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Strategic and Financial Highlights

HKEX started 2025 from a position of strength, reporting the Group's best-ever half-yearly revenue and profit. Volumes in the Cash Market, Derivatives Market and Stock Connect all reached record half-yearly highs and we regained our position as the world's No.1 IPO venue by funds raised. We also continued to make strategic progress in the first half of 2025, from diversifying our product ecosystem to enhancing our listing framework, and from breaking new ground in our commodities business to marking a new milestone in the development of Hong Kong's FIC ecosystem. After receiving a record number of listing applications over a six-month period, we enter the second half of 2025 with new initiatives that are underway to further enhance the

competitiveness and attractiveness of our markets – including preparations for a shorter cash market settlement cycle, the expansion of our paperless listing regime, as well as implementing enhanced IPO price discovery requirements and the first phase of reduced minimum spreads. Looking to the rest of the year and beyond, we at HKEX are committed to continuously enhancing our platforms, our infrastructure, and our products, to provide investors and issuers with the diversification, liquidity and connectivity they need to navigate the dynamic global macroeconomic environment.



Bonnie Y Chan
Chief Executive Officer

Strategic and Operational Highlights



Corporate

26 Mar

Collaborated with the World Economic Forum to host its first financial-services event in Hong Kong

24 Apr

Announcement of the purchase of permanent headquarters premises

27 Jun

25th Anniversary of HKEX as a listed company

Regulation

6 May

Jointly announced the launch of the Technology Enterprises Channel, and the introduction of a new confidential filing option for specialist technology companies and biotech companies, with SFC

Products and Services

26 Feb

Cross-listing of the world's largest Nasdaq 100 ETF

17 Mar

Addition of six new stock option classes

21 Mar

OTC Clear accepted China Government Bonds and Policy Bank Bonds held through Bond Connect as margin collateral for all derivative transactions

24 Mar

Asia's first single stock L&I Products listed

28 May

First USD-denominated structured product launched

28 May

The world's first L&I Product relating to a single Korean stock listed

29 May

Asia's first Saudi sukuk ETF listed

30 Jun

OTC Clear extended the maximum tenor of Northbound Swap Connect trades to 30 years

Market Operations

20 Jan

Approval of Hong Kong as a new LME warehouse Delivery Point, which went live on 15 July 2025

29 Jan

The UK Supreme Court refused to give the appellants permission to appeal, leading to the conclusion of the judicial review of events in the nickel market in 2022

4 Mar

Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CMU OmniClear Limited to enhance the post-trade securities infrastructure of Hong Kong's capital markets and enrich Hong Kong's FIC ecosystem



20 Mar

The LME reached a settlement agreement with the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) regarding its enforcement investigation related to the nickel market events in 2022, drawing the investigation process to a close

24 Mar

The LME launched new trading platform, LMEselect v10

1 Apr

The LME introduced daily off-warrant stock reporting

16 Apr

Subsidiary legislation relating to the implementation of Uncertificated Securities Market approved by the Legislative Council, with a target implementation in early 2026

23 Jun

Scheduled intra-day margin call arrangement implemented by HKCC and SEOCH

24 Jun

Obtained regulatory approval for the increase in the position limits for futures and options contracts based on HSI, HSCEI and Hang Seng TECH Index, which became effective on 2 July 2025

30 Jun

Enhancement to the securities market stock settlement fee structure took effect

30 Jun

Single Tranche Multiple Counter Settlement Model launched

Sustainability

25 Mar

HKEX's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets approved by the SBTi

15 Apr

Co-hosted the inaugural International Carbon Markets Summit with SFC

23 Apr

The LME announced its plan to explore the discovery of sustainable metal premia for certain metals

30 Apr

Launched 2025 HKEX Impact Funding Scheme

18 Jun

Launched 2025 HKEX Charity Partnership Programme

20 Jun

Announced a new flagship charity programme focusing on caregiver support

25 Jun

Co-hosted the International Dialogue on the Voluntary Carbon Market, with China Beijing Green Exchange, National Centre for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation and China Emissions Trading Association

Financial Highlights

Comparison of 1H 2025 with 1H 2024 Results

- HKEX reported the Group's best-ever half-yearly revenue and other income and profit in 1H 2025.
- 1H 2025 revenue and other income of \$14,076 million was 33 per cent higher than 1H 2024:
 - Core business revenue was up 34 per cent against 1H 2024, reflecting record half-yearly volumes in the Cash Market and stock options market, higher depository fees, and higher net investment income from increase in Margin Fund size.
 - Net investment income from Corporate Funds was \$1,044 million (1H 2024: \$901 million), driven by higher net investment income from internally managed Corporate Funds, which was further boosted by a non-recurring exchange gain driven by appreciation of USD against HKD.
- Operating expenses were up 6 per cent against 1H 2024, due to a \$90 million fine paid to the FCA in 1H 2025, and a recovery of legal fees of \$50 million in 1H 2024, both relating to events in the nickel market in 2022. Excluding the FCA fine and recovery of legal fees, operating expenses were up 1 per cent.
- EBITDA margin¹ was 79 per cent, 6 percentage points higher than 1H 2024.
- The Group's effective tax rate increased to 15.8 per cent in 1H 2025 (1H 2024: 11.0 per cent), due to provision for the new top-up tax under the Pillar Two model rules.
- Profit attributable to shareholders was \$8,519 million, 39 per cent higher than 1H 2024.

Revenue and
other income

\$14,076 Million

↑33%

Profit attributable
to shareholders

\$8,519 Million

↑39%

Basic earnings
per share

\$6.74

↑39%

¹ For the purposes of this Interim Report, EBITDA is defined as earnings before interest expenses and other finance costs, taxation, depreciation and amortisation. It excludes the Group's share of results of the joint ventures. EBITDA margin is calculated based on EBITDA divided by revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses. EBITDA and EBITDA margin are non-HKFRS measures used by management for monitoring business performance and may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies.

Key Financials

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m	Change
Revenue and other income			
Core business revenue	12,954	9,690	34%
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	78	30	160%
Net investment income of Corporate Funds	1,044	901	16%
	14,076	10,621	33%
Operating expenses	2,973	2,794	6%
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	10,939	7,661	43%
Profit attributable to shareholders	8,519	6,125	39%
Capital expenditure			
HKEX headquarters premises	1,805	–	N/A
Others	852	612	39%
	2,657	612	334%
Basic earnings per share	\$6.74	\$4.84	39%
Interim dividend per share	\$6.00	\$4.36	38%

Key Market Statistics

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024	Change
ADT of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	222.8 ⁴	100.3	122%
ADT of DWs, CBBs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	17.4	10.1	72%
ADT traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ (Headline ADT) (\$bn)	240.2 ⁴	110.4	118%
ADT of Northbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	171.3 ⁴	130.2	32%
ADT of Southbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	111.0 ⁴	37.5	196%
ADV of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange ('000 contracts)	832	837	(1%)
ADV of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange ('000 contracts)	868 ⁴	696	25%
Chargeable ADV ³ of metals contracts traded on the LME ('000 lots)	715	694	3%
ADT of Northbound Bond Connect (RMBbn)	45.9 ⁴	44.5	3%

¹ ADT of Southbound Trading is included within Headline ADT.

² Includes buy and sell trades under Stock Connect

³ Chargeable ADV excludes administrative trades (Admin Trades).

⁴ New record half-yearly high

Financial Highlights

Comparison of Q2 2025 with Q2 2024 Results

- Q2 2025 revenue and other income and profit both reached record quarterly highs.
- Q2 2025 revenue and other income of \$7,219 million was 33 per cent higher than Q2 2024:
 - Core business revenue was up 32 per cent against Q2 2024, attributable to increases in trading and clearing fees from higher Cash Market volumes, and higher net investment income from increase in Margin Fund size.
 - Net investment income from Corporate Funds was \$528 million (Q2 2024: \$366 million), driven by higher investment income from internally managed Corporate Funds.
- Operating expenses were up 5 per cent due to higher staff costs, and a recovery of legal fees of \$50 million in Q2 2024 relating to the events in the nickel market in 2022. These were partly offset by lower charitable donations made by HKEX Foundation. Excluding charitable donations and recovery of legal fees, operating expenses were up 7 per cent.
- EBITDA margin was 80 per cent, 6 percentage points higher than Q2 2024.
- Taxation charge doubled due to an increase in profit before taxation and the provision for the new top-up tax under the Pillar Two model rules.
- Profit attributable to shareholders was \$4,442 million, 41 per cent higher than Q2 2024.

Revenue and
other income

\$7,219 Million

↑33%

Profit attributable
to shareholders

\$4,442 Million

↑41%

Basic earnings
per share

\$3.51

↑41%

Key Financials

	Three months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Three months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m	Change
Revenue and other income			
Core business revenue	6,639	5,033	32%
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	52	21	148%
Net investment income of Corporate Funds	528	366	44%
	7,219	5,420	33%
Operating expenses	1,457	1,383	5%
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	5,685	3,956	44%
Profit attributable to shareholders	4,442	3,155	41%
Capital expenditure			
HKEX headquarters premises	1,805	–	N/A
Others	371	334	11%
	2,176	334	551%
Basic earnings per share	\$3.51	\$2.49	41%

Key Market Statistics

	Three months ended 30 Jun 2025	Three months ended 30 Jun 2024	Change
ADT of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	220.3	111.8	97%
ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	17.4	9.8	78%
ADT traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ (Headline ADT) (\$bn)	237.7	121.6	95%
ADT of Northbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	151.8	127.3	19%
ADT of Southbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	112.0 ⁴	44.1	154%
ADV of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange ('000 contracts)	763	818	(7%)
ADV of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange ('000 contracts)	771	747	3%
Chargeable ADV ³ of metals contracts traded on the LME ('000 lots)	733	730	0%
ADT of Northbound Bond Connect (RMBbn)	45.5	43.7	4%

1 ADT of Southbound Trading is included within Headline ADT.

2 Includes buy and sell trades under Stock Connect

3 Chargeable ADV excludes administrative trades (Admin Trades).

4 New record quarterly high

Financial Highlights

Comparison of Q2 2025 with Q1 2025 Results

- Q2 2025 revenue and other income was 5 per cent higher than Q1 2025, as a seasonal increase in depository fees and higher net investment income from Margin Funds more than offset the decrease in revenue from lower volumes of the Cash and Derivatives Markets compared with the record Q1 2025.
- Operating expenses were down 4 per cent due to the \$90 million non-recurring FCA fine recognised in Q1 2025 and lower charitable donations made by HKEX Foundation.
- EBITDA margin was 80 per cent, 2 percentage points higher than Q1 2025.
- Profit attributable to shareholders was \$4,442 million, 9 per cent higher than Q1 2025.

Revenue and
other income

\$7,219 Million

↑5%

Profit attributable
to shareholders

\$4,442 Million

↑9%

Basic earnings
per share

\$3.51

↑9%

Key Financials

	Three months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Three months ended 31 Mar 2025 \$m	Change
Revenue and other income			
Core business revenue	6,639	6,315	5%
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	52	26	100%
Net investment income of Corporate Funds	528	516	2%
	7,219	6,857	5%
Operating expenses	1,457	1,516	(4%)
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	5,685	5,254	8%
Profit attributable to shareholders	4,442	4,077	9%
Capital expenditure			
HKEX headquarters premises	1,805	–	N/A
Others	371	481	(23%)
	2,176	481	352%
Basic earnings per share	\$3.51	\$3.23	9%

Key Market Statistics

	Three months ended 30 Jun 2025	Three months ended 31 Mar 2025	Change
ADT of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	220.3	225.4	(2%)
ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	17.4	17.3	1%
ADT traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ (Headline ADT) (\$bn)	237.7	242.7	(2%)
ADT of Northbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	151.8	191.1	(21%)
ADT of Southbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	112.0 ⁴	109.9	2%
ADV of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange ('000 contracts)	763	901	(15%)
ADV of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange ('000 contracts)	771	965	(20%)
Chargeable ADV ³ of metals contracts traded on the LME ('000 lots)	733	698	5%
ADT of Northbound Bond Connect (RMBbn)	45.5	46.3	(2%)

1 ADT of Southbound Trading is included within Headline ADT.

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4 New record quarterly high

Chairman's Statement

HKEX commenced 2025 on a high note, demonstrating remarkable strategic advancements and achieving record half-yearly results. Despite the ongoing macroeconomic volatility and dynamic geopolitical landscape, our unwavering commitment to fostering innovation, dynamism, and resilience has significantly bolstered the competitiveness and allure of our markets. During the first six months, we continued our effort to implement the recommendations of the Liquidity Task Force, review our listing policies to ensure they remain fit for purpose as our markets evolve, expand our products range, and widen the scope of the Connect program.

As we celebrate HKEX's 25th anniversary, we look forward with confidence to seizing growth opportunities, deepening our role as the pivotal gateway between China and the world, and continuing to shape the future of finance in Hong Kong and across the region.

While we celebrate these achievements, we must remain vigilant in the face of external uncertainties, including tariffs, geopolitical risks, and interest rate fluctuations. Despite these challenges, I remain cautiously optimistic about the outlook for the second half of the year and confident in our ability to navigate these complexities and to further the development of our markets.

Performance

In the first half of 2025, we saw continued robust trading momentum, setting new records and highs across all our markets.

Driven by positive market sentiment, growing investor appetite for non-USD assets and increasing participation of international and Mainland investors, the average daily turnover in securities trading for the first half of 2025 was \$240.2 billion and the average daily volume of futures and options contracts traded was over 1.7 million contracts, up 118 per cent and 11 per cent respectively year-on-year. The Hong Kong ETF market continued to deliver impressive growth during the period, reaching a record average daily turnover of \$33.8 billion, up 184 per cent compared with the same period last year. Stock Connect also continued to gain traction during the period, achieving record half-yearly turnover in both Northbound and Southbound Trading. Northbound Bond Connect also set a new trading record with the average daily turnover up 3 per cent year-on-year.

The Hong Kong IPO market carried its strong growth momentum into 2025 and ranked first globally in IPO fundraising for the first half of the year. During this period, we welcomed 44 new listings¹, including

¹ Includes 1 transfer of listing from GEM to Main Board and 1 de-SPAC transaction



Carlson Tong

Chairman

CATL, the world's largest IPO since 2023. The total IPO funds raised reached \$109.4 billion, up 716 per cent year-on-year. The notable growth in the IPO pipeline since the start of 2025 has demonstrated the continued vibrancy of the Hong Kong IPO market, reinforcing Hong Kong as a listing venue of choice for issuers seeking to raise funds from both Mainland and international investors.

Metals trading on the LME remained solid during the first six months of 2025, amid increasing market volatility and uncertainty as a result of sanctions and tariffs. The chargeable average daily volume of metals contracts traded on the LME increased by 3 per cent year-on-year.

For the six months up to 30 June 2025, the Group recorded total revenue and other income of \$14,076 million and profit attributable to shareholders of \$8,519 million, up 33 per cent and 39 per cent respectively, year-on-year. The Board declared an interim dividend of \$6.00 per share, payable in cash.

Strategic Update

During the first half of 2025, we continued to achieve good progress in various strategic initiatives to further strengthen our global competitiveness, relevance and leadership in the region. These initiatives have underscored our commitment to strengthening Hong Kong's position as Asia's premier international financial centre and supporting the ongoing internationalisation of RMB.

We entered into a cooperation agreement with CMU OmniClear Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the HKMA, in March 2025, to jointly explore initiatives to enhance Hong Kong's post-trade securities infrastructure, including developing an international central securities depository (ICSD) in Asia. This is an important milestone for the long-term development of Hong Kong's fixed income and currencies (FIC) ecosystem and for driving the next chapter of RMB internationalisation, enhancing Hong Kong's status as a global risk management centre and the world's premier offshore RMB hub.

We have continued working closely with relevant regulators and our exchange partners to further enrich the product offerings under the Connect program. Following close collaboration between our clearing subsidiary, OTC Clear, China Foreign Exchange Trade System (CFETS) and Shanghai Clearing House (SHCH), the maximum tenor of interest rate swap contracts to be traded under Northbound Swap Connect has been extended to 30 years in June 2025 to meet the diversified

risk-management needs of both Chinese and international institutions, while enabling international investors to enhance their overall efficiency of asset allocation in RMB assets. The planned inclusion of RMB-denominated stocks into Southbound Stock Connect will further deepen our mutual market connectivity by enabling Mainland investors to gain easier access to Hong Kong listed stocks using RMB.

On the listing front, we announced, together with the SFC, the launch of the Technology Enterprises Channel (TECH) in May 2025 to facilitate a more efficient pathway for the listing of specialist technology companies and biotech companies in Hong Kong, aiming to foster market quality and transparency, and to further the development of our new economy ecosystem. In view of the implementation of the Uncertificated Securities Market (USM) regime scheduled for 2026, the Exchange issued an information paper in May 2025, seeking market feedback on the relevant proposed Listing Rule amendments and outlining the preparation work required from issuers to ensure their smooth transition to the new regime.

As part of our continued effort to build a vibrant marketplace, we introduced the first Hang Seng TECH Covered Call ETF and Asia's first Single Stock Leveraged and Inverse Products in Hong Kong during the first half of 2025, further supporting Hong Kong as the region's leading ETP hub. Enhancements to the securities market stock settlement fee structure were rolled out in June 2025, aimed at enhancing market efficiency and ensuring consistent fee application across all trade sizes. We also launched an order routing service on our Integrated Fund Platform in July 2025 to facilitate seamless interaction between distributors and transfer agents, marking an important step forward in promoting greater efficiency and collaboration across Hong Kong's fund distribution network.

To support the continued modernisation of Hong Kong's financial market infrastructure, we published a discussion paper in July to lead market discussion on how and when to move to a shorter settlement cycle for the Hong Kong cash equities market.

Following the addition of Hong Kong to the LME's global warehousing network as an approved delivery location early this year, all of the first eight Hong Kong licensed warehouse facilities commenced operations on 15 July 2025. This represented a significant step forward in expanding our commodities capabilities, which will strengthen the link between the Mainland's physical metals

markets and international pricing on the LME, and drive the development of Hong Kong as a key global metals hub servicing the region. To provide greater transparency of stocks across its warehouse network, the LME has been publishing daily off-warrant stock reports since April 2025, and began publishing off-warrant stock data for Hong Kong on 1 July 2025, in advance of its operational go-live on 15 July.

After the issuance of the White Paper on Enhancing Liquidity in September 2024 and extensive market engagement, the LME provided a broader update to the market in April 2025 outlining the planned roadmap for implementing its modernisation measures in phases to enhance market liquidity and transparency, which is discussed in the white paper. At the same time, the LME launched a market consultation on proposals relating to the introduction of block thresholds and new crossing functionality on the LMEselect platform.

Meanwhile, in Hong Kong, we were pleased to announce in April 2025 our strategic investment to establish our permanent headquarters at Exchange Square, which will enable the Group to meet its evolving business and operational needs over the longer term and to better support and engage with its stakeholders. This investment also underscores the Group's long-term commitment to the growth and future development of Hong Kong as a leading global financial centre.

Details of our progress across these and various other initiatives are set out in the Business Review section of this Interim Report.

Corporate Responsibility

Further to our achievement of carbon neutrality across the Group's operations at the end of 2024, we have continued to progress well along our journey towards net zero, through further decarbonisation of our operations and continual engagement with our business partners. In addition to the publication of the HKEX Environmental Stewardship Statement in February 2025, we have obtained approval from SBTi on our science-based greenhouse emission reduction targets.

In support of our commitment to delivering long-term, meaningful impact on the wider community, we announced that our charitable arm, HKEX Foundation, will launch a new flagship charity programme later this year focusing on providing

support to societal caregiving, while continuing to address various emerging social needs through HKEX's other ongoing charity programmes.

In June, HKEX celebrated its 25th anniversary with the launch of its first-ever HKEX Gong Tour. The two-week programme saw the iconic HKEX Gong travel to nine locations across Hong Kong in a specially outfitted "Gongmobile", as we deepened engagement with over 4,000 members of our community, by offering them a unique experience to engage with the vibrant history and dynamism of Hong Kong's financial markets.

