Enhancing Hong Kong market competitiveness and appeal



To bolster Hong Kong's competitiveness and its position as a premier fundraising and asset management hub, the SFC maintains its pivotal role in enhancing capital market liquidity and efficiency, while deepening regulatory cooperation with both the Chinese Mainland and global markets.

Enhancing listing market competitiveness and efficiency

Developing Hong Kong as premier listing platform

Hong Kong's initial public offering (IPO) market continued its momentum during the quarter, with 48 IPOs raising nearly $100 billion in total. Funds raised surged more than 200% from a year ago. Hong Kong regained its position as the world's top IPO market in 2025, raising more than $280 billion in total.

As at 31 December 2025, 12 Mainland leading enterprises had listed in Hong Kong since the China Securities Regulatory Commission's (CSRC) announcement in April 2024 to further support listings in Hong Kong. They are in the sectors of electrical appliances, beverages, artificial intelligence, logistics, electric vehicle batteries, ride hailing, supply chain, folding bicycles, automobile and autonomous driving.

IPO funds raised in 2025:

$280+ billion

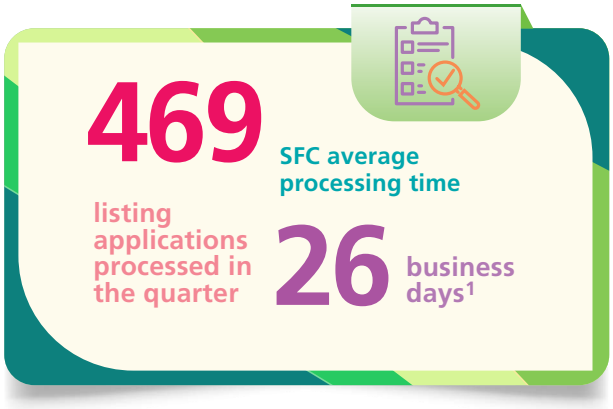
▲200%+YoY

The Technology Enterprises Channel (TECH) has been well received by the market, with 73 applications from pre-profit biotech companies and 46 applications from specialist technology companies received from its launch in May 2025 to 31 December. The 10 IPOs of specialist technology and biotech companies raised a total of over $9 billion in the quarter, up 800% from the same period in 2024.

Gatekeeping listing applications

During the quarter, we processed 469 listing applications and cleared 156 of them. 169 of the processed ones were new listing applications, including 41 from pre-profit biotech companies and 19 from specialist technology companies.

The 156 cleared listing applications took us an average of 26 business days to process.



Under the enhanced timeframe for new listing application process, up to 31 December, we cleared 185 listing applications received after the joint statement by the SFC and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (SEHK) dated 18 October 2024, 98%[2] of which were cleared within the vetting time of 40 business days.

Strengthening securities market and enhancing its liquidity

Lowering transaction cost and boosting market efficiency

We have actively engaged with Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) to reduce funding costs for collateral posted by market participants. Effective October, HKEX implemented a revised interest rebate formula on cash collateral across its three on-exchange clearing houses. These changes benefit market participants with higher interest rebates. HKEX has also extended this enhancement to OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited since January 2026[3]. Additionally, the fees associated with the use of non-cash collateral for margin requirements have decreased, offering market participants greater flexibility in managing their funding to meet margin obligations.

HKEX issued a public consultation on enhancements to the board lot framework in December. To improve trading, clearing and settlement efficiency, the proposal would limit board lot units to eight choices with a value from $1,000 to $50,000.

Introducing Hang Seng Biotech Index Futures

We approved HKEX's proposal to launch Hang Seng Biotech Index Futures, which commenced trading in November. It tracks the performance of the 30 largest southbound Stock Connect-eligible biotech, pharmaceuticals and medical devices companies listed in Hong Kong. It recorded an increasing trading volume and a continuous build-up of open interest as of end-2025.

Strengthening Hong Kong's role as super-connector

Building offshore RMB and risk management hub

Steady growth of Swap Connect

The trading volume of Swap Connect has been growing since its debut in mid-2023, with active participation from both Mainland and overseas investors. As of end-December, 87 overseas investors had participated in the scheme. The aggregate notional amount of executed RMB interest rate swap transactions had surpassed RMB9.9 trillion since launch, representing a daily average of about RMB15.4 billion. In view of trading growth, the daily trading quota of Swap Connect was raised to RMB45 billion in October.

