		
standards):  At least 800 public shareholders and 500,000 shares in	□ publicly held shares with a market value of at least \$15 million; and		
public distribution; or	☐ listed securities with a market value of at least \$50 million (if the company is publicly traded, then the		
<ul> <li>At least 400 public shareholders and 1 million shares in public distribution; or</li> </ul>	company must meet this and the \$4 bid price requirement for 90 consecutive trading days prior to		
☐ At least 400 public shareholders and 500,000 shares in public distribution with an approximate daily trading	listing).		
volume of 2,000 shares during 6 months prior to the	Net Income Standard:		
date of application.	stockholders' equity of at least \$4 million;		
3. Foreign Issuer Exception	□ publicly held shares with a market value of at least \$5 million; and		
Foreign issuers who do not meet the public shareholders/ public float requirement described above may qualify with the following:	net income from continuing operations of \$750,000 in the last complete fiscal year (or 2 of the last 3 fiscal		
□ 800 round-lot public shareholders worldwide;	years).		
□1 million publicly held shares worldwide; and	Liquidity Requirements (applicable to all three standards):		
□ \$3 million market value of public float worldwide.	☐ minimum bid price of at least \$4 per share; OR		
	<ul> <li>minimum closing price of at least \$3 per share, if Equity Standard or Net Income Standard is met; OR</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>minimum closing price of at least \$2</li> <li>per share if Market Value of Listed</li> <li>Securities Standard is met.</li> </ul>		
	provided that, to qualify under either closing price alternative, the company must also have:		
	<ul> <li>Net tangible assets in excess of \$2 million (if the company has been in continuous operation for at least 3 years); or</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Net tangible assets in excess of \$5 million (if the company has been in continuous operation for less than 3 years); or</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Average revenue of at least \$6 million for the last 3 years.</li> </ul>		
	□ at least 1 million publicly held shares;		



□ at least 300 round lot shareholders and at least 50% of such shareholders hold unrestricted securities with a market value of at least \$2,500 with certain exceptions for special purpose acquisition companies;	
☐ at least 3 registered and active market makers;	
□ an average trading of 2,000 shares over the 30 day trading period prior to listing if the security is trading in the U.S. over-the-counter market as of the date of application (including trading volume of the underlying security on the primary market with respect to an ADR), unless the security is listed in connection with a firm commitment IPO of at least \$4 million; and	
☐ In the case of ADRs, at least 400,000 issued.	



	II. OPERATING HISTORY					
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE			
NYSE	NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT	MAIN MARKET	MAIN BOARD			
	MARKET					
See the Financial Requirements above.	No minimum operating history requirements.	1. Premium Listing — a company must have:  independent audited, unqualified, consolidated historical financial information which covers at least 3 years and a latest balance sheet that is not older than 6 months before the date of the prospectus and not older than 9 months before the date the shares are admitted to listing and which has been prepared in accordance with recognized national or international accounting standards;  in historical financial information representing at least 75% of the company's business;  in control over the majority of its assets (and have done so for at least the period covered by the required accounts); and  in independent business as its main activity.  Notes:  There are variations to these requirements for mineral and scientific research based companies and in respect of all companies at the discretion of the FCA in certain circumstances.  An investment entity may seek a Premium Listing only. Requirements for investment entities are different.  2. Standard Listing — none of the above applies except with respect to the provision of historical financial information for up to 3 years where available in circumstances where a	At least a three-year trading record, subject to certain limited exceptions:    for a company qualifying under the market capitalization/revenue test, HKSE may accept a shorter period if:   its directors and management have at least 3 years of sufficient and satisfactory experience in the line of business and industry of the company. Details of such experience must be disclosed in the listing document; and   it has operated under substantially the same management for the most recent audited financial year.    HKSE may relax three-year requirement for mineral companies and newly formed 'project' companies, and may accept two-year trading record in exceptional circumstances if HKSE is satisfied that a listing is desirable in the interests of the company and investors and that necessary information is available to investors to arrive at an informed judgment concerning the company and the securities to be listed. As such, the HKSE should be consulted at an early stage and additional conditions will be imposed at the discretion of the HKSE.    Biotech companies who seek to apply for listing should have at least a two-year trading record prior to listing under substantially the same management.			
		prospectus is required.	onder substantially the same management.			
LIMITED CTATES		ERATING HISTORY	HOME KOME STOCK EVOLUNGE			
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE			
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL MARKET / CAPITAL MARKET	AIM	GEM			
□ Standard 2: at least 2 years.	□ Equity Standard: at least 2 years.	No trading record is required.	At least a two-year trading record, the HKSE encourages			
□ Other Standards: no minimum operating history requirements.	<ul> <li>Other Standards: no minimum operating history requirements.</li> </ul>	Where the company's business has not been independent and revenue earning for at least 2 years, subject to certain exceptions, (i) the directors of the company and anyone holding 10% or more of the voting rights of the company (or any of their associates) and (ii) any employee who (together with that employee's family) holds 0.5% or more of any class of the company's AIM-traded securities, or otherwise is likely to have access to unpublished price sensitive information, must agree not to dispose of any interest in securities of the company for a period of 1 year from the date of admission.	voluntary disclosure of three years of financial results in the accountants' report where the company has a longer operating history, subject to certain limited exceptions:  HKSE may accept a shorter trading record period and/or waive or vary the ownership and management requirements for natural resources exploration and/or extraction companies or newly-formed 'project' companies provided that the cash flow requirement of HK\$30 million (US\$ 3.9 million) is met.			



III. INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS			
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE	NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT	MAIN MARKET	MAIN BOARD
	MARKET		
□ A majority of the board must be comprised of independent directors within 1 year of the listing date. □ No director qualifies as "independent" unless the board of directors affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with the listed company (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the company). □ A director is not independent if the director: ○ is, or has been within the last 3 years, an employee of the company, or an immediate family member is, or has been within the last 3 years, an executive officer, of the company (except as an interim chairman or CEO or other executive officer); ○ received, or has an immediate family member who received, compensation from the company in excess of \$120,000 during 12 consecutive months within 3 years preceding the determination of independence, with certain exceptions; ○ is a partner or employee, has an immediate family member who is a partner, or within the last 3 years was or an immediate family member was a partner or employee who personally worked on the company's audit, of a firm that is the company's internal or external auditor; ○ is or an immediate family member is, or has been within the last 3 years, employed as an executive officer of another company where any of the company's present executive officers at the same time serves or served on that company's compensation committee, or  ○ is a current employee, or an immediate family member is a current executive officer, of a company that has made payments to, or received payments from, the company for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last 3 fiscal years, exceeds the greater of \$1 million, or 2% of such other company's consolidated gross revenues.  Note: Exceptions apply for certain companies, including controlled companies, certain funds, and passive entities.  Foreign Private Issuer Exemption  Listed companies that are foreign private issuers (FPIs) are permitted to follow home country practice in lie	MARKET  □ A majority of the board must be comprised of independent directors, subject to a one-year phase in period in the case of a listing by IPO.  □ "Independent Director" means a person other than an executive officer or employee of the company or any other individual having a relationship which, in the opinion of the company's board of directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director.  □ A person is not considered independent if the director:  o is, or at any time during the past 3 years was, employed by the company;  o accepted, or who has a family member who accepted, any compensation from the company in excess of \$120,000 during any period of 12 consecutive months within 3 years preceding the determination of independence, other than (i) compensation for board or board committee service; (ii) compensation paid to a family member who is an employee (other than an executive officer); or (iii) benefits under a tax-qualified retirement plan, or non-discretionary compensation;  o is a family member of an individual who is, or at any time during the past 3 years was, employed by the company as an executive officer;  o is, or has a family member who is, a partner in, or a controlling shareholder or an executive officer of, any organization to which the company made, or from which the company received, payments for property or services in the current or any of the past 3 fiscal years that exceed 5% of the recipient's consolidated gross revenues for that year, or \$200,000, whichever is more, other than (i) payments solely from investments in the company's securities; or (ii) payments under non-discretionary charitable contribution matching programs.  o is, or has a family member who is, employed as an executive officer of another entity where at any time during the past 3 years any of the executive officers of the company served on the compensation committee of such other entity; or is, or has a family member who is, a current partner of the	□ The UK Corporate Governance Code recommends that at least half the members of the board, excluding the chairman, should be independent non-executive directors.  □ One of the independent non-executive directors should be appointed senior independent director.  □ The chairman of the board should be independent on appointment.  □ The company's annual report and accounts should identify the non-executive directors whom the board determines to be independent.  □ A director is not independent if the director:  □ has been an employee of the company within the last 5 years;  □ has had a material business relationship with the company within the last 3 years;  □ receives additional remuneration from the company other than a director's fee;  □ has close family ties with the company's advisers, directors or senior employees;  □ participates in the company's share option scheme or a performance based share option scheme, or is a member of the company's pension scheme;  □ represents a significant shareholder;  □ holds cross-directorships; or  □ has served on the board for more than 9 years.	□ Company's board must have at least three independent non-executive directors [3.10]. □ At least one of the independent non-executive directors must have appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise. □ Independent non-executive directors must constitute one-third of the company's board. □ A director is not independent if the director: ○ holds more than 1% of the company's total issued share capital; ○ has received an interest in any securities of the company as a gift, or by means of other financial assistance, from a core connected person or the company itself, unless a director receives shares or interests in securities from the company or its subsidiaries (but not from core connected persons) as part of his director's fee or pursuant to share option schemes; ○ is or was a director, partner or principal of a professional adviser which provides or has within two years immediately prior to the date of proposed appointment provided services, or is or was an employee of such professional adviser involved in providing services, to  (i) the company, its holding company or any of their respective subsidiaries or core connected persons; or  (ii) any person who was a controlling shareholder or chief executive or a director (other than an independent non-executive director) of the company within two years prior to the proposed appointment, or any of their close associates;  • currently, or within one year immediately prior to the date of the person's proposed appointment, has or had a material interest in any principal business activity of or is involved in any material business dealings with the company, its holding company or their respective subsidiaries or with any core connected persons of the company;  • is on the board specifically to protect the interests of an entity whose interests are not the same as those of the shareholders as a whole;  • is or was connected with a director, the chief executive or a substantial shareholder of the



	III. INDEPEN	DENT DIRECTORS	
UNITED STATES  NYSE	UNITED STATES NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE  MAIN MARKET	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE  MAIN BOARD
NTSE		MAIN MARKET	MAIN BOARD
	worked on the company's audit at any time during any of the past 3 years.  in the case of an Investment Company, is an "interested person" as defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940 other than as a director or any other board committee.  Board Diversity Requirement and Disclosures  A domestic company must have or explain why it does not have at least two members of its board of directors who are Diverse, including (i) at least one Diverse director who self-identifies as Female; and (ii) a second Diverse director who self-identifies as an Underrepresented Minority or LGBTQ+ or, if the company is a smaller reporting company, female  A foreign issuer must have, or explain why it does not have, at least two members of its board of directors who are Diverse, including at least one director who self-identifies as female, and the second director self-identifying as one or more of the following: female, LBGTQ+, or an underrepresented individual based on national, racial, ethnic, indigenous, cultural, religious, or linguistic identity in the country of the issuer's principal executive offices.  provided, that in lieu of the foregoing requirements, if a company has five or fewer directors, the company is only required to have, or explain why it does not have, at least one Diverse director.  Each company, including foreign issuers, must annually disclose, to the extent permitted by applicable law, information on each director's voluntary self-identified characteristics in the format provided by Nasdaq.  Note: Exceptions apply for certain types of companies including SPACs, passive entities and controlled companies. The board diversity rules are also subject to a phase in period for certain newly listed companies.  Foreign Private Issuer Exemption  Listed companies that are foreign private issuers (FPIs) are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of the above requirements.		company within two years immediately prior to the date of his proposed appointment;  is, or has been an executive or director (other than an independent non-executive director) during the two years immediately prior to the date of proposed appointment of the company, of its holding company or of any of their respective subsidiaries or of any core connected persons of the company, its holding company or any of their respective subsidiaries or core connected persons of the company;  independent non-executive directors of the company with a weighted voting rights structure must be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years, and are eligible for reappointment at the end of the three-year term;.  Independent non-executive directors of the company should not hold seven or more directorship on listing companies in Hong Kong; and  There should be at least one different gender's director on the board of directors