As Asia's premier exchange group, HKEX has a vital role to play in connecting China and international capital markets and shaping the global sustainability and financial landscapes. We believe that our resilience and steadfast commitment to continuous innovation and progress will enable us to capture the significant opportunities ahead and support our next chapter of growth and prosperity across our markets and communities. We look forward to working closely with our clients, partners, regulators and other stakeholders in building a more connected, vibrant and future-ready marketplace and further strengthening our leadership role at the heart of the global financial community.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Mr Apurv Bagri and Ms Nisa Leung, who retired after the conclusion of the 2025 AGM, for their invaluable contributions during their tenure as Directors. In addition, we welcome Mr Peter Brien and Ms Ding Chen, who were newly appointed as our Directors. I also take this opportunity to express heartfelt appreciation to my fellow Directors for their ongoing support and guidance.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all our stakeholders, in particular our Shareholders, the management team and all our dedicated colleagues, for their unwavering support and many contributions to our continued journey of growth and excellence.

Carlson Tong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 August 2025

Management Discussion and Analysis

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Business Review

Overview

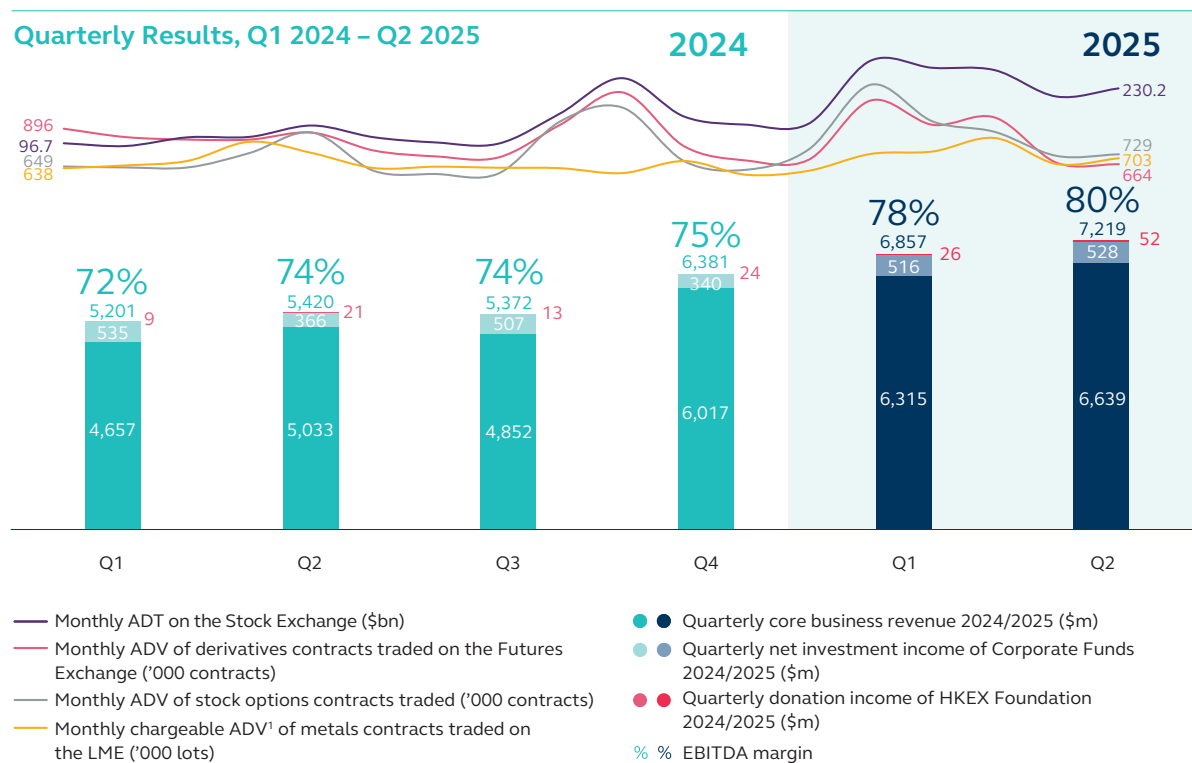


Fig. 1 – Market activity and Group's revenue and other income

HKEX delivered a strong 1H 2025, with revenue and other income, and profit both reaching record half-yearly highs – surpassing the previous records set in 2H 2024.

Driven by optimism in China's economic outlook and supportive policies, as well as exciting developments in artificial intelligence and innovation, there was renewed global investor interest in China-related assets. And, with increased participation by international and Mainland China investors, the volumes of the Cash Market, Derivatives Market, and Stock Connect all reached record half-yearly highs in 1H 2025. Cash Market Headline ADT of \$240.2 billion was more than double that of 1H 2024, and the ADV of derivatives contracts traded, which was 1.7 million contracts, was up 11 per cent year-on-year. An increase in listings from Chinese and international issuers propelled Hong Kong back

to its position as the world's No.1 IPO venue in 1H 2025. IPO equity funds raised were more than eight times that of 1H 2024, and the number of active IPO applications increased to 207 as of 30 June 2025, more than double the 84 applications as at 31 December 2024.

Driven by record trading volumes, revenue and other income for 1H 2025 reached a record half-yearly high of \$14.1 billion, up 33 per cent compared with 1H 2024. This reflects higher trading and clearing fees from the increased trading volumes, higher depository fees, and an increase in net investment income due to a higher Margin Fund size. Operating expenses were 6 per cent higher than 1H 2024, mainly due to a non-recurring FCA fine paid in 1H 2025 and the recovery of legal fees recognised in 1H 2024, both relating to events in the nickel market in 2022.

For Q2 2025, the strong momentum in the Cash Market continued following the record Q1, with Headline ADT reaching the second-highest quarterly level of \$237.7 billion. Revenue and other income reached a record quarterly high, up 5 per cent as compared with Q1 2025, as seasonal increases in depository fees and higher net investment income from Margin Funds more than offset lower trading and clearing fees from the Cash and Derivatives

Markets. Operating expenses declined by 4 per cent compared to Q1 2025, primarily due to the non-recurring fine paid to the FCA in Q1 2025. As a result, profit reached a record quarterly high, up 9 per cent from Q1 2025. Comparing Q2 2025 results with the same quarter last year, revenue and other income was up 33 per cent, and profit was up 41 per cent, reflecting higher trading and clearing fees driven by increased volumes in the Cash Market.

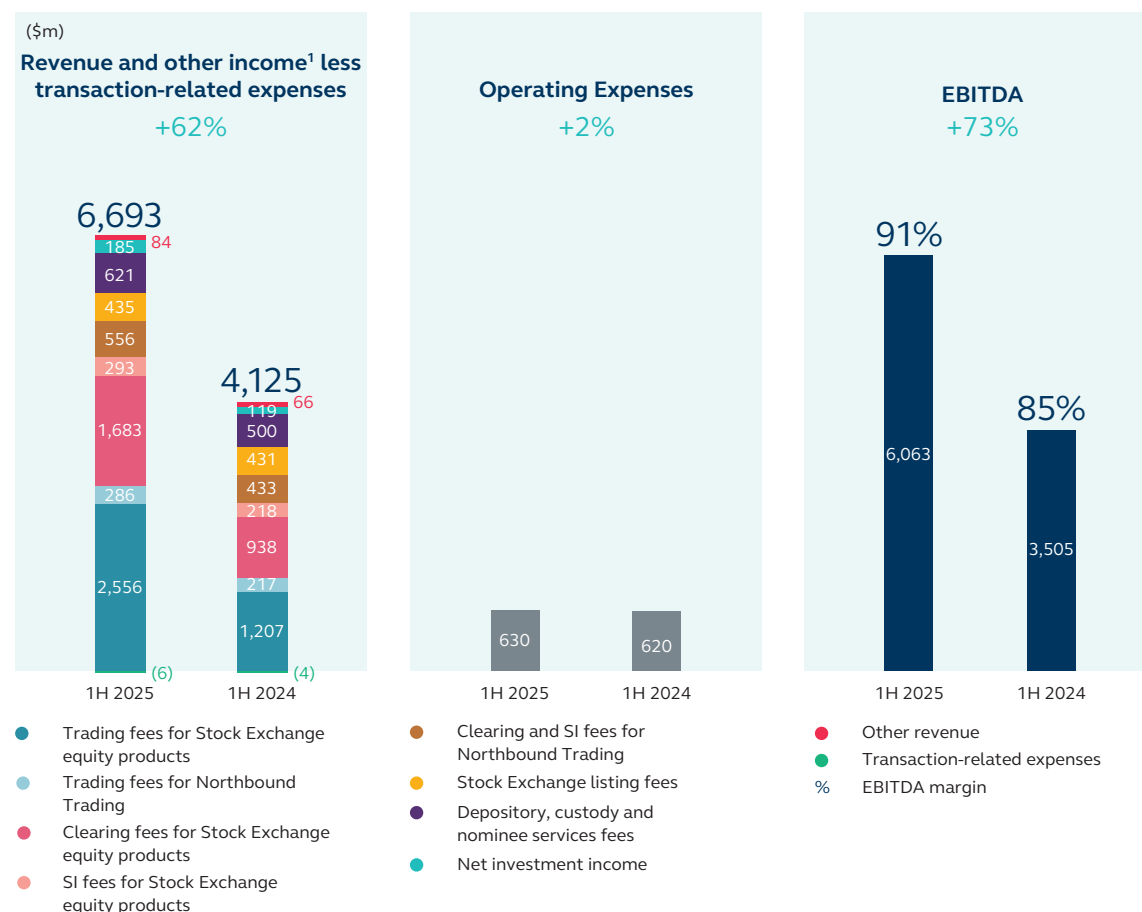
Analysis of Results and Business Update by Operating Segment

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025				Six months ended 30 Jun 2024			
	Revenue and other income \$m	Transaction-related expenses \$m	Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses \$m	EBITDA \$m	Revenue and other income \$m	Transaction-related expenses \$m	Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses \$m	EBITDA \$m
Results by segment:								
Cash	6,699	(6)	6,693	6,063	4,129	(4)	4,125	3,505
Equity and Financial Derivatives	3,553	(158)	3,395	2,932	3,099	(162)	2,937	2,494
Commodities	1,514	–	1,514	797	1,405	–	1,405	816
Data and Connectivity	1,104	–	1,104	895	1,048	–	1,048	840
Corporate Items	1,206	–	1,206	252	940	–	940	6
	14,076	(164)	13,912	10,939	10,621	(166)	10,455	7,661

Cash Segment

Analysis of Results

1H 2025 vs 1H 2024



1 Excludes DWs, CBBs and warrants (which are included under the Equity and Financial Derivatives segment)

Revenue and other income (less transaction-related expenses) was up 62 per cent and EBITDA was up 73 per cent compared with 1H 2024, mainly due to increased trading and clearing fees from the record volumes of Stock Exchange equity products.

Trading fees of Stock Exchange equity products for 1H 2025 were \$2,556 million, more than double the fees of 1H 2024, driven by the increase in ADT of equity products traded. Included in the fees were Southbound Stock Connect fees of \$339 million (1H 2024: \$113 million), which rose in line with the increase in Southbound Trading volume, arising from increased participation by investors in Mainland China.

Northbound Stock Connect trading fees recorded a 32 per cent growth to \$286 million (1H 2024: \$217 million), in line with the increase in Northbound ADT, as offshore investors increased their investments in the A-share markets.

Clearing fees and Settlement Instruction (SI) fees for Stock Exchange equity products increased by 71 per cent to \$1,976 million (1H 2024: \$1,156 million), primarily due to a higher number of trades of equity products and SI transactions. In addition, driven by the increases in Northbound ADT and SI volumes, clearing and SI fees for Northbound Trading recorded a 28 per cent increase to \$556 million (1H 2024: \$433 million).

Depository, custody and nominee services fees increased by 24 per cent to \$621 million (1H 2024: \$500 million), mainly due to higher electronic IPO fees from increased number of IPO applications, higher scrip fees arising from more companies having their book close (including several companies having their first book close), and higher portfolio fees from increased portfolio values held under Stock Connect.

Operating expenses increased by 2 per cent mainly due to higher staff costs arising from payroll adjustments, and an increase in IT costs due to inflationary adjustments on contract renewals.

Business Update

Driven by optimism over China's economic outlook and supportive policies, as well as advancements in technology and innovation, the strong momentum in the Hong Kong Cash Market continued into 1H 2025, with trading turnover reaching a record daily high at \$621.0 billion on 7 April 2025. This brought the 1H 2025 Headline ADT to a record half-yearly high of \$240.2 billion, more than double that of 1H 2024. Trading activities remained vibrant in Q2 2025, with Headline ADT of \$237.7 billion, the second highest quarterly Headline ADT ever.

Stock Connect

Trading volumes of Northbound and Southbound Stock Connect recorded strong growth in 1H 2025, reaching record half-yearly highs. Northbound ADT was RMB171.3 billion, up 32 per cent compared with 1H 2024. With vast pools of capital in Mainland China looking to diversify, there was increased participation of Mainland investors in offshore markets, with Southbound Stock Connect ADT reaching \$111.0 billion in 1H 2025, nearly triple that of 1H 2024, and accounting for 23 per cent of the trading volume of the Cash Market during 1H 2025. As a result, revenue and other income from Stock Connect increased by \$614 million to a record half-yearly high of \$1,813 million (1H 2024: \$1,199 million), of which \$1,445 million (1H 2024: \$871 million) arose from trading and clearing activities.

Market Structure Development

In April 2025, the Legislative Council approved the subsidiary legislation relating to the implementation of Uncertificated Securities Market (USM) in Hong Kong. HKEX is on track with system development to ensure the implementation of the USM regime in early 2026. Market information materials and briefing sessions are planned for release in Q3 2025.

Key Market Indicators

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024
ADT of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ (\$bn)	222.8 ⁴	100.3
ADT of Northbound Trading – Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	80.9 ⁴	64.4
ADT of Northbound Trading – Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	90.4 ⁴	65.8
ADT of Southbound Trading – Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	69.1 ⁴	21.5
ADT of Southbound Trading – Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	41.9 ⁴	16.0
ADT of Northbound Bond Connect (RMBbn)	45.9 ⁴	44.5
Average daily number of trades of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ ('000)	3,129 ⁴	1,809
Average value per trade of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange (\$'000)	71.2	55.5
Average daily value of SIs for Stock Exchange trades (\$bn)	377.7	232.9
Average daily number of SIs for Stock Exchange trades ('000)	120	98
Average value per SI for Stock Exchange trades (\$'000)	3,160	2,377
Average daily value of SIs for Northbound Trading of Stock Connect (RMBbn)	25.7	25.1
Number of newly listed companies on the Main Board ³	44	29
Number of newly listed companies on GEM	–	1
Total equity funds raised		
– IPOs (\$bn)	109.4	13.4
– Post-IPO (\$bn)	175.1	53.1
Portfolio values of Northbound Trading of Stock Connect at 30 Jun (RMBbn)	2,296	2,058
Portfolio values of Southbound Trading of Stock Connect at 30 Jun (\$bn)	5,127	2,865
Number of companies listed on the Main Board at 30 Jun	2,329	2,293
Number of companies listed on GEM at 30 Jun	316	324
Number of trading days	120	121

1 Excludes DWs, CBBCs and warrants (which are included under the Equity and Financial Derivatives segment) and includes Southbound Trading under Stock Connect

2 Includes buy and sell trades under Stock Connect

3 Includes 1 transfer from GEM (1H 2024: nil) and 1 de-SPAC transaction (1H 2024: nil)

4 New record half-yearly high in 1H 2025

The enhancement to the securities market stock settlement fee structure took effect and applied to Exchange Trades executed from 30 June 2025 onwards. The new stock settlement fee structure, which includes the removal of the minimum and maximum fees per trade, and the adjustment of the ad valorem rate from 0.2 basis points (bps) to 0.42 bps for all Exchange Trades¹, ensures that settlement costs are equitable, deterministic, and consistent across different trade sizes. This demonstrates HKEX's commitment to the continual enhancement to its securities market.

On 4 August 2025, HKEX successfully implemented Phase 1 of reducing minimum spreads, which aims to foster a more favourable environment for improving market liquidity and strengthening the competitiveness of the Hong Kong securities market by narrowing bid-ask spreads and lowering transaction costs. Phase 2 of the minimum spreads reduction is tentatively scheduled for implementation around mid-2026, subject to the review of the results of Phase 1.

Clearing and Settlement

Considering the widespread accessibility of internet systems and the decreasing usage of the CCASS Phone System, HKEX has decommissioned the CCASS Phone System service effective 31 May 2025. All account operations previously conducted via the CCASS Phone System have now transitioned to alternative digital channels. This marks a significant milestone in HKSCC's journey to modernise its infrastructure.

The Single Tranche Multiple Counter Settlement Model was successfully launched on 30 June 2025, streamlining the settlement arrangement for Multi-counter Eligible Securities (e.g., Dual Counter securities). With this enhancement, trades from different counters (e.g., HKD and RMB) are now settled in one batch under a domain settlement counter, eliminating the need for manual inter-counter transfers. In addition, a new "same stock netting" feature was introduced, allowing securities with the same ISIN to be netted across different currencies. These improvements are expected to enhance settlement efficiency, reduce operational and market risks, and support the handling of increasing transaction volumes across multiple trading counters.

In July 2025, HKEX published a discussion paper examining the accelerated settlement for the Hong Kong Cash Market, aiming to lead market-wide discussion and build consensus with industry participants on how and when to move to a shorter settlement cycle for Hong Kong. This demonstrated HKEX's commitment to supporting the continued modernisation of Hong Kong's financial market infrastructure.

Issuer Business

Driven by the increase in listings from Mainland China and international issuers, Hong Kong regained its position as the world's No.1 IPO venue in 1H 2025. There were 44 new listings during this period, raising \$109.4 billion – more than eight times that of 1H 2024 – making it the strongest half-year since 2021. In May 2025, HKEX welcomed CATL, the largest IPO in Hong Kong since February 2021 and the largest IPO globally since 2023, raising \$41.0 billion. The subsequent listings of Jiangsu Hengrui, Foshan Haitian, and Zhejiang Sanhua², further highlighted Hong Kong's position as the preferred fundraising venue for Mainland companies. There was also increased interest from international issuers in 1H 2025, as demonstrated by the listings of several companies from Southeast Asia³. As of 30 June 2025, the number of active IPO applications increased to 207, more than double the 84 applications at 31 December 2024. In 1H 2025, BYD Company Limited and Xiaomi Corporation raised \$43.5 billion and \$42.6 billion respectively through primary placements, bringing total follow-on issuance to \$244.8 billion – the highest half-year level since 2021.

ETP Market Development

ADT of ETPs reached a record half-yearly high of \$37.9 billion in 1H 2025, up 163 per cent compared with 1H 2024, reflecting the increase in trading activities in the vibrant Cash Market and the growth of the Hong Kong ETP market. The Hong Kong ETP product ecosystem continued to expand, with 24 new ETP listings during 1H 2025, including the cross-listing of the world's largest Nasdaq 100 ETF, the listings of the first Hang Seng TECH Covered Call ETF, Asia's first Single Stock L&I Products, the world's first L&I Product offering exposure to a single Korean stock, and Asia's first Saudi sukuk ETF. The continued expansion of Hong Kong's ETP market product spectrum offers investors a diverse range of investment options and strengthens Hong Kong's position as Asia's leading ETF marketplace.

¹ Excluding eligible market making trades for ETPs

² Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd., Foshan Haitian Flavouring and Food Company Ltd., and Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent Controls Co., Ltd.

³ Nanshan Aluminium International Holdings Limited (Indonesia), Mirxes Holding Company Limited (Singapore) and IFBH Limited (Thailand)

As at 30 June 2025, there were 17 Southbound ETFs and 248 Northbound ETFs included in Stock Connect. ADT for Southbound ETFs reached a record half-yearly high of \$3.8 billion in 1H 2025 and a record daily high of \$24.8 billion on 10 April 2025. ADT for Northbound ETFs was RMB2.6 billion in 1H 2025.

Bond Connect

Northbound Bond Connect trading activity maintained its overall growth momentum in 1H 2025, with trading volume of four separate trading days ranking among the top 10 on record, including a daily record high of RMB93.0 billion on 15 April 2025. As a result, ADT reached a record half-yearly high of RMB45.9 billion in 1H 2025, up 3 per cent compared with 1H 2024. Effective from 1 January 2025, Bond Connect service fees were reduced by 60 per cent to lower the transaction costs for overseas investors and to further promote the connectivity scheme.