1 For the 156 cleared cases of listing applications.
2 Under the Joint Statement on Enhanced Timeframe for New Listing Application Process dated 18 October 2024, the timeline of the application process may be lengthened where the applicants and their sponsors provided materially incomplete responses or failed to satisfactorily address regulators' comments.
3 Post-reporting period.

Advances in HKD-RMB dual counter trading

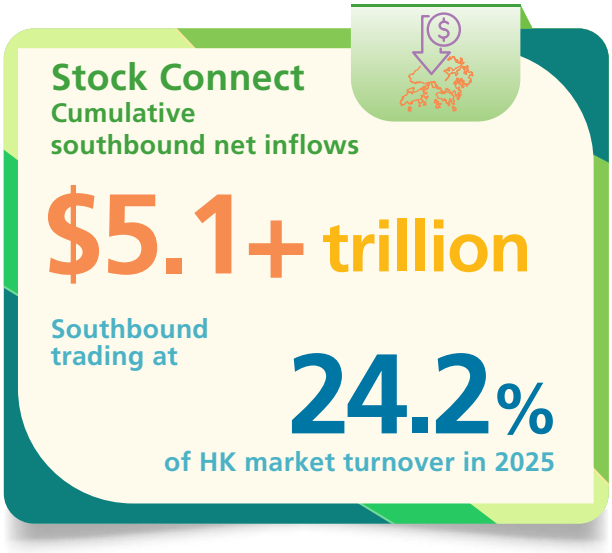
Following the implementation of HKEX's Single Tranche Multiple Counter settlement model in June 2025, the Hong Kong market is technically prepared to accommodate RMB counters under southbound Stock Connect. During the quarter, HKEX and its Mainland counterparts were working closely to ensure all relevant systems are ready by mid-2026, paving the way for the eventual inclusion of RMB counters.

Enhancing mutual access schemes with Mainland

Stock Connect maintains strong momentum

Stock Connect saw robust southbound inflows in 2025, totalling $1,404.8 billion – a rise of 74% from 2024. In addition, average daily southbound trading increased 151% year-on-year to $121.1 billion. This accounted for 24.2% of market turnover in Hong Kong, up from 18.3% in 2024. As of end-December, cumulative southbound net inflows reached more than $5.1 trillion since launch in November 2014.

In the fourth quarter, southbound inflows reached $237.3 billion. Average daily southbound trading was $105.7 billion and accounted for 23.0% of market turnover in Hong Kong.



Updates on Mutual Recognition of Funds (MRF)

During the quarter, Hong Kong funds and Mainland funds recorded net subscriptions of about RMB4.68 billion and net redemptions of about RMB73.35 million respectively under the Mainland-Hong Kong MRF scheme.

As at 31 December, 40 Mainland funds had been authorised by the SFC and 42 Hong Kong funds approved by the CSRC. Cumulative net subscriptions amounted to about RMB125.20 billion for Hong Kong funds and about RMB677.99 million for Mainland funds as at 31 December.

Mainland-Hong Kong MRF scheme – fund flows[a] (RMB million)

	Three months ended 31.12.2025			Nine months ended 31.12.2025			Nine months ended 31.12.2024		
	Subscription	Redemption	Net subscription/ (redemption) [b]	Subscription	Redemption	Net subscription/ (redemption) [b]	Subscription	Redemption	Net subscription/ (redemption) [b]
Mainland funds	**37**	**110**	**(73)**	123	304	(181)	91	187	(96)
Hong Kong funds	**18,441**	**13,763**	**4,679**	50,554	76,540	(25,986)	33,461	16,401	17,060

a Based on data from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange.
b Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.

Enhancements to Wealth Management Connect

To facilitate interaction between participating brokers and their clients, we issued a circular on enhancements to the Cross-boundary Wealth Management Connect Pilot Scheme in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in November, including enhanced arrangements for promotion and sales as well as the issuance of research reports. With valid one-off written consent from cross-boundary clients, brokers can explain product information to these clients remotely based on their needs and selected product categories. Brokers can also provide the clients with research reports on individual investment products prepared by their partner brokers. The new measures help to improve service efficiency, client experience and information flow, while ensuring regulatory compliance.

