



金融社控股有限公司
STOCKMARTNET HOLDINGS LTD.
(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)



Interim Report **2004**

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Pursuant to Chapter 36 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of the Exchange (the “GEM Listing Rules”), the Securities and Futures Commission (the “SFC”) regulates Stockmartnet Holdings Ltd. (the “Company”) and together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) in relation to the listing of its shares on the Exchange. The SFC and the Exchange take no responsibility for the contents of this report, makes no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this report.

This report, for which the directors of the Company (the “Directors”) collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that, to the best of their knowledge and belief:– (1) the information contained in this report is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading; (2) there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement in this report misleading; and (3) all opinions expressed in this report have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and are founded on bases and assumptions that are fair and reasonable.

HIGHLIGHTS

The Group recorded a turnover of approximately HK\$3,718,000 for the six months ended 30th June, 2004 (the "Half-Yearly Period").

Net loss attributable to shareholders for the Half-Yearly Period amounted to approximately HK\$5,640,000.

Loss per share was approximately 0.74 HK cents.

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the three months ended 30th June, 2004 (the "Quarterly Period").

INTERIM RESULTS (UNAUDITED)

The board of Directors (the "Board") announces the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the Quarterly Period and the Half-Yearly Period together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding periods in 2003.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR

	Notes	Three months ended 30th June,		Six months ended 30th June,	
		2004 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2003 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2004 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2003 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Turnover	3	1,517	645	3,718	1,600
Other operating income	5	23	151	55	284
		<u>1,540</u>	<u>796</u>	<u>3,773</u>	<u>1,884</u>
Amortisation of intangible assets		(131)	(187)	(333)	(465)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment		–	(123)	–	(123)
Depreciation		(226)	(209)	(393)	(436)
Finance costs		(2)	–	(18)	–
Staff costs, including directors' remuneration		(1,862)	(2,993)	(3,595)	(6,163)
Other operating expenses		(2,471)	(3,056)	(5,074)	(5,015)
		<u>(3,152)</u>	<u>(5,772)</u>	<u>(5,640)</u>	<u>(10,318)</u>
Loss before taxation		(3,152)	(5,772)	(5,640)	(10,318)
Income tax	6	–	–	–	–
		<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
Net loss for the period		<u>(3,152)</u>	<u>(5,772)</u>	<u>(5,640)</u>	<u>(10,318)</u>
Loss per share					
– basic and diluted	7	<u>(0.41 cents)</u>	<u>(0.75 cents)</u>	<u>(0.74 cents)</u>	<u>(1.35 cents)</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT

		30th June, 2004	31st December, 2003
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
		(unaudited)	(audited)
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment		1,212	1,603
Intangible assets		2,365	2,698
Statutory deposits		2,180	2,255
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		5,757	6,556
Current assets			
Trade receivables	8	8,042	10,959
Other amounts receivable, prepayments and deposits		851	550
Bank balances and cash		28,711	35,154
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		37,604	46,663
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	9	11,113	15,299
Other amounts payable and accrued charges		576	608
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		11,689	15,907
Net current assets		<hr/>	<hr/>
		25,915	30,756
Net assets		<hr/>	<hr/>
		31,672	37,312
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	10	7,649	7,649
Share premium		80,974	80,974
Special reserve		4,779	4,779
Accumulated losses		(61,730)	(56,090)
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Total capital and reserves		<hr/>	<hr/>
		31,672	37,312

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004

	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>	Share premium <i>HK\$'000</i>	Special reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Accumulated losses <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1st January, 2003	7,649	80,974	4,779	(39,127)	54,275
Net loss for the period	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(10,318)</u>	<u>(10,318)</u>
At 30th June, 2003	7,649	80,974	4,779	(49,445)	43,957
Net loss for the period	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(6,645)</u>	<u>(6,645)</u>
At 31st December, 2003 and 1st January, 2004	7,649	80,974	4,779	(56,090)	37,312
Net loss for the period	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(5,640)</u>	<u>(5,640)</u>
At 30th June, 2004	<u><u>7,649</u></u>	<u><u>80,974</u></u>	<u><u>4,779</u></u>	<u><u>(61,730)</u></u>	<u><u>31,672</u></u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	For the six months ended 30th June,	
	2004	2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,253)	(1,848)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2)	(8,925)
Net cash generated from financing activities	—	—
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,255)	(10,773)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>26,937</u>	<u>45,602</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>24,682</u>	<u>34,829</u>
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Bank balances and cash	28,711	37,007
Less: Trust account balances	<u>(4,029)</u>	<u>(2,178)</u>
	<u>24,682</u>	<u>34,829</u>

Notes:

1. GENERAL

The Company was incorporated on 24th May, 2001 as an exempted company with limited liability in the Cayman Islands under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands.