Listed Bond Market and Sustainable Finance

In 1H 2025, 147 new debt securities were listed on the Stock Exchange, raising more than \$487 billion. Among these were 52 new ESG-related bond listings, raising a total of \$121 billion. The total number of listed bonds reached 1,399 as at 30 June 2025, with their total amount outstanding exceeding \$4.7 trillion. There were a total of 167 sustainable-focused products displayed on HKEX's Sustainable and Green Exchange (STAGE).

Integrated Fund Platform

HKEX is developing the Integrated Fund Platform (IFP) to support the growth of the fund distribution ecosystem and strengthen Hong Kong's position as a global wealth and asset management centre. Building on the success of the Fund Repository, which was launched in December 2024, the Order Routing Service was launched in July 2025. By enhancing communications between fund distributors and transfer agents, this new service streamlines fund message transmission and promotes greater efficiency and collaboration across Hong Kong's fund distribution network. The next phase of IFP development includes the provision of nominee services, as well as the facilitation of payments and settlement, subject to regulatory approval.

Market Surveillance and Compliance

During 1H 2025, HKEX continued to promote transparency and a strong compliance culture across its business and markets, with key initiatives including the following:

Key initiatives on promoting market surveillance and compliance in 1H 2025

- Commenced the 2025 Annual Attestation and Inspection Programme with a focus on two areas: (1) China Connect rules and (2) risk management
- Published market communication materials including:
 - (1) a circular to provide updated guidelines on the client margin requirements; and
 - (2) two compliance bulletins to remind market participants of the rules and requirements on various topics
- Deployed system enhancement to support the implementation of the increased position limits for three Hang Seng Index derivative product suites, effective on 2 July 2025
- Enhanced the Large Open Position Report account information submission process with Electronic Communication Platform

Listing Regulation

On 6 May 2025, the Stock Exchange and the SFC jointly announced the launch of the dedicated Technology Enterprises Channel to further facilitate new listing applications from prospective specialist technology companies and biotech companies, as well as a new confidential filing option for these companies.

On 30 May 2025, the Stock Exchange published the Information Paper on Rule Amendments to Implement an Uncertificated Securities Market and "Issuer Platform", outlining the consequential changes to the Listing Rules for transitioning to a fully electronic securities market in Hong Kong.

On 1 August 2025, the Stock Exchange published Conclusions and Further Consultation Paper on Proposals to Optimise IPO Price Discovery and Open Market Requirements. New Listing Rule requirements on IPO price discovery and open market requirements came into effect on 4 August 2025. Public comment period of the further consultation on ongoing public float proposals will end on 1 October 2025.

In addition, the Stock Exchange published the following guidance materials during 1H 2025:

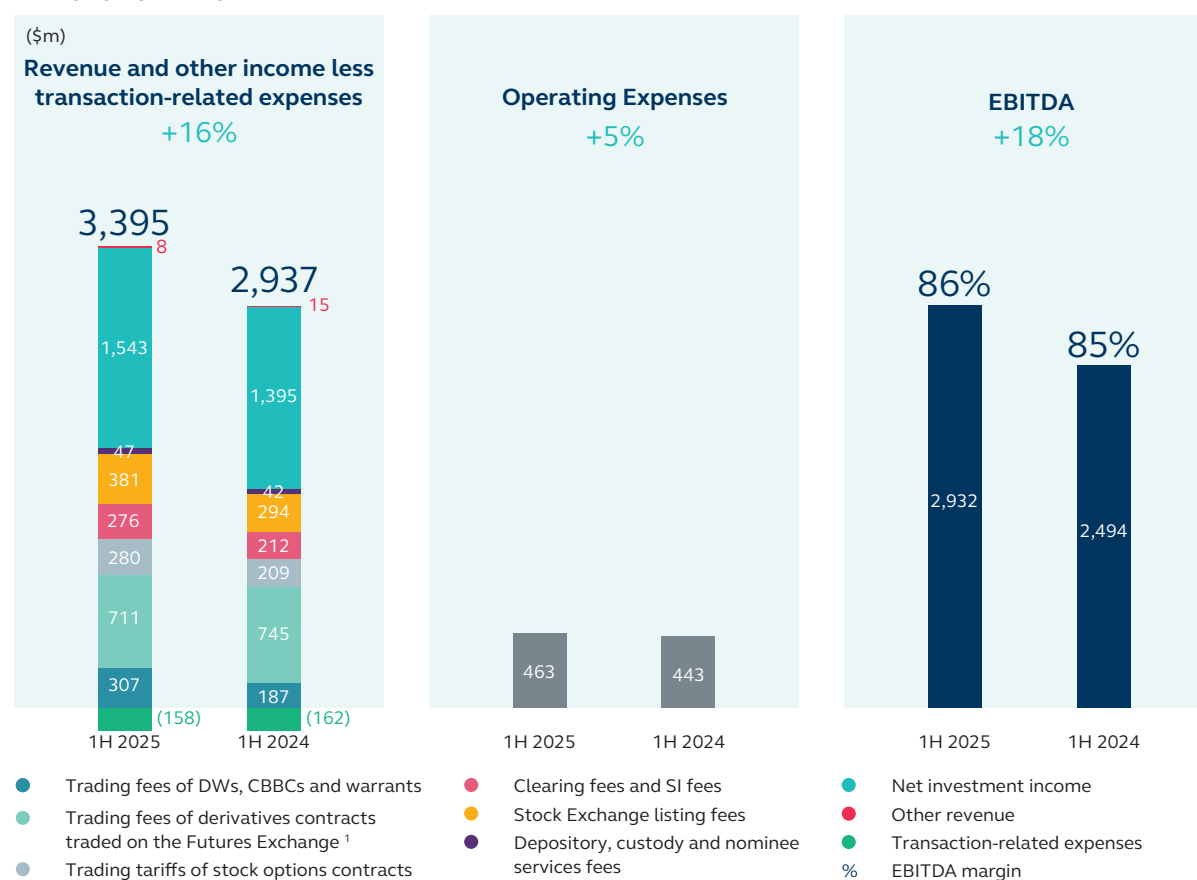
Guidance materials

- Semi-annual Listing Regulation and Enforcement Newsletter
- New Listing Decisions on (i) concurrent share buyback with convertible bond offering and (ii) issuance of warrant in connection with offering of equity-linked securities
- Recording of ESG Academy seminar “Developing Climate Strategies Amid Uncertainty: Scenario Planning and Analysis”

Equity and Financial Derivatives Segment

Analysis of Results

1H 2025 vs 1H 2024



¹ Excludes London Metal Mini Futures, Gold Futures, Silver Futures and Iron Ore Futures contracts (which are included under the Commodities segment)

Revenue and other income (less transaction-related expenses) and EBITDA were up 16 per cent and 18 per cent respectively compared with 1H 2024, mainly attributable to the increased trading and listing activities of structured products and higher net investment income of Margin Funds.

Trading fees of DWs, CBBCs and warrants were up 64 per cent compared with 1H 2024. The increase was lower than the 72 per cent increase in ADT, due to a smaller percentage increase in notional values of newly listed DWs and CBBCs.

Futures Exchange derivatives trading fees decreased by \$34 million, or 5 per cent, due to a lower number of derivatives contracts traded and a lower average fee per contract in 1H 2025, attributable to higher discounts and rebates offered for certain contracts to attract volumes, and increased popularity of lower-fee products such as Hang Seng TECH Index Futures.

Trading tariffs of stock options contracts increased by \$71 million, or 34 per cent, due to an increase in ADV of stock options, and a higher average fee per contract in 1H 2025, attributable to more active trading of options with a higher fee tier.

Stock Exchange listing fees rose by 30 per cent, driven by an increase in the number of newly listed DWs and CBBCs compared with 1H 2024, following heightened market volatility.

Net investment income increased by \$148 million, or 11 per cent, compared with 1H 2024, mainly attributable to a higher average Margin Fund size from higher margin requirements, and an increase in open interest of derivatives contracts.

Business Update

The Hong Kong Derivatives Market continued to exhibit an upward trend in 1H 2025, demonstrating both resilience and robustness. ADV of derivatives contracts traded⁴ (i.e., all futures and options contracts including stock options) reached a new record half-yearly high of 1,700,322 contracts in 1H 2025, up 11 per cent compared with 1H 2024. This was mainly attributable to the increase in trading volumes of stock options, Hang Seng TECH Index Futures and USD/CNH Futures.

A number of futures and options contracts reached single-day record highs in volume and open interest (OI) during 1H 2025:

	Single-day Trading Volume*	
	Date (2025)	Number of contracts
Hang Seng TECH Index Futures	24 Feb	469,133
Weekly Hang Seng Index Options	13 Feb	42,280
Hang Seng TECH Index Futures Options	7 Feb	24,820

* Only include futures or options with single-day trading volume of over 10,000 contracts

	Open Interest*	
	Date (2025)	Number of contracts
Stock Options	27 Mar	19,697,919

* Only include futures or options with open interest of over 10,000 contracts

Operating expenses increased by 5 per cent due to higher staff costs from payroll adjustments, and higher allocated costs of the Listing Division, arising from the higher percentage increase in listing fees under this segment (30 per cent) comparing with the Cash segment (1 per cent). The increase was partly offset by the decrease in incentives for derivatives products.

Key Market Indicators

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024
ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	17.4	10.1
Average daily number of trades of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange ('000)	341	237
ADV of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange ¹ ('000 contracts)	832	837
ADV of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange ('000 contracts)	868 ³	696
Number of newly listed DWs	4,215	3,404
Number of newly listed CBBCs	16,007	11,556
Total notional values of newly listed securities:		
– DWs (\$bn)	76.4	54.7
– CBBCs (\$bn)	644.2	438.7
ADV of contracts traded during After-Hours Trading (AHT) ¹ ('000 contracts)	113	96
Number of trading days ²	128	129
	At 30 Jun 2025	At 30 Jun 2024
Open interest of futures and options contracts ¹ ('000 contracts)	15,152	13,163

1 Excludes London Metal Mini Futures, Gold Futures, Silver Futures and Iron Ore Futures contracts (which are included under the Commodities segment)

2 Includes 8 holiday trading days (1H 2024: 8)

3 New record half-yearly high in 1H 2025

4 Excludes London Metal Mini Futures, Gold Futures, Silver Futures and Iron Ore Futures contracts (which are included under the Commodities segment)

Equity Futures and Options Market

Driven by investor interest in Mainland China's technology sector, Hang Seng TECH Index Futures and Options grew significantly in 1H 2025. The aggregate ADV of the four products in the suite, namely Hang Seng TECH Index Futures, Hang Seng TECH Index Options, Hang Seng TECH Index Futures Options and Weekly Hang Seng TECH Index Options, reached 169,643 contracts in 1H 2025, representing a 36 per cent increase from 1H 2024. The aggregate OI reached 247,092 contracts as at 30 June 2025, up 16 per cent from 31 December 2024. In particular, Hang Seng TECH Index Futures Options and Hang Seng TECH Index Futures contracts reached daily record highs of 24,820 contracts on 7 February 2025 and 469,133 contracts on 24 February 2025 respectively.

The stock options market recorded significant growth in 1H 2025. ADV of stock options reached a record half-yearly high of 868,128 contracts, up 25 per cent compared with 1H 2024. OI for stock options increased to 13,374,869 contracts as at 30 June 2025, up 22 per cent from 31 December 2024. On 20 May 2025, HKEX introduced CATL's stock options on the company's listing date, and over 34,000 CATL's stock option contracts were traded on that day, setting a record for the highest stock option activity on the first listing day of a single stock option.

The newly-introduced Weekly Stock Options experienced robust growth since their launch on 4 November 2024. In view of the popularity of the product, HKEX introduced CATL as the 11th underlying stock to the suite on 2 June 2025. Aggregate ADV of Weekly Stock Options reached 84,095 contracts in 1H 2025, accounting for 21 per cent of the stock options volume of the corresponding 11 underlying stocks.

FIC Development

USD/CNH Futures contract maintained its growth in 1H 2025, with ADV reaching 113,825 contracts, up 44 per cent compared with 1H 2024. In particular, ADV of the contract hit a record monthly high of 129,873 contracts in February 2025.

On 4 March 2025, HKEX signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CMU OmniClear Limited. CMU OmniClear Limited, which was established to carry out the operations of the Central Moneymarkets Unit on behalf of the HKMA, committed to exploring initiatives jointly with HKEX to enhance Hong Kong's post-trade securities infrastructure. This collaboration aims to support the long-term development of the FIC ecosystem in Hong Kong.

The areas of cooperation include realising cross-asset class efficiencies across equities and fixed income, expanding the mobilisation of Mainland bonds as collateral, enhancing Hong Kong as a bond issuance centre and developing an international central securities depository in Asia.

Market Structure Development

On 23 June 2025, HKCC and SEOCH implemented a new scheduled intra-day margin call arrangement, enhancing the predictability of intra-day margin calls, and enabling CPs to arrange their funding more effectively.

On 24 June 2025, HKEX obtained regulatory approval for the increase of the exchange-level position limits for futures and options contracts based on HSI, HSCEI and Hang Seng TECH Index. Such changes became effective from 2 July 2025. This demonstrates HKEX's ongoing efforts to support Hong Kong's position as a global risk management centre and the development of the Derivatives Market.

Structured Products

Driven by the positive sentiment in the Cash Market, ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants reached \$17.4 billion, up 72 per cent compared with 1H 2024. With the increase in market volatility in February and April 2025, there were 20,222 newly listed DWs and CBBCs in 1H 2025, up 35 per cent compared with 1H 2024.

HKEX's structured products ecosystem continued to strengthen in 1H 2025. The range of eligible underlyings for DW issuance was broadened to include notable Hong Kong IPOs (such as MIXUE Group and CATL), the Invesco QQQ Trust, and several leading Japanese equities. HKEX also launched its first USD-denominated structured product in 1H 2025. These enhancements reinforce HKEX's commitment to offering capital-efficient, diversified investment solutions to support risk management and a wider range of trading strategies. They also contribute to deepening connectivity across global investor communities, enabling participants to capture market opportunities and hedge their risks.

Ongoing initiatives to strengthen investor engagement and improve product transparency are also underway. These include a refreshed Structured Products section on the HKEX Market website. In recognition of its market leadership, HKEX was named the "Best Structured Products and Derivatives Exchange 2025" by Structured Retail Products in June 2025.

OTC Clear

Swap Connect continued its strong growth momentum, with the average daily clearing volume reaching a record half-yearly high of RMB21.9 billion, up 72 per cent compared with 1H 2024. USD Interest Rate Swap clearing volume increased significantly and reached a record half-yearly high of US\$35.9 billion, nearly five times of 1H 2024. As a result, OTC Clear's total clearing volume reached a record half-yearly high of US\$828.1 billion in 1H 2025, up 71 per cent compared with 1H 2024.

In 1H 2025, OTC Clear began accepting Chinese Government Bonds and Policy Bank Bonds held by offshore investors through Bond Connect as eligible non-cash collateral. This began on 13 January 2025 for Northbound Swap Connect transactions,

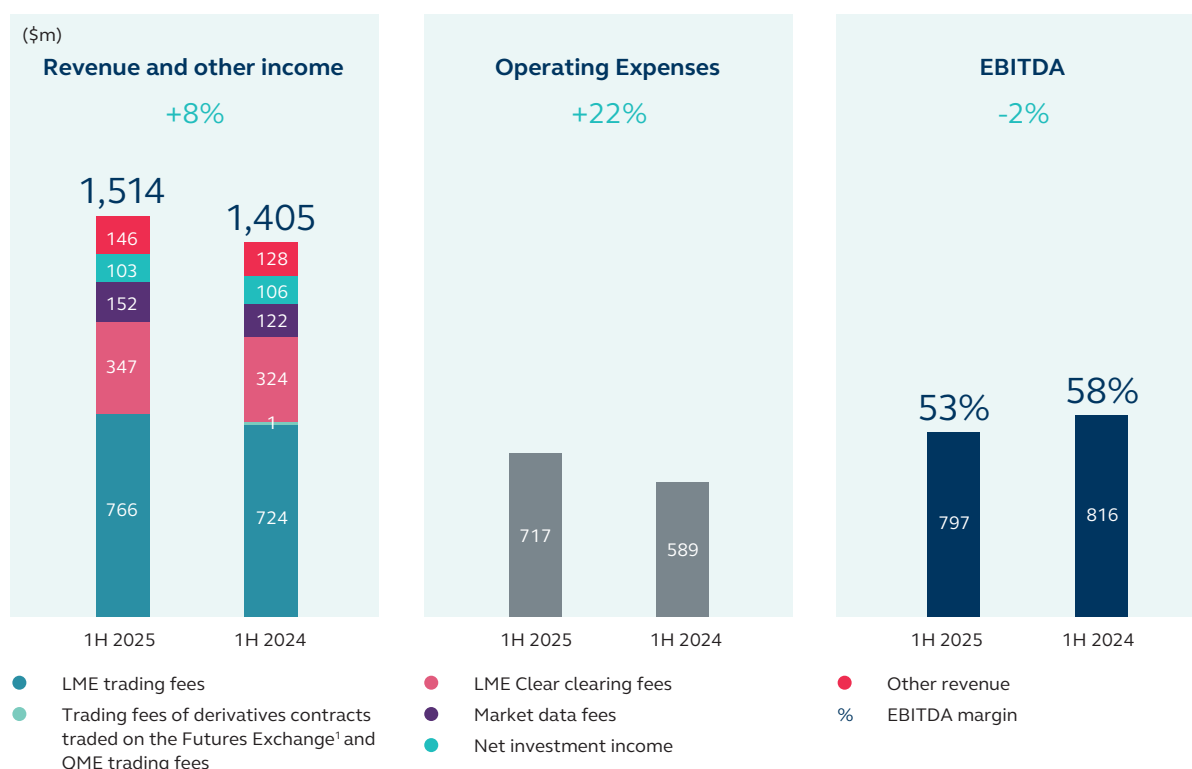
allowing offshore investors to use these bonds for initial margin requirements. The scope was further expanded on 21 March 2025, when OTC Clear began accepting these bonds as margin collateral for all derivative transactions cleared. This initiative improves margin efficiency and reduces funding costs of Clearing Members, further enhancing the attractiveness of RMB-denominated assets and promoting the internationalisation of RMB.

Effective from 30 June 2025, OTC Clear extended the maximum tenor for Northbound Swap Connect trades to 30 years. This enhancement facilitates offshore investors in hedging and managing long-term interest rate risks, broadens Hong Kong's RMB ecosystem, and strengthens the city's position as an international financial centre.

Commodities Segment

Analysis of Results

1H 2025 vs 1H 2024



¹ Includes London Metal Mini Futures, Gold Futures, Silver Futures and Iron Ore Futures contracts only

Revenue and other income was up 8 per cent compared with 1H 2024, mainly attributable to higher trading and clearing fees from both volume and fee increases. EBITDA was down 2 per cent, as the increase in revenue and other income was more than offset by the increase in operating expenses.

LME trading fees and LME Clear clearing fees rose by 6 per cent and 7 per cent respectively, attributable to a 3 per cent increase in chargeable ADV of metal contracts traded, and an average 5 per cent increase in trading and clearing fee tariffs, effective 1 January 2025.

Business Update

LME

Driven by increased volatility, LME chargeable ADV reached 733 thousand lots in Q2 2025, marking the highest quarterly level since 2014 and the second highest on record. As a result, LME chargeable ADV in 1H 2025 reached 715 thousand lots, up 3 per cent against 1H 2024.

On 20 January 2025, the LME approved Hong Kong as a new warehouse Delivery Point. During 1H 2025, the LME announced the approval of eight LME-licensed warehouse facilities in Hong Kong, which are operated by five warehouse companies. This paved the way for Hong Kong to become a new LME Delivery Point on 15 July 2025, bringing the LME warehousing network closer to the key metals centres of Mainland China. In preparation of this, the LME delivered off-warrant stock reporting for Hong Kong effective from 1 July 2025.

