HKEX
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香港交易及結算所有限公司
HONG KONG EXCHANGES AND CLEARING LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

Stock Codes: 388 (HKD counter) and 80388 (RMB counter)

Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

For the six months ended 30 June 2026

(Unaudited)

As at 19 August 2026, the Board of Directors of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX or the Company) comprises 12 Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr Carlson TONG (Chairman), Mr Nicholas Charles ALLEN, Mr Peter Wilhelm Hubert BRIEN, Mr CHAN Kam Wing, Clement, Mr CHAN Kin Por, Ms CHEUNG Ming Ming, Anna, Mr CHIA Pun Kok, Herbert, Ms DING Chen, Ms KWOK Pui Fong, Miranda, Mr Gordon Robert Halyburton ORR, Mr YAM Chi Kwong, Joseph, and Mr ZHANG Yichen, and one Executive Director, Ms CHAN Yiting, Bonnie, who is also the Chief Executive of HKEX.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

	Note	**Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 $m**	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Trading fees and trading tariffs	4	**5,991**	4,906
Clearing and settlement fees		**4,349**	3,155
Stock Exchange listing fees		**1,051**	816
Depository, custody and nominee services fees		**911**	668
Market data fees		**634**	565
Other revenue		**1,044**	924
Revenue		**13,980**	11,034
Investment income		**5,757**	4,996
Interest rebates to Participants		**(3,197)**	(2,121)
Net investment income	5	**2,560**	2,875
Donation income of HKEX Foundation		**145**	78
Sundry income		**17**	89
Revenue and other income		**16,702**	14,076
Less: Transaction-related expenses	6	**(136)**	(164)
Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses		**16,566**	13,912
Operating expenses			
Staff costs and related expenses	7	**(2,148)**	(1,952)
Information technology and computer maintenance expenses		**(497)**	(460)
Premises expenses		**(76)**	(71)
Product marketing and promotion expenses		**(51)**	(49)
Professional fees		**(52)**	(89)
HKEX Foundation charitable donations		**(83)**	(52)
Other operating expenses		**(248)**	(300)
		(3,155)	(2,973)
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)*		**13,411**	10,939
Depreciation and amortisation		**(777)**	(743)
Operating profit		**12,634**	10,196
Finance costs	8	**(42)**	(49)
Share of results of joint ventures and an associate		**14**	17
Profit before taxation		**12,606**	10,164
Taxation	9	**(2,008)**	(1,602)
Profit for the period		**10,598**	8,562
Profit attributable to:			
Shareholders of HKEX		**10,568**	8,519
Non-controlling interests		**30**	43
Profit for the period		**10,598**	8,562
Basic earnings per share	10(a)	**$8.36**	$6.74
Diluted earnings per share	10(b)	**$8.34**	$6.72

* EBITDA represents earnings before interest expenses and other finance costs, taxation, depreciation and amortisation. It excludes the Group's share of results of joint ventures and an associate. 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)

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Profit for the period	**10,598**	8,562
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Currency translation differences of foreign subsidiaries	**153**	198
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	**(6)**	70
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:		
- Changes in fair value, net of tax	**(325)**	199
- Net (gains)/losses on disposal reclassified to profit or loss, net of tax	**(37)**	16
Other comprehensive (loss)/income	**(215)**	483
Total comprehensive income	**10,383**	9,045
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Shareholders of HKEX	**10,352**	9,000
Non-controlling interests	**31**	45
Total comprehensive income	**10,383**	9,045