Reinforcing Hong Kong's position as asset and wealth management hub

Enhancing regulation of unit trusts and mutual funds

We launched a three-month consultation on proposed amendments to the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (UT Code) in October. The proposals would broaden product offerings of SFC-authorised funds for investors, aligning Hong Kong's regulatory regime with the latest international regulatory standards. Among the key revisions, we would allow an alternative approach for managing derivative investments in retail funds, updating requirements for fund liquidity risk management, and enhancing the requirements for money market funds.

Facilitating new REIT offerings

To further advance the development of the real estate investment trusts (REIT) market in Hong Kong, we launched a new REIT Channel in October to enable both local and global REIT applicants to consult the SFC regarding their applications on a confidential basis, thereby enhancing their listing preparation and efficiency.

In parallel, we streamlined the authorisation process and documentary requirements for REITs. Under the streamlined process, we anticipate that a new REIT authorisation application can be decided on within four weeks from take-up under normal circumstances. In addition, we streamlined the documentary requirements to facilitate secondary offerings of SFC-authorised REITs.

Hong Kong-domiciled funds' AUM and fund flow surge

As at 31 December, there were 1,041 Hong Kong domiciled funds, up 1.9% from the previous quarter and up 9.1% from a year ago. Their assets under management (AUM) increased 0.4% from the previous quarter and increased 38.3% year-on-year to $2,275.8 billion (US$292.4 billion). Net fund inflows of about $35.7 billion (US$4.6 billion) were recorded in the quarter.

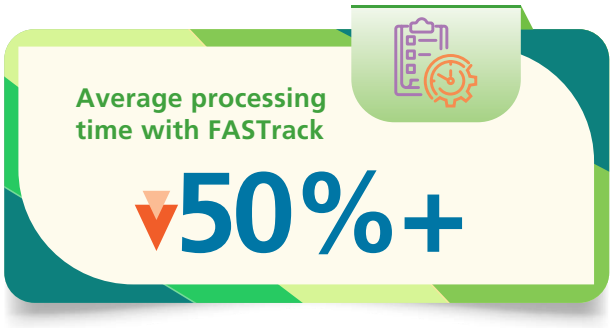
During the year, net fund inflows amounted to $356.7 billion (US$45.7 billion), up 118.5% year-on-year.

Further streamlined measures for EU-regulated retail funds

We launched a series of streamlined post-authorisation measures for SFC-authorised UCITS funds[4] to facilitate their implementation of changes that are in compliance with their home regulations. With the measures coming into effect by end-November, scheme change applications by UCITS funds are estimated to drop by about 50%[5].

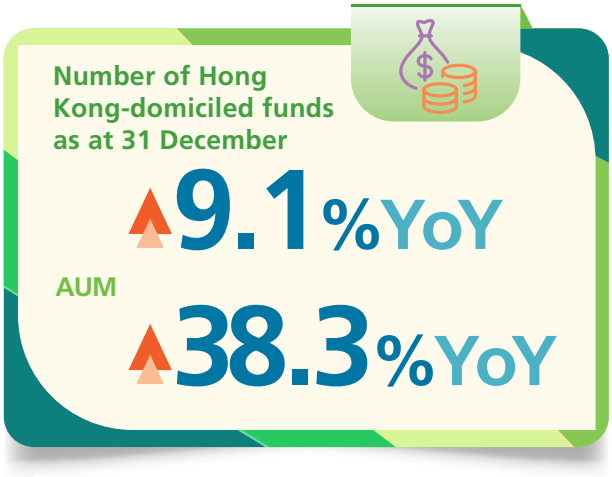
Fast-tracking authorisation of simple funds from other markets

Under the Fund Authorisation Simple Track (FASTrack), we pledge a 15-day authorisation timeframe for simple funds from jurisdictions with an MRF arrangement with Hong Kong (MRF jurisdictions)[6]. During the quarter, we authorised nine FASTrack-eligible funds within this timeframe, while reducing the average processing time by more than 50% compared to 2024[7].