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CAPITAL MARKET	AIM	GEM
A majority of the heard of directors must be comprised. See summary for Global Select Market. Companies are re		
of independent directors within 1 year of the listing date.    Must have a sufficient number of independent directors to satisfy the audit committee requirements.    No director qualifies as "independent" unless the board of directors affirmatively determines that the director does not have a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director.    A director is not independent if the director:   A director is not independent if the director:   Sessions" assume expectation is the independent of the director director is not independent if the director:   A director is not independent if the director:   Sessions" assume expectation is the independent in carrying out the responsibilities of a director.    A director is not independent if the director:   Sessions" assume expectation is the independent non-like the director in the properties of the provided independent in the properties of the provided independent in the provid	e required to adopt a recognized corporate ode. Whilst a number have adopted the UK vernance Code, the majority operate using the rate governance issued by the Quoted lliance (QCA Code). The commentary below headings "Board Committees; Executive umes that the QCA Code applies.  Tould have at least 2 independent non-executive bough larger boards will require more. The that at least half of the board will be non-executive directors.  The sis a judgment call to be made by the board (the oxides some guidance) and the fact that a lead office for greater than 9 years does not gment that he or she is independent.	GEM See summary for Main Board.



III. INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS			
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL MARKET / CAPITAL MARKET	AIM	GEM
Foreign companies are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of the above requirements.			



	IV. BOARD COMMITTEES; EXECUTIVE SESSIONS			
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE	
NYSE	NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT	MAIN MARKET	MAIN BOARD	
	MARKET			
Audit Committee:	Audit Committee:	Audit Committee:	Audit Committee:	
<ul> <li>□ A company must have a qualified audit committee of at least 3 directors.</li> <li>□ Each member shall be financially literate.</li> </ul>	☐ A company must have an audit committee of at least 3 members, each of whom must:  o be independent (both under the NASDAQ rules and Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act);	☐ The company's board should establish an audit committee consisting of at least 3 members (and in the case of smaller companies, at least 2) who should all be independent non-executive directors.	☐ A company must have an audit committee of at least three non-executive directors, a majority of whom must be independent. The audit committee must be chaired by an independent non-executive director.	
□ At least one member must have accounting or related financial management expertise.  □ If listing in connection with an IPO, the audit committee must have at least one independent director from the date of listing, be composed of a majority of independent directors within 90 days of the date of its registration statement and be composed of independent directors only within 1 year from the effective date of its registration statement.  Other Committees:  □ A company must have a nominating/ corporate governance committee and a compensation committee, each composed entirely of independent directors.  □ If listing in connection with an IPO, each committee must have at least one independent member by the earlier of the date the IPO closes or 5 business days from the listing date, a majority of independent members within 1 year from the effective date of the registration statement.	<ul> <li>not have participated in the preparation of the company's financial statements or any of its current subsidiaries during the past 3 years; and</li> <li>be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements.</li> <li>At least one member must have had past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or any other comparable experience or background which results in the individual's financial sophistication.</li> <li>If listing in connection with an IPO, the audit committee must have at least one independent director from the date of listing, be composed of a majority of independent directors within 90 days and be composed of independent directors only within 1 year.</li> <li>Other Committees:</li> <li>A company must have a compensation committee of</li> </ul>	□ At least one member of the audit committee should have recent and relevant financial experience.  Other Committees: □ A company should have a nomination committee consisting of a majority of independent non-executive directors and chaired by an independent non-executive director or the board chairman. □ Company's board should also establish a remuneration committee responsible for setting the remuneration of executive directors, and the chairman and monitoring the remuneration for senior management, comprising at least 3 members (for smaller companies, at least 2) who should all be independent non-executive directors. □ The committees' terms of reference should be made available on the company's website.  Executive Sessions: □ There is no specified minimum number of meetings for the board or for management. □ The board should meet sufficiently regularly to discharge		
Executive Sessions:  A company must  hold regular executive sessions of non-management directors without the presence of the management or  hold regular executive sessions of independent directors only.  If a company chooses to have regular meetings of all non-management directors, it should hold an executive session including only independent directors at least once a year.  Audit committee must meet on at least a quarterly basis.  Note: Exceptions apply for certain companies, including controlled companies, certain funds, limited partnerships and smaller reporting companies.  Foreign Private Issuer Exemption  Listed companies that are foreign private issuers (FPIs) are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of some of the corporate governance requirements	at least 2 independent members.  A company may choose to adopt a nomination committee comprised solely of independent directors or may instead rely upon a majority of the independent directors operating in executive session to discharge the relevant responsibilities.  If the company adopts a compensation committee and/or a nomination committee, if listing in connection with an IPO, each committee must have at least one independent member at the time of listing, a majority of independent members within 90 days of listing and all independent members within 1 year from the date of the listing.  Executive Sessions:  Independent directors must have regularly scheduled meetings at which only independent directors are present.  Executive sessions should occur at least twice a year or more frequently, in conjunction with regularly scheduled board meetings.	its duties effectively.  The audit committee must meet at least 3 times a year.  The remuneration committee should meet at least twice a year.  The nomination committee should meet at least twice a year or otherwise as required.	the board to complement the company's corporate strategy.  Executive Sessions:  A company's board should meet regularly and at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals.  A company not having regular board meetings must disclose such fact and give reasons in its annual and interim reports.  The board's chairman is encouraged, but not obliged, to hold a board meeting at least annually with non-executive directors (including independent non-executive directors) without the executive directors present. The chairman's role is to provide leadership for the board and ensure the board works effectively and performs its responsibilities and that all key and appropriate issues are discussed in a timely manner.	