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

		At 30 Jun 2026			At 31 Dec 2025		
		Current	**Non-current**	**Total**	Current	Non-current	Total
	Note	**$m**	**$m**	**$m**	$m	$m	$m
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	12	**176,076**	**-**	**176,076**	182,724	-	182,724
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	12	**756**	**794**	**1,550**	1,150	722	1,872
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	12	**80,284**	**5,976**	**86,260**	60,876	4,927	65,803
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	12	**67,496**	**1,361**	**68,857**	73,506	1,400	74,906
Derivative financial instruments	12,13	**118,603**	**-**	**118,603**	160,608	-	160,608
Accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits	14	**96,209**	**589**	**96,798**	67,958	733	68,691
Tax recoverable	9(c)	**396**	**-**	**396**	399	-	399
Interests in joint ventures and an associate		**-**	**883**	**883**	-	869	869
Goodwill and other intangible assets		**-**	**20,247**	**20,247**	-	19,938	19,938
Fixed assets		**-**	**1,953**	**1,953**	-	1,822	1,822
Right-of-use assets	15	**-**	**5,441**	**5,441**	-	3,134	3,134
Deferred tax assets		**-**	**14**	**14**	-	9	9
Total assets		**539,820**	**37,258**	**577,078**	547,221	33,554	580,775
Liabilities and equity							
Liabilities							
Derivative financial instruments	13	**118,661**	**-**	**118,661**	160,686	-	160,686
Margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral from Participants	16	**288,066**	**-**	**288,066**	269,243	-	269,243
Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities	17	**65,691**	**-**	**65,691**	50,846	-	50,846
Deferred revenue		**1,044**	**420**	**1,464**	1,221	372	1,593
Taxation payable		**3,306**	**380**	**3,686**	2,229	701	2,930
Other financial liabilities	18	**420**	**-**	**420**	32	-	32
Participants' contributions to Clearing House Funds	19	**35,678**	**-**	**35,678**	33,991	-	33,991
Lease liabilities		**205**	**591**	**796**	214	637	851
Borrowings	20	**129**	**21**	**150**	343	55	398
Provisions		**108**	**68**	**176**	70	81	151
Deferred tax liabilities		**-**	**1,339**	**1,339**	-	1,325	1,325
Total liabilities		**513,308**	**2,819**	**516,127**	518,875	3,171	522,046
Equity							
Share capital	21			**31,955**			31,955
Shares held for Share Award Scheme	21			**(1,250)**			(1,228)
Employee share-based compensation reserve	22			**604**			405
Hedging and revaluation reserves				**(126)**			242
Exchange reserve				**(62)**			(214)
Designated reserves	23			**1,744**			1,670
Reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests				**(132)**			(336)
Retained earnings				**27,923**			25,653
Equity attributable to shareholders of HKEX				**60,656**			58,147
Non-controlling interests				**295**			582
Total equity				**60,951**			58,729
Total liabilities and equity				**577,078**			580,775
Net current assets				**26,512**			28,346

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

	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 $m	Retained earnings $m	Total $m	Non-controlling interests $m	Total equity $m
At 1 Jan 2026	30,727	405	242	(214)	1,670	(336)	25,653	58,147	582	58,729
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,568	10,568	30	10,598
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	-	(368)	152	-	-	-	(216)	1	(215)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(368)	152	-	-	10,568	10,352	31	10,383
Total transactions with shareholders of HKEX, recognised directly in equity:										
- 2025 second interim dividend at $6.52 per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,242)	(8,242)	-	(8,242)
- Unclaimed HKEX dividends forfeited	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	16	-	16
- Shares purchased for Share Award Scheme	(41)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(41)	-	(41)
- Vesting of shares of Share Award Scheme	19	(18)	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-
- Employee share-based compensation benefits	-	217	-	-	-	-	-	217	-	217
- Tax relating to Share Award Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	(1)
- Transfer of reserves	-	-	-	-	74	-	(74)	-	-	-
- Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary (note 24)	-	-	-	-	-	157	4	161	(271)	(110)
- Redemption of written put options exercised by non-controlling interests (note 20(a))	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	11	(11)	-
- Dividend paid to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary (note 20(b))	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	36	(36)	-
	(22)	199	-	-	74	204	(8,298)	(7,843)	(318)	(8,161)
At 30 Jun 2026	30,705	604	(126)	(62)	1,744	(132)	27,923	60,656	295	60,951

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

	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 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
- 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

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(Financial figures are expressed in Hong Kong Dollar)