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of financial services including the provision of a trading platform, brokerage and securities margin financing business, and infrastructure broking services comprising trading, clearing and settlement.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Chapter 18 of the GEM Listing Rules and with applicable Statements of Standard Accounting Practice issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2003.

3. TURNOVER

Turnover of the Group represents the net invoiced value for the fees and service charges in relation to the provision of trading platform, as well as commission income, interest income and service fees arising from brokerage and securities margin financing business and infrastructure broking services and is analysed as follows:

	Three months ended 30th June,		Six months ended 30th June,	
	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000
Income from trading platform	35	94	73	188
Commission income/Infrastructure broking service fees	1,457	484	3,546	1,284
Interest income from clients	25	67	99	128
	<u>1,517</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>3,718</u>	<u>1,600</u>

4. BUSINESS SEGMENTS

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into 2 main operating divisions, engaged in the following principal activities: (i) the provision of a trading platform; and (ii) brokerage and securities margin financing business and infrastructure broking services. These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

The principal activities of the divisions are as follows:

- Provision of a trading platform
- Brokerage and securities margin financing and infrastructure broking services.

Income statement for the six months ended 30th June, 2004

	Provision of a trading platform <i>HK\$'000</i>	Brokerage and securities margin financing and infrastructure broking services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
REVENUE			
Turnover	<u>73</u>	<u>3,645</u>	<u>3,718</u>
RESULTS			
Segment loss	<u>(132)</u>	<u>(2,489)</u>	(2,621)
Net unallocated expenses			<u>(3,019)</u>
Loss before taxation			(5,640)
Income tax			<u>–</u>
Net loss for the period			<u>(5,640)</u>

Income statement for the six months ended 30th June, 2003

	Provision of a trading platform <i>HK\$'000</i>	Brokerage and securities margin financing and infrastructure broking services <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
REVENUE			
Turnover	<u>188</u>	<u>1,412</u>	<u>1,600</u>
RESULTS			
Segment profit (loss)	<u>32</u>	<u>(4,995)</u>	(4,963)
Net unallocated expenses			<u>(5,355)</u>
Loss before taxation			(10,318)
Income tax			<u>-</u>
Net loss for the period			<u>(10,318)</u>

All of the activities of the Group are based in Hong Kong and all of the Group's turnover and loss before taxation were derived from Hong Kong. Accordingly, no analysis by geographical segments is presented.

5. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	Three months ended 30th June,		Six months ended 30th June,	
	2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Interest income from				
bank deposits	2	42	4	129
Sundry income	<u>21</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>155</u>
	<u>23</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>284</u>

6. INCOME TAX

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group incurred a tax loss for the periods (for the six months ended 30th June, 2003: Nil).

No deferred tax liabilities are recognised as the Group did not have material temporary difference arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts as at 30th June, 2004 (30th June, 2003: Nil).

No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of tax losses available to offset future profits due to the uncertainty of future profit streams against which any such asset can be utilised (30th June, 2003: Nil).

7. LOSS PER SHARE – BASIC AND DILUTED

The calculation of the basic loss per share for the three months and six months ended 30th June, 2004 is based on the net loss of the Group of approximately HK\$3,152,000 and HK\$5,640,000 (three months and six months ended 30th June, 2003: loss of approximately HK\$5,772,000 and HK\$10,318,000) and 764,886,000 ordinary shares (three months and six months ended 30th June, 2003: 764,886,000 ordinary shares) in issue during the period.

The computation of diluted loss per share has not assumed the exercise of options outstanding during the periods because their exercise would reduce loss per share.

8. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	30th June, 2004 <i>HK\$'000</i>	31st December, 2003 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Accounts receivable arising from equities broking:		
Margin clients	1,194	1,979
Cash clients	1,778	4,406
Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC") (net)	3,032	–
Accounts receivable arising from futures broking:		
Brokers and dealers	1,457	4,171
HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited ("HKFECC")	579	360
Other trade receivables	<u>2</u>	<u>43</u>
	<u>8,042</u>	<u>10,959</u>

Accounts receivable from margin clients are repayable on demand, bear interest at prevailing market rates and are secured by clients' securities that are listed on the Exchange with a market value of approximately HK\$23,788,000 as at 30th June, 2004 (31st December, 2003: approximately HK\$42,457,000). No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the Directors, the aged analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of business of securities margin financing.

The settlement terms of accounts receivable arising from equities broking are one or two trade days after the trade execution date, and accounts receivable arising from futures broking are one trade day after the trade execution date. Except for the accounts receivable from margin clients as mentioned above, the age of the balances with clients is within 30 days.

The following is an aged analysis of other trade receivables at the reporting dates:

	30th June, 2004	31st December, 2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
0 - 30 days	2	43
31 to 60 days	–	–
61 to 90 days	–	–
Over 90 days	–	–
	<u>2</u>	<u>43</u>

9. TRADE PAYABLES

	30th June, 2004	31st December, 2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Accounts payable arising from equities broking:		
Margin clients	340	2,181
Cash clients	8,745	7,734
HKSCC (net)	–	807
Accounts payable arising from futures broking:		
Clients	2,027	4,316
Other trade payables	<u>1</u>	<u>261</u>
	<u>11,113</u>	<u>15,299</u>

Accounts payable to margin clients are repayable on demand and bear interest at prevailing market rates. No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the Directors, the aged analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of business of securities margin financing.

The settlement terms of accounts payable arising from equities broking are one or two trade days after the trade execution date. The age of the balances with clients is within 30 days.

Accounts payable to clients arising from futures broking are margin deposits received from clients for their trading of futures contracts. The excess of the outstanding amounts over the required margin deposits stipulated are repayable to clients on demand. No aged analysis is disclosed as, in the opinion of the Directors, the aged analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of business of future contracts dealing.

The following is an aged analysis of other trade payables at the reporting dates:

	30th June, 2004	31st December, 2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
0 - 30 days	1	261
31 to 60 days	–	–
61 to 90 days	–	–
Over 90 days	–	–
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	1	261
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10. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	HK\$'000
	<i>'000</i>	
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		
Authorised:		
At 31st December, 2003 and 30th June, 2004	10,000,000	100,000
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Issued and fully paid:		
At 31st December, 2003 and 30th June, 2004	764,886	7,649
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11. DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend by the Company for the Quarterly Period (for the six months ended 30th June, 2003: Nil).

12. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 30th June, 2004, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of rented office premises which would fall due as follows:

	30th June, 2004	31st December, 2003
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Within one year	768	960
In the second to fifth year inclusive	–	80
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	768	1,040
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BUSINESS REVIEW

The first six months of 2004 recorded an improved financial result compared to the same period last year. Despite the management's continued efforts to implement overall control measures on staff and other related costs, the income generated from the infrastructure broking service and other services was insufficient to enable the Group to break even.

The Group's capital constraint also limited the chance of exploring any new business/ transaction and co-branding opportunities with other financial institutions.

Services Development

Hong Kong Securities

The business was steady and the results were reflected in the turnover of the infrastructure broking service for the first half year of 2004.

Hong Kong Futures

The Hong Kong futures trading system was upgraded resulting in better stability and featuring an enhanced user interface. The Hong Kong futures platform is ready to launch pending approval from the SFC.

Global Electronic Futures

The Group made preparations for a global futures line for commodities futures to complement current index and currency futures products.

Outlook

As disclosed in the announcement dated 23rd June, 2004, the Company was notified by the potential investor that it had withdrawn its revised proposal to acquire through the subscription of new shares a controlling stake in the Company. In light of the circumstances, particularly given the continuing losses recorded by the Group, the Group intends to reduce expenditures relating to its on-going operations.

