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- Securities dealers, futures dealers, leveraged foreign exchange traders, securities advisers, futures advisers, corporate finance advisers, automated trading services providers, securities margin financiers, asset managers and their representatives

- Set licensing standards to ensure that all practitioners are fit and proper
- Approve licences and maintain a public register of licensees
- Issue codes and guidelines to inform the industry of its expected standard of conduct
- Ensure compliance with ordinances, codes, guidelines, rules and regulations
- Set standards for the authorisation and operation of investment products
- Authorise investment products and their promotion
- Handle complaints of misconduct of licensed persons
- Investigate and take action against misconduct

- Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX)

- Oversee the performance of its role as the frontline regulator of listing-related matters
- Approve the creation of new markets, new products and changes to its rules and regulations
- Monitor HKEX's own compliance with Listing Rules
- Monitor the trading of shares, options and futures on its markets
- Oversee its systems and technology

- Listed companies

- Approve changes to the Listing Rules
- Administer the Takeovers Code
- Monitor share dealings of directors and substantial shareholders
- Monitor share buy-backs by listed companies
- Monitor announcements and listing application materials
- Investigate listed companies suspected of prejudicial or fraudulent transactions

- All participants in trading activities

- Monitor unusual market movements and direct trade suspension of related stocks to maintain an informed and orderly market
- Investigate and take action against insider dealing, market manipulation, and other breaches of the law