

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

	Nine months ended 30 Sept 2005	Nine months ended 30 Sept 2004	Change
<b>KEY MARKET STATISTICS</b>			
Average daily turnover value on the Stock Exchange	<b>\$18.2 billion</b>	\$15.3 billion	19%
Average daily number of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange	<b>66,393</b>	57,078	16%
Average daily number of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange	<b>33,732</b>	22,569	49%

	Unaudited Nine months ended 30 Sept 2005 \$'000	As restated Unaudited Nine months ended 30 Sept 2004 \$'000	
<b>RESULTS</b>			
Income	<b>1,971,300</b>	1,734,545	14%
Operating expenses	<b>852,912</b>	857,037	(0%)
Operating profit	<b>1,118,388</b>	877,508	27%
Share of profits less losses of associates	<b>12,992</b>	8,968	45%
Profit before taxation	<b>1,131,380</b>	886,476	28%
Taxation	<b>(171,464)</b>	(140,441)	22%
Profit attributable to shareholders	<b>959,916</b>	746,035	29%
Earnings per share	<b>\$0.91</b>	\$0.71	28%

	Unaudited at 30 Sept 2005 \$'000	Audited at 31 Dec 2004 \$'000	
<b>KEY BALANCE SHEET ITEMS</b>			
Shareholders' funds	<b>3,982,217</b>	4,052,143	(2%)
Total assets *	<b>26,433,123</b>	21,443,404	23%
Net assets per share #	<b>\$3.75</b>	\$3.83	(2%)

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

# Based on 1,062,396,846 shares issued and fully paid as at 30 September 2005 (31 December 2004: 1,056,638,846 shares)