

The local stock market performed strongly during the first half of 2006. The Hang Seng Index advanced from 14,876 at the end of 2005 to 17,301 in May and closed at 16,267 on 30 June. During the period, daily market turnover increased considerably, averaging HK\$32.6 billion. The IPO market was buoyant, with total funds raised amounting to around HK\$105 billion.

Hong Kong's economy remains robust with falling unemployment and rising personal income levels. However, it is possible that the PRC government may tighten austerity measures in order to slow the continuing rapid rate of economic growth in Mainland China. A number of factors, including particularly volatile commodity and energy prices and concerns about possible inflationary pressures are combining to produce a degree of uncertainty regarding the direction of the global economy.

2006年上半年，本港股市表現強勁。恒生指數從2005年底的14,876點躍升至5月的17,301點，6月30日收報16,267點。期內，股市每日成交金額顯著平均增加至326億港元。首次公開招股市場活躍，總集資金額約1,050億港元。

隨著失業率下降及個人收入水平上升，本港經濟持續向好。然而，中國政府可能會收緊宏調政策，藉以抑制國內經濟持續增長過熱之情況。綜合商品及能源價格波動以及市場對可能出現通脹壓力之憂慮等若干因素，令全球經濟動向在某程度上呈現不明朗狀況。