During 1H 2025, the LME continued to focus on modernising its market structure to enhance liquidity, transparency, and price competition, with key initiatives as set out below:

- In 1H 2025, the LME held a consultation on proposed rule changes, including those relating to block thresholds and crossing rules. While feedback was mixed in certain areas, most members were broadly supportive of the package of measures.
- The LME started publishing daily off-warrant stock reporting from 1 April 2025, giving a breakdown of off-warrant stock by metal per region and location. This marks a significant step forward in delivering greater transparency of stocks across the LME warehouse network.

Operating expenses increased by 22 per cent, attributable to a non-recurring \$90 million fine paid to the FCA in 1H 2025, and the recovery of legal fees of \$50 million from the claimants in 1H 2024, both relating to the nickel market events in 2022. Excluding such non-recurring items, operating expenses were down by 2 per cent, as lower fees were incurred for the judicial review relating to the nickel market events.

Key Market Indicators

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 '000 lots	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 '000 lots
ADV of metals contracts traded on the LME		
– Aluminium	278	276
– Copper	167	163
– Zinc	108	107
– Lead	71	72
– Nickel	81	64
– Others	10	12
Total chargeable ADV excluding Admin Trades ¹	715	694
Chargeable Admin Trades ¹	45	38
Total ADV	760	732
Number of trading days	124	125
	At 30 Jun 2025 '000 lots	At 30 Jun 2024 '000 lots
Total futures market open interest	1,898	1,900

¹ Admin Trades are chargeable at a lower trading fee rate of US\$0.04 and clearing fee rate of US\$0.02 per contract

From a sustainability perspective, the LME announced its intention to start exploring the discovery of sustainable metal premia for certain metals (aluminium, copper, nickel and zinc) on 23 April 2025. This initiative builds on the existing low carbon pricing model for nickel. The objective is to make sustainability-related price differentials transparent, thereby supporting the development of the market for sustainable metals. The LME is currently engaging with the market on its proposals.

In May 2025, the LME hosted its annual LME Asia Week in Hong Kong, which is an annual gathering bringing together industry leaders and market participants from metals and financial communities around the world. The event featured the LME Chairman's Cocktail Reception, the LME Asia Metals Seminar and the LME Asia Dinner, which was attended by more than 2,000 guests.

On 29 January 2025, the UK Supreme Court refused permission for Elliott⁵ to appeal the judgement made by the UK Court of Appeal in October 2024 relating to judicial review of the events in the nickel market in March 2022. The proceedings have now concluded. The three related Human Rights Act (HRA) claims issued in 2023, which had been stayed pending the final determination of the judicial review proceedings, have all been withdrawn by the HRA claimants.

On 20 March 2025, the LME reached a settlement agreement with the FCA regarding its enforcement investigation relating to the nickel market events, which draws the process to a close. The FCA's Final Notice recognised that large positions held

on the OTC market were the principal driver of the extraordinary price rises at the time, and that the LME did not have visibility of the OTC positions. The LME noted that the significant work undertaken by both the LME and the FCA has materially reduced the risk of such an event from occurring again.

LME Clear

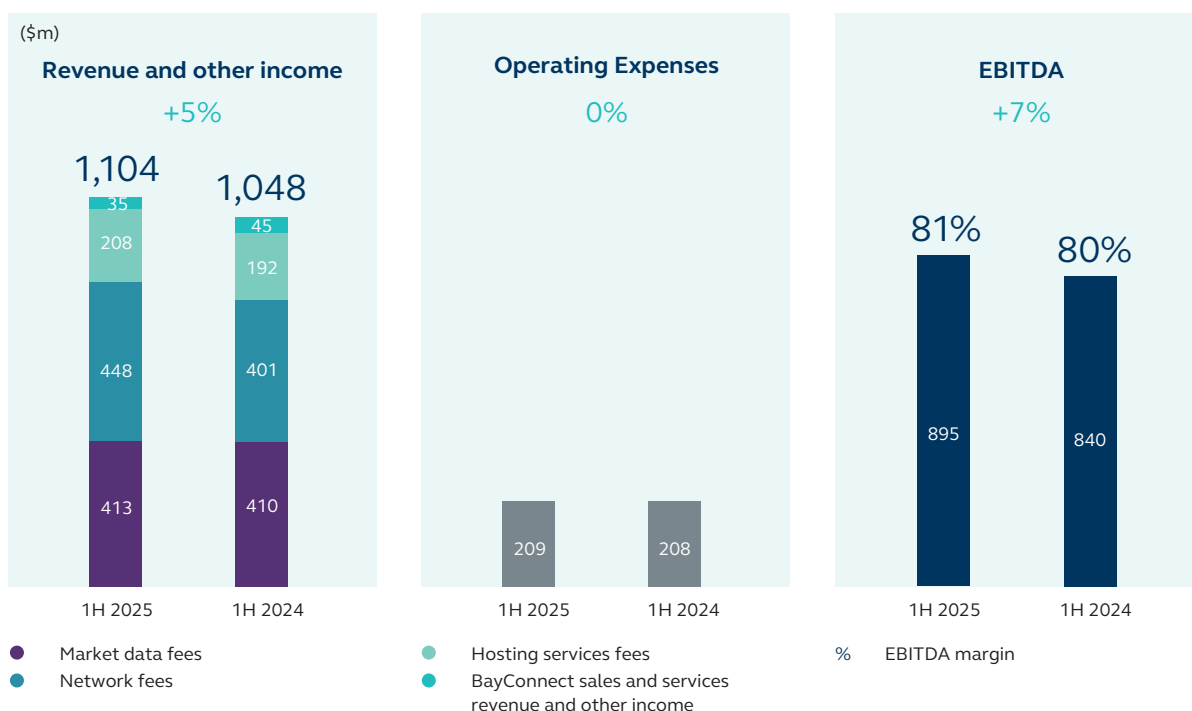
On 11 February 2025, LME Clear issued its consultation decision and related rule changes regarding its proposals to introduce a range of measures to further bolster market resilience. These included the introduction of a default fund mutualisation limit and anti-procyclicality control, effective from 28 February 2025, as well as an increase in the minimum net capital requirements for members, effective from 12 May 2025.

With the objective of moving towards a "defaulter pays" model, LME Clear enhanced its Initial Margin methodology and introduced a new Stress Loss Additional Margin in 1H 2025. These changes came into effect on 3 March 2025 following extensive market engagement.

Data and Connectivity Segment

Analysis of Results

1H 2025 vs 1H 2024



5 Elliott Associates L.P. and Elliott International L.P.

Revenue and other income was up 5 per cent and EBITDA was up 7 per cent compared with 1H 2024, mainly due to the increase in network fees and hosting services fees.

Network fees rose by 12 per cent due to increased usage of the Orion Central Gateway and China Connect Central Gateway by EPs, and higher fees from the sale of new throttles.

Hosting services fees increased by 8 per cent due to growth in both new customer subscriptions and increased usage by existing customers. As at 30 June 2025, 100 EPs were using HKEX's Hosting Services. These EPs generated, in aggregate, approximately 72 per cent of the Cash Market turnover and 66 per cent of the Derivatives Market trading volume.

Business Update

Data Business

HKEX is fully committed to enhancing the vibrancy of Hong Kong's financial markets and providing richer and broader data coverage to support the evolving needs of global investors in forming their investment strategies. The launch of HKEX Data Marketplace has enhanced HKEX's brand presence

in providing comprehensive historical and reference data directly to clients. HKEX will continue to enhance its product catalogue and platform capability to meet evolving client's needs.

Trading and Clearing Systems

During 1H 2025, all HKEX's major trading, clearing, settlement and market data dissemination systems for the Cash, Derivatives, Commodities and OTC Markets continued to perform robustly.

In March 2025, HKEX refreshed the hardware for Orion Trading Platform – Securities Market (OTP-C) to enhance system resilience and mitigate operational risk.

On 24 March 2025, the LME launched its new trading platform, LMEselect v10 and market data offering, LMEsource v4. Following the smooth roll-out, the trading platform was swiftly put to the test with record trading activities in April 2025, during which it performed robustly. The new trading platform provides reliable and predictable latency and was developed in-house specifically for the LME market needs, and the LME is now able to deliver new functionality and enhance the data made available to the market to meet evolving needs of the physical metals and financial trading communities.

Corporate Items

Analysis of Results

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Net investment income	1,044	901
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	78	30
Other revenue and sundry income		
– Gain arising on lease modification	76	–
– Others	8	9
Total revenue and other income	1,206	940
Operating expenses		
– HKEX Foundation charitable donations	(52)	(74)
– Others	(902)	(860)
EBITDA	252	6

The analysis of net investment income of Corporate Funds is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Net investment income/(loss) from:		
– External Portfolio	202	233
– Cash and bank deposits ¹	433	622
– Equity securities ²	5	(32)
– Debt securities	241	75
– Exchange gains	163	3
Total net investment income	1,044	901
Average fund size (\$bn)	36.4	33.8
Annualised net investment return	5.73%	5.33%

1 Including foreign exchange swaps

2 Investments in minority stakes of unlisted companies

Net investment income of Corporate Funds was \$1,044 million, 16 per cent higher than 1H 2024, mainly due to higher fund size, and a non-recurring exchange gain arising mainly from the appreciation of USD against HKD.

The fair value gains/(losses) on the External Portfolio came from funds invested in the following strategies:

Strategy	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Public Equities	5	100
Diversifiers	132	151
Government Bonds and Mortgage-backed Securities	65	(18)
Total	202	233

To provide funds for the purchase of HKEX permanent headquarters premises, the External Portfolio was fully redeemed in Q2 2025, with proceeds returning to the Group following the expiration of any applicable lock-up periods. For further details, please refer to the Financial Review section of this Interim Report.

Included in other revenue and sundry income was a one-off accounting gain arising from lease modification, following the shortening of the lease term and waiver of reinstatement cost of the existing office leases at Exchange Square as a result of the purchase of HKEX headquarters premises.

Excluding HKEX Foundation charitable donation expenses, operating expenses increased by \$42 million, mainly attributable to the increase in IT costs due to inflationary adjustments on contract renewals, and higher professional fees incurred for strategic initiatives, partially offset by lower staff costs due to the one-off retirement benefits payable to senior management in 1H 2024.

Business Update

Purchase of Permanent Headquarters Premises

On 24 April 2025, HKEX agreed to purchase from Hongkong Land, permanent headquarters premises within Exchange Square. The acquisition represents a unique strategic investment opportunity for HKEX to own its permanent office, reaffirming its long-term commitment to the growth and future development of Hong Kong as a leading global financial centre. The subject properties comprise nine whole floors in One Exchange Square, as well as units located on the first and second floor of Exchange Square. The aggregate consideration is \$6.3 billion and the payment will be funded entirely by HKEX's Corporate Funds. As part of the transaction, enhancement project works will be conducted at Exchange Square and its surroundings to enable HKEX to meet evolving business and operational needs over the longer term, better support its engagement with stakeholders, as well as reflect HKEX's standing as a global exchange. Hongkong Land has agreed to contribute towards the costs of the enhancement project works up to a maximum of \$400 million. Completion of the acquisition is targeted to take place in phases over the next 12 to 18 months from the date of agreement, subject to Hongkong Land being able to deliver vacant possession of the subject properties. For further details, please refer to our announcement dated 24 April 2025.

As at 30 June 2025, the Group has taken possession of three whole floors in One Exchange Square for a consideration of \$1.8 billion.

Collaboration with WEF

In March 2025, HKEX collaborated with the World Economic Forum (WEF) to host WEF's first financial-services event in Hong Kong, demonstrating HKEX's commitment to connecting global capital with the region's opportunities. HKEX will continue to collaborate with international partners to bring global conversations to Asia, drive sustainable progress in the financial services sector, and explore solutions to key global issues.

25th Anniversary Celebrations

HKEX marked its 25th anniversary in June — celebrating a quarter-century of innovation, resilience, vibrancy, and growth — with a commemorative ceremony at Connect Hall. The event featured an engaging panel discussion with former HKEX Chairs, as well as the presence of Hong Kong Financial Secretary Paul Chan and other distinguished guests of honour from the financial community. As part of the anniversary programme, HKEX launched a two-week celebration with the first-ever HKEX Gong Tour, bringing the iconic HKEX Gong to the wider Hong Kong community at nine locations across the city. The tour attracted over 4,200 visitors, who joined around 100 HKEX ambassadors at the Gongmobile to take photos, play interactive games and learn about the rich history of Hong Kong's capital markets.

Sustainability

As a market regulator and an exchange operator, HKEX continued to promote the development of a vibrant sustainable finance ecosystem through facilitating capital flow to sustainability-related opportunities and enhancing ESG transparency in the markets where it operates. In April 2025, HKEX partnered with the SFC to co-host the inaugural International Carbon Markets Summit, where over 200 representatives from local and overseas regulators, trading platforms, investors and corporates discussed the opportunities for developing global voluntary carbon markets and promoting collaboration for cross-border carbon asset trading. In June 2025, HKEX co-hosted the International Dialogue on the Voluntary Carbon Market, a sub-forum of the 2025 National Low-Carbon Day, in partnership with China Beijing Green Exchange, National Centre for Climate Change Strategy and International Cooperation and China Emissions Trading Association, to discuss the opportunities and challenges of China's participation in the international voluntary carbon markets under the Paris Agreement. To enhance the climate resilience of listed companies, HKEX conducted an ESG Academy seminar, supporting businesses in conducting climate scenarios analysis. Through the LME, the Group announced its plan to explore the potential for producing sustainable metal premia for LME-listed brands.

As a corporate, HKEX is dedicated to supporting its employees and embedding climate actions into its strategy and business practices. In its ongoing efforts to foster a workplace that prioritises employee development, wellness and engagement, the Group rolled out the HKEX Competency Framework, designed to empower its employees to develop a set of identified skills and behaviours that enable them to successfully perform their jobs and continue to thrive in their careers. In addition, HKEX continued to organise a series of staff activities focused on fitness, mental wellness and diversity, providing platforms for employees to connect and share their experiences. HKEX is pleased that its science-based emissions reduction targets were approved by the SBTi, marking a significant milestone in its net-zero journey. The Group also ran the annual HKEX Goes Green campaign, raising environmental awareness and promoting eco-friendly practices among its employees.

HKEX Foundation and Group Philanthropy

HKEX Foundation, the Group's dedicated charitable arm, continued to drive positive impact in the local community through a range of meaningful programmes. During 1H 2025, the Foundation launched the Charity Partnership Programme 2025 and the Impact Funding Scheme 2025, supporting social enterprises and charities to deliver projects progressing financial literacy, social empowerment, talent development and environmental sustainability. To further support the community in addressing emerging social issues, the Foundation announced its plan to allocate at least \$25 million to set up a new flagship charity programme focusing on caregiver support.

Expenses, Other Costs and Taxation

Operating Expenses

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m	Change
Staff costs and related expenses	1,952	1,937	1%
IT and computer maintenance expenses	460	421	9%
Premises expenses	71	67	6%
Product marketing and promotion expenses	49	53	(8%)
Professional fees	89	46	93%
HKEX Foundation charitable donations	52	74	(30%)
Other operating expenses	300	196	53%
Total	2,973	2,794	6%

Staff costs and related expenses increased by \$15 million (1 per cent) mainly due to payroll adjustments, partly offset by the one-off retirement benefits payable to senior management in 1H 2024.

IT and computer maintenance expenses increased by \$39 million (9 per cent), attributable to inflationary adjustments on contract renewals.

Professional fees increased by \$43 million (93 per cent), as a \$50 million recovery of legal fees, relating to the events in the nickel market in 2022, was recognised in 1H 2024.

Other operating expenses increased by \$104 million (53 per cent), mainly attributable due to a non-recurring fine of \$90 million paid to the UK FCA in 1H 2025.

Depreciation and Amortisation

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m	Change
Depreciation and amortisation	743	698	6%

Depreciation and amortisation increased by \$45 million (6 per cent), mainly due to the launch of new LME trading platform in March 2025. The increase was partly offset by a decrease in depreciation of right-of-use assets resulting from early termination of certain leases in connection with purchase of HKEX headquarters premises in 1H 2025, and lower rent on renewal of certain office leases effective from June 2024.

Finance Costs

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m	Change
Finance costs	49	59	(17%)

Finance costs decreased due to lower interest expense on lease liabilities, and lower negative interest charges for JPY, which was no longer subject to negative interest since April 2024.

Taxation

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m	Change
Taxation	1,602	766	109%

Taxation charge more than doubled, due to increase in profit before taxation, and provision for the new top-up tax under the Pillar Two model rules. As a result, the Group's effective tax rate increased to 15.8 per cent in 1H 2025 (1H 2024: 11.0 per cent).

Financial Review

Quarterly Results

	Q1 2025 \$m	Q2 2025 \$m	1H 2025 \$m
Trading fees and trading tariffs	2,531	2,375	4,906
Clearing and settlement fees	1,596	1,559	3,155
Stock Exchange listing fees	408	408	816
Depository, custody and nominee services fees	231	437	668
Market data fees	275	290	565
Other revenue and sundry income	457	556	1,013
Net investment income	1,333	1,542	2,875
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	26	52	78
Revenue and other income	6,857	7,219	14,076
Less: Transaction-related expenses	(87)	(77)	(164)
Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses	6,770	7,142	13,912
Operating expenses			
Staff costs and related expenses	(964)	(988)	(1,952)
IT and computer maintenance expenses	(226)	(234)	(460)
Premises expenses	(35)	(36)	(71)
Product marketing and promotion expenses	(21)	(28)	(49)
Professional fees	(36)	(53)	(89)
HKEX Foundation charitable donations	(50)	(2)	(52)
Other operating expenses	(184)	(116)	(300)
	(1,516)	(1,457)	(2,973)
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	5,254	5,685	10,939
Depreciation and amortisation	(358)	(385)	(743)
Operating profit	4,896	5,300	10,196
Finance costs	(25)	(24)	(49)
Share of profits of joint ventures	8	9	17
Profit before taxation	4,879	5,285	10,164
Taxation	(781)	(821)	(1,602)
Profit for the period	4,098	4,464	8,562
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(21)	(22)	(43)
Profit attributable to shareholders	4,077	4,442	8,519
	Q1 2024 \$m	Q2 2024 \$m	1H 2024 \$m
Revenue and other income	5,201	5,420	10,621
Profit attributable to shareholders	2,970	3,155	6,125

Net Investment Income of Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds

Net investment income of Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds increased by 13 per cent compared with 1H 2024, reflecting the higher fund sizes in Hong Kong driven by higher margin requirements, partly offset by lower net investment return. Further analysis on net investment income of Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds is set out below:

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025				
	HK Clearing Houses		LME Clear		Total \$m
	Margin Funds \$m	Clearing House Funds \$m	Margin Funds \$m	Clearing House Funds \$m	
Net investment income from:					
– Cash and bank deposits ¹	1,006	136	69	9	1,220
– Debt securities	494	90	22	3	609
– Exchange gains	2	–	–	–	2
Total net investment income	1,502	226	91	12	1,831
Average fund size (\$bn)	136.3	20.4	61.9	8.6	227.2
Annualised net investment return	2.20%	2.22%	0.29%	0.28%	1.61%

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024				
	HK Clearing Houses		LME Clear		Total \$m
	Margin Funds \$m	Clearing House Funds \$m	Margin Funds \$m	Clearing House Funds \$m	
Net investment income/(loss) from:					
– Cash and bank deposits ¹	1,135	160	85	10	1,390
– Debt securities	166	54	10	1	231
– Exchange losses	(1)	–	–	–	(1)
Total net investment income	1,300	214	95	11	1,620
Average fund size (\$bn)	100.2	13.9	74.7	9.0	197.8
Annualised net investment return	2.60%	3.08%	0.25%	0.24%	1.64%

¹ Including foreign exchange swaps

Net investment income of Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds are allocated to the following segments:

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m	Change
Cash	185	119	55%
Equity and Financial Derivatives	1,543	1,395	11%
Commodities	103	106	(3%)
Total	1,831	1,620	13%

Significant Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities by Funds

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m	Change
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	173,897	134,365	29%
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,842	7,558	(62%)
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	44,117	50,704	(13%)
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	68,662	43,610	57%
Derivative financial instruments	58,848	67,747	(13%)
Total	348,366	303,984	15%

The Group's financial assets comprised financial assets of Corporate Funds, Margin Funds, Clearing House Funds, derivative financial instruments (including base and ferrous metals derivatives contracts, and foreign exchange derivative contracts), and cash prepayments and collateral for A-shares traded under Stock Connect, as follows:

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m	Change
Financial assets			
Corporate Funds ¹	37,610	36,880	2%
Margin Funds ²	220,792	168,455	31%
Clearing House Funds	30,396	28,727	6%
Derivative financial instruments	58,848	67,747	(13%)
Cash prepayments and collateral for A-shares	720	2,175	(67%)
Total	348,366	303,984	15%

1 Includes \$1,977 million (31 December 2024: \$2,080 million) solely used for supporting contributions to default funds (Skin-in-the-Game), and default fund credits for Clearing House Funds

2 Excludes Settlement Reserve Fund and Settlement Guarantee Fund paid to ChinaClear under Stock Connect, inter-central counterparties (inter-CCP) margin paid to Shanghai Clearing House (SHCH) under Swap Connect, and margin receivable from CPs of \$13,716 million (31 December 2024: \$20,402 million), which are included in accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m	Change
Financial liabilities			
Derivative financial instruments	58,920	67,863	(13%)
Margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral from Participants	234,508	188,857	24%
CPs' contributions to Clearing House Funds	28,631	27,124	6%
Total	322,059	283,844	13%

The increase in financial assets and financial liabilities of Margin Funds at 30 June 2025 compared with 31 December 2024 was attributable to increased contributions from HKCC CPs and SEOCH CPs due to higher margin requirements of futures and options contracts, and higher open positions of stock options contracts.