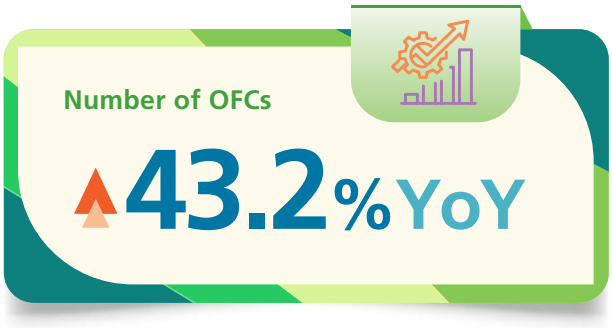
Authorising investment products

During the quarter, we authorised 47 unit trusts and mutual funds (including 35 Hong Kong-domiciled funds), one paper gold scheme and 18 unlisted structured investment products for public offering in Hong Kong.



Sustained growth of open-ended fund companies (OFCs)

As at 31 December, there were 676 registered OFCs, of which 51[8] were newly registered during the quarter. The number of registered OFCs increased 43.2% year-on-year.



4 UCITS funds means (i) Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) domiciled in France, Luxembourg, Ireland and the Netherlands, and (ii) collective investment schemes domiciled in the United Kingdom authorised as UK UCITS.
5 Based on the number of scheme changes applications submitted to the SFC by UCITS funds over the past 12 months before the measures came into effect, and the number of these applications that may be eligible for the proposed streamlined measures.
6 MRF jurisdictions currently include Australia, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, Mainland, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Taiwan China, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.
7 Compared to the average processing time for standard applications for simple funds from MRF jurisdictions in 2024 prior to the introduction of the FASTrack.
8 This figure includes 50 private OFCs.

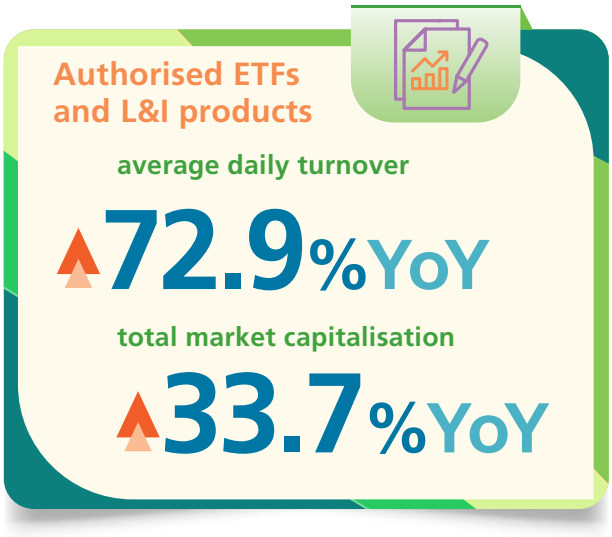
Expanding ETF and L&I product markets

As at 31 December, 200 SFC-authorised ETFs and 29 SFC-authorised leveraged and inverse (L&I) products were listed on SEHK, rising 18.0% from a year ago in aggregate. They had a total market capitalisation of $618.7 billion (US$79.3 billion), up 33.7% from the previous year. During the quarter, these ETFs and L&I products recorded net inflows of $9.2 billion (US$1.2 billion) and an average daily turnover of $33.2 billion (US$4.3 billion), equivalent to 14% of the turnover of Hong Kong's stock market.

As at 31 December, 23 ETFs were eligible for southbound trading under Stock Connect. During the quarter, southbound ETF trading had an average daily turnover of $2.9 billion (US$366.7 million), contributing 4.9% to the total turnover of eligible Hong Kong ETFs.

Driving Integrated Fund Platform (IFP) development

As of end-2025, a total of 45 firms including fund distributors, asset managers and transfer agents have joined the IFP, a new financial infrastructure to facilitate retail fund distribution in Hong Kong. Following the launch of the fund repository[9] in December 2024 and the order routing service[10] in July 2025, we are working closely with HKEX and other parties to implement the platform and nominee services as the next phase of the IFP which is expected to be launched in 2026.



SFC-authorised ETFs and L&I products[a, b]

	As at 31.12.2025	As at 31.3.2025	Change (%)	As at 31.12.2024	YoY change (%)
Number of SFC-authorised ETFs and L&I products[c]	**229**	210	9.0	194	18.0
Market capitalisation[d] ($ billion)	**618.7**	520.3	18.9	462.7	33.7

	Nine months ended 31.12.2025	Nine months ended 31.3.2025	Change (%)	Nine months ended 31.12.2024	YoY change (%)
Average daily turnover ($ billion)	**35.8**	28.5	25.6	20.7	72.9
Net fund flow[d] ($ billion) – Net inflow (outflow)	**48.5**	12.8	N/A	5.0	N/A

a Based on data from HKEX.
b The statistics only cover authorised ETFs and L&I products listed and traded on HKEX's securities market.
c Multiple counters of an ETF and L&I product are counted as one product.
d Market capitalisation and fund flow statistics are calculated based on units/shares of all authorised ETFs and L&I products held in Hong Kong.

