

# Securities Accounts and Legal Regulation ----CSDC's experience and practice

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## **About Securities Accounts**

--- Concept, Forms, Function



**Legal Implication of Securities Accounts** 



Self-discipline Management





- A securities account is the carrier that records the holding and changes of an investor's securities.
- A Securities account is defined as means to record the balance of securities held by the investor as well as the historic data of securities.
- From "One securities issuance, One certificate" to "One investor account, One certificate"
- From opening accounts in stock exchanges to account-opening agencies
- From physical account certificate to electronic certificate



## The Evolution of Account Forms

■ The first generation account card in Shanghai Market

- "One securities issuance, one certificate"
- Without anti-fake label
- Issued directly by Shanghai Stock Exchange



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China Securities Depository

## The Evolution of Account Forms



■ The second generation account card in Shanghai Market



- "One investor, one securities account"
- With anti-fake label on borders
- It can be issued by account-opening agencies



## The Evolution of Account Forms



■ Account card connecting to bank account



- "One investor, one securities account"
- Connected to ICBC's bank account
- Only in Shanghai market





■ Account card issued by CSDC (Shanghai)





- "One Securities Issuance, one account"
- Without anti-fake label
- It can be issued by account-opening agencies





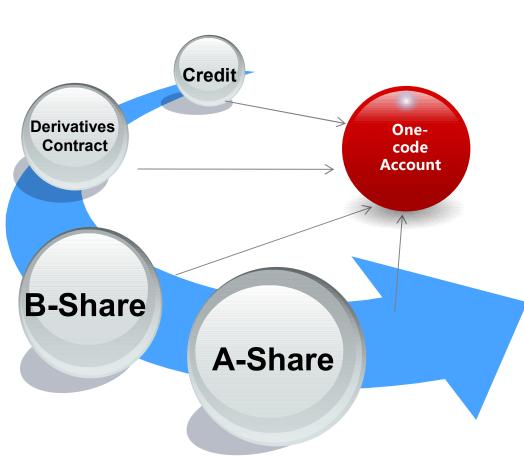
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- "One investor, multiple securities accounts"
- Cancellation of account physical certificate
- It can be issued by account-opening agencies



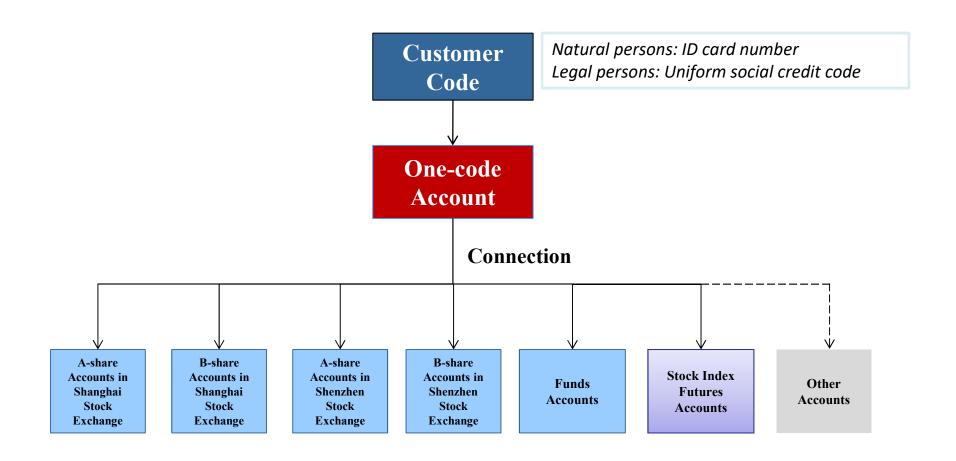
## The Securities Account of CSDC: One-code Account Systems control Limited



- ◆In Oct. 2014, Unified Account Platform came into operation, and the unified (one-code) account system was established.
- ◆ CSDC builds up a multilevel securities accounts system that centers on investors.
- ◆The connection of accounts in different markets improves transparency and information value of CSDC.



## The Securities Account of CSDC: One-code Account System Sitory Limited



**Multilevel Securities Accounts Framework** 



# The Securities Account of CSDC: One-code Account Systemsitory Limited

#### > What is the meaning of One-code account

It is a management on accounts setting and identification which set investors as units. One-code account integrates accounts in different stock markets so as to improve the management from accounts level to investors level.