summarized above, except that FPIs are required to have an audit committee that satisfies the requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act.	Note: Exceptions apply for certain types of companies including passive entities and controlled companies.  Foreign Private Issuer Exemption  Listed companies that are foreign private issuers (FPIs) are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of some of the corporate governance requirements summarized above, except that FPIs are required to have an audit committee that satisfies the requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act.		
	IV. BOARD COMMI	TTEES; EXECUTIVE SESSIONS	
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL MARKET/CAPITAL MARKET	AIM	GEM
Audit Committee:	See summary for NASDAQ Global Select Market.	Audit Committee:	Audit Committee:
A company must have a qualified audit committee of at least 3 directors, each of whom:  - satisfies the independence standards specified in the NYSE rules and Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act;  - must not have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the issuer or any current subsidiary of the issuer at any time during the past three years; and  - is able to read and understand fundamental financial statements.  □ Each issuer must certify that it has, and will continue to have, at least one member of the audit committee who is financially sophisticated (e.g., past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or any other comparable experience or background).  Other Committees:  □ A company may choose to adopt a compensation committee and nominating committee comprised solely of independent directors or may instead rely upon a majority of the independent directors in determining executive compensation and board	See suffilling for NASDAQ global Select Market.	A company must have an audit committee which should comprise at least 2 independent non-executive directors. The company chairman may be a member of, but may not be the chair of, the committee.  Other Committees:  Companies are expected to have a remuneration committee which should be composed of at least 2 independent non-executive directors. The company chairman may not be the chairman of the remuneration committee.  Board appointments should follow an open process that seeks to find the best candidate. There is no requirement for a nomination committee to be constituted. However, nomination committees are customary for medium to larger companies.  The roles of each committee and its terms of reference must be made available on the Company's website together with details of the numbers of meetings held and members' attendance at those meetings.  Executive Sessions:  The board should meet as necessary to discharge its business effectively. There is no specified minimum number of meetings. Held and	See summary for Main Board,  Other Committees: See summary for Main Board.  Executive Sessions: See summary for Main Board.
Executive Sessions:    Board of Director meetings to be held on at least a quarterly basis.   Company's independent directors shall meet on a regular basis as often as necessary to fulfill their responsibilities, including at least annually in executive session without the presence of non-independent directors and management.   Audit committee must meet on at least a quarterly basis.		details of board attendance at those meetings must be disclosed on the company's website.  The audit committee should meet as required to discharge its duties. There is no specified minimum number of meetings.  It is expected that the remuneration committee will meet at least twice each year.	



Note: Exceptions apply for certain companies, including controlled companies, certain funds, limited partnerships and smaller reporting companies.		
Foreign Issuer Exemption		
Foreign companies are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of some of the above requirements, except that they are required to have an audit committee that satisfies the requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act.		



	V. SHAREHO	OLDERS' APPROVAL	
UNITED STATES NYSE	UNITED STATES  NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT  MARKET	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE  MAIN MARKET	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE  MAIN BOARD
Shareholder approval is required for, among others:    adoption of all equity-compensation plans and any material revisions thereto (with certain exceptions);   issuance of common stock, or of securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, if (i) the common stock has, or will have upon issuance, voting power equal to or in excess of 20% of the voting power outstanding before the issuance; or (ii) number of shares of common stock to be issued is, or will be upon issuance, equal to or in excess of 20% of the number of shares of common stock outstanding before the issuance, unless the transaction is a public offering for cash, or is priced above the "Minimum Price", which is the lower of the closing price immediately preceding the signing of the binding agreement or the closing price for the five trading days preceding the signing of the binding agreement;   issuance that will result in a change of control of the issuer; or   issuance of common stock, or of securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock: (i) to a director, officer or substantial security holder of the company (a "Related Party") if the issuance exceeds 1% of the number of common shares or voting power outstanding before issuance, unless the issuance is at least the "Minimum Price",; (ii) as consideration in transaction or series of transactions in which the Related Party has a 5% or greater interest in the company or assets to be acquired or the consideration to be paid in the transaction and the transaction could result in an issuance of that exceeds 5% of the number of common shares or voting power outstanding before issuance; or (iii) to any employee, director, or service provider.  Foreign Private Issuer Exemption  Foreign private issuers are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of the above requirements.	Shareholder approval prior to an issuance of securities is required:    in connection with acquisition of the stock or assets of another company if:   (i)   due to issuance of common stock, or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, other than a public offering for cash:   a.   the common stock has or will have upon issuance voting power equal to or in excess of 20% of the voting power outstanding before the issuance; or   b.   the number of shares of common stock to be issued is or will be equal to or in excess of 20% of the number of shares or common stock outstanding before the issuance; or   (ii)   any director, officer or substantial shareholder has 5% or greater interest (or such persons collectively have 10% or greater interest), directly or indirectly, in the company or assets to be acquired or in the consideration to be paid in the transaction(s) and issuance of common stock, or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock, could result in an increase in outstanding common shares or voting power of 5% or more; or   the issuance will result in a change of control of the issuer;   a stock option or purchase plan is to be established or materially amended or other equity compensation arrangement made or materially amended, pursuant to which stock may be acquired by officers, directors, employees, or consultants (with certain exceptions); and   in connection with a transaction, other than a public offering, involving the sale or issuance of common stock (or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock):   c.   which alone or together with sales by officers, directors or substantial shareholders, equals 20% or more of the common stock or 20% or more of the common stock or 20% or more of the common stock or securities convertible into or exercisable for common stock or 20% or more of the common stock or 20% or more of the common stock is less than the lower of:	For a company with Premium Listing, shareholder approval is required for, among others:    'significant transactions' (so classified under 'class tests' which assess size of the transaction by certain percentage ratios);   reverse take-overs;   cancellation of listing (requires 75% or more of votes cast at a general meeting);   disapplication of pre-emption rights of shareholders in relation to any proposed issue of equity shares for cash;   adoption of an employee share scheme or long term incentive scheme (subject to certain exceptions);   grants of options, warrants or other similar rights to subscribe for shares if the price per share payable on exercise of such right is less than market value in certain circumstances;   an issuance of shares pursuant to an offer or placing at a discount of more than 10% of the market price;   a purchase the company's own shares other than by way of tender offer to all shareholders of the relevant class;   transfer from Premium Listing to Standard Listing; or   certain related party transactions.  Note: None of the above applies to a company with a Standard Listing.	Shareholders' approval is required for, among others:  connected transactions not exempted from shareholders' approval, major transactions, very substantial disposals and acquisitions (determined by percentage ratios) and reverse takeovers;  granting of service contract by the company or any of its subsidiaries to director or proposed director of the company or any of its subsidiaries which:  (i) is for a duration that may exceed three years; or  (ii) to entitle the company to terminate the contract, expressly requires the company to give a period of notice of more than one year or to pay compensation or make other payments equivalent to more than one year's remuneration.  granting general mandate to issue or repurchase shares;  directors allotting, issuing or granting shares, securities convertible into shares, options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for any shares or such convertible securities (unless under a general mandate or pursuant to a rights issue or open offer which does not require shareholders' approval);  directors allotting voting shares if it would effectively alter control of the company, even if under general mandate;  granting of options to a substantial shareholder or a director, chief executive of a listed company or any of their respective associates, resulting in the securities issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options already granted and to be granted to such persons in 12-month period exceeding 0.1% of the relevant class of securities in issue and having an aggregate value in excess of HK\$5 million;  adoption of share option scheme of a listed company or any of its subsidiaries, and its material alteration; granting further options to share option scheme participant resulting in the securities issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options granted and to be granted to such person in 12-month period up to and including the date of such further grant representing in aggregate over 1% of the relevant class of securities in issue;