9 An online database on the IFP providing one-stop access to information on SFC-authorised funds, enabling distributors and investors to easily access and compare fund offerings.
10 This service enhances connectivity between fund distributors and transfer agents on the IFP, improving the process for order placements including fund subscriptions and redemptions.

ETF Connect – Southbound trading and fund flows of eligible Hong Kong ETFs[a]

Nine months ended	Number of eligible Hong Kong ETFs as at period end	Market capitalisation as at period end ($ million)	Southbound trading average daily turnover ($ million)	As a% of eligible ETFs' total turnover (%)	Fund inflow/ (outflow) of eligible Hong Kong ETFs ($ million)
31.12.2025	**23**	334,705	3,733	5.9	(7,683)
31.3.2025	**17**	306,402	3,639	7.6	(7,601)
31.12.2024	**17**	255,461	2,639	7.7	(21,717)[b]

a Based on data from HKEX.
b Figure was restated to align with market data adjustments.

Authorised collective investment schemes

	As at 31.12.2025	As at 31.3.2025	change (%)	As at 31.12.2024	YoY change (%)
Unit trusts and mutual funds – Hong Kong domiciled	**1,041**[a,b]	976	6.7	954	9.1
Unit trusts and mutual funds – non-Hong Kong domiciled	**1,459**[c]	1,445	1.0	1,429	2.1
Investment-linked assurance schemes	**320**	319	0.3	319	0.3
Pooled retirement funds	**32**	32	0.0	32	0.0
MPF schemes	**23**	25	-8.0	25	-8.0
MPF pooled investment funds	**200**	198	1.0	195	2.6
Paper gold schemes	**16**	15	6.7	15	6.7
REITs	**11**	11	0.0	11	0.0
Total	**3,102**	3,021	2.7	2,980	4.1

a This figure includes 116 approved pooled investment funds (retail APIFs) which MPFs may invest into and may also be offered to the public in Hong Kong.
b This figure includes 220 Hong Kong domiciled ETFs and L&I products.
c This figure includes nine non-Hong Kong domiciled ETFs and L&I products.

Authorised unlisted structured investment products

	As at 31.12.2025	As at 31.3.2025	change (%)	As at 31.12.2024	YoY change (%)
Unlisted structured investment products^	426	391	9.0	385	10.6

^ On a "one product per key facts statement" basis, including equity-linked investments and deposits.

Registered OFCs

	As at 31.12.2025	As at 31.3.2025	change (%)	As at 31.12.2024	YoY change (%)
OFCs	676^	520	30.0	472	43.2

^ This figure includes 631 private OFCs.

SFC-authorised renminbi (RMB) investment products

	As at 31.12.2025
Unlisted products	
Unlisted funds primarily investing in onshore Mainland securities markets[a] or offshore RMB bonds, fixed-income instruments or other securities	58
Unlisted funds (non-RMB denominated) with RMB share classes	509
Paper gold schemes denominated in RMB	1
Recognised Mainland funds under Mainland-Hong Kong MRF arrangement	40
Unlisted structured investment products issued in RMB[b]	425
ILAS with policy currency in RMB	8
Listed products	
ETFs primarily investing in the onshore Mainland securities markets[a] or offshore RMB bonds, fixed-income instruments or other securities	45
ETFs (non-RMB denominated) with RMB trading counters and/or RMB share classes	65
RMB leveraged and inverse products	1
RMB gold ETFs[c]	1
RMB REITs	1

a Refers to onshore Mainland investments made through the Qualified Foreign Investor scheme, Stock Connect, Bond Connect and the China Interbank Bond Market.
b The number is on a "one product per key facts statement" basis.
c Only includes gold ETFs denominated in RMB.

Authorised unit trusts and mutual funds domiciled in Hong Kong – fund flows by type[a] (US$ million)

For the three months ended 31 December, Hong Kong-domiciled funds reported overall net inflows of $35.7 billion (US$4.6 billion), which was primarily attributed to equity funds and money market funds.