One-code account solved the problem that accounts in different stock markets are not connected. The One-code Account provides an integrated management on accounts' identities.

Integration of Identity

Integration of Assets

One-code account, as a general account, records the holding and changing of securities under each sub-accounts, which summarizes registration on investors' assets on the basis of ownership conformity.

One-code account connect different sub-accounts under an investor, breaking the barrier between sub-accounts. It is more convenient to regulate the investors on stock markets.

Integration of Regulation

Integration of Management

One-code summarizes investors behaviors under each sub-accounts to reflect the overall investment characteristics of investors. One-code account system can record eligibility management information like credit rating of investors, so that regulators can build up a comprehensive and accurate investors eligibility management.



## The Function of Securities Accounts

- To identify the investors
- to record the holding and changes of investors' securities





## Registration



### **Trading**

- SSE adopts a system of
   "designated trading", which
   means that investors should
   deposit their securities with
   designated brokers. Account
   usage would be reported by
   relevant brokers to CSDC, thus
   enabling CSDC to understand
   where the account has been used.
- Investors investing with the SZSE could use their account to place instructions with different brokers. Brokers would report account usage to CSDC.

• CSDC is responsible for confirming ownership of securities for each securities account, and maintaining the shareholder register.

Brokers send investor
 instructions to stock exchanges,
 where trading instructions are
 matched on an account level.
 Investor instructions should
 include Securities Account No.,
 Stock Code, trading direction,
 number of shares and price.







# **About Securities Accounts**



**Legal Implication of Securities Accounts** 



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China Legal Framework of Securities market

Constitution

Securities Law
Contract Law, etc

Regulations on the Supervision and Administration of Securities
Companies, etc

Administrative Measures on the Registration and Settlement of Securities, etc

Business Rules, agreements and procedures

Rules on the Management of Securities Accounts,

Guide to the Domestic Securities Investment Registration and Settlement Business of QFII, etc



# **Legal Implication of Securities Accounts**

- Legislative requirements about securities account
- The Securities Law

Article 157 prescribes main business functions including to open securities accounts;

Article160 A securities registrar and clearance institution shall furnish the issuers of securities with the register of securities holders and related materials. The securities registrar and clearance institution shall, based on its processed results of securities registration and clearance, confirm the fact that an identified securities holder does own the securities, and make available the registration materials of securities holders.

Article 166 To entrust a securities company with the processing of securities trading, an investor shall apply for opening a securities account. A securities registrar and clearance institution shall, in accordance with relevant regulations, open a securities account for the investor in the investor's own name.

In applying for opening an account, the investor must present the legal documentations to establish his identity as a Chinese citizen or his qualifications as a Chinese legal person, except as may otherwise be prescribed by the State.

Article167 When providing settlement netting services for securities trading, a securities registrar and clearance institution shall request the participants in clearing to adhere to the principle of delivery versus payment, to deliver securities and funds in full and to pledge performance bonds.

No one shall use the securities, funds or performance bonds for a settlement prior to completion of the settlement. Where a participant in clearing fails to discharge its settlement obligations, the securities registrar and clearance institution shall have the right to dispose of the property, mentioned in the preceding paragraph, in accordance with its business rules.



## **Legal Implication of Securities Accounts**

#### International rules and principles



#### The UNIDROIT Convention on Substantive Rules Regarding Intermediated

#### Securities

In this Convention: "securities" means any shares, bonds or other financial instruments or financial assets (other than cash) which are capable of being credited to a securities account and of being acquired and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this Convention; "securities account" means an account maintained by an intermediary to which securities may be credited or debited;



#### PFMI: Principles for financial market infrastructures

Principle 11: Central securities depositories

A CSD should have appropriate rules and procedures to help ensure the integrity of securities issues and minimise and manage the risks associated with the safekeeping and transfer of securities. A CSD should maintain securities in an immobilised or dematerialised form for their transfer by book entry.

