

Preamble

Invest Hong Kong (hereafter “InvestHK”) maintains a Service Providers Directory at <https://www.investhk.gov.hk> (hereafter “the Directory”) to facilitate its clients and potential Chinese Mainland and overseas investors, etc. to procure relevant business services in setting up or expanding their operations within and outside Hong Kong.

By accessing the Directory or any of its webpages, you unconditionally agree to the terms and conditions set out in this document as they may be updated from time to time by InvestHK without prior notice to you. Please check the Directory regularly for any updates which may be made.

In particular, for users representing service provider companies applying for registration with the Directory or have already registered in the Directory, the Terms and Conditions for Service Providers under Section B of this document are also applicable. By submitting or making any update to the information about your company on the Directory, you and your company unconditionally agree and confirm that the Terms and Conditions for Service Providers are fully understood, complied with, and agreed by the company concerned. You also confirm that your company and all your company’s sub-contractors, if any, have met all the regulatory requirements as elaborated in clause 4 of the Terms and Conditions for Service Providers below.

If there is any conflict between the Chinese and English versions of this Terms and Conditions, the English version will prevail.

Section A. Terms and Conditions for All Users

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Privacy Policy

9. Except for data (including personal data) provided by the service providers which would be the responsibility of the service providers concerned, InvestHK is committed to ensuring that all other personal data provided and/or held in the Directory are handled in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

10. In order to provide a better service to you, we may collect information when you visit the Directory, use our services, register with us or communicate with us. The typical types of information held by the Directory are basic contact details (such as name, job title, company name, address, email, and telephone numbers) and your areas of interest e.g. services and industries, etc.

11. The main purposes for which personal data are kept and used by the Directory include:

- to provide services or information to facilitate companies to set up or expand their business operation in Hong Kong; and
- to mail communications, invitations and such like as you may select, request or as we may consider to be relevant to you.

12. The Directory uses cookies to help us gauge what information is most useful to which users and such like. Cookies, however, keep the identity of our individual website users anonymous. For details, please see InvestHK's website on "Privacy Policy" at <https://www.investhk.gov.hk/en/privacy-policy/>.

13. Apart from data provided by service providers which may be intended for sharing with other users, the data collected in the Directory will be kept confidential. InvestHK will not divulge or sell personal details to external parties for their own purpose. InvestHK may provide contact information to:

- agents, contractors and personnel who provide services to InvestHK (for example, to the contractor engaged by InvestHK to host and administer the Directory); and
- companies and individuals (including but not limited to InvestHK's clients and potential Chinese Mainland and overseas investors) requiring information of service providers.

14. While this would not apply to data (including personal data) provided by service providers which may be intended for sharing with other users, only authorised people have access to, custody of and the means of using personal data that the Directory collects. InvestHK promotes a privacy-aware culture that respects and is sensitive to the rights of its external contacts.

15. Data captured on-line via the Directory are retained on the premises of the Government. Storage on server is protected in accordance with the requirements of the Government which protect against unauthorised or accidental access, processing, erasure or other use.

16. Except for data (including personal data) provided by service providers which are maintained by the service providers themselves, the Directory retains personal data so long as the data are still required for the purposes mentioned above.

17. While these would not apply to data (including personal data) provided by a service provider which would be the responsibility of the service provider concerned, an individual may request access to his personal data otherwise held by the Directory pursuant to the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. A charge may be imposed to cover the cost of photocopying personal data at the rate as approved by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury. In addition, an individual may also request correction of his personal data held by InvestHK if he considers the data are inaccurate.

18. Under the Hong Kong Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, you have the right:

- to check whether we hold personal data about you and to access such data;
- to require us to correct inaccurate data;
- to ascertain our policies and practices in relation to personal data and the kind of personal data held by us.

19. If you are in an EU Member State, subject to certain limitation and/or restrictions, you have the right under the data protection laws in the EU:

- to request access to and rectification or erasure of your personal data;
- to obtain restriction of processing or to object to processing of your personal data;
- to the right to data portability

20. Individuals in the EU also have the right to lodge a complaint about the processing of their personal data with their local data protection authority.