	Three months ended 31.12.2025			Nine months ended 31.12.2025			Nine months ended 31.12.2024		
	Subscription	Redemption	Net subscription/ (redemption)[b]	Subscription	Redemption	Net subscription/ (redemption)[b]	Subscription	Redemption	Net subscription/ (redemption)[b]
Bond	4,434	4,462	(28)	16,687	19,180	(2,493)	13,320	9,946	3,373
Equity	7,069	5,010	2,058	16,313	15,391	922	11,115	14,177	(3,062)
Mixed	2,566	2,146	421	7,362	7,062	300	3,899	5,593	(1,694)
Money market	82,968	81,771	1,197	233,440	219,243	14,197	107,258	89,905	17,352
Feeder funds[c]	20	6	14	47	23	24	66	11	55
Index[d]	31,060	30,146	914	108,737	103,791	4,947	76,032	75,620	411
Guaranteed	–	1	(1)	19	3	16	0	3	(3)
Commodity and virtual asset[e]	143	137	7	779	418	361	877	611	266
Total[b]	128,261	123,679	4,581[f]	383,386	365,111	18,274	212,566	195,866	16,699

a Based on data reported by funds domiciled in Hong Kong.
b Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.
c The subscription and redemption amount of feeder funds whose master funds are authorised by the SFC have been excluded to better reflect the total fund flows.
d Including equity and fixed income index tracking funds, ETFs and L&I products.
e From 30 June 2024, commodity and virtual asset funds, ETFs and L&I products (whether actively managed or index tracking) have been recategorised under the "Commodity and virtual asset" category. Corresponding adjustments have been made to the relevant historical figures.
f This figure includes net fund outflows of $3.0 billion (US$0.4 billion) reported by retail approved pooled investment funds which MPFs may invest in and may also be offered to the public in Hong Kong.

Unit trusts and mutual funds authorisation – processing time by fund application streams

Fund application streams^	Three months ended 31.12.2025	
	No. of funds authorised during the quarter	Processing time
FASTrack	9	11.33 business days (ie, 0.58 month)
Standard	9	1.29 months
Non-standard	29	2.19 months
Total	47	

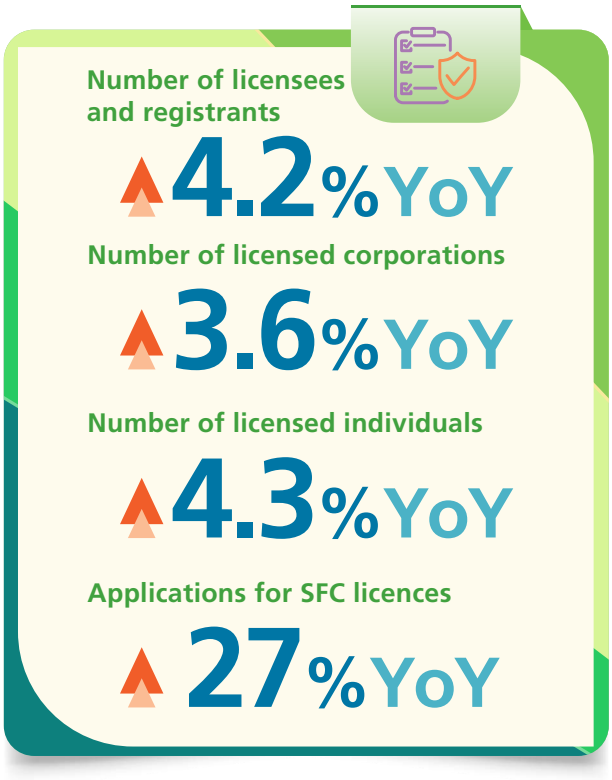
^ New fund applications are processed under three different application streams. The SFC aims to grant authorisation for application, if successful, within the following target timeframe for the respective application streams: (i) FASTrack: within 15 business days; (ii) Standard: within 1-2 months; and (iii) Non-standard: within 2-3 months.

Gatekeeping securities industry

Increasing number of licensees under SFO

For 2025, we received 9,637 licence applications including 9,338 individuals and 299 corporations, a 17% increase from 2024[11]. Between October and December, we received 2,488[12] licence applications including 2,423 individuals and 65 corporations, down 11% from the previous quarter but up 27% from the same quarter last year.