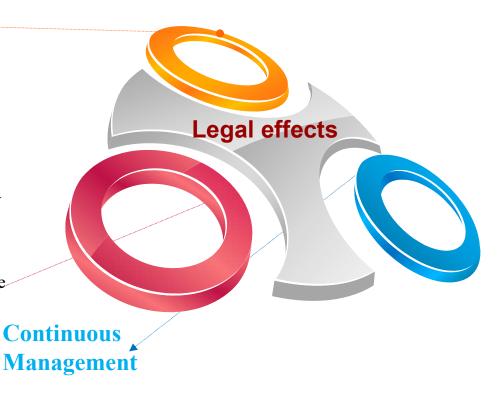


## Legal Rights •

- ➤ the account holder entitled to receive and exercise any rights attached to the securities
- ➤ Acquisition and disposition by debit and of securities to securities accounts
- Any rights including dividends, other distributions and voting rights
- ➤ A security interest, or a limited interest other than a security interest
- > effective against third parties
- ➤ Rights protection & remedy: appropriate measures taken to enable account holders to receive and exercise the rights

### **Depository& holding system**

- > Fully paperless
- ➤ Centralized registration and depository
- ➤ Real-name registration system
- > Nominee accounts
- ➤ Direct-holding (mainly), indirect-holding (complementary)



- Real Name: Including both account opening and utilization process
- ➤ To improve management measures, continuously supervise their implementation, make data analysis and monitoring, punish violations
- ➤ To facilitate see-through surveillance



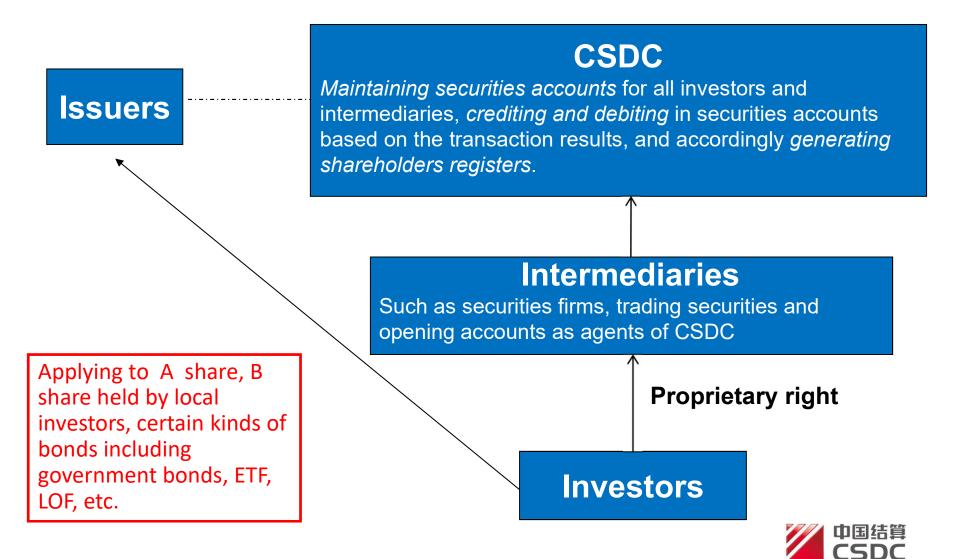
# **Legal Implication of Securities Accounts**

- The Chinese market adopts a direct holding system, with certain nominee holding exceptions including:
- QFII (Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor)
- RQFII (RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor)
- Collateral Account for clients involved in margin trading (see-through two-layered account system)
- Nominee accounts held in the name of HKSCC for SH/SZ-HK Connect programme





Transparent and direct securities holding system (mainly)