Comparison of Final Stated Business Objectives with Actual Business Progress

1. The Group will continue to enhance the various services offered by enriching the content with more news and market information, adding more functions and features and exploring new products to meet changing market trends and demands of users and customers.
2. Additional trading channels through mobile phones, WAPs, short message services, PDAs and telephone interactive voice response systems are expected to be launched. The wireless service feature of stockmartnet.com is also expected to be activated.
1. The Hong Kong futures trading system was upgraded and preparations were made to offer global commodity futures trading.
2. Additional trading channels continued to be deferred to concentrate resources on global futures development. The Group's trading platform retains the capacity to integrate multiple access channels, including wireless service, upon demand.

Financial Review

The turnover of the Group was approximately HK\$3,718,000 for the six months ended 30th June, 2004 (six months ended 30th June, 2003: approximately HK\$1,600,000). This represented an increase of 132% from the previous period, and it is the result of the improved market sentiment and economic recovery. During the period, the Group had further enforced and implemented control measures on all expenses including in particular staff costs. As a result, the loss attributable to shareholders for the period ended 30th June, 2004 decreased to approximately HK\$5,640,000 from approximately HK\$10,318,000 during the corresponding period in 2003.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30th June, 2004, the Group had total assets of approximately HK\$43,361,000, including bank balances and cash of approximately HK\$28,711,000. Save for borrowings incidental to the Group's margin financing business, the Group did not incur any bank overdraft or loan during the period under review. As at 30th June, 2004, the Group's gearing ratio, defined as the Group's total borrowings divided by shareholders' funds, was nil. The Group financed its operations entirely with its own internal funding. With net current asset of approximately HK\$25,915,000, the Group remained in a healthy and liquid position as at 30th June, 2004. Since essentially all of the transactions of the Group are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, no hedging or other arrangements to reduce the currency risk have been implemented.

Employee Information

As at 30th June, 2004, the Group had rationalized its workforce to 18 employees (30th June, 2003: 25). For the six months ended 30th June, 2004, the total staff costs amounted to approximately HK\$3,595,000 (six months ended 30th June, 2003: approximately HK\$6,163,000). The Group's remuneration policies are determined on the basis of the performance and experience of individual employees.

Capital Structure

Apart from the allotment and issue of 3,792,000 new shares at HK\$0.125 per share to First Sign Securities Limited on 26th November, 2002 as part of the consideration for the acquisition of a trading right of the Exchange by one of the Group's subsidiaries, there has been no change in the capital structure of the Company since the listing of the Company on GEM on 11th January, 2002.

Significant Investments

For the six months ended 30th June, 2004, the Group had made no significant investments.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30th June, 2004, the interests and short positions of the Directors including the chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to the minimum standard of dealings by Directors as referred to in Rule 5.40 of the GEM Listing Rules, were as follows:

Long positions in shares of the Company

Name of Director	Number of shares beneficially held		Total	Approximate percentage shareholdings
	Personal	Corporate		
Seto John Gin Chung	4,719,000	–	4,719,000	0.62%
Lee Yiu Sun	4,719,000	–	4,719,000	0.62%
Yue Wai Keung	4,719,000	2,574,000	7,293,000	0.96%
		(Note 1)		
Chan Henry	4,719,000	2,574,000	7,293,000	0.96%
		(Note 2)		
Chan Kai Yu, Martin	4,719,000	2,574,000	7,293,000	0.96%
		(Note 3)		
Chan Hung Ti	4,719,000	2,574,000	7,293,000	0.96%
		(Note 4)		
Cheng Chi Lam	7,293,000	–	7,293,000	0.96%
Cheung Wah Fung, Christopher	4,719,000	2,574,000	7,293,000	0.96%
		(Note 5)		
Espina Anthony	5,061,000	2,574,000	7,635,000	1.00%
		(Note 6)		
Lee Jor Hung	4,719,000	2,574,000	7,293,000	0.96%
		(Note 7)		
Lee Sheung Yam	4,719,000	–	4,719,000	0.62%
Wong Wai Sum	4,119,000	2,574,000	6,693,000	0.88%
	(Note 8)	(Note 9)		

Notes:

1. Mr. Yue Wai Keung was deemed to be interested in 2,574,000 shares through his controlling interest in Luen Fat Securities Company Limited.
2. Mr. Chan Henry was deemed to be interested in 2,574,000 shares through his controlling interest in Sanfull Securities Limited.
3. Mr. Chan Kai Yu, Martin was deemed to be interested in 2,574,000 shares through his controlling interest in Wellfull Securities Company Limited.
4. Mr. Chan Hung Ti was deemed to be interested in 2,574,000 shares through his controlling interest in Troopers Securities Limited.
5. Mr. Cheung Wah Fung, Christopher was deemed to be interested in 2,574,000 shares through his controlling interest in Christfund Securities Limited.
6. Mr. Espina Anthony was deemed to be interested in 2,574,000 shares through his controlling interest in Goldride Securities Limited.
7. Mr. Lee Jor Hung was deemed to be interested in 2,574,000 shares through his controlling interest in DL Brokerage Limited.
8. During the period under review, the Company became aware that 600,000 shares held by Mr. Wong Wai Sum ("Mr. Wong") had been transferred to two independent third parties as a gift.
9. Mr. Wong was deemed to be interested in 2,574,000 shares through his controlling interest in Hing Wong Securities Limited.

Long positions in underlying shares of the Company

The Company operates two share option schemes, namely the Share Option Scheme and the Pre-IPO Share Option Plan (as defined in the prospectus of the Company dated 8th January, 2002), under which the participants are entitled to an opportunity to obtain equity interest in the Company in respect of their services and/or goods provided to the Group.

Details of movements in the Pre-IPO Share Option Plan granted to the relevant persons were as follows:

Name of grantee	Date of grant	Number of options		Outstanding as at 30th June, 2004	Exercise period (approximately)	Exercise price per share (approximately) HK\$
		Outstanding as at 1st January, 2004	Lapsed during the period			
So Kin Wing	17/12/2001	5,148,000	–	5,148,000	11/01/2004 – 16/12/2010	0.019
		<u>5,148,000</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>5,148,000</u>		

No options were offered or granted under the Pre-IPO Share Option Plan during the six months ended 30th June, 2004 as the right to offer or grant options under the Pre-IPO Share Option Plan ended upon the listing of the Company's shares on GEM.

All the abovementioned outstanding options are unlisted and represent physically settled equity derivatives.

No options under the Share Option Scheme were outstanding at the beginning of nor were any such options granted during the six months ended 30th June, 2004.

The options granted under the Company's share option schemes are not recognized in the Group's financial statements until they are exercised. The Directors consider that it is not appropriate to state the value of such options on the ground that there are limitations in the application of the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model and the Binomial Model in the valuation of such options, especially given that the key assumption underlying these derivative valuation metrics – that the options valued can be sold in a secondary market transaction – is not valid because holders of such options may not sell such options, they may only exercise them. Accordingly, the Directors believe that any valuation of such options would not be meaningful and may be misleading to the shareholders of and potential investors in the Company.

Long positions in debentures of the Company

No long positions of the Directors including the chief executive of the Company in the debentures of the Company or its associated corporations were recorded in the register, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.40 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Short positions in shares of the Company

No short positions of the Directors including the chief executive of the Company in the shares of the Company or its associated corporations were recorded in the register, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.40 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Short positions in underlying shares of the Company

No short positions of the Directors including the chief executive of the Company in the underlying shares of the equity derivatives of the Company or its associated corporations were recorded in the register, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Rule 5.40 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th June, 2004, none of the Directors including the chief executive of the Company or their associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Exchange pursuant to the minimum standard of dealings by Directors as referred to in Rule 5.40 of the GEM Listing Rules.

During the six months ended 30th June, 2004, there was no debt securities issued by the Group at any time.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30th June, 2004, the following persons (other than the Directors including the chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO:

Long positions in shares of the Company

Name	Capacity	Nature of interest	Number of shares	Approximate percentage shareholdings
Lau Tung Hoi (Notes 1 and 4)	Founder of a discretionary trust	Deemed	58,926,000	7.70%
HSBC International Trustee Limited (Notes 1, 2 and 4)	Trustee	Corporate	58,926,000	7.70%
Linwood Services Ltd. (Notes 3 and 4)	Interest of a controlled corporation	Corporate	58,926,000	7.70%
First Sign International Holdings Limited (Note 4)	Interest of a controlled corporation	Corporate	58,926,000	7.70%

Notes:

1. Mr. Lau Tung Hoi was deemed to be interested in 58,926,000 shares as he was the founder of the LCY Trust.
2. HSBC International Trustee Limited, as trustee of the LCY Trust, was deemed to be interested in 58,926,000 shares through its indirect controlling interest of 100% in Linwood Services Ltd.
3. Linwood Services Ltd. was deemed to be interested in 58,926,000 shares through its controlling interest of 71.29% in First Sign International Holdings Limited.
4. The 58,926,000 shares held by each of Mr. Lau Tung Hoi, HSBC International Trustee Limited, Linwood Services Ltd. and First Sign International Holdings Limited refer to the same parcel of shares.