As of 31 December, there were 50,613 licensees and registrants, including 3,424 licensed corporations (LCs), 47,079 individuals and 110 registered institutions. During the quarter, the total number of new licensees and registrants was 4,165[13], amongst which 4,096 were individuals, and 69 were LCs and registered institutions.



Licensees and registrants under the SFO

	As at 31.12.2025	As at 31.3.2025	change (%)	As at 31.12.2024	YoY change (%)
Licensed corporations	**3,424**	3,328	2.9	3,305	3.6
Registered institutions	**110**	108	1.9	109	0.9
Licensed individuals	**47,079**	45,389	3.7	45,145	4.3
Total	**50,613**	48,825	3.7	48,559	4.2

Licensing applications under the SFO

	Quarter ended 31.12.2025	Nine months ended 31.12.2025	Nine months ended 31.12.2024	YoY change (%)
Applications to conduct new regulated activity	**7,832**	23,207	19,266	20.5
Applications for SFC licences^	**2,488**	7,533	6,392	17.9

^ Figures do not include applications for provisional licences. During the quarter, we received 1,352 provisional licence applications compared with 938 in the same quarter last year.

11 Change from calendar year 2024 to 2025. This does not include applications for provisional licences.
12 The figure does not include applications for provisional licences.
13 Including provisional licensed representatives.

ATS providers

	As at 31.12.2025	As at 31.3.2025	change (%)	As at 31.12.2024	YoY change (%)
Under Part III	**54**	53	1.9	53	1.9
Under Part V	**37**	36	2.8	33	12.1

Amongst the LCs approved during the quarter, Type 9 (asset management) regulated activity[14] (RA) accounted for 85% and Type 4 (advising on securities) RA for 62%. Compared to 30 September, the number of firms licensed for Type 9 RA increased by 50 (or 2%) to 2,358.

Automated trading services

As of 31 December, there were 54 automated trading services (ATS) providers[15] authorised under Part III of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (SFO), while 37 corporations, including 11 dark pool operators, were licensed under Part V of the SFO to provide ATS.

Enhancing regulatory regimes and market infrastructure

Development of advanced platforms

We continue to exercise vigilant oversight of HKEX's ongoing initiatives to enhance market infrastructure, with a particular focus on the development of the Orion Cash Platform and the Orion Derivatives Platform.

FRR enhancements to develop OTC derivatives market

The SFC launched in November a three-month public consultation on the Chinese version of the draft amendments to the Securities and Futures (Financial Resources) Rules (FRR). This corresponded to the published English draft FRR amendments, which aim to implement internationally comparable capital requirements for LCs engaging in OTC derivative activities and support market development.

Strengthening global regulatory collaboration

Advancing links with overseas markets

To enhance the breadth and depth of our international engagement, the SFC has been proactively strengthening ties with regulatory counterparts in both developed and emerging markets, particularly in the realm of asset management.

Building on the successful signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the SFC and the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) of Canada in May 2025, we signed another MoU in October with the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) of Québec, Canada, on the exchange of information for supervision of cross-border investment management activities. Both MoUs serve to promote greater transparency and facilitate industry collaboration between Hong Kong and these Canadian markets.

14 Each LC may have multiple RA licences.
15 Under the SFO, two regimes regulate ATS providers. Typically, those that offer facilities similar to those of a traditional exchange or a clearing house are authorised under Part III of the SFO. Intermediaries which provide dealing services with ATS as an added facility are licensed under Part V of the SFO.



CEO Ms Julia Leung (second from left) signed an MoU with AMF of Québec, Canada, in Madrid, Spain, in October

In November and December, we co-hosted industry webinars with the OSC and the AMF for asset managers in Hong Kong and Canada, respectively. These sessions introduced the local market landscapes and highlighted new opportunities available to asset managers arising from the recent MoUs.

Driving greater cooperation with Southeast Asian markets

To foster collaboration between the financial sectors of Hong Kong and Southeast Asian jurisdictions, the SFC met with a high-level delegation from Vietnam in December, including senior officials from the Ministry of Finance of Vietnam and the State Bank of Vietnam. We exchanged views on international best practices, market development and regulatory approaches.