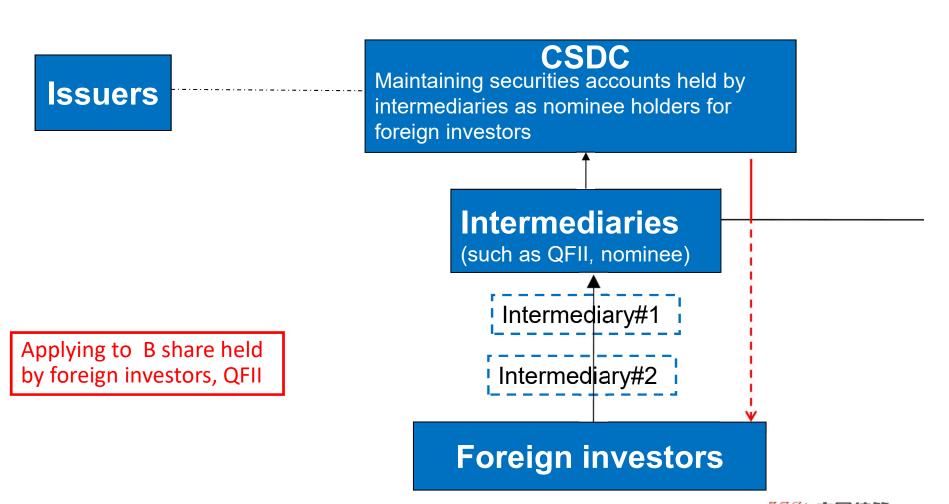
### **Features**

Transparent and direct securities holding system

- Records of Account is a proof of ownership at certain time.
- An investor holds his securities directly except a part of accounts for B-shares and a small part of government bonds (undue part).
- CSDC maintains securities accounts for investors, and only CSDC can make credit/debit/designating entry to accounts.
- CSDC maintains securities accounts in the name of the ultimate account holder. In this case, the "entity in the middle" operates the accounts and is responsible for clearing and settlement with their clients, i.e. it is not merely a technical interface.



■ Non-transparent and indirect securities holding system (complementary)







#### **Features**

Nontransparent and indirect securities holding system

- CSDC maintains securities accounts for those intermediaries which maintain securities accounts for their customers.
- **■** Indirect holding pattern is minority.
- CSDC acts as a CCP while QFII carry out securities clearing and settlement through custodian bank for the ultimate securities account holders. All foreign investors enjoy the ownership of securities in the securities account held by QFII in proportion.
- It is worth being mentioned that we also have a transparent indirect pattern for Margin Transaction Service and Employee Stock Option Plan, which supplements and enriches our direct holding model.







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#### Legislative requirements about securities account

#### The Securities Law

Article 166 An investor who entrusts a securities company to undertake any securities trading shall apply for opening a securities account. A securities registration and clearing institution shall, according to the relevant provisions, open a securities account for the investor in his own name.

#### The Measures for the Administration of Securities Registration and Settlement

Article 17 An investor shall hold securities through its securities accounts, and the securities accounts shall be used for recording the balance of securities held by the investor as well as the information on the movement of securities.

Article 18 The securities shall be recorded in the securities accounts of the securities holders themselves. Provided that, if, under any provisions of laws, administrative regulations or the CSRC, securities are recorded in the securities accounts of a nominee, such provisions shall prevail. In order to perform its functions in accordance with law, a securities registration and settlement institution may require a nominee to provide the relevant information about the beneficiary owners under its name.

Article 22 Investors may not provide their securities accounts to any other person for use.

Article 25 If an investor commits any illegal act in the opening or use of a securities account, the securities registration and settlement institution shall, in accordance with law, take such measures as restricting the use of or canceling the illegal securities account.



## Self-discipline Management

■ The core of securities accounts management: Real Name System



### **Account Opening by Natural Persons**

- Verify validity of natural person ID through connection with Ministry of Public Safety database;
- Verify that the ID documents provided belong to the applicant

### **Account Opening by Institutions**

- Verify validity of application documents, e.g. business license;
- Verify validity of letter of attorney;
- Double-check with Institution Information Verification System

#### **Account Opening in the Name of Products**

- Review product contract and confirm whether it has been filed with competent regulating authorities
- Review qualification of product manager and custodian



# Self-discipline Management

- CSDC builds a unified Natural Person ID Verification System connected with Ministry of Public Safety database, as well as an Institution Information Verification System.
- CSDC works to improve account usage monitoring mechanisms and regularly coordinates brokers to investigate leads of account usage irregularities.
- CSDC works to facilitate see-through surveillance in cross-market, cross-border transactions.





## **Self-discipline Management**

CSDC establishes an account usage monitoring mechanisms based on big data analysis, and conducts site inspection of securities account business of account-opening agencies.



Steps would be taken to crack down on violations of real-name requirements for securities accounts; measures such as stock buying restriction and mandatory account cancellation would be taken in accordance with *Rules for Securities Account Administration*.





# Thank you!

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