	e. the closing price immediate preceding the signing of the binding agreement; or  f. the average closing price for the 5 trading days immediately preceding the signing of the binding agreement.  Foreign Private Issuer Exemption  Foreign private issuers are permitted to follow home country practice in lieu of the above requirements.		□ privatization by scheme of arrangements or capital organization under the Takeovers Code; □ purchase by the company of its own shares; □ rights issue which would increase either the issued share capital or the market capitalization of the company by more than 50%; □ open offer: (i) which would increase either the issued share capital or the market capitalization of the company by more than 50%; or (ii) under which securities are not offered in proportion to shareholders' existing shareholdings and not issued by the directors under a general mandate. Rights issue or an open offer effected within 12 months from the date on which dealings in securities of a newly company commence in the HKSE (subject to restriction on further issues of securities within six months of listing).
	V. SHAREI	HOLDERS' APPROVAL	
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL	AIM	GEM
	MARKET/CAPITAL MARKET		
Shareholder approval is required for, among others:    stock option or purchase plan or other equity compensation arrangement pursuant to which options or stock may be acquired by officers, directors, employees, or consultants (with certain exceptions);    additional shares to be issued as sole or partial consideration for acquisition of stock or assets of another company if such issuance could result in an increase in outstanding common shares of: (i) 5% or more and an individual director, officer or substantial shareholder has 5% or greater interest (or such persons collectively have 10% or greater interest), directly or indirectly, in the company or assets to be acquired or in the consideration to be paid in the transaction; or (ii) 20% or more;    issuance resulting in a change of control, including reverse takeover;   additional shares to be issued in connection with sale or issuance of common stock (securities convertible into common stock): (i) at a price less than the greater of book or market value which together with sales by officers, directors or principal shareholders equals 20% or more of presently outstanding common stock (not required for a "public offering"); or (ii) equal to 20% or more of presently outstanding stock for less than the greater of book or market value of the stock; provided, this rule does not apply to a public offering.	See summary for NASDAQ Global Select Market.	Shareholder approval is required for, among others:  a reverse take-over;  disposals resulting in a fundamental change in business;  cancellation of listing (requires 75% or more of votes cast at a general meeting);  if an investing company, any amendments to the investing policy;  if the investment policy has not been implemented for 18 months post-admission, shareholders' approval is required at each AGM until investing policy is substantially implemented.	See summary for Main Board (except for the last bullet point whereby GEM Board Listing Rules does not prohibit new issuers on further issuing securities within six months of listing).



Foreign companies are permitted to follow home country		
practice in lieu of the above requirements.		



	VI. AUDITS AN	D PERIODIC REPORTS	
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE	NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT	MAIN MARKET	MAIN BOARD
	MARKET		
Audits:	Audits:	Audits:	Audits:
A company must be audited by an independent public accountant that is registered as a public accounting firm with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.  Each listed company must also have an internal audit	A company must be audited by an independent public accountant that is registered as a public accounting firm with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.	Annual financial statements must be audited and should make clear which information in those statements has been audited and which has not.  UK issuers:	Annual financial accounts must be audited by an auditor independent both of the company and of any other company concerned, who must be a practicing accountant of good standing and who is:
function.		Consolidated accounts, if required, must be prepared in accordance with the UK-adopted IFRS Standards and the accounts of the parent company must be prepared in accordance with UK law.	<ul> <li>in case of Hong Kong incorporated company, qualified under the Professional Accountants Ordinance for appointment as an auditor of a company; or</li> </ul>
		If consolidated accounts are not required, the audited financial statements must comprise accounts prepared in accordance with UK law. Generally, the individual group companies' accounts will all use the same financial reporting framework unless there are good reasons to do otherwise.	(ii) in the case of a non-Hong Kong company, a firm of practicing accountants acceptable to HKSE which has an international name and reputation and is a member of a recognized body of accountants.
		Non-UK issuers:	
		An issuer whose registered office is outside the UK but whose relevant disclosure and accounting standards are considered equivalent to those of the UK is exempted from the rules under "UK issuers" above and "Periodic Reports" below. The FCA maintains a published list of third party countries whose disclosure and accounting standards are considered to be equivalent (e.g. Canada and Switzerland). Such issuers remain subject to the requirement of filing information with the FCA as well as language and dissemination of information provisions.	
		US issuers are exempt provided they are subject to specific reporting requirements under the US Securities Act.	
		Issuers from other third party countries may approach the FCA to consider if the regime applicable to them in their home jurisdiction can be recognized as equivalent.	
Periodic Reports:	Periodic Reports:	Periodic Reports:	Periodic Reports:
Any company that is required to file with the SEC an annual report that includes audited financial statements is required to simultaneously make such annual report available to shareholders of such securities on or through the company's	A company must make available to shareholders an annual report containing audited financial statements within a reasonable period of time following the filing of the annual report with the SEC.	In addition to publishing its annual report and accounts, each company must also publish a half-yearly report on a group basis for the first 6 months of each financial year or period. These interim financial statements need not be audited.	A company must send annual and half-yearly reports to every member of the company and every other holder of its listed securities.
website and issue press release stating that its annual report has been filed with the SEC. The company must also post to its website a prominent undertaking in English to provide all shareholders the ability, upon request, to receive a hard copy	A foreign issuer must submit on a Form 6-K an interim balance sheet and income statement as of the end of its second quarter. This information, which must be presented in English, but does not have to be reconciled to U.S. GAAP, must be provided no later	The report must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the company's annual accounts, having regard to the applicable accounting standards.  An interim management statement (IMS) must also be	
	than six months following the end of the company's second quarter.  While a company is not required to distribute interim reports, a company that distributes interim reports to shareholders should distribute such reports to both	published during the first and second 6 months of a financial year, in each case in the period between 10 weeks after the beginning, and 6 weeks before the end, of the relevant 6 month period. IMS must provide an explanation of material events and transactions that have taken place during the	