The increase in financial assets and financial liabilities of Clearing House Funds at 30 June 2025 compared with 31 December 2024 was mainly due to higher contributions from OTC Clear CPs and SEOCH CPs, partly offset by lower contributions from HKCC CPs, in response to changes in risk exposures.

Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds of LME Clear are mainly invested in overnight reverse repurchase investments, where high quality assets are held against such investments as collateral. In Hong Kong, Clearing House Funds are predominantly

kept overnight or invested in Exchange Fund Bills issued by the HKMA due to regulatory requirements. For Margin Funds, a certain proportion of the funds is kept overnight to meet withdrawal requests from CPs (approximately 32 per cent at 30 June 2025), a certain proportion is invested in investment grade debt securities with maturity over 12 months (approximately 7 per cent at 30 June 2025) and the remaining funds are invested in debt securities and time deposits with maturity of up to 12 months (weighted remaining maturity of six months as at 30 June 2025).

Financial assets of Corporate Funds at 30 June 2025 increased by 2 per cent compared with 31 December 2024, with cash generated by the business over the past six months and the net increase in fair values of the External Portfolio being partly offset by the cash paid for the 2024 second interim dividend and payment of capital expenditure.

A portion of the Corporate Funds is invested in a diversified portfolio of investment funds which are designed to enhance returns and mitigate portfolio volatility and asset class concentration risk. Further details of investments in the External Portfolio are as follows:

Strategy	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m	Change
Diversifiers	2,441	4,337	(44%)
Government Bonds and Mortgage-backed Securities	–	2,800	(100%)
Public Equities	67	92	(27%)
Total	2,508	7,229	(65%)

To fund the acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises (refer to the Business Review section of this Interim Report for details), the External Portfolio was fully redeemed in Q2 2025, with proceeds returning to the Group following the expiration of any applicable lock-up periods. During 1H 2025, the Group received \$4.3 billion from the redemption of the External Portfolio, with an additional \$0.6 billion subsequently received in Q3 2025 and recorded as receivables as at 30 June 2025.

Working Capital, Financial Resources and Gearing

Working capital decreased by \$1,248 million to \$27,803 million at 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: \$29,051 million). The decrease was primarily due to 2024 second interim dividend of \$6,193 million, the increase in fixed and intangible assets, right-of-use assets, and prepayments for acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises of \$2,590 million, and the increase of long-term financial assets held under Corporate Funds of \$1,735 million. The decrease was partly offset by profit of \$8,519 million generated during 1H 2025, the decrease in long-term lease liabilities of \$373 million and the non-current tax liabilities relating to Pillar Two income tax of \$363 million.

At 30 June 2025, the Group's outstanding borrowings represented written put options to non-controlling interests of \$395 million (31 December 2024: \$452 million). As a result, the Group had a gross gearing ratio (i.e., gross debt divided by adjusted capital) of 1 per cent (31 December 2024: 1 per cent), and a net gearing ratio (i.e., net debt divided by adjusted capital) of zero per cent (31 December 2024: zero per cent). For this purpose, gross debt is defined as total borrowings (excluding lease liabilities) and net debt¹ is defined as gross debt less cash and cash equivalents of Corporate Funds (excluding those reserved for supporting contributions to default funds and default fund credits for Clearing House Funds), and adjusted capital as all components of equity attributable to shareholders of HKEX other than designated reserves.

Banking facilities have been put in place for contingency purposes. At 30 June 2025, the Group's total available banking facilities for its daily operations amounted to \$25,944 million (31 December 2024: \$25,771 million), which included \$19,005 million (31 December 2024: \$18,847 million) of committed banking facilities and \$6,500 million (31 December 2024: \$6,500 million) of repurchase facilities. In addition, the Group has arranged a committed banking facility of \$7,000 million (31 December 2024: \$7,500 million) for certain periods of the year which needs higher liquidity requirements (including Severe Weather Trading Days) to cover operational needs and stress testing.

The Group has also put in place foreign exchange facilities for its daily clearing operations and for the RMB Equity Trading Support Facility to support the trading of RMB stocks listed on the Stock Exchange. At 30 June 2025, the total amount of the facilities was \$33,534 million (31 December 2024: \$32,378 million).

In addition, the Group has arranged contingency banking facilities amounting to RMB13,000 million (31 December 2024: RMB13,000 million) for settling payment obligations to ChinaClear should there be events that disrupt normal settlement arrangements for Stock Connect.

At 30 June 2025, 84 per cent (31 December 2024: 74 per cent) of the Group's cash and cash equivalents were denominated in HKD or USD.

Capital Expenditure and Commitments

The Group incurred capital expenditure² of \$2,657 million (1H 2024: \$612 million), of which \$1,805 million (1H 2024: \$Nil) were incurred for the acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises, and the remaining \$852 million (1H 2024: \$612 million) were mainly related to the development and upgrade of various trading and clearing systems (notably trading and clearing systems for Cash, Derivatives and Commodities Markets).

The Group's capital expenditure commitments at 30 June 2025, including those authorised by the Board but not yet contracted for, amounted to \$5,832 million (31 December 2024: \$1,702 million). These included the balance payment for the acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises of \$4,009 million (31 December 2024: \$Nil), and capital expenditure commitments mainly relating to the development and upgrade of IT systems including the cash, derivatives and commodities trading and clearing systems (notably the new trading, clearing and risk management systems for the Derivatives Market and upgrade of clearing systems of the Cash Market), as well as renovation and enhancement works relating to office premises.

1 Net debt is zero when the amount of cash and cash equivalents of Corporate Funds (excluding those reserved for supporting contributions to default funds and default fund credits for Clearing House Funds) is higher than gross debt.

2 Exclude operating leases recognised as right-of-use assets

Significant Investments Held, Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries, and Future Plans for Material Investments or Capital Assets

Save for those disclosed in this Interim Report, there were no other significant investments held, nor were there any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries during the period under review. Apart from those disclosed in this Interim Report, there were no material investments or additions of capital assets authorised by the Board at the date of this Interim Report.

Pledges of Assets

Details of pledges of assets are included in note 28 to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of this Interim Report.

Exposure to Fluctuations in Exchange Rates and Related Hedges

The functional currencies of the Hong Kong and Mainland entities are either HKD or RMB and the functional currency of the LME entities is USD. Foreign exchange risks arise mainly from the Group's investments and bank deposits in currencies other than HKD and USD and the GBP expenditure of the LME entities.

Forward foreign exchange contracts and foreign currency bank deposits may be used to hedge the currency exposure of the Group's non-HKD and non-USD assets and liabilities and highly probable forecast transactions to mitigate risks arising from fluctuations in exchange rates.

Foreign exchange swaps may be used for optimising foreign currency cash flows and yield enhancement while hedging the overall foreign exchange exposures of the Group.

Under the Group's Investment Policies, the net long or short position of each individual foreign currency (i.e., the net open position (NOP)) is monitored. The NOP exposures of USD, RMB and other foreign currencies should generally be kept within the limits as stipulated in the Investment Policies. For LME Clear, investments of Margin Fund and Default Fund will generally be in the currency in which cash was received.

The aggregate net open foreign currency positions (excluding the External Portfolio and equity securities) at 30 June 2025 amounted to HK\$2,776 million, of which HK\$90 million were non-USD exposures (31 December 2024: HK\$1,578 million, of which HK\$114 million were non-USD exposures).

Contingent Liabilities

Details of contingent liabilities are included in note 26 to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of this Interim Report.

Changes since 31 December 2024

There were no other significant changes in the Group's financial position or from the information disclosed under Management Discussion and Analysis in the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Review of Financial Statements

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Group's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2025 in conjunction with HKEX's external auditor. Based on this review and discussions with the management, the Audit Committee was satisfied that the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and fairly present the Group's financial position and results for the six months ended 30 June 2025.

Corporate Governance and Other Information

(As of 20 August 2025)

Board and Committees

Board

Independent Non-executive Directors

Carlson TONG * GBS, JP (Chairman)
Nicholas Charles ALLEN
Peter Wilhelm Hubert BRIEN
CHAN Kin Por * GBS, JP
CHEAH Cheng Hye
CHEUNG Ming Ming, Anna
CHIA Pun Kok, Herbert * JP
CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan *
DING Chen * MH, JP
LEUNG Pak Hon, Hugo
YAM Chi Kwong, Joseph * GBM, GBS, JP
ZHANG Yichen

Executive Director

CHAN Yiting, Bonnie (Chief Executive Officer)

Group Company Secretary

Timothy TSANG

Committees

Audit Committee

Nicholas Charles ALLEN (Chairman)
Peter Wilhelm Hubert BRIEN
CHEUNG Ming Ming, Anna
CHIA Pun Kok, Herbert
LEUNG Pak Hon, Hugo

Board Executive Committee

Carlson TONG (Chairman ¹)
Peter Wilhelm Hubert BRIEN
CHAN Yiting, Bonnie
CHEAH Cheng Hye
CHEUNG Ming Ming, Anna
LEUNG Pak Hon, Hugo

Corporate Responsibility Committee

Carlson TONG (Chairman)
CHAN Kin Por
CHAN Yiting, Bonnie
CHEUNG Ming Ming, Anna
CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan
DING Chen
ZHANG Yichen

Investment Committee

CHEAH Cheng Hye (Chairman)
CHAN Kin Por
CHIA Pun Kok, Herbert
DING Chen
LEUNG Pak Hon, Hugo
YAM Chi Kwong, Joseph
ZHANG Yichen

Listing Operation Governance Committee

CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan (Chairman)
Peter Wilhelm Hubert BRIEN
CHEAH Cheng Hye
Terence Francois KEYES ²
WONG Ka Shun, Christopher ³

Nomination and Governance Committee

Carlson TONG (Chairman)
Nicholas Charles ALLEN
CHEAH Cheng Hye
CHEUNG Ming Ming, Anna
ZHANG Yichen

Remuneration Committee

Carlson TONG (Chairman)
Nicholas Charles ALLEN
CHEUNG Ming Ming, Anna
CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan
YAM Chi Kwong, Joseph

Risk Committee

CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan (Chairman)
Nicholas Charles ALLEN
Peter Wilhelm Hubert BRIEN
CHIA Pun Kok, Herbert
DING Chen
LEUNG Pak Hon, Hugo
YAM Chi Kwong, Joseph

Risk Management Committee (statutory) [△]

Carlson TONG (Chairman ¹)
CHOW WOO Mo Fong, Susan
HO Hon Kit, Daryl ** ⁴
KWOK Pui Fong, Miranda **
LEUNG Chung Yin, Rico ** ⁵
LEUNG Pak Hon, Hugo
SUN Yu **
XING Guiwei ** ⁶

* Government Appointed Director

** Appointed by the Financial Secretary

△ Established under Section 65 of the SFO

1 Member by virtue of being HKEX's Chairman

2 Member by virtue of being deputy chairman of the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange

3 Member by virtue of being chairman of the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange

4 Member by virtue of being Executive Director (Monetary Management) of HKMA

5 Member by virtue of being Executive Director (Supervision of Markets) of the SFC

6 Member by virtue of being the Chairman of Hong Kong Interbank Clearing Limited

International Advisory Council

HKEX has established an International Advisory Council (“Advisory Council”) to provide the Board with insight and expertise from around the world, on business, economics, technology, and finance. The Advisory Council comprises distinguished business leaders, policy makers and industry experts, in addition to HKEX Chairman and HKEX Chief Executive Officer.

Following the appointment of Mr Apurv Bagri to the Advisory Council in May 2025, the Advisory Council now comprises 11 members, and is chaired by Mrs Laura M Cha, former HKEX Chairman.

Members of International Advisory Council

- Laura M CHA (Chairman)
- Carlson TONG
- Bonnie Y CHAN
- Apurv BAGRI
- Rona FAIRHEAD
- Marty FLANAGAN
- Stuart GULLIVER
- Lubna OLAYAN
- Weijian SHAN
- Neil SHEN
- Joseph TSAI

Mainland China Advisory Group

HKEX has established the Mainland China Advisory Group (“Advisory Group”) to advise the Board on the development of China’s financial markets and economy. The Advisory Group includes HKEX Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of HKEX as well as external senior industry experts with deep China market knowledge and experience.

Following the redesignation of Mr Zhang Yichen as chairman of the Advisory Group and the appointment of Mr Zhang Yong to the Advisory Group on 1 August 2025, the Advisory Group now comprises nine members.

Members of Mainland China Advisory Group

- ZHANG Yichen (Chairman)
- Carlson TONG
- Bonnie Y CHAN
- Laura M CHA
- Fred HU
- HUANG Yiping
- MA Weihua
- Chang SUN
- ZHANG Yong

Changes in Information

Changes in Directors’ other major offices which are required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51B(1) of the Main Board Listing Rules are set out below.

	Appointment (effective)	Cessation (effective)
Nicholas Allen		
• HKEX		
– member of Nomination and Governance Committee	30 Apr 2025	–
– member of Remuneration Committee	30 Apr 2025	–
Chan Kin Por		
• The Chinese University of Hong Kong Medical Centre – director	1 May 2025	–
• Urban Renewal Authority – non-official non-executive director	1 May 2025	–
Bonnie Y Chan		
• HKUST Business School Advisory Council – member	5 Mar 2025	–
Anna Cheung		
• HKEX – member of Nomination and Governance Committee	30 Apr 2025	–

	Appointment (effective)	Cessation (effective)
Susan Chow		
• HKEX – member of Audit Committee	–	30 Apr 2025
Hugo Leung		
• HKEX – member of Listing Operation Governance Committee	–	30 Apr 2025
• HGCL – director	1 May 2025	–
• LME Clear – non-executive director	–	27 Jun 2025
Zhang Yichen		
• HKEX – chairman of Mainland China Advisory Group ¹	25 Apr 2025	–

¹ Resignation from member to chairman of Mainland China Advisory Group effective 25 April 2025

HKEX Independent Non-executive Directors may also serve as the chairman, the deputy chairman, or members of hearing(s) held by the appeal committee(s) of the regulated entities within the Group from time to time.

The biographies of the current Directors are available in the About HKEX (Our Structure) section of the HKEX Group website.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51B(1) of the Main Board Listing Rules.

Compliance with Corporate Governance Code

Throughout the six months ended 30 June 2025, HKEX complied with all code provisions and, where appropriate, adopted the recommended best practices set out in the Corporate Governance Code in force during the period, with the exception of Code Provision B.2.2 (retirement by rotation of directors).

The Government Appointed Directors, all being Non-executive Directors, are not subject to election or re-election by Shareholders as their appointments are governed by the SFO. The Chief Executive Officer in her capacity as a Director is not subject to retirement by rotation, as her term on the Board is coterminous with her employment as the Chief Executive Officer with HKEX under HKEX's Articles of Association.

Compliance with Model Code

HKEX has adopted the Model Code as its own code of conduct regarding Directors' securities transactions. In response to a specific enquiry by the Company, all Directors confirmed that they complied with the Model Code at all applicable times during the six months ended 30 June 2025.

Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of HKEX

The interests and short positions of Directors, including the Chief Executive Officer, in the shares and underlying shares of HKEX (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as at 30 June 2025 as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to HKEX and the SFC under the Model Code, are set out below.

Long Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of HKEX

Name of Director	Number of shares/underlying shares held				Total	% of HKEX ¹ shares in issue
	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Other interests		
Carlson Tong	3,000	–	–	–	3,000	0.00
Bonnie Y Chan	161,514 ²	–	–	–	161,514	0.01
Anna Cheung	300	–	–	–	300	0.00
Herbert Chia	1,400	700 ³	–	–	2,100	0.00

1 Based on 1,267,836,895 HKEX shares in issue as at 30 June 2025

2 Includes Ms Chan's interest in Awarded Shares and shares acquired out of the dividends from the Awarded Shares, in an aggregate of 121,426 shares which remained unvested under the Share Award Scheme as at 30 June 2025. Details of Ms Chan's interest in Awarded Shares are set out in "Share Award Scheme" section below.

3 Mr Chia's spouse was the beneficial owner of these shares.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of HKEX or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as at 30 June 2025 as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to HKEX and the SFC under the Model Code.

Pursuant to the Share Award Scheme, HKEX shares are awarded to the Company's Executive Director. Apart from the Scheme, during the six months ended 30 June 2025, neither HKEX nor any of its subsidiary undertakings was a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, HKEX or any other body corporate. Save as disclosed above and note 21 to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, during the six months ended 30 June 2025, none of the Directors (including their spouses and children under the age of 18) had any interests in or was granted any right to subscribe for the securities of HKEX or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), or had exercised any such rights.

Other Persons' Interests and Short Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of HKEX

As at the date of this Interim Report, other than the Government which has been a Minority Controller since 7 September 2007, 13 entities have been approved by the SFC as Minority Controllers. According to the Participant Shareholding Report as at 30 June 2025, these 13 Minority Controllers and their relevant associated person(s) in aggregate held approximately 76 per cent of HKEX shares in issue. More information about Minority Controllers is set out in the Corporate Governance section of the HKEX Group website.

Other persons' interests and short positions in the shares and underlying shares of HKEX (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as at 30 June 2025 as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to HKEX and the Stock Exchange, are set out below.

Long Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of HKEX

Name	Capacity	Number of shares/ underlying shares held	Total	% of HKEX ¹ shares in issue
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPMC)	Beneficial owner	8,924,747	86,903,813 ²	6.85
	Investment manager	38,598,388		
	Person having a security interest in shares	2,419,285		
	Trustee	43,546		
	Approved lending agent	36,917,847		
Citigroup Inc. (Citigroup)	Interest of corporation controlled by Citigroup	15,179,519	66,274,349 ³	5.22
	Approved lending agent	51,094,830		
HKSAR Government (for the account of the Exchange Fund)	Beneficial owner	74,840,961 ⁴	74,840,961	5.90

Short Positions in Shares and Underlying Shares of HKEX

Name	Capacity	Number of shares/ underlying shares held	Total	% of HKEX ¹ shares in issue
JPMC	Beneficial owner	8,050,255	8,061,903 ⁵	0.63
	Investment manager	11,648		
Citigroup	Interest of corporation controlled by Citigroup	12,797,177	12,797,177 ⁶	1.00

1 Based on 1,267,836,895 shares in issue as at 30 June 2025

2 Includes an aggregate interest in 5,496,665 underlying shares through JPMC's holding of certain listed derivatives (physically settled: 2,534,000 shares; cash settled: 443,520 shares; convertible instruments: 257,997 shares) and unlisted derivatives (physically settled: 1,403,348 shares; cash settled: 857,800 shares)

3 Includes an aggregate interest in 10,366,975 underlying shares through Citigroup's holding of certain listed derivatives (physically settled: 3,910,115 shares) and unlisted derivatives (physically settled: 1,689,997 shares; cash settled: 4,766,863 shares)

4 Based on HKMA's notification to HKEX on 4 June 2018

5 Includes an aggregate interest in 7,323,006 underlying shares through JPMC's holding of certain listed derivatives (physically settled: 3,158,800 shares; cash settled: 1,007,890 shares) and unlisted derivatives (physically settled: 1,061,319 shares; cash settled: 2,094,997 shares)

6 Includes an aggregate interest in 12,080,877 underlying shares through Citigroup's holding of certain listed derivatives (physically settled: 916,500 shares) and unlisted derivatives (physically settled: 3,548,350 shares; cash settled: 7,616,027 shares)

Save as disclosed above, no other persons had any interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of HKEX as at 30 June 2025 as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to HKEX and the Stock Exchange.