21. While data (including personal data) provided by service providers are maintained by the service providers themselves, correction of personal data otherwise held by the Directory may be made in writing or on a form specified by us. Request for data access should be made on a standard request form which can be obtained from InvestHK's Head Office on 25/F, Fairmont House, 8 Cotton Tree Drive, Central, or downloaded via <<https://www.investhk.gov.hk/en/access-to-information/>>. Please contact the following officer of InvestHK for request relating to access and correction of your personal data held by InvestHK:

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Invest Hong Kong
25/F Fairmont House
8 Cotton Tree Drive
Central
Hong Kong
Tel No.: (852) 3107 1073
Data-protection@investhk.gov.hk

22. For enquiries and requests in relation to data (including personal data) provided by a service provider, please approach the concerned service provider direct.

Section B. Terms and Conditions for Service Providers

1. The information provided by service providers may be used by InvestHK and the contractor for the purposes of compiling, preparing, incorporating in or building up any of its database (including the Directory), lists, reference materials. The collected information will be published in the Directory for InvestHK's clients or public access. It may be used for any other purposes as stated in the Privacy Policy provisions set out at Section A above.
2. Service providers are reminded not to go beyond the original scope of our mechanism to seek any (promotional) advantage from the registration status; and must not use the name / logo of InvestHK in any of their own marketing or communication channels / efforts, or represent themselves as affiliates of or have been endorsed by InvestHK. Any registered service provider which fails to abide by this requirement will be considered for removal from the Directory.
3. By submitting and making any update to the information of their company as well as their clients on the Directory, the service provider concerned confirms that it has obtained the consent of each individual and entities included in the profile for releasing his/her/their information, copyright content, and personal data for the purposes stated herein.
4. Companies that apply to become service providers of the Directory must ensure that:
 - (a) they and their sub-contractor(s) have no criminal, insolvency and/or bankruptcy records and fulfil the following requirements:
 - possessing a valid Hong Kong Business Registration Certificate;
 - having a physical presence in Hong Kong (i.e. Hong Kong office and staff);
 - having a company website which clearly describes the company's scope of services and profile with full Hong Kong contact details including office address, telephone number and email address/online contact form;
 - meeting all the regulatory requirements (i.e. including but not limited to having obtained the required permit(s) and/or licence(s) and/or certificate(s)) for offering the products and/or services in Hong Kong; and
 - (b) they select **no more than three** service categories / sub-categories that best represent their predominant services as their service offerings in the registration form.
5. Service providers should ensure that information provided in all parts of the Directory is true, complete and accurate. Registered service providers should ensure that their profile in the Directory is up-to-date to reflect any subsequent changes to such information.
6. InvestHK reserves the right to refuse registration of any companies, edit the content of any company profiles and remove any companies from the Directory in its discretion, or pursue any and all available administrative actions and legal remedies without giving any reason or prior notice especially where a service provider is found or suspected to have provided false, inaccurate or incomplete information.
7. Any attempt to offer advantage (as defined in the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (POBO) (Cap. 201 of the Laws of Hong Kong)) to any staff/members of InvestHK and/or the contractor with a view to influencing the outcome of this registration or any matters in relation to the Directory

service constitutes an offence under POBO and renders the registration invalid. These cases will be reported to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). Any approved registration will be cancelled and the applicant will be liable for all losses and expenses incurred by InvestHK as a result of the offence. Application for this registration is free of charge, applicants should report to ICAC (Telephone No.: (852) 2526 6366) if they suspect any corruption and if any staff and/or agent of InvestHK and/or the contractor solicit an advantage from them in relation to this registration. Applicants should also advise their employees, subcontractors, agents and other personnel who are in any way involved in their business that they are required to observe the related anti-bribery requirements of POBO when providing services to any clients who are referred via the Directory.