of the company's complete audited financial statements free of charge. <sup>2</sup> A foreign private issuer must, at a minimum, submit to the SEC, by no later than six months following the end of the company's second fiscal quarter, a Form 6-K that includes (i) an interim balance sheet as of the end of its second fiscal quarter and (ii) a semi-annual income statement that covers its first two fiscal quarters.	registered and beneficial shareholders. Each company that is not a limited partnership and is subject to Rule 13a-13 of the US Securities Act shall make available quarterly reports including statements of operating results to shareholders either prior to or as soon as practicable following the company's filing of Form 10-Q.  For foreign private issuers, please refer to the "Foreign Private Issuers" section below.	relevant period and their impact on the financial position of the company and its controlled undertakings, including a general description of the group's financial position and performance.	
	VI. AUDITS A	ND PERIODIC REPORTS	
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL	AIM	GEM
	MARKET/CAPITAL MARKET		
Audits:	Audits:	Audits:	Audits: 审计:
All financial statements contained in annual reports of the	See summary for Global Select Market.	Annual financial statements must be audited.	See summary for Main Board.
company to its shareholders must be audited by independent public accountants that have been peer		UK and EEA issuers:	
reviewed.		AIM companies incorporated in the UK must prepare annual accounts in accordance with the UK-adopted IFRS Standards. AIM companies incorporated in an EEA country must prepare annual accounts in accordance with IFRS.	
		Where, at the end of the relevant financial period, such company is not a parent company, it may prepare its accounts either in accordance with the UK-adopted IFRS Standards or IFRS (as appropriate), or in accordance with the accounting standards applicable to that company due to its country of incorporation.	
		Non-UK and EEA issuers:	
		The annual accounts of an AIM company which is not incorporated in either the UK or an EEA country must be prepared in accordance with IFRS, US GAAP, Canadian GAAP, Australian IFRS or Japanese GAAP.	
		Disclosure of Related Party Transactions in Accounts	
		The accounts must disclose any transaction with a related party where any of the class tests exceed 0.25% (specifying the identity of the related party, consideration for the transaction and details of each director's remuneration for that year).	
Periodic Reports:	Periodic Reports:	Periodic Reports:	Periodic Reports:
Any company that is required to file with the SEC an annual report that includes audited financial statements is required to simultaneously make such annual report available to shareholders of such securities on or through the company's	See summary for Global Select Market.	In addition to the annual accounts, a company must prepare half-yearly unaudited reports.	A company must prepare annual financial statements, half- year reports and quarterly reports. A company must send such annual financial statements or summary financial

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A listed company that is either (i) subject to the US proxy rules, or (ii) not subject to the US proxy rules, but provides its audited financial statements to beneficial shareholders in a manner consistent with the physical or electronic delivery requirements applicable to annual reports set forth in Rules 14a-3 and 14a-16 of th4e US proxy rules, is not required to issue the press release or post the undertaking required above.



website and issue press release stating that its annual report has been filed with the SEC. The company must also post to its website a prominent undertaking in English to provide all shareholders the ability, upon request, to receive a hard copy of the company's complete audited financial statements free of charge. <sup>3</sup>	The report must be presented and prepared in a form consistent with that which will be adopted in the company's annual accounts, having regard to the applicable standards.	report, as applicable, to every members of the company and every other holder of its listed securities.
Unless the exchange agrees that the release of quarterly results would be impractical, or could be misleading, a foreign issuer must, at minimum, issue quarterly results by press release.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A listed company that is either (i) subject to the US proxy rules, or (ii) not subject to the US proxy rules, but provides its audited financial statements to beneficial shareholders in a manner consistent with the physical or electronic delivery requirements applicable to annual reports set forth in Rules 14a-3 and 14a-16 of th4e US proxy rules, is not required to issue the press release or post the undertaking required above.



VII.	RELATED PARTY TRANSA	CTIONS; CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS	
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE	NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT	MAIN MARKET	MAIN BOARD
	MARKET		
Related Party Transactions:	Related Party Transactions	Related Party Transactions:	Related Party Transactions:
The audit committee or another independent body of the board of directors is required to conduct a reasonable prior review and approve all "related party transactions" that are material and required to be disclosed by the Company pursuant to Item 404 of regulation S-K or Item 7.B of the annual report on Form 20-F. Public disclosure under the SEC regulations will continue to apply.	Company must conduct an appropriate review and oversight of all related party transactions, as defined by Item 404 of Regulation S-K or Item 7.B of the annual report on Form 20-F, for potential conflicts of interest on an ongoing basis by the company's audit committee or another independent body of the board of directors.	A company with a Premium Listing must seek shareholder approval before it can enter into certain transactions or arrangements with a related party in which applicable percentage ratios under the class tests exceed 5%.  If each of the percentage ratios is less than 5% but one of the percentage ratios exceeds 0.25%, a listed company must inform the FCA, obtain written confirmation that the terms of the transaction are fair and reasonable so far as the shareholders of the listed company are concerned from the sponsor and publish information on the transaction in its next annual report and accounts.	A company may be required to obtain approval of its shareholders for any 'connected transaction' (unless such transaction is exempted from shareholders' approval under the Listing Rules). Connected transaction may need to be announced publicly and information circular must be sent to shareholders. If in doubt as to whether a proposed transaction is 'connected', it is advisable that a company consult with HKSE.
Code of Conduct and Ethics	Code of Conduct and Ethics:	Code of Conduct and Ethics:	Code of Conduct and Ethics:
Company must:  adopt and disclose a code of business conduct and ethics for directors, officers and employees; and promptly disclose any waivers of the code for directors or executive officers.  A company's code of business conduct and ethics and its corporate governance guidelines must be posted on or made available through its website, and disclose in its annual proxy statement (or annual report on Form 10-K if it does not file a proxy statement) that its code of business conduct and ethics is available on or through its website and provide the website address.  To the extent that a company grants any waivers (which may only be made by the board or a committee) for an executive officer or director, the waiver must be disclosed to shareholders within 4 business days by distributing a press release providing website disclosure or filing Form 8-K with the SEC.	Company must adopt a code of conduct applicable to all directors, officers and employees (and in compliance with the definition of "code of ethics" set out in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act), and such code must be publicly available.  Any waivers of the code for directors or executive officers must be approved by the board of directors. Companies, other than foreign private issuers, shall disclose such waivers within 4 business days by filing a current report on Form 8-K with the SEC or, if Form 8-K is not required, by distributing a press release.  Foreign private issuers must disclose such waivers by distributing a press release or including disclosure in a Form 6-K or in the next Form 20-F or Form 40-F filed with the SEC.  Alternatively, a company, including a foreign private issuer, may disclose waivers on the company's website in a manner that satisfies the requirements of Item 5.05(c) of Form 8-K.	The principal recommendations for the corporate governance of companies with a Premium Listing are contained in the UK Corporate Governance Code. As a matter of law, a listed company is not required to comply with the UK Corporate Governance Code. However, the Listing Rules require that a listed company with a Premium Listing discloses in its annual report and accounts details of its compliance with the UK Corporate Governance Code or identifies and explains the reasons for non-compliance – the "comply or explain" approach.  A company with a Standard Listing must make similar disclosures in its directors' report as to its applicable corporate governance regime and compliance.  In practice, all companies should aspire to comply with the UK Corporate Governance Code wherever practicable to do so.  In addition to the "comply or explain" requirements of the UK Corporate Governance Code, a company with a Premium Listing should adopt a dealing code (which reflects restrictions imposed by the Market Abuse Regulation on how a company's directors and senior management can deal in the company's securities).  Further, the Listing Rules set out principles which apply to every company with a Premium Listing in respect of its obligations as a listed company under the Listing Rules, the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules (DTRs) and the Market Abuse Regulation.	Company is expected to comply with the HKSE Corporate Governance Code. If it chooses to deviate from the Code, it must disclose such deviation and reasons in the annual and interim reports and in the Corporate Governance Report. A company may also devise its own code on corporate governance practices. Each director must comply with the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers under the HKSE Listing Rules, or the company's own code on no less stringent terms.  Directors are expected to be guided by "A Guide on Directors' Duties" issued by the Companies Registry, the Guidelines for Directors and the Guide for Independent Non-executive Directors published by the Hong Kong Institute of Directors.

