

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)	For the half year to 30 Jun		
	2000	1999	Change
<u>Key Market Turnover Statistics</u>			
Average daily turnover value on the Stock Exchange	\$14.8 billion	\$6.3 billion	+134%
Average daily number of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange	19,223	29,828	-36%
<u>Financial Highlights</u>			
	(in \$ million)		
Turnover	1,227	820	+50%
Operating expenses	(600)	(606)	-1%
Profit before taxation	627	214	+193%
Taxation	(73)	(1)	–
Profit attributable to shareholders	554	213	+160%
Basic earnings per share	\$0.53	\$0.20	+160%
Interim dividend per share	\$0.08	–	–
	At	At	
	30 Jun 2000	31 Dec 1999	Change
Shareholders' funds	\$4.7 billion	\$4.1 billion	+13%
Total assets	\$14.1 billion	\$14.5 billion	-3%

Notes:

1. The Group has adopted merger accounting in preparing the condensed consolidated accounts, assuming that the current group structure had been in existence throughout the current and prior periods.
2. The Group's total assets included the margin funds received from participants on derivatives contracts.
3. Further copies of the interim report may be obtained from HKEx's website at <http://www.hkex.com.hk>.