



HSBC InvestDirect: Trading on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Invest on the dynamic Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEx) with the experience and expert support of HSBC InvestDirect - the first direct brokerage in Canada to offer online access to the HKEx:

- Trade online for the flat-fee rate of HK\$288¹ → currently the lowest in the market
- Settle in HKD with access to your HKD currency accounts online
- Benefit from real-time online quotes and real-time trade requests that can be executed in seconds
- Access a wide range of investment options including equities, ETFs, and warrants
- Toll Free number from Hong Kong - access investment representatives providing local market hour coverage

Additional details about trading on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with HSBC InvestDirect:

- **Operations today** – As of March 31, 2013, the HKEx had 1,577 listed companies with a combined market capitalization of nearly HK\$21.9 trillion.
- **Index** – The benchmark index for the HKEx is the Hang Seng Index (HIS).
- **Market hours** – Two trading sessions, morning 9:30 am to 12:00 pm and afternoon 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Hong Kong Time (note that during the break between sessions, HSBC InvestDirect accepts trade orders, however they cannot be filled until the market reopens.)
- **Accounts** – Trade in cash (CDN/USD/HKD denominated), margin and registered accounts.
- **Market research** – Access Hong Kong financial news online through your HSBC InvestDirect account.
- **Multi-currency settlement** – Minimize foreign exchange risk exposure and reduce costs when you trade, settle and maintain an account in HKD (commissions are also charged in HKD).

- **Trading on HKEx through HSBC InvestDirect** – Currently applies only to buying and selling equities and warrants. Additional notes:
 - **Day trades** – At present, only day trading on HKEx is available:
 - If a trade is not filled the same day it is requested, it will expire (check on the status of your request online or contact an HSBC InvestDirect Investment Representative)
 - If a request is made when the Hong Kong market is closed, the trade will be entered for the duration of the next day the market is open (settlement is Trade plus 2 days, Hong Kong local time)
 - **Board lots** – Stocks must be bought in board lots:
 - A board lot is a fixed number of stocks, such as 100 or 1000 (the size of a board lots varies from company to company)
 - Board lots are of different sizes and are not dictated by price (odd lots are currently not available)
 - Information on how large a board lot is can be found at <http://www.hkex.com.hk>
- **Special terms** – No special terms available when trading on the HKEx. The limit price you enter for Hong Kong securities must be within 24 price increments (or ‘ticks’) of the previous closing price or the last trade price.
- **Tax implications** – Income from Hong Kong investments received by a Canadian resident investor is generally treated as foreign income. As a result, dividend income from Hong Kong companies is subject to tax in Canada at your marginal tax rate.

Diversify your portfolio with opportunities from one of the world’s fastest growing economies with direct access to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and global support from HSBC InvestDirect. For assistance in English, French, Mandarin or Cantonese, contact us at 1-800-760-1180.

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