VII. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS; CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS			
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL	AIM	GEM
	MARKET/CAPITAL MARKET		
Related Party Transactions:	Related Party Transactions:	Related Party Transactions:	Related Party Transactions:
Related party transactions must be subject to appropriate review and oversight by the company's audit committee or a comparable body of the board of directors.	See summary for Global Select Market.	Details of relevant related party transactions (those which exceed 5% of any of the relevant class tests) require notification to the market but do not require shareholder approval.	See summary for Main Board.



	VII. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS; CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS				
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE		
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL	AIM	GEM		
	MARKET/CAPITAL MARKET				
Code of Conduct and Ethics:	Code of Conduct and Ethics:	Code of Conduct and Ethics:	Code of Conduct:		
Company must adopt a code of conduct and ethics applicable to all directors, officers and employees and such code must be publicly available.	See summary for Global Select Market.	A company is required to adopt a recognized corporate governance code. The most common codes are the UK Corporate Governance Code and the QCA Code. The provisions of the codes are not mandatory. However disclosure is required (on a company's website	See <b>summary</b> for Main Board.		
Any waivers of the code of conduct and ethics for directors or executive officers must be approved by the company's board of directors and disclosed on Form 8-K filed within		and its annual report and accounts) of how the company applies the relevant recognized corporate governance code.			
the SEC within 4 business days after the occurrence of the		A company must:			
event.		make certain information available to the public free of charge through its website, including its admission document, constitutional documents, details of directors, financial reports and announcements, shareholder publications and how it applies a recognized corporate governance code. If it is an investing company it must also state its investing policy. If it is an overseas company then a statement must also be included that the rights of its shareholders may be different to the rights of shareholders in a UK incorporated company;			
		☐ adopt a reasonable and effective policy for dealings in its securities by directors and certain employees which must set out the periods during which dealings are prohibited and the process for obtaining clearance to deal at other times. Dealings will not be permitted during specified periods prior to the publication of annual and half-yearly results or at any time when there exists, unpublished price sensitive information (with certain exemptions);			
		☐ have in place sufficient procedures, resources and controls to enable it to comply with the AIM rules;			
		seek advice from its NOMAD on compliance with the AIM rules and provide the NOMAD with any information it reasonably requests or requires to carry out its own responsibilities under the rules; and			
		ensure that each of its directors accepts full responsibility, collectively and individually, for its compliance with the AIM rules.			



VIII. FOREIGN ISSUERS; VIOLATIONS					
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE		
NYSE	NASDAQ GLOBAL SELECT MARKET	MAIN MARKET	MAIN BOARD		
Foreign Issuers:	Foreign Issuers:	Foreign Issuers:	Foreign Issuers:		
A foreign private issuer may follow home country practice in lieu of the provisions of the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards for domestic companies, except mandatory requirements with respect to:    audit committees;   disclosure of any significant ways in which its corporate governance practices differ from those followed by domestic companies under NYSE listing standards,   the CEO promptly notifying the NYSE in writing after any executive officer of the company becomes aware of any non-compliance with any applicable provisions of the NYSE's corporate governance listing standards; and   submission of an executed written affirmation annually to the NYSE and the submission of an interim written affirmation as and when required by the interim written affirmation form specified by the NYSE.  A foreign private issuer that is required to file an annual report on Form 20-F with the SEC must include the statement of significant differences in that annual report. All other foreign private issuers may either (i) include the statement of significant differences in an annual report filed with the SEC or (ii) make the statement of significant differences available on or through the listed company's website. If the statement of significant differences is made available on or through the listed company's website, the listed company must disclose that fact in its annual report filed with the SEC and provide the website address.	A foreign private issuer may follow its home country practice in lieu of the corporate governance requirements set forth in NASDAQ Marketplace Rules and the requirement to distribute annual and interim reports provided that the company shall comply with the notification of noncompliance requirement, the voting rights requirement, and the audit committee composition requirement (i.e., ensuring that its members meet the independence requirement), and the diverse board representation and disclosure requirements.  A foreign private issuer maybe exempted from the Direct Registration Program requirement if it submits to NASDAQ a written statement from an independent counsel in its home country certifying that a law or regulation in the home country prohibits compliance.  A foreign private issuer that follows its home country practice pursuant to this exemption shall:  (i) submit to NASDAQ a written statement from independent counsel in such company's home country certifying that the company's practices are not prohibited by the home country's laws; and  (ii) disclose in its annual reports (and in its registration statement in case of IPO) filed with the SEC each requirement from which it is exempted and describe the home country practice, if any, followed by the issuer in lieu of such requirements.  A foreign private issuer that is not required to file an annual report on Form 20-F with the SEC may provide the above mentioned disclosures in English on its website in addition to, or instead of, providing these disclosures on its registration statement or annual report in which case the company's annual report and registration statement should so state and provide the website address.	The LSE Listing Rules generally apply equally to overseas issuers as they do to UK issuers.  UK legislative standards referred to in the Listing Rules generally extend to overseas companies. It is best practice to comply with certain aspects of English law and investor guidelines (for example, corporate governance and preemption rights for shareholders).	For admission to listing, HKSE recognizes the following jurisdictions of incorporation of overseas issuers:  Hong Kong, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands or the People's Republic of China; and  All Australian states, Brazil, the British Virgin Islands, the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario, Cyprus, France, Germany, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Italy, Japan, Jersey, the Republic of Korea, Labuan, Luxembourg, Singapore, United Kingdom and the United States of America, States of California and Delaware.  Other jurisdictions are accepted on a case by case basis. HKSE's Joint Policy regarding the Listing of Overseas Companies streamlines procedures for listing of the overseas issuers.  The Main Board Listing Rules apply to overseas issuers as they do to Hong Kong issuers, subject to additional requirements, modifications or exceptions set out in Chapter 19 of the Main Board Listing Rules, such as the requirement to include in the listing document a summary of the constitutive documents of the overseas issuer and the relevant regulatory provisions (statutory or otherwise) of the jurisdiction in which the overseas issuer is incorporated or otherwise established.  A separate set of rules applicable to the issuers incorporated in the PRC is set in Chapter 19A of the Main board Listing Rules.		