CEO Ms Leung and the SFC's senior executives met with the Vietnamese delegation led by the Deputy Minister of Justice

During the quarter, we also met with the delegation from the Securities and Exchange Regulator of Cambodia led by its Director General to discuss areas of mutual interest and opportunities for regulatory cooperation.

Leading international standard-setting efforts

We maintain close working relationships with our overseas regulatory counterparts to develop global regulatory initiatives, contribute to the work of international standard-setting bodies, and promote international cooperation and capacity building. We continue to shape international policies through our leadership roles in the committees and working groups of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) and the Financial Stability Board (FSB).

IOSCO

In October, our Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ms Julia Leung and senior executives attended the IOSCO Board meeting in Madrid, Spain, to discuss IOSCO's 2026 workplan and proposed modernisation of its structures. At the meeting, Ms Leung provided an update on the activities of the IOSCO Asia-Pacific Regional Committee which she chairs.



Representatives of the SFC and the Securities and Exchange Regulator of Cambodia met in Hong Kong

As a member of the IOSCO Policy Committee on Investment Management, we co-lead the open-ended funds liquidity data work and actively take part in initiatives including the formulation and publication of IOSCO's consultation report on valuing collective investment schemes, which was released in November.

During the quarter, we participated in a number of IOSCO meetings for its Financial Stability Coordination Group, Financial Stability Engagement Group, Committee on Emerging Risks, and Assessment Committee's IOSCO Standards Implementation Monitoring Review Team.

FSB

In October, our CEO Ms Leung attended the FSB Steering Committee meeting in Washington DC, US, to discuss regulatory modernisation and private credit.

In the same month, our Executive Director of Supervision of Markets, Mr Rico Leung, attended the FSB Regional Consultative Group of Asia meeting, in Sydney, Australia, to discuss 2026 priorities, global and regional vulnerabilities, crisis preparedness and management, digital assets and stablecoins, and operational resilience.

During the quarter, we also attended the FSB Standing Committee on Standards Implementation meeting to discuss country peer reviews, progress update on the thematic review of out-of-court corporate debt workouts, the thematic review of public-sector backstop funding and 2026 work priorities.

Regulatory collaboration with Mainland

During the quarter, we maintained close and effective communications with our Mainland counterparts to further advance various Mainland-related cooperation initiatives.

In November, we welcomed visits from the top management of the CSRC and the People's Bank of China. We updated each other on recent developments in our respective financial markets and also explored ways to further enhance mutual market access schemes and deepen regulatory cooperation.

In December, we visited the CSRC, National Financial Regulatory Administration, and State Administration of Foreign Exchange in Beijing to share views on Hong Kong's financial market development, further strengthen regulatory cooperation and reinforce Hong Kong's role as a leading international financial centre.



SFC top management met with the CSRC's Vice Chairman Mr Li Ming (middle) in Hong Kong in November

We also made use of side meetings with Mainland regulators at international regulatory events to ensure timely communications on the latest market developments.

Our frequent interactions with Mainland authorities at the working level continued in the quarter. We actively facilitated communications between our operational divisions and relevant Mainland authorities to push forward cross-boundary cooperation initiatives.

Additionally, we delivered a sharing session to the CSRC to exchange our experiences and perspectives on the impact of recent technological advancements in the regulatory sector. We also hosted a training programme for the fourth batch of CSRC senior executives, who engaged with our operational divisions, local regulators and industry associations in Hong Kong to better understand Hong Kong's regulatory framework and market landscape.

We continued to support HKSAR Government-led initiatives on Mainland-Hong Kong financial cooperation. In addition to providing input on various cooperation frameworks, we attended the third meeting of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Financial Co-operation Committee in November, contributing to discussions on the latest market developments and cooperation between Shenzhen and Hong Kong.

We participated in the sixth Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism Tripartite Meeting (Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao) in Hong Kong in December, to discuss the money laundering and terrorist financing trends, regulatory developments and preparations for the upcoming mutual evaluation.

Other regulatory engagement

In November, we participated in the 17th bilateral regulatory meeting with the Financial Supervisory Commission of Taiwan, China. We exchanged perspectives on mechanisms to facilitate fundraising for start-up companies, as well as recent advancements in products and regulatory regimes in our respective futures markets.

During the quarter, we participated in supervisory college meetings in New York and London to share intelligence and exchange views with other global regulators on the business, conduct and financial risks of several global systemically important financial institutions.