Share Award Scheme

HKEX has adopted the Share Award Scheme to attract and retain high calibre employees; to incentivise and recognise their contributions to the Group's continuous operations and further development; and to promote prudent risk behaviour among them as part of the Group's risk management mechanism.

The Scheme was initially adopted by the Board on 14 September 2005, with subsequent amendments thereafter. Under the latest amended Scheme rules adopted on 1 January 2023 (Adoption Date), the Scheme shall be valid until termination as determined by the Board, or otherwise as required under any applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements. The Scheme rules are available in the Corporate Governance section of the HKEX Group website.

The maximum number of HKEX shares which may be awarded under the Scheme is 3 per cent (i.e., 38,035,106 shares) of HKEX shares in issue as at the Adoption Date, and the maximum number of shares which may be awarded to an employee selected under the Scheme is 1 per cent (i.e., 12,678,368 shares).

Up to 30 June 2025, a total of 19,671,572 shares had been awarded under the Scheme, representing about 1.6 per cent of the number of HKEX shares in issue on the Adoption Date.

As at 30 June 2025, taking into account the shares acquired out of the dividends from the shares held under the trust, there were 3,929,592 shares held in trust under the Scheme (excluding shares vested but not yet transferred to awardees).

Further details of the Scheme are set out in note 22 to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of this Interim Report.

Non-executive Directors are not entitled to participate in the Share Award Scheme. Details of the interests of the Chief Executive Officer in the Awarded Shares are set out below.

			Number of shares ¹					
	Date of ² award	Number of Awarded Shares	As at 1 Jan 2025	Shares acquired during the six months ended 30 Jun 2025 out of the dividends	Vested during the six months ended 30 Jun 2025	Cancelled/ lapsed during the six months ended 30 Jun 2025	As at 30 Jun 2025	Vesting ³ period
Bonnie Y Chan	27 Feb 2023	18,873	10,029	136	–	–	10,165	8 Dec 2024 – 8 Dec 2025
	4 Mar 2024	34,023	35,223	480	–	–	35,703	8 Dec 2025 – 8 Dec 2026
	7 Mar 2025	74,543	–	1,015	–	–	75,558	11 Dec 2026 – 11 Dec 2027

1 Includes share acquired out of the dividends from the Awarded Shares according to the Scheme

2 Refers to the date on which the trustee allocated the Awarded Shares to Ms Chan

3 The Awarded Shares and the related income are vested in two equal tranches in the second and third year after the grant.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of HKEX's Listed Securities

During the six months ended 30 June 2025, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold, or redeemed any HKEX shares, except that the trustee of the Share Award Scheme, pursuant to the terms of the rules and trust deed of the Share Award Scheme, purchased on the Stock Exchange a total of 53,767 HKEX shares at a total consideration of \$19 million.

Sustainable Workplace

In May 2025, the Corporate Responsibility Committee approved adoption of the HKEX Workforce Diversity Policy Statement which outlines HKEX's commitment to cultivating and preserving a diverse and inclusive workplace and fostering an open and dynamic environment that allows its staff to thrive and reach their full potential. The Statement is available in the Sustainability section of the HKEX Group website.

During the six months ended 30 June 2025, the Group organised 55 in-house courses for employees to enhance their job knowledge, skills and well-being. Moreover, the Group sponsored a total of 38 employees to attend external training.

As at 30 June 2025, the Group had 2,423 permanent employees and 140 temporary employees. HKEX's remuneration policy has remained unchanged since the date of the 2024 Annual Report. Information regarding employees' remuneration and benefits for the six months ended 30 June 2025 is set out in note 7 to the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of this Interim Report.

Details of HKEX's principles and practices related to governance and sustainability are set out in the Corporate Governance and Sustainability sections of the HKEX Group website.

Shareholder Information

2025 Interim Dividend

The Board has declared an interim dividend of \$6.00 per share for the year ending 31 December 2025, payable in cash in Hong Kong dollars. Information about HKEX's dividend policy is set out in the Shareholder Information section of HKEX's 2024 Annual Report.

Key Dates for 2025 Interim Dividend

Ex-dividend date	2 September 2025
Latest time to lodge transfer documents for registration with HKEX's registrar	At 4:30 pm on 3 September 2025
Closure of HKEX's Register of Members	4 to 5 September 2025 (both dates inclusive)
Record date	5 September 2025
Dividend payment date	16 September 2025

RMB Counter

HKEX has launched a RMB counter for trading of HKEX shares under the HKD-RMB Dual Counter Model.

As the RMB counter is offered for secondary market trading and settlement of HKEX shares only, no physical certificate deposit or withdrawal service is provided for RMB-traded Shares.

RMB-traded Shares and HKD-traded Shares are of the same class of shares in the share capital of HKEX and are interchangeable from one counter to another. They rank equally in all respects, including in relation to dividends, distributions and voting. Shareholders holding HKD-traded Shares and Shareholders holding RMB-traded Shares have identical shareholders' rights and enjoy the same treatment under all corporate actions of HKEX.

More information about trading and settlement of RMB-traded Shares and HKD-traded Shares under the HKD-RMB Dual Counter Model is available in the Our Services (Trading) section of the HKEX Market website.

	HKD counter	RMB counter
Stock code	388	80388
English stock short name	HKEX	HKEX-R
Chinese stock short name	香港交易所	香港交易所-R
Bloomberg	388 HK Equity	80388 HK Equity
Reuters	0388.HK	80388.HK
ISIN	HK0388045442	HK0388045442
SEDOL1	6267359 HK	–
Board lot size	100 shares	100 shares

Electronic Communication

The English and Chinese versions of corporate communications of HKEX, including this Interim Report, are available in the Investor Relations (Regulatory Disclosure) section of the HKEX Group website and on the HKEXnews website.

To promote paperless corporate communication, HKEX plans to adopt the implied consent mechanism for dissemination of HKEX corporate communications to Shareholders by means of website ("New Arrangement") pursuant to the Main Board Listing Rules, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and its recently amended Articles of Association, after notifying Shareholders of this New Arrangement in early September 2025.

HKEX's Registrar – Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited

For corporate communications:

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By email:	hkex.ecom@computershare.com.hk

For transfer of shares:

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Shareholders who would like to be notified when HKEX publishes its corporate communications on the HKEX Group website and the HKEXnews website, may register for the News Alerts service in the Market Data section of the HKEX Market website and/or submit their request for receiving email notification of the publication by providing their email address to HKEX. Shareholders are also recommended to provide their email address to HKEX for the purpose of receiving HKEX's actionable corporate communication(s) (as defined in the Main Board Listing Rules) in electronic form.

Shareholders may submit a valid and functional email address to HKEX, or may at any time make, amend or cancel request for printed copy of HKEX's corporate communication(s) by completing and submitting the online request form via scanning the QR Code below or the relevant request form which is available for download from the Investor Relations (Shareholder Services) section of the HKEX Group website.



QR code of online request form for Shareholders

More information about the New Arrangement for dissemination of corporate communications by HKEX is set out in the Investor Relations (Shareholder Services) section of the HKEX Group website.

Auditor's Independent Review Report

Report on Review of Interim Financial Information

To the Board of Directors of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

Introduction

We have reviewed the interim financial information set out on pages 52 to 78, which comprises the interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") as at 30 June 2025 and the interim condensed consolidated income statement, the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity and the interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and notes, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of a report on interim financial information to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" as issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA"). The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting". Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" as issued by the HKICPA. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial information of the Group is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 20 August 2025



Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)



Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

(Unaudited)

	Note	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Trading fees and trading tariffs	4	4,906	3,290
Clearing and settlement fees		3,155	2,125
Stock Exchange listing fees		816	725
Depository, custody and nominee services fees		668	542
Market data fees		565	532
Other revenue		924	848
Revenue		11,034	8,062
Investment income		4,996	5,536
Interest rebates to Participants		(2,121)	(3,015)
Net investment income	5	2,875	2,521
Donation income of HKEX Foundation		78	30
Sundry income	15	89	8
Revenue and other income		14,076	10,621
Less: Transaction-related expenses	6	(164)	(166)
Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses		13,912	10,455
Operating expenses			
Staff costs and related expenses	7	(1,952)	(1,937)
Information technology and computer maintenance expenses		(460)	(421)
Premises expenses		(71)	(67)
Product marketing and promotion expenses		(49)	(53)
Professional fees		(89)	(46)
HKEX Foundation charitable donations		(52)	(74)
Other operating expenses		(300)	(196)
		(2,973)	(2,794)
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)*		10,939	7,661
Depreciation and amortisation		(743)	(698)
Operating profit		10,196	6,963
Finance costs	8	(49)	(59)
Share of profits of joint ventures		17	48
Profit before taxation		10,164	6,952
Taxation	9	(1,602)	(766)
Profit for the period		8,562	6,186
Profit attributable to:			
Shareholders of HKEX		8,519	6,125
Non-controlling interests		43	61
Profit for the period		8,562	6,186
Basic earnings per share	10(a)	\$6.74	\$4.84
Diluted earnings per share	10(b)	\$6.72	\$4.83

* EBITDA represents earnings before interest expenses and other finance costs, taxation, depreciation and amortisation. It excludes the Group's share of results of the joint ventures. EBITDA is a non-HKFRS measure used by management for monitoring business performance and may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

(Unaudited)

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Profit for the period	8,562	6,186
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Currency translation differences of foreign subsidiaries	198	(18)
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	70	(3)
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:		
– Changes in fair value, net of tax	199	14
– Net losses on disposal reclassified to profit or loss, net of tax	16	–
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	483	(7)
Total comprehensive income	9,045	6,179
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Shareholders of HKEX	9,000	6,119
Non-controlling interests	45	60
Total comprehensive income	9,045	6,179

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

(Unaudited)

	Note	At 30 Jun 2025			At 31 Dec 2024		
		Current \$m	Non-current \$m	Total \$m	Current \$m	Non-current \$m	Total \$m
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	12	173,897	–	173,897	134,365	–	134,365
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	12	1,848	994	2,842	6,901	657	7,558
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	12	39,538	4,579	44,117	47,562	3,142	50,704
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	12	67,173	1,489	68,662	42,082	1,528	43,610
Derivative financial instruments	12,13	58,848	–	58,848	67,747	–	67,747
Accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits	14	50,908	773	51,681	54,478	19	54,497
Tax recoverable	9(c)	293	–	293	441	–	441
Interests in joint ventures		–	406	406	–	415	415
Goodwill and other intangible assets		–	19,939	19,939	–	19,605	19,605
Fixed assets	15	–	1,651	1,651	–	1,504	1,504
Right-of-use assets	15,16	–	2,529	2,529	–	1,174	1,174
Deferred tax assets		–	7	7	–	9	9
Total assets		392,505	32,367	424,872	353,576	28,053	381,629
Liabilities and equity							
Liabilities							
Derivative financial instruments	13	58,920	–	58,920	67,863	–	67,863
Margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral from Participants	17	234,508	–	234,508	188,857	–	188,857
Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities	18	39,561	–	39,561	37,584	–	37,584
Deferred revenue		768	347	1,115	1,037	319	1,356
Taxation payable		1,640	363	2,003	1,321	–	1,321
Other financial liabilities		38	–	38	33	–	33
Participants' contributions to Clearing House Funds	19	28,631	–	28,631	27,124	–	27,124
Lease liabilities		212	661	873	260	1,034	1,294
Borrowings	20	343	52	395	382	70	452
Provisions		81	75	156	64	123	187
Deferred tax liabilities		–	1,221	1,221	–	1,151	1,151
Total liabilities		364,702	2,719	367,421	324,525	2,697	327,222
Equity							
Share capital	21			31,955			31,955
Shares held for Share Award Scheme	21			(1,122)			(1,125)
Employee share-based compensation reserve	22			583			414
Hedging and revaluation reserves				220			(65)
Exchange reserve				(77)			(273)
Designated reserves	23			1,608			1,451
Reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests				(336)			(395)
Retained earnings				24,079			21,890
Equity attributable to shareholders of HKEX				56,910			53,852
Non-controlling interests				541			555
Total equity				57,451			54,407
Total liabilities and equity				424,872			381,629
Net current assets				27,803			29,051

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

(Unaudited)

	Attributable to shareholders of HKEX									
	Share capital and shares held for Share Award Scheme (note 21) \$m	Employee share-based compensation reserve (note 22) \$m	Hedging and revaluation reserves \$m	Exchange reserve \$m	Designated reserves (note 23) \$m	Reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests (note 20) \$m	Retained earnings \$m	Total \$m	Non-controlling interests \$m	Total equity \$m
At 1 Jan 2025	30,830	414	(65)	(273)	1,451	(395)	21,890	53,852	555	54,407
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,519	8,519	43	8,562
Other comprehensive income	-	-	285	196	-	-	-	481	2	483
Total comprehensive income	-	-	285	196	-	-	8,519	9,000	45	9,045
Total transactions with shareholders of HKEX, recognised directly in equity:										
- 2024 second interim dividend at \$4.90 per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,193)	(6,193)	-	(6,193)
- Unclaimed HKEX dividends forfeited	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	-	15
- Shares purchased for Share Award Scheme	(19)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19)	-	(19)
- Vesting of shares of Share Award Scheme	22	(21)	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-
- Employee share-based compensation benefits	-	190	-	-	-	-	-	190	-	190
- UK tax relating to Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	6
- Transfer of reserves	-	-	-	-	157	-	(157)	-	-	-
- Dividend paid to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	59	-	59	(59)	-
	3	169	-	-	157	59	(6,330)	(5,942)	(59)	(6,001)
At 30 Jun 2025	30,833	583	220	(77)	1,608	(336)	24,079	56,910	541	57,451

	Attributable to shareholders of HKEX									
	Share capital and shares held for Share Award Scheme \$m	Employee share-based compensation reserve \$m	Hedging and revaluation reserves \$m	Exchange reserve \$m	Designated reserves \$m	Reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests \$m	Retained earnings \$m	Total \$m	Non-controlling interests \$m	Total equity \$m
At 1 Jan 2024	30,937	373	(144)	(168)	1,018	(395)	19,723	51,344	452	51,796
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,125	6,125	61	6,186
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	11	(17)	-	-	-	(6)	(1)	(7)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	11	(17)	-	-	6,125	6,119	60	6,179
Total transactions with shareholders of HKEX, recognised directly in equity:										
- 2023 second interim dividend at \$3.91 per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,944)	(4,944)	-	(4,944)
- Unclaimed HKEX dividends forfeited	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	14
- Shares purchased for Share Award Scheme	(31)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(31)	-	(31)
- Vesting of shares of Share Award Scheme	30	(29)	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-
- Employee share-based compensation benefits	-	206	-	-	-	-	-	206	-	206
- Transfer of reserves	-	-	-	-	201	-	(201)	-	-	-
	(1)	177	-	-	201	-	(5,132)	(4,755)	-	(4,755)
At 30 Jun 2024	30,936	550	(133)	(185)	1,219	(395)	20,716	52,708	512	53,220

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

	Note	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Cash flows from principal operating activities			
Net cash inflow from principal operating activities (non-HKFRS measure)	24(a)	10,069	5,852
Cash flows from other operating activities			
Net redemption from/(payments to) external fund managers for sales/ (purchases) of financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss		4,330	(155)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		14,399	5,697
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises	15	(2,559)	–
Payments for purchases of other fixed assets and intangible assets		(931)	(784)
Net (increase)/decrease in financial assets of Corporate Funds:			
Decrease in time deposits with original maturities more than three months		1,622	8,117
Increase in debt securities with remaining maturities within twelve months upon acquisition (short-term debt securities)		(26)	–
Payments for purchases of debt securities with remaining maturities more than twelve months upon acquisition (long-term debt securities)		(2,536)	(4,417)
Interest received from long-term debt securities		947	656
Dividend received from a joint venture		26	–
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities		(3,457)	3,572
Cash flows from financing activities			
Purchases of shares for Share Award Scheme		(19)	(31)
Payments of other finance costs		(25)	(29)
Dividends paid to shareholders of HKEX		(6,169)	(4,923)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary	20	(59)	–
Lease payments	24(b)		
– Capital elements		(133)	(130)
– Interest elements		(22)	(28)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(6,427)	(5,141)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		4,515	4,128
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 Jan		13,910	9,212
Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents		45	(6)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 Jun		18,470	13,334
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash, bank balances and short-term investments of Corporate Funds	12	19,510	14,538
Less: Cash reserved for supporting Skin-in-the-Game and default fund credits for Clearing House Funds	12(b)	(1,040)	(1,204)
		18,470	13,334

(a) “Cash flows from principal operating activities” is a non-Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard (non-HKFRS) measure used by management for monitoring cash flows of the Group (defined in note 2) and represents the cash flows generated from the trading and clearing operations of the four exchanges and five clearing houses and ancillary services of the Group. This non-HKFRS measure may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Cash flows from principal operating activities and cash flows from other operating activities together represent cash flows from operating activities as defined by Hong Kong Accounting Standard (HKAS) 7: Statement of Cash Flows.

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Preparation

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with HKAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 December 2024 that is included in these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2025 as comparative information does not constitute the statutory annual consolidated financial statements of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX or the Company) for that year but is derived from those consolidated financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622) is as follows:

The Company has delivered the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622).

The Company's auditor has reported on those consolidated financial statements. The auditor's report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622).

2. Accounting Policies

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2024 annual consolidated financial statements. The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. Amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards effective for the financial year ending 31 December 2025 do not have any impact to the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Group).

New/revised HKFRS Accounting Standards issued before 30 June 2025 but not yet effective and not early adopted

The Group has not applied the following new/revised HKFRS Accounting Standards which were issued before 30 June 2025 and are pertinent to its operations but not yet effective:

Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard (HKFRS) 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements ²
HKFRS 19	Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures ²
Amendments to HKFRS 7 and HKFRS 9	Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments ¹
Annual Improvements to HKFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11	Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 9, HKFRS 10 and Hong Kong Accounting Standard (HKAS) 7 ¹

¹ Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026

² Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027

The adoption of HKFRS 19, Amendments to HKFRS 7 and HKFRS 9 and Annual Improvements to HKFRS Accounting Standards – Volume 11 would not have any material impact on the Group.

HKFRS 18 will replace HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements, introducing new requirements that will help to achieve comparability of financial performance of similar entities and provide more relevant information and transparency to users.

The adoption of HKFRS 18 would not have any impact on the Group's profit attributable to shareholders. The Group is still in the process of assessing the impact of HKFRS 18 on the Group's consolidated financial statements, particularly with respect to the categorisation of income and expenses in the Group's consolidated income statement, the structure of the Group's consolidated income statement and consolidated statement of cash flows, and the additional disclosure required for management-defined performance measures (MPMs).

3. Operating Segments

The Group determines its operating segments based on the internal management reports that are used to make strategic decisions reviewed by the chief operating decision-maker.

The operations in each of the Group's reportable segments are as follows:

The **Cash** segment covers all equity products traded on the Cash Market platforms of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (Stock Exchange) and those traded through Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (Stock Connect), the clearing, settlement and custodian activities relating to these products and any other related activities. The major sources of revenue of the segment are trading fees, clearing and settlement fees, listing fees, depository, custody and nominee services fees and net investment income earned on the Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds relating to these products.

