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The Roadmap of Opening up the Chinese Financial Sectors Announced at the 2018 Boao Forum for Asia (11 April 2018)

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1. Banking

No.	Sectors	Liberalization	Timeline
1 .	Commercial Banks	(1) To remove the limit on foreign ownership in commercial banks, and offer equal treatment for foreign-invested banks and domestic banks (2) To allow foreign banks to open both subsidiary and branches in China in parallel	2018.6.30
		(3) To substantially expand the business scope of foreign-invested banks	2018.12.31
2 .	Subsidiaries of Banks	To remove the limit on the maximum foreign ownership in financial assets investment companies and wealth management companies newly established by commercial banks	2018.12.31
3 .	Non-bank Financial Institutions	To encourage foreign investments in banking finance sectors, including trust, financial lease, auto finance, currency brokerage and consumer finance	2018.12.31
4 .	Asset Management Companies	To remove the limit on foreign ownership, and offer equal treatment for foreign investments and domestic investments	2018.6.30

2. Securities and Funds

No.	Sectors	Liberalization	Timeline
5 .	Securities Companies	(1) The limit on foreign ownership to be raised up to 51% • The limit on foreign ownership to be removed after 3 years (2) To remove the requirement of at least one Chinese securities firm as a domestic shareholder in Sino-foreign joint venture securities firms	2018.6.30
		(3) To remove the limit on the scope of business of the Sino-foreign joint venture securities firms, and offer equal treatment for foreign investments and domestic investments	2018.12.31
6 .	Fund Management Companies	The limit on foreign ownership to be raised up to 51% • The Limit on foreign ownership to be removed after 3 years	2018.6.30
7 .	Futures Companies	The limit on foreign ownership to be raised up to 51% • The limit on foreign ownership to be removed after 3 years	2018.6.30

3. Insurance

No.	Sectors	Liberalization	Timeline
8 .	Insurance Companies	To remove the requirement of at least 2-year representative office before foreign-invested insurance companies may be opened in China	2018.12.31
9 .	Life Insurance Companies	The limit on foreign ownership to be raised up to 51%	2018.6.30
10 .	Insurance Agents	To allow eligible foreign investors to operate insurance agency business in China	2018.6.30
11 .	Insurance Assessment Firms	To allow eligible foreign investors to operate insurance assessment business in China	2018.6.30
12.	Foreign-invested Insurance Brokerage Firms	To remove the limit on the business scope of foreign-invested insurance brokerage firms, and offer equal treatment for foreign investments and domestic investments	2018.6.30

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4. Stock Connect and QDII

No.	Sectors	Liberalization	Timeline
13 .	Stock Connect between Mainland and Hong Kong	To increase the quota of Stock Connect between Mainland and Hong Kong to four time of the original. The daily southbound quotas for each of the Shanghai-Hong Kong and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect to be increased from RMB10.5 billion to RMB42 billion; and the daily northbound quota, which allows investors in Hong Kong to buy Mainland stocks, to be increased from RMB13 billion to RMB52 billion • The increase of the daily quota is related to A-share inclusion into the MSCI • To expedite the implementation of the securities account "look through" regime by the Mainland and Hong Kong authorities	2018.5.1
14 .	Stock Connect between Shanghai and London	To launch the Stock Connect between Shanghai and London	2018.12.31
15 .	QDII	To further improve the macro prudent management of the QDII regime	/