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# Prudential plc marks the listing of 130,780,350 new shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange

On 30 September 2021, Prudential plc ("Prudential"), an insurer providing life and health insurance and asset management in Asia and Africa, announced that its Share Offer (as defined below) had been over-subscribed.

Today, dealing in the 130,780,350 new shares issued under the Share Offer has commenced on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange under the stock code 2378. The new shares have also been listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange, and will be admitted to the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and the premium listing segment of the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority today.

The new shares have been admitted following the completion of Prudential's recent Hong Kong public offer (the "Public Offer") and international placing (the "Placing") (together the "Share Offer"), raising approximately HK\$18.5 billion or US\$2.4 billion<sup>1</sup>. The proceeds of the Share Offer will be used to maintain and enhance Prudential's financial flexibility in light of the breadth of opportunities to invest for growth in its chosen markets in Asia and Africa.

Prudential has leading positions in Hong Kong and South-east Asia and sees the greatest growth opportunities in the largest economies of China, India, Indonesia and Thailand.

The Group has distinctive competitive advantages, including its access to 83 per cent. of Mainland China's GDP and its pan-Asia asset manager, Eastspring which has top-10 positions in seven out of the 11 markets in which it operates, and a multi-channel distribution strategy which includes a leading agency force and an extensive bancassurance network with more than 28,000 bank outlets.

Prudential raised equity in Hong Kong to grow its investor base in the region and to increase the liquidity of its shares in Hong Kong. This transaction shows Prudential's confidence in Hong Kong, where it has had a dual primary listing since 2010, as a major international financial centre.

Mike Wells, Group Chief Executive, Prudential plc said: "Prudential is now entirely focused on long-term structural growth opportunities in Asia and Africa, and our Share Offer has allowed us to broaden our Asian shareholder base and afforded retail shareholders in one of our key markets an additional opportunity to join us on our journey as we execute our strategy. We have market leading positions in high growth markets where there is increasing demand for the health protection and savings products we provide. We are well positioned to take advantage of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After deduction of the underwriting fees and other estimated expenses payable in connection with the Share Offer.

the opportunities ahead of us and are focused on reinvesting our capital for growth at attractive margins, having generated nearly 4 dollars of value for every dollar invested in new business."

To mark this corporate milestone, Prudential hosted a market opening ceremony event at HKEX Connect Hall, attended by Group Executive Board member James Turner, Regional Financial Officer Ben Bulmer and Chief Executive of Insurance Lilian Ng. The Group was honoured at today's event by the attendance of Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury Mr Christopher Hui, Chairman of the Insurance Authority Dr Moses Cheng, and Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited Nicolas Aguzin.

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