The **Equity and Financial Derivatives** segment refers to derivatives products traded on the Stock Exchange and Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited (Futures Exchange); the clearing, settlement and custodian activities relating to these products and over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives contracts and other related activities. These include the provision and maintenance of trading and clearing platforms for a range of equity and financial derivatives products, such as stock and equity index futures and options, derivative warrants (DWs), callable bull/bear contracts (CBBs) and warrants, and OTC derivatives contracts. The major sources of revenue are trading fees and trading tariffs, clearing and settlement fees, listing fees, depository, custody and nominee services fees and net investment income earned on the Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds relating to these products.

The **Commodities** segment refers to the operations of The London Metal Exchange (LME), which operates a global exchange in the UK, for the trading of base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts and the operations of its clearing house, LME Clear Limited (LME Clear). It also covers the operations of Qianhai Mercantile Exchange Co., Ltd. (QME), the commodity trading platform in Mainland China, and the commodities contracts traded on the Futures Exchange. The major sources of revenue of the segment are trading fees and clearing and settlement fees of commodity products, commodity market data fees, net investment income earned on the Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds relating to these products, and fees for ancillary operations.

The **Data and Connectivity** segment covers sales of market data relating to the Hong Kong Cash and Derivatives Markets, all services in connection with providing users with access to the platform and infrastructure of the Group and services provided by BayConnect Technology Company Limited (BayConnect). Its major sources of revenue are market data fees, network, terminal user, data line and software sub-license fees and hosting services fees.

"Corporate Items" is not a business segment but comprises central income (including net investment income of Corporate Funds and donation income of HKEX Foundation Limited (HKEX Foundation)) and central costs (including costs of central support functions that provide services to all operating segments, HKEX Foundation charitable donations and other costs not directly related to any operating segments).

The chief operating decision-maker assesses the performance of the operating segments principally based on their EBITDA.

3. Operating Segments (continued)

An analysis by operating segment of the Group's EBITDA, profit before taxation and analysis of revenue by timing of revenue recognition for the period, is set out as follows:

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025					
	Cash \$m	Equity and Financial Derivatives \$m	Commodities \$m	Data and Connectivity \$m	Corporate Items \$m	Group \$m
Timing of revenue recognition:						
Point in time	5,779	1,603	1,204	52	5	8,643
Over time	723	407	207	1,051	3	2,391
Revenue	6,502	2,010	1,411	1,103	8	11,034
Net investment income	185	1,543	103	–	1,044	2,875
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	–	–	–	–	78	78
Sundry income	12	–	–	1	76	89
Revenue and other income	6,699	3,553	1,514	1,104	1,206	14,076
Less: Transaction-related expenses	(6)	(158)	–	–	–	(164)
Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses	6,693	3,395	1,514	1,104	1,206	13,912
Operating expenses						
Staff costs and related expenses	(509)	(335)	(380)	(110)	(618)	(1,952)
Others	(121)	(128)	(337)	(99)	(336)	(1,021)
	(630)	(463)	(717)	(209)	(954)	(2,973)
Reportable segment EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	6,063	2,932	797	895	252	10,939
Depreciation and amortisation	(203)	(111)	(220)	(57)	(152)	(743)
Finance costs	(13)	(12)	(2)	(1)	(21)	(49)
Share of profits of joint ventures	16	1	–	–	–	17
Reportable segment profit before taxation	5,863	2,810	575	837	79	10,164

3. Operating Segments (continued)

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024					
	Cash \$m	Equity and Financial Derivatives \$m	Commodities \$m	Data and Connectivity \$m	Corporate Items \$m	Group \$m
Timing of revenue recognition:						
Point in time	3,316	1,376	1,117	52	5	5,866
Over time	689	328	182	993	4	2,196
Revenue	4,005	1,704	1,299	1,045	9	8,062
Net investment income	119	1,395	106	–	901	2,521
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	–	–	–	–	30	30
Sundry income	5	–	–	3	–	8
Revenue and other income	4,129	3,099	1,405	1,048	940	10,621
Less: Transaction-related expenses	(4)	(162)	–	–	–	(166)
Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses	4,125	2,937	1,405	1,048	940	10,455
Operating expenses						
Staff costs and related expenses	(506)	(312)	(379)	(109)	(631)	(1,937)
Others	(114)	(131)	(210)	(99)	(303)	(857)
	(620)	(443)	(589)	(208)	(934)	(2,794)
Reportable segment EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	3,505	2,494	816	840	6	7,661
Depreciation and amortisation	(219)	(121)	(156)	(64)	(138)	(698)
Finance costs	(16)	(17)	(2)	(1)	(23)	(59)
Share of profits of joint ventures	47	1	–	–	–	48
Reportable segment profit before taxation	3,317	2,357	658	775	(155)	6,952

4. Trading Fees and Trading Tariffs

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Equity securities traded on the Stock Exchange and through Stock Connect	2,842	1,424
DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange	307	187
Futures and options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange and the Futures Exchange	991	954
Commodities contracts traded on the LME and QME	766	725
	4,906	3,290

5. Net Investment Income

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Gross interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost	3,605	4,800
Gross interest income from financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,125	613
Interest rebates to Participants	(2,121)	(3,015)
Net interest income	2,609	2,398
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:		
– losses on disposal	(17)	–
– exchange differences	89	–
	72	–
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss and derivative financial instruments:		
– investment funds	202	233
– other unlisted investments (note 30(a))	5	(32)
– foreign exchange swaps (notes (a) and 13(d))	(89)	(81)
– foreign exchange forward contracts	4	–
	122	120
Other exchange differences	72	3
Net investment income	2,875	2,521

- (a) As part of the Group's investment strategy, the Group enters into foreign exchange swaps for optimising foreign currency cash flows and yield enhancement while hedging the overall foreign exchange exposures.

During the six months ended 30 June 2025, there was a net loss on foreign exchange swaps of \$89 million (2024: \$81 million). Such loss was more than offset by higher interest income generated from holding deposits with higher interest rates.

6. Transaction-related Expenses

Transaction-related expenses comprise of license fees, bank charges and other costs which directly vary with trading and clearing transactions.

7. Staff Costs and Related Expenses

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	1,604	1,592
Employee share-based compensation benefits of HKEX Share Award Scheme (Share Award Scheme)	190	206
Termination benefits	32	18
Retirement benefit costs (note (a))	126	121
	1,952	1,937

- (a) The Group has sponsored a defined contribution provident fund scheme (ORSO Plan) and a Mandatory Provident Fund scheme (MPF Scheme) for the benefits of its employees in Hong Kong. The Group has also sponsored a defined contribution pension scheme for all employees of the LME and LME Clear (LME Savings Plan). In addition, the Group has made contributions for employees of other offices subject to the relevant regulations in the jurisdictions in which the offices operate. The retirement benefit costs charged to the condensed consolidated income statement represent contributions paid and payable by the Group to the ORSO Plan, the MPF Scheme, the LME Savings Plan, contribution plans of other offices and related fees.

8. Finance Costs

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Interest on borrowings	2	2
Interest on lease liabilities	22	28
Banking facility commitment fees	25	26
Negative interest on Japanese Yen deposits	–	3
	49	59

9. Taxation

Taxation charge/(credit) in the condensed consolidated income statement represents:

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Current tax		
– Hong Kong Profits Tax	1,047	611
– Hong Kong minimum top-up tax (note (b))	363	–
– Tax outside Hong Kong	174	179
Total current tax	1,584	790
Deferred tax	18	(24)
Taxation charge	1,602	766

- (a) The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at the rate of 16.5 per cent (2024: 16.5 per cent). The provision for current tax of subsidiaries outside Hong Kong is calculated at the rates of taxation prevailing in the jurisdictions in which the subsidiaries operate, with the average corporation tax rate applicable to the subsidiaries in the UK being 25 per cent (2024: 25 per cent).

- (b) The Group is subject to the global minimum top-up tax under the Pillar Two tax legislation. The top-up tax relates to the Group's operations in Hong Kong, where the effective tax rate for Hong Kong entities was below 15 per cent during the six months ended 30 June 2025. As a result, the Group recognised a current tax charge of \$363 million related to the top-up tax during the six months ended 30 June 2025 (2024: \$Nil).

The Group applies the HKAS 12 exception to recognising and disclosing information about deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two Income Taxes.

No top-up tax was payable by the Group in other jurisdictions where the Group operates during the six months ended 30 June 2025.

- (c) At 30 June 2025, two subsidiaries of the Group (i.e., the Stock Exchange and Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (HKSCC)) have lodged objections on notices of additional assessments issued by the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department in connection with the offshore claim of the trading, clearing and portfolio fees under Northbound Stock Connect.

The Stock Exchange has purchased tax reserve certificates of \$231 million relating to financial years 2014 to 2022 (31 December 2024: \$231 million), and HKSCC has purchased tax reserve certificates of \$50 million relating to financial years 2014 to 2018 (31 December 2024: \$24 million) and the amounts are recorded under tax recoverable on the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

10. Earnings Per Share

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is as follows:

(a) Basic earnings per share

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024
Profit attributable to shareholders (\$m)	8,519	6,125
Weighted average number of shares in issue less shares held for Share Award Scheme (in '000)	1,263,911	1,264,558
Basic earnings per share (\$)	6.74	4.84

(b) Diluted earnings per share

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024
Profit attributable to shareholders (\$m)	8,519	6,125
Weighted average number of shares in issue less shares held for Share Award Scheme (in '000)	1,263,911	1,264,558
Effect of shares awarded under Share Award Scheme (in '000)	3,710	3,184
Weighted average number of shares for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share (in '000)	1,267,621	1,267,742
Diluted earnings per share (\$)	6.72	4.83

11. Dividends

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Interim dividend declared of \$6.00 (2024: \$4.36) per share at 30 Jun	7,607	5,528
Less: Dividend for shares held by Share Award Scheme at 30 Jun	(24)	(15)
	7,583	5,513

12. Financial Assets

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
Cash and cash equivalents	173,897	134,365
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,842	7,558
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	44,117	50,704
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	68,662	43,610
Derivative financial instruments	58,848	67,747
	348,366	303,984

The Group's financial assets comprised financial assets of cash prepayments and collateral for A-shares (Cash for A-shares), Margin Funds, Clearing House Funds, Corporate Funds and derivative financial instruments as follows:

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
<u>Cash for A-shares</u> (note (a))		
Cash and cash equivalents	720	2,175
<u>Margin Funds</u> ¹ (note 17)		
Cash and cash equivalents	124,364	96,089
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	35,952	37,135
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	60,476	35,231
	220,792	168,455
<u>Clearing House Funds</u> (note 19)		
Cash and cash equivalents	29,303	21,056
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,093	7,671
	30,396	28,727
<u>Corporate Funds</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents (note (b))	19,510	15,045
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,842	7,558
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (note (b))	7,072	5,898
Financial assets measured at amortised cost (note (b))	8,186	8,379
	37,610	36,880
Derivative financial instruments (note 13)	58,848	67,747
	348,366	303,984

- 1 Excludes Settlement Reserve Fund and Settlement Guarantee Fund paid to China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (ChinaClear) under Stock Connect, inter-central counterparties (inter-CCP) margin paid to Shanghai Clearing House (SHCH) under Swap Connect, and margin receivable from Clearing Participants of \$13,716 million (31 December 2024: \$20,402 million), which are included in accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits.

12. Financial Assets (continued)

The expected maturity dates of the financial assets are analysed as follows:

	At 30 Jun 2025						At 31 Dec 2024					
	Cash for A-shares \$m	Margin Funds \$m	Clearing House Funds \$m	Corporate Funds \$m	Derivative financial instruments \$m	Total \$m	Cash for A-shares \$m	Margin Funds \$m	Clearing House Funds \$m	Corporate Funds \$m	Derivative financial instruments \$m	Total \$m
Within twelve months	720	220,792	30,396	30,548	58,848	341,304	2,175	168,455	28,727	31,553	67,747	298,657
Over twelve months	-	-	-	7,062	-	7,062	-	-	-	5,327	-	5,327
	720	220,792	30,396	37,610	58,848	348,366	2,175	168,455	28,727	36,880	67,747	303,984

- (a) Cash for A-shares includes:
- (i) Renminbi (RMB) cash prepayments received by HKSCC from its Clearing Participants for releasing their allocated A-shares on the trade day. Such prepayments will be used to settle HKSCC's Continuous Net Settlement (CNS) obligations payable on the next business day; and
 - (ii) Hong Kong Dollar/United States Dollar cash collateral received by HKSCC from its Clearing Participants for releasing their allocated A-shares on the trade day. Such collateral will be refunded to the Clearing Participants when they settle their RMB CNS obligations on the next business day.
- (b) At 30 June 2025, cash and cash equivalents of Corporate Funds of \$1,040 million (31 December 2024: \$1,135 million) and debt securities of Corporate Funds of \$937 million (31 December 2024: \$945 million) were solely used to support Skin-in-the-Game and default fund credits for Clearing House Funds (note 19(a)).
- (c) The cash and cash equivalents of Margin Funds, Clearing House Funds, Corporate Funds reserved for supporting Skin-in-the-Game and default fund credits for Clearing House Funds (note (b)), and Cash for A-shares are held for specific purposes and cannot be used by the Group to finance other activities. These balances are not included in cash and cash equivalents of the Group for cash flow purposes in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows.

13. Derivative Financial Instruments

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
<u>Mandatorily measured at fair value</u>		
Derivative financial assets:		
– base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear (note (a))	58,781	67,629
– forward foreign exchange contracts:		
– held as cash flow hedging instruments (note (b))	33	-
– held for trading (note (c))	4	-
	37	-
– foreign exchange swaps (note (d))	30	118
	58,848	67,747
<u>Mandatorily measured at fair value</u>		
Derivative financial liabilities:		
– base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear (note (a))	58,781	67,629
– forward foreign exchange contracts held as cash flow hedging instruments (note (b))	-	60
– foreign exchange swaps (note (d))	139	174
	58,920	67,863

13. Derivative Financial Instruments (continued)

- (a) The amounts represent the fair value of the outstanding base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear that do not qualify for netting under HKAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation, where LME Clear is acting in its capacity as a central counterparty to the contracts traded on the LME.
- (b) Forward foreign exchange contracts have been designated as cash flow hedges for hedging foreign exchange risk of certain expenditure of LME and LME Clear.

At 30 June 2025, the notional amount of the outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts amounted to GBP68 million (31 December 2024: GBP131 million).

- (c) The Group has also entered into certain forward foreign exchange contracts held for trading. At 30 June 2025, the notional amount of the outstanding contracts amounted to \$624 million (31 December 2024: \$310 million).
- (d) As part of the Group's investment strategy, the Group has entered into foreign exchange swaps for optimising foreign currency cash flows and yield enhancement while hedging the overall foreign exchange exposures of the Group. Net losses on foreign exchange swaps were recognised in the condensed consolidated income statement under net investment income (note 5).

At 30 June 2025, the notional amount of the outstanding foreign exchange swaps was \$150,554 million (31 December 2024: \$77,302 million).

14. Accounts Receivable, Prepayments and Deposits

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
CNS money obligations receivable (note (a))	33,840	31,813
Transaction levy, stamp duty and fees receivables	1,619	1,083
Settlement Reserve Fund and Settlement Guarantee Fund held by ChinaClear (note 17)	13,312	19,814
Inter-CCP margin held by SHCH (note (b)):		
– satisfied by margin deposits collected from OTC Clear Clearing Participants (note 17)	274	571
– satisfied by Corporate Funds	228	257
	502	828
Receivables for investment funds sold before 30 Jun 2025	593	–
Prepayments for acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises (note 15)	754	–
Other receivables, prepayments and deposits, net of provision for impairment losses	1,061	959
	51,681	54,497

- (a) CNS money obligations receivable mature within two days after the trade date. The balance of Settlement Reserve Fund and Settlement Guarantee Fund with ChinaClear is rebalanced on a monthly basis, and the balance of inter-CCP margin held by SHCH is rebalanced on a daily basis. Fees receivable are due immediately or up to 60 days depending on the type of services rendered. The majority of the remaining accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits were due within three months.
- (b) Under Swap Connect, OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited (OTC Clear) and SHCH are required to provide inter-CCP margin to each other to cover the potential loss arising from the default of the other party. Part of the inter-CCP margin provided by OTC Clear to SHCH is satisfied by margin deposits collected from OTC Clear Clearing Participants (note 17) and the remaining balance is satisfied by Corporate Funds of OTC Clear.

15. Purchase of HKEX Headquarters Premises

In April 2025, the Group agreed to purchase certain properties from Hongkong Land (landlord) as HKEX headquarters premises for a total consideration of \$6.3 billion. As of 30 June 2025, the Group has taken possession of part of the properties for a consideration of \$1.8 billion, with the remaining acquisition to be completed in phases over the next 12 to 18 months from the date of the agreement. Accordingly, the Group recognised \$1,718 million of lease premium for land under right-of-use assets, \$34 million of properties under right-of-use assets, and \$53 million of leasehold buildings under fixed assets.

As part of the agreement with the landlord, the leases of certain existing offices were shortened or modified, and the reinstatement costs associated with the surrendered floors were waived. The carrying amounts of right-of-use assets, lease liabilities, and the provision for reinstatement costs were remeasured to reflect such revised arrangement. This resulted in a one-off gain of \$76 million from lease modification, and was recognised in the condensed consolidated income statement under sundry income during the six months ended 30 June 2025.

16. Right-of-use Assets

	Lease premium for land \$m	Properties \$m	Information technology facilities \$m	Equipment and motor vehicles \$m	Total \$m
At 1 Jan 2025	15	1,124	31	4	1,174
Exchange differences	–	1	–	–	1
Additions:					
– HKEX headquarters premises (note 15)	1,718	34	–	–	1,752
– Others	–	20	4	–	24
Modification of leases and waiver of reinstatement costs (note 15)	–	(298)	–	–	(298)
Depreciation	(1)	(116)	(6)	(1)	(124)
At 30 Jun 2025	1,732	765	29	3	2,529

17. Margin Deposits, Mainland Security and Settlement Deposits, and Cash Collateral from Participants

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
Margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral from Participants comprised:		
HKCC Clearing Participants' margin deposits	102,513	60,030
HKSCC Clearing Participants' margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral	23,498	29,679
LME Clear Clearing Participants' margin deposits	62,264	65,788
OTC Clear Clearing Participants' margin deposits	13,258	15,699
OTC Clear's inter-CCP margin from SHCH (note 14(b))	291	755
SEIOCH Clearing Participants' margin deposits	32,684	16,906
	234,508	188,857
The margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral were invested in the following instruments for managing the obligations of the Margin Funds:		
Financial assets of Margin Funds (note 12)	220,792	168,455
Settlement Reserve Fund and Settlement Guarantee Fund held by ChinaClear (note 14)	13,312	19,814
Inter-CCP margin held by SHCH (note 14)	274	571
Margin receivable from Participants	130	17
	234,508	188,857

18. Accounts Payable, Accruals and Other Liabilities

The Group's accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities mainly represent the Group's CNS money obligations payable, which accounted for 87 per cent (31 December 2024: 90 per cent) of the total accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities. CNS money obligations payable mature within two days after the trade date. The majority of the remaining accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities would mature within three months.

19. Clearing House Funds

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
The Clearing House Funds comprised:		
Clearing Participants' cash contributions	28,631	27,124
Contribution to OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Resources	156	156
Clearing House Funds reserves (note 23)	1,591	1,434
	30,378	28,714
The Clearing House Funds were invested in the following instruments for managing the obligations of the Funds:		
Financial assets of Clearing House Funds (note 12)	30,396	28,727
Less: Other financial liabilities of Clearing House Funds	(18)	(13)
	30,378	28,714
The Clearing House Funds comprised the following Funds:		
HKCC Reserve Fund	4,541	6,074
HKSCC Guarantee Fund	6,399	6,382
LME Clear Default Fund	8,736	8,728
OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Fund	8,413	6,056
OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Resources	193	191
SEOCH Reserve Fund	2,096	1,283
	30,378	28,714

- (a) At 30 June 2025, the Skin-in-the-Game, together with default fund credits granted to HKSCC and HKCC Participants, amounted to \$1,977 million (31 December 2024: \$2,080 million), and were included in Corporate Funds (note 12(b)).

