

# Financial Highlights

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2005	Six months ended 30 Jun 2004	Change
<b>KEY MARKET STATISTICS</b>			
Average daily turnover value on the Stock Exchange	<b>\$16.9 billion</b>	\$16.8 billion	1%
Average daily number of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange	<b>62,681</b>	57,651	9%
Average daily number of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange	<b>25,206</b>	23,391	8%
	<b>Unaudited \$'000</b>	As restated Unaudited \$'000	
<b>RESULTS</b>			
Income	<b>1,238,465</b>	1,163,768	6%
Operating expenses	<b>570,518</b>	571,295	(0%)
Operating profit	<b>667,947</b>	592,473	13%
Share of profits less losses of associates	<b>8,635</b>	6,144	41%
Profit before taxation	<b>676,582</b>	598,617	13%
Taxation	<b>(105,786)</b>	(101,192)	5%
Profit attributable to shareholders	<b>570,796</b>	497,425	15%
Earnings per share	<b>\$0.54</b>	\$0.47	15%
Interim dividend declared per share	<b>\$0.49</b>	\$0.43	14%
Dividend payout ratio	<b>91%</b>	91%	N/A
Shareholders' funds	<b>4,102,791</b>	4,052,143 <sup>o</sup>	1%
Total assets*	<b>21,237,865</b>	21,443,404 <sup>o</sup>	(1%)
Net assets per share <sup>#</sup>	<b>\$3.87</b>	\$3.83 <sup>o</sup>	1%

\* The Group's total assets include the Margin Funds received from Participants on futures and options contracts.

<sup>o</sup> Audited as at 31 December 2004

<sup>#</sup> Based on 1,061,200,846 shares issued and fully paid as at 30 June 2005 (31 December 2004: 1,056,638,846 shares)