

Dear participating employers and members,

Re: BOC-Prudential Easy-Choice Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the “Scheme”)

Thank you for your continued support of the Scheme.

We would like to inform you that the following changes in service agreements, where applicable, (the “Changes”) will be made to the Scheme and its constituent funds (each a “Constituent Fund”, collectively, the “Constituent Funds”) with effect from 23 September 2024 (the “Effective Date”), unless otherwise specified in this Notice.

Terms not defined in this Notice shall have the same meanings as in the MPF Scheme Brochure for the Scheme dated 1 December 2020 (the “MPF Scheme Brochure”) unless otherwise specified herein.

This table summarises the Changes that will be made to the Scheme and the Constituent Funds with effect from the Effective Date.

Severe Weather Trading

Online fund switching of Constituent Funds and change of investment mandate instructions for future contributions will be available via the Trustee’s website, mobile apps and/or IVRS on a severe weather trading day (“SWT Day”). Cut-off time for handling valid switching instructions and change of investment mandate instructions for future contributions submitted through website, mobile apps and/or IVRS remains unchanged, which is 4:00 p.m. on the relevant SWT Day. Further, de-risking of Default Investment Strategy originally scheduled to take place will continue to be processed on an SWT Day. Valuation of Constituent Funds on each SWT Day will be based on the unit price of the relevant Constituent Funds on the relevant SWT Day.

The Changes above are elaborated in the main body of this Notice. The Changes will not have any adverse impact on members.

Queries

If you have any questions or concerns about the Changes set out in this Notice, please contact our customer service hotline at (852) 2929 3030.

Severe Weather Trading

In support of the implementation of arrangements for maintaining normal operations of the Hong Kong securities and derivatives markets during severe weather conditions, starting on 23 September 2024, we are pleased to inform you that with effect from the Effective Date, online fund switching of the Constituent Funds of the Scheme and change of investment mandate instructions for future contributions will be available via the Trustee’s website, mobile apps and/or IVRS on a severe weather trading day (“SWT Day”). Further, de-risking of Default Investment Strategy originally scheduled to take place will continue to be processed on an SWT Day.

Other than the above mentioned, our regular operation services will be maintained at a limited services level during SWT Day, including contribution, enrolment and termination processes which are subject to the priority to meet any regulatory deadlines or to be determined by BOCPT at its reasonable and practicable manner. Please note that instructions submitted through email will only be processed in the next normal business day after SWT Day.

Severe weather conditions refer to the scenario where a typhoon signal No. 8 or above or a black rainstorm warning is issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, or an “extreme conditions” announcement is made by the HKSAR Government. An SWT Day refers to any day from Monday to Friday except a Hong Kong public holiday on which severe weather conditions persist.

Please note that the cut-off time for handling valid switching instructions and change of investment mandate instructions for future contributions submitted through website, mobile apps and/or IVRS remains unchanged, which is 4:00 p.m. on the relevant SWT Day.

Valuation of Constituent Funds on each SWT Day will be conducted in the usual way to derive the unit price of the relevant Constituent Funds on the relevant SWT Day. With respect to the valuation of a Constituent Fund which invests in underlying fund(s) and the unit price(s) of the underlying fund(s) is(are) not available on such SWT Day, the Trustee or the Investment Manager will use the latest available fund price of such underlying fund(s) to calculate the unit price of the relevant Constituent Fund.

For the avoidance of doubt, except for the specified services set out above, all other services or operations of the Scheme including but not limited to customer service centre and customer service hotline will remain closed on an SWT Day.

No action is required of the participating employers and members to effect the Changes.

The MPF Scheme Brochure and/or trust deed of the Scheme will be amended in due course to reflect the Changes and/or other consequential updates or changes.

Should you have any questions about the Changes or would like to obtain a copy of the latest MPF Scheme Brochure and KSID, please contact our customer service hotline at (852) 2929 3030 or visit our website at www.bocpt.com.

BOCI-Prudential Trustee Limited
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