20. Borrowings

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
Written put options to non-controlling interests	395	452
Analysed as:		
Non-current liabilities	52	70
Current liabilities	343	382
	395	452

During the six months ended 30 June 2025, OTC Clear paid a dividend of \$59 million (2024: \$Nil) to its non-controlling interests. According to the terms of put options written by HKEX to the non-controlling interests, the amount of written put options was reduced by the dividend received by the non-controlling interests, with a corresponding credit to equity under “reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests”. None of the written put options was exercised by the non-controlling interests during the period (2024: none).

21. Share Capital and Shares Held for Share Award Scheme

Issued and fully paid – ordinary shares with no par:

	Number of shares '000	Number of shares held for Share Award Scheme ¹ '000	Share capital \$m	Shares held for Share Award Scheme \$m	Total \$m
At 1 Jan 2024	1,267,837	(3,292)	31,946	(1,009)	30,937
Shares purchased for Share Award Scheme (note (a))	–	(122)	–	(31)	(31)
Vesting of shares of Share Award Scheme (note (b))	–	83	–	30	30
At 30 Jun 2024	1,267,837	(3,331)	31,946	(1,010)	30,936
At 1 Jan 2025	1,267,837	(3,939)	31,955	(1,125)	30,830
Shares purchased for Share Award Scheme (note (a))	–	(54)	–	(19)	(19)
Vesting of shares of Share Award Scheme (note (b))	–	63	–	22	22
At 30 Jun 2025	1,267,837	(3,930)	31,955	(1,122)	30,833

¹ Excluding shares vested but not yet transferred to awardees of 1,135 shares at 30 June 2025

- (a) During the six months ended 30 June 2025, the Share Award Scheme acquired 53,767 HKEX shares (2024: 121,922 shares) through purchases on the open market. The total amount paid to acquire the shares during the period was \$19 million (2024: \$31 million).
- (b) During the six months ended 30 June 2025, a total of 63,479 HKEX shares (2024: 82,901 shares) were vested. The total cost of the vested shares was \$22 million (2024: \$30 million).

22. Employee Share-based Arrangements

The Group operates the Share Award Scheme as part of the benefits of its employees. It allows shares to be granted to employees of the Group, including the Executive Director (Employee Share Awards).

The employee share-based compensation expenses in relation to the share awards are charged to the condensed consolidated income statement under staff costs over the relevant vesting periods with a corresponding increase in employee share-based compensation reserve.

During the six months ended 30 June 2025, details of Employee Share Awards awarded are set out below:

Date of award	Number of shares awarded	Average fair value per share \$	Vesting period ends
7 Mar 2025	1,441,003 ^{1,2}	301.44	11 Dec 2026 – 11 Dec 2027
26 Mar 2025	797	366.80	26 Mar 2025
3 Apr 2025	170	356.22	3 Apr 2025

1 37,239 shares were awarded by re-granting the forfeited or unallocated shares held by the Scheme on 7 March 2025.

2 74,543 shares were awarded to HKEX Chief Executive Officer.

23. Designated Reserves

Designated reserves are segregated for their respective purposes and comprised the following:

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
Clearing House Funds reserves (notes (a) and 19)	1,591	1,434
PRC statutory reserve	17	17
	1,608	1,451

(a) Clearing House Funds reserves

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
HKCC Reserve Fund reserve	306	298
HKSCC Guarantee Fund reserve	491	405
OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Fund reserve	607	551
OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Resources reserve	37	35
SEOCH Reserve Fund reserve	150	145
	1,591	1,434

24. Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(a) Reconciliation of profit before taxation to net cash inflow from principal operating activities:

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Profit before taxation	10,164	6,952
Adjustments for:		
Net interest income	(2,609)	(2,398)
Net fair value gains on financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss and derivative financial instruments	(122)	(120)
Gain on modification of leases upon acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises	(76)	–
Finance costs	49	59
Depreciation and amortisation	743	698
Employee share-based compensation benefits	190	206
Share of profits of joint ventures	(17)	(48)
Other non-cash adjustments	16	20
Net increase in financial assets of Margin Funds	(45,517)	(15,877)
Net increase in financial liabilities of Margin Funds	45,651	15,882
Net increase in Clearing House Fund financial assets	(1,668)	(3,659)
Net increase in Clearing House Fund financial liabilities	1,512	3,458
Decrease/(increase) in cash prepayments and collateral for A-shares	1,455	(6,023)
Decrease in Corporate Funds used for supporting Skin-in-the-Game and default fund credits	103	2
Decrease/(increase) in Corporate Funds transferred to SHCH as inter-CCP margin	29	(38)
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits	(2,542)	7,898
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	1,774	(2,022)
Net cash inflow from principal operations	9,135	4,990
Interest received from short-term debt securities, time deposits and cash and cash equivalents	3,844	4,763
Interest paid to Participants	(2,121)	(3,015)
Cash paid for foreign exchange swaps	(36)	(81)
Income tax paid	(753)	(805)
Net cash inflow from principal operating activities (non-HKFRS measure)	10,069	5,852

24. Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (continued)

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

	Borrowings		Lease liabilities	
	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
At 1 Jan 2025/2024	452	447	1,294	1,604
Additions of leases	–	–	24	120
Modification/reassessment of leases	–	–	(324)	(181)
Interest on borrowings	2	2	–	–
Interest on lease liabilities	–	–	22	28
Cash flows				
– Payments of capital elements of lease liabilities	–	–	(133)	(130)
– Payments of interest elements of lease liabilities	–	–	(22)	(28)
– Dividend paid to non-controlling interests (note 20)	(59)	–	–	–
Exchange differences	–	–	12	(1)
At 30 Jun 2025/2024	395	449	873	1,412

25. Capital Expenditures and Commitments

During the six months ended 30 June 2025, the Group incurred capital expenditures of \$2,657 million (2024: \$612 million), of which \$1,805 million (2024: \$Nil) was related to the acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises.

At 30 June 2025, the Group's commitments in respect of capital expenditure were as follows:

	At 30 Jun 2025 \$m	At 31 Dec 2024 \$m
Contracted but not provided for:		
– HKEX headquarters premises (note 15)	4,009	–
– other fixed assets	16	26
– intangible assets	176	196
Authorised but not contracted for:		
– fixed assets	980	662
– intangible assets	651	818
	5,832	1,702

26. Contingent Liabilities

At 30 June 2025, the Group's material contingent liabilities were as follows:

- (a) The Group had a contingent liability in respect of potential calls to be made by the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) to replenish all or part of compensation less recoveries paid by the Unified Exchange Compensation Fund established under the repealed Securities Ordinance up to an amount not exceeding \$71 million (31 December 2024: \$71 million). Up to 30 June 2025, no calls had been made by the SFC in this connection.
- (b) The Group had undertaken to indemnify the Collector of Stamp Revenue against any underpayment of stamp duty by its Participants of up to \$200,000 for each Participant. In the unlikely event that all of its 519 trading Participants (31 December 2024: 536) covered by the indemnity at 30 June 2025 defaulted, the maximum liability of the Group under the indemnity would amount to \$104 million (31 December 2024: \$107 million).
- (c) HKEX had given an undertaking in favour of HKSCC to contribute up to \$50 million in the event of HKSCC being wound up while it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEX or within one year after HKSCC ceases to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEX, for payment of the liabilities of HKSCC contracted before HKSCC ceases to be a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEX, and for the costs of winding up.

27. Material Related Party Transactions

- (a) Key management personnel compensation

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	100	87
Employee share-based compensation benefits	55	87
Retirement benefit costs	6	5
	161	179

- (b) Post-retirement benefit plans

The Group has sponsored an ORSO Plan and the LME Savings Plan as its post-retirement benefit plans (note 7(a)).

28. Pledges of Assets

LME Clear receives securities and gold bullion as non-cash collateral for margins posted by its Clearing Participants. The total fair value of this non-cash collateral was US\$2,702 million (HK\$21,211 million) at 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: US\$2,522 million (HK\$19,591 million)). LME Clear is obliged to return this non-cash collateral upon request when the Clearing Participants' collateral obligations have been substituted with cash collateral or otherwise discharged. LME Clear is permitted to sell or pledge such collateral in the event of the default of a Clearing Participant. Any non-cash collateral lodged at central securities depositories or custodians is subject to a lien or pledge for the services they provide in respect of the collateral held.

LME Clear also holds securities as collateral in respect of its investments in overnight triparty reverse repurchase agreements under which it is obliged to return equivalent securities to the counterparties at maturity of the reverse repurchase agreements. The fair value of this collateral was US\$7,311 million (HK\$57,391 million) at 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: US\$7,928 million (HK\$61,584 million)). Such non-cash collateral, together with certain financial assets amounting to US\$1,999 million (HK\$15,690 million) at 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: US\$1,774 million (HK\$13,783 million)), have been pledged to LME Clear's investment agents, custodian and banks under security arrangements for the settlement, depository and funding line services they provide in respect of the collateral and investments held.

Non-cash collateral is not recorded on the condensed consolidated statement of financial position of the Group.

29. Capital Management

At 30 June 2025, the Group had set aside \$4,000 million (31 December 2024: \$4,000 million) of shareholders' funds for the purpose of supporting the risk management regime of the clearing houses in their roles as central counterparties, of which \$2,160 million (31 December 2024: \$2,160 million) had been injected into HKSCC, SEOCH and HKCC as share capital.

30. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value

The following tables present the carrying values of financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value according to the levels of the fair value hierarchy defined in HKFRS 13: Fair Value Measurement, with the fair value of each financial asset and financial liability categorised based on the lowest level of input that is significant to that fair value measurement. The levels are defined as follows:

- Level 1: fair values measured using quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: fair values measured using valuation techniques in which all significant inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 are directly or indirectly based on observable market data.
- Level 3: fair values measured using valuation techniques in which any significant input is not based on observable market data.

	At 30 Jun 2025				At 31 Dec 2024			
	Level 1 \$m	Level 2 \$m	Level 3 \$m	Total \$m	Level 1 \$m	Level 2 \$m	Level 3 \$m	Total \$m
Recurring fair value measurements:								
Financial assets								
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss:								
– investment funds	–	2,508	–	2,508	2,203	5,026	–	7,229
– equity securities	–	–	334	334	–	–	329	329
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:								
– debt securities	29,914	14,203	–	44,117	26,964	23,740	–	50,704
Derivative financial instruments:								
– base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear	–	58,781	–	58,781	–	67,629	–	67,629
– forward foreign exchange contracts	–	37	–	37	–	–	–	–
– foreign exchange swaps	–	30	–	30	–	118	–	118
	29,914	75,559	334	105,807	29,167	96,513	329	126,009
Financial liabilities								
Derivative financial instruments:								
– base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear	–	58,781	–	58,781	–	67,629	–	67,629
– forward foreign exchange contracts	–	–	–	–	–	60	–	60
– foreign exchange swaps	–	139	–	139	–	174	–	174
	–	58,920	–	58,920	–	67,863	–	67,863

30. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

(a) Financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value (continued)

During the six months ended 30 June 2025 and 30 June 2024, there were no transfers of instruments between Level 1 and Level 2 or transfer into or out of Level 3.

Level 2 fair values of investment funds, debt securities, base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts, and foreign exchange derivative contracts have been determined based on quotes from market makers, funds administrators or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs. The most significant input are market interest rates, market prices of metals, market foreign exchange rates, net asset values and latest redemption prices or transaction prices of the respective investment funds.

The Group's policy is to recognise transfers into and out of fair value hierarchy levels as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2024 \$m
At 1 Jan 2025/2024	329	393
Gains/(losses) recognised in condensed consolidated income statement under net investment income (note 5)	5	(32)
Losses recognised in other comprehensive income	–	(2)
At 30 Jun 2025/2024	334	359
Total gains/(losses) recognised for the period in the condensed consolidated income statement for assets held at 30 Jun 2025/2024	5	(32)

At 30 June 2025, the Group held minority stakes in three unlisted investments – Fusion Bank Limited, Huakong TsingJiao Information Science (Beijing) Limited, and Guangzhou Futures Exchange.

Fusion Bank Limited is a virtual bank in Hong Kong with a license granted by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. The company offers a variety of banking services including savings, time deposits, loans, local fund transfers and foreign exchange.

Huakong TsingJiao Information Science (Beijing) Limited is a data technology company, which specialises in the research and development of multi-party computation technologies, allowing collaborative data analysis without revealing private data during the computation and analysis process.

Guangzhou Futures Exchange is an exchange in the Greater Bay Area focusing on serving the real economy and green development initiatives. Since its set up in 2021, the exchange has successfully launched several products (including industrial silicon, lithium carbonate and polycrystalline silicon futures and options), and will continue to work with market participants to contribute to green and low carbon transformation and development.

As these investments are not traded in an active market, these investments are classified as Level 3 investments. Valuations are prepared on a bi-annual basis, at each interim and annual reporting date. The assumptions and inputs to the valuation model, valuation techniques and valuation results are reviewed and approved by management.

At 30 June 2025, the total fair value of the three investments was \$334 million (31 December 2024: \$329 million). A market-based approach has been adopted to determine their fair values, which are estimated based on the analysis of the investments' financial position, operating results and prospects, and by reference to trading multiples and financial data of other comparable companies.

30. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (continued)

(b) Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities not reported at fair values

Summarised in the following table are the carrying amounts and fair values of long-term financial assets and financial liabilities not presented in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position at their fair values, except for lease liabilities where disclosure of fair values is not required. These assets and liabilities were classified under Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

	At 30 Jun 2025		At 31 Dec 2024	
	Carrying amount in condensed consolidated statement of financial position \$m	Fair value \$m	Carrying amount in condensed consolidated statement of financial position \$m	Fair value \$m
Assets				
Financial assets measured at amortised cost:				
– debt securities maturing over one year ¹	1,411	1,459	1,439	1,443
– other financial assets maturing over one year ²	78	65	89	67
Liabilities				
Borrowings:				
– written put options to non-controlling interests ³	395	402	452	455
Financial guarantee to the Collector of Stamp Revenue ⁴	20	43	20	35

1 The fair values are provided by a reputable independent financial institution.

2 The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using Hong Kong Government bond rates of a tenor similar to the contractual maturity of the respective assets, adjusted by an estimated credit spread. The discount rates used ranged from 2.51 per cent to 4.37 per cent at 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: 3.96 per cent to 5.21 per cent).

3 The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using the prevailing market interest rates for loans with similar credit rating and similar tenor of the respective loans. The discount rate used was 3.44 per cent at 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: 4.58 per cent).

4 The fair values are based on the fees charged by financial institutions for granting such guarantees discounted to perpetuity using a ten-year Hong Kong Government bond rate, adjusted by an estimated credit spread, but capped at the maximum exposure of the financial guarantee. The discount rate used was 3.01 per cent at 30 June 2025 (31 December 2024: 4.06 per cent).

The carrying amounts of short-term financial assets and receivables (e.g., accounts receivable, financial assets measured at amortised cost and cash and cash equivalents) and short-term payables (e.g., accounts payable and other liabilities) approximated their fair values, and accordingly no disclosure of the fair values of these items is presented.

Glossary

2025 AGM • HKEX's annual general meeting held on 30 April 2025

ADT • Average daily turnover value

ADV • Average daily volume (in number of contracts/lots)

Awarded Shares • Shares awarded under the Share Award Scheme

BayConnect • BayConnect Technology Company Limited

Board • HKEX's board of directors

Bond Connect • A mutual bond market access programme between Hong Kong and Mainland China, under which Northbound trading enables overseas investors to invest in the China Interbank Bond Market, and Southbound trading enables Mainland institutional investors to invest in offshore bonds through the Hong Kong bond market

Cash Market • HKEX's securities related business excluding stock options

CATL • Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited

CBBCs • Callable Bull/Bear Contracts

Chief Executive Officer • HKEX's Chief Executive

ChinaClear • China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited

CNH • Offshore RMB traded outside Mainland China

CNS • Continuous Net Settlement

Commodities Market • Commodities related business of Futures Exchange, the LME Group and QME

Corporate Governance Code • Appendix C1 to the Main Board Listing Rules

CPs • Clearing Participants

Derivatives Market • HKEX's derivatives related business including stock options

Director(s) • HKEX's director(s)

DWs • Derivative warrants

EPs • Exchange Participants

ESG • Environmental, Social and Governance

ETF(s) • Exchange Traded Fund(s)

ETP(s) • Exchange Traded Product(s), which include(s) ETFs and L&I Products

Exchange or SEHK or Stock Exchange • The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

External Portfolio • Externally-managed investment funds

FCA • Financial Conduct Authority

FIC • Fixed income and currency

Financial Secretary • Financial Secretary of the HKSAR

Futures Exchange • Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited

GBM • Grand Bauhinia Medal

GBS • Gold Bauhinia Star

GEM Listing Rules • Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

Government • HKSAR Government

Government Appointed Director(s) • Director(s) appointed by the Financial Secretary pursuant to Section 77 of the SFO

Group • HKEX and its subsidiaries

Headline ADT • ADT of equity products, DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange

HGCL • HKEX Global Commodities Limited

HKCC • HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited

HKD-traded Shares • Shares of HKEX, which are traded under the HKD counter

HKEX Foundation or the Foundation • HKEX Foundation Limited

HKEX or the Company • Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

HKEX Group website • www.hkexgroup.com

HKEX Market website • www.hkex.com.hk

HKEXnews website • www.hkexnews.hk

HKFRS(s) • Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard(s)

HKMA • Hong Kong Monetary Authority

HKSAR • Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of PRC

HKSCC • Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited

HSCEI • Hang Seng China Enterprises Index

HSI • Hang Seng Index

IPO(s) • Initial Public Offering(s)

Iron Ore Futures • TSI Iron Ore Fines 62 per cent Fe CFR China Futures

ISIN • International Securities Identification Number

IT • Information Technology

JP • Justice of the Peace

JPY • Japanese Yen

L&I Products • Leveraged and Inverse Products

Liquidity Task Force • Task Force on Enhancing Stock Market Liquidity

Listing Committee • Listing Committee of the Main Board and GEM

Listing Rule(s) • Main Board Listing Rules and GEM Listing Rules

LME • The London Metal Exchange

LME Clear • LME Clear Limited

LME Group • HGCL, LME Holdings Limited, LME and LME Clear

London Metal Mini Futures • London Aluminium/ Zinc/Copper/Nickel/Tin/Lead Mini Futures

Main Board Listing Rules • Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

MH • Medal of Honour

Model Code • Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers, Appendix C3 to the Main Board Listing Rules

Northbound Trading or Stock Connect

Northbound • Hong Kong and overseas investors trading in eligible securities that are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange through Stock Connect

OTC • Over-the-counter

OTC Clear • OTC Clearing Hong Kong Limited

PRC • The People's Republic of China

QME • Qianhai Mercantile Exchange Co., Ltd.

RMB • Renminbi

RMB-traded Shares • Shares of HKEX, which are traded under the RMB counter

SBTi • Science Based Targets initiative

SECH • The SEHK Options Clearing House Limited

SFC • Securities and Futures Commission

SFO • Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong)

Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect • A mutual market access programme that links the stock markets in Shanghai and Hong Kong, enabling investors in Hong Kong and Mainland China to trade and settle shares listed on the other market via the exchange and clearing house in their home market

Shareholder(s) • HKEX's shareholder(s)

Share Award Scheme or the Scheme • The HKEX Employees' Share Award Scheme and the HKEX Employees' Share Award 2023 Scheme

Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect • A mutual market access programme that links the stock markets in Shenzhen and Hong Kong, enabling investors in Hong Kong and Mainland China to trade and settle shares listed on the other market via the exchange and clearing house in their home market

Southbound Trading or Stock Connect

Southbound • Mainland investors trading in eligible securities that are listed on the Stock Exchange through Stock Connect

SPAC • Special Purpose Acquisition Companies

Stock Connect • Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect

Swap Connect • A mutual market access programme that provides Hong Kong and international investors access to the onshore interest rate swap market through a Northbound channel

UK • United Kingdom

US • United States of America

US\$/USD • United States dollar

\$/HK\$/HKD • Hong Kong dollar

\$bn/bn • Hong Kong dollar in billion/billion

\$m • Hong Kong dollar in million

£/GBP • Pound sterling

1H, 2H • First half, second half (of the year)

Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4 • First quarter, second quarter, third quarter, fourth quarter (of the year)

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