Long positions in underlying shares of the Company

No long positions of other persons or substantial shareholders in the underlying shares of equity derivatives of the Company were recorded in the register.

Short positions in shares of the Company

No short positions of other persons or substantial shareholders in the shares of the Company were recorded in the register.

Short positions in underlying shares of the Company

No short positions of other persons or substantial shareholders in the underlying shares of equity derivatives of the Company were recorded in the register.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30th June, 2004, the Company had not been notified of any other person who had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company and was required to be recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO and/or was directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the issued share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other members of the Group.

During the six months ended 30th June, 2004, there was no debt securities issued by the Group at any time.

INTEREST IN COMPETITORS

The following companies in which certain Directors hold controlling interests are engaged in securities-related and securities margin financing business and are therefore considered to be competing with the Group in this aspect of its business.

Name of company	Name of Director with controlling interest
Luen Fat Securities Company Limited	Mr. Yue Wai Keung
Sanfull Securities Limited	Mr. Chan Henry
Wellfull Securities Company Limited	Mr. Chan Kai Yu, Martin
Troopers Securities Limited	Mr. Chan Hung Ti
Christfund Securities Limited	Mr. Cheung Wah Fung, Christopher
Goldride Securities Limited	Mr. Espina Anthony
DL Brokerage Limited	Mr. Lee Jor Hung
Hing Wong Securities Limited	Mr. Wong Wai Sum

SPONSOR'S INTERESTS

As updated and notified by UOB Asia (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Sponsor") and save as disclosed below, neither the Sponsor nor its directors, employees or associates (as referred to in Note 3 to Rule 6.35 of the GEM Listing Rules) had any material interests in the securities of the Company or any member of the Group (including options or rights to subscribe for such securities) as at 30th June, 2004. Pursuant to the deed of novation dated 2nd December, 2002 as set out in the Company's announcement of the same date, the Sponsor has assumed the continuing sponsor role and will continue to act as the continuing sponsor to the Company for a term ending on 31st December, 2004. The Sponsor has and will continue to receive fees for the provision of such services.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company had complied with Rules 5.28 to 5.39 of the GEM Listing Rules concerning board practices and procedures throughout the financial period.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee comprises three members, being Mr. Chung Shui Ming, Timpson and Mr. Tsui Yiu Wa, Alec, independent non-executive Directors, and Mr. Lee Yiu Sun, a Vice Chairman and a non-executive Director. Mr. Lee Jor Hung, a non-executive Director acts as an alternate to Mr. Lee Yiu Sun. During the period, the audit committee met two times.

The audit committee has reviewed the financial statements of the Group for the period ended 30th June, 2004 and was of the opinion that the preparation of such statements complied with applicable accounting standards and that adequate disclosure has been made in respect thereof. It has also reviewed the financial reporting process and the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control system of the Group.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES

During the period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities.

As at the date of this report, Mr. Chick Siu Yee, Eddy and Mr. So Kin Wing are executive Directors, Mr. Seto John Gin Chung, Mr. Lee Yiu Sun, Mr. Yue Wai Keung, Mr. Chan Henry, Mr. Chan Kai Yu, Martin, Mr. Chan Hung Ti, Mr. Cheng Chi Lam, Mr. Cheung Wah Fung, Christopher, Mr. Espina, Anthony, Mr. Lee Jor Hung, Mr. Lee Sheung Yam and Mr. Wong Wai Sum are non-executive Directors, Mr. Chung Shui Ming, Timpson and Mr. Tsui Yiu Wa, Alec are independent non-executive Directors.

By order of the Board
Chick Siu Yee, Eddy
Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 2nd August, 2004