#### Violations:

CEO of a listed company must certify to NYSE annually as to any knowledge of any violation by the company of NYSE corporate governance listing standards. CEO of each listed company must promptly notify NYSE in writing if any executive officer of the company becomes aware of any non-compliance, even if not material.

In case of any violation of the NYSE listing standards, NYSE may issue a public reprimand letter to the violating company.

#### Violations:

A company must promptly notify NASDAQ if any executive officer becomes aware of any noncompliance by the issuer with the NASDAQ listing requirements.

When NASDAQ's Listing Qualifications Department determines that a company does not meet a listing standard, it will immediately notify the company of the deficiency by a notification of one of four types:

(iii) staff delisting determinations, which are notifications of deficiencies that, unless

#### Violation:

The FCA may suspend or cancel the trading of listed securities or, in certain circumstances, fine or publicly censure a company, its directors or persons discharging managerial responsibilities for breach of the Listing Rules, the Transparency Rules or the Market Abuse Regulation.

The above sanctions are in addition to any other civil or criminal liability under other regimes, e.g., insider dealing.

### Violation:

- Company must state in its interim and annual reports, among other things, whether:
- it has complied with the Corporate Governance Code, any deviation and considered reasons for each deviation;
- (ii) the directors have complied with the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers or the company's own code on no less exacting terms and details of any



For companies that repeatedly or flagrantly violate NYSE listing standards, suspension and delisting remain the ultimate penalties.	appealed, subject the company to immediate suspension and delisting;  (iv) notifications of deficiencies for which a company may submit a plan of compliance for staff review;  (v) notifications of deficiencies for which a company is entitled to an automatic cure or compliance period; and  (vi) public reprimand letters.		non-compliance with explanation of the remedial steps taken to address such non-compliance.  B. In case of breach of the Listing Rules, HKSE has the power to, among others;  (ii) issue a public statement which involves criticism;  (iv) to report offender's conduct to regulatory authorities including the Commission;  (v) ban professional advisers from representing a party;  (vi) require a breach to be rectified; and  (vii) direct a trading halt, suspend or cancel the listing of the listed company's securities.
	VIII. FOREIGN IS	SSUERS; VIOLATIONS	3 ,
UNITED STATES	UNITED STATES	LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE	HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE
NYSE AMERICAN	NASDAQ GLOBAL	AIM	GEM
	MARKET/CAPITAL MARKET		
Foreign Issuers:	Foreign Issuers:	Foreign Issuers:	Foreign Issuers:
Foreign companies (whether or not they are foreign private issuers) are eligible for exemptions similar to those available for foreign private issuers that are listed on the NYSE.	See summary for Global Select Market.	Generally, save as set out below, the AIM Rules do not distinguish between domestic UK issuers and overseas issuers. All companies listed on AIM are also required to comply with the Market Abuse Regulation (which deals with matters such as the disclosure of inside information and the conduct and notification of dealings by directors and managers).  Whilst the UK Takeover Code will not apply to many overseas companies, it is considered good practice for them to adopt provisions in their constitutional documents which mirror key aspects of the Takeover Code.  Overseas companies may fall outside the scope of DTR5, which imposes dealing disclosure deadlines by significant shareholders in AIM companies regardless of whether or not they are governed by the DTRs. Overseas companies are therefore advised to include in their constitutional documents provisions which impose DTR equivalent disclosure obligations on their significant shareholders.	See summary for Main Board regarding acceptable jurisdictions and HKSE's Joint Policy.  The GEM Listing Rules apply to overseas issuers as they do to Hong Kong issuers, subject to additional requirements, modifications or exceptions set out in Chapter 24 of the Listing Rules, such as the requirement to include in the listing document a summary of the constitutive documents of the overseas issuer and the relevant regulatory provisions (statutory or otherwise) of the jurisdiction in which the overseas issuer is incorporated or otherwise established. A separate set of rules applicable to the issuers incorporated in the PRC is set in Chapter 25 of the GEM Listing Rules.
Violation:	Violation:	Violation:	Violation:
See summary for NYSE.	See summary for Global Select Market.	If the LSE considers that a company has contravened the AIM Rules, it may fine or censure such company, publish the fact that it has been fined or censured and/or cancel the admission of its securities. The LSE does not, however, have the power to take action against the directors of any AIM company for non-compliance with the AIM Rules. These sanctions are in addition to any other civil or criminal liability under other regimes, e.g., market abuse and insider dealing.	Save for paragraph A. (ii) described in the above summary for Main Board which is not applicable for a company listed on GEM, see summary for the Main Board.



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