

Financial Highlights

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2006	Six months ended 30 Jun 2005	Change
KEY MARKET STATISTICS			
Average daily turnover value on the Stock Exchange	\$32.6 billion	\$16.9 billion	93%
Average daily number of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange	97,471	62,681	56%
Average daily number of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange	63,411	25,206	152%
	Unaudited Six months ended 30 Jun 2006 \$'000	Unaudited Six months ended 30 Jun 2005 \$'000	
RESULTS			
Income	1,895,248	1,238,465	53%
Operating expenses	596,488	570,518	5%
Operating profit	1,298,760	667,947	94%
Share of profits less losses of associates	9,252	8,635	7%
Profit before taxation	1,308,012	676,582	93%
Taxation	(199,701)	(105,786)	89%
Profit attributable to shareholders	1,108,311	570,796	94%
Basic earnings per share	\$1.04	\$0.54	93%
Diluted earnings per share	\$1.03	\$0.54	91%
Interim dividend declared per share	\$0.94	\$0.49	92%
Dividend payout ratio	90%	91%	N/A
	Unaudited at 30 Jun 2006 \$'000	As restated Audited at 31 Dec 2005 \$'000	
KEY BALANCE SHEET ITEMS			
Shareholders' funds	4,820,831	4,337,471 ^o	11%
Total assets *	30,119,617	22,930,916 ^o	31%
Net assets per share #	\$4.53	\$4.09 ^o	11%

^o Audited and restated (shareholders' funds down by \$30 million, total assets down by \$30 million and net assets per share down by \$0.02) due to the adoption of a revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard

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

Based on 1,063,883,346 shares as at 30 June 2006, being 1,064,853,346 shares issued and fully paid less 970,000 shares held for the Share Award Scheme (31 December 2005: 1,061,796,846 shares, being 1,062,754,846 shares issued and fully paid less 958,000 shares held for the Share Award Scheme)