

# Government welcomes passage of Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2021 and Limited Partnership Fund and Business Registration Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, welcomed the passage of the Securities and Futures (Amendment) Bill 2021 and Limited Partnership Fund and Business Registration Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2021 by the Legislative Council today (September 30), which would spur the rapid development of the asset and wealth management business of Hong Kong.

The amended Ordinances establish new fund re-domiciliation mechanisms for existing funds set up in corporate or limited partnership form outside Hong Kong to re-locate their registration and operation to Hong Kong and to be registered as open-ended fund companies (OFCs) or limited partnership funds (LPFs) respectively. The re-domiciliation mechanisms will come into operation on November 1, 2021.

Mr Hui said, "To give full play to Hong Kong's advantages as an international asset and wealth management centre, introducing the fund re-domiciliation mechanisms enhances the investment fund regimes of Hong Kong with a view to attracting investment funds from all over the world to set foot in Hong Kong. This would further develop Hong Kong into a preferred fund domicile and drive demand for local related professional services, and in turn strengthen Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre."

Under the re-domiciliation mechanisms, existing investment funds set up in corporate or limited partnership form outside Hong Kong may apply to the Securities and Futures Commission or the Companies Registry for registration of the fund as an OFC or LPF in Hong Kong respectively. Upon re-domiciliation, the continuity of the fund, including contracts made and property acquired, will be preserved. The mechanisms do not operate to create a new legal entity (which will necessitate dissolution procedures of the original fund). The fund would have the same rights and obligations as any other newly established OFCs or LPFs in Hong Kong. The fund will be required to deregister in its original place of establishment upon re-domiciliation.