	Note	**Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 $m**	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Cash flows from principal operating activities			
Net cash inflow from principal operating activities (non-HKFRS measure)	25(a)	**10,626**	10,069
Cash flows from other operating activities			
Net redemption from external fund managers for sales of financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss		**854**	4,330
Net cash inflow from operating activities		**11,480**	14,399
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises	15	**(2,275)**	(2,559)
Payments for purchases of other fixed assets and intangible assets		**(1,006)**	(931)
Payment for acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	24	**(305)**	-
Net (increase)/decrease in financial assets of Corporate Funds:			
(Increase)/decrease in time deposits with original maturities more than three months		**(515)**	1,622
Decrease/(increase) in debt securities with remaining maturities within twelve months upon acquisition (short-term debt securities)		**574**	(26)
Payments for purchases of debt securities with remaining maturities more than twelve months upon acquisition (long-term debt securities)		**(2,500)**	(2,536)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of long-term debt securities		**1,165**	-
Interest received from long-term debt securities		**1,584**	947
Dividend received from a joint venture		**-**	26
Net cash outflow from investing activities		**(3,278)**	(3,457)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Purchases of shares for Share Award Scheme		**(41)**	(19)
Payments of other finance costs		**(23)**	(25)
Dividends paid to shareholders of HKEX		**(8,206)**	(6,169)
Payment for written put options exercised by non-controlling interests	20	**(19)**	-
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary	20	**(36)**	(59)
Lease payments	25(b)		
- Capital elements		**(133)**	(133)
- Interest elements		**(17)**	(22)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		**(8,475)**	(6,427)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		**(273)**	4,515
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 Jan		**19,353**	13,910
Exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents		**34**	45
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 Jun		**19,114**	18,470
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash, bank balances and short-term investments of Corporate Funds	12	**20,784**	19,510
Less: Cash reserved for supporting Skin-in-the-Game and default fund credits for Clearing House Funds	12(b)	**(1,670)**	(1,040)
		19,114	18,470

(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. They do not include all the information and disclosures required for a complete set of annual financial statements prepared in accordance with HKFRS Accounting Standards.

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 December 2025 that is included in these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2026 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 2025 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 2025 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 2025.

<u>Adoption of new/revised HKFRS Accounting Standards</u>

In 2026, the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Group) has adopted the following amendments to HKFRS Accounting Standards which are pertinent to the Group's operations and effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026:

Amendments to HKFRS 7 and HKFRS 9	Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments
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

The adoption of these amendments did not have any material impact on the Group.

2. Accounting Policies (continued)

New/revised HKFRS Accounting Standards issued before 30 June 2026 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 2026 and are pertinent to its operations but not yet effective:

HKFRS 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements[1]
HKFRS 19	Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures[1]

[1] Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027

The adoption of HKFRS 19 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, but is expected to trigger certain changes in the presentation of consolidated income statement.

The Group is finalising its assessment of the impact of HKFRS 18 on its 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).

There are no other new/revised HKFRS Accounting Standards not yet effective that are expected to have any material impact on the Group.

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 (CBBCs) 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 United Kingdom (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 Chinese Mainland, 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 2026					
	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	7,972	1,759	1,542	50	9	11,332
Over time	735	505	259	1,147	2	2,648
Revenue	8,707	2,264	1,801	1,197	11	13,980
Net investment income	123	1,163	191	-	1,083	2,560
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	-	-	-	-	145	145
Sundry income	14	1	-	2	-	17
Revenue and other income	8,844	3,428	1,992	1,199	1,239	16,702
Less: Transaction-related expenses	(6)	(130)	-	-	-	(136)
Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses	8,838	3,298	1,992	1,199	1,239	16,566
Operating expenses						
Staff costs and related expenses	(564)	(403)	(384)	(115)	(682)	(2,148)
Others	(133)	(137)	(244)	(106)	(387)	(1,007)
	(697)	(540)	(628)	(221)	(1,069)	(3,155)
Reportable segment EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	8,141	2,758	1,364	978	170	13,411
Depreciation and amortisation	(180)	(102)	(246)	(62)	(187)	(777)
Finance costs	(18)	(11)	(2)	(1)	(10)	(42)
Share of results of joint ventures and an associate	13	1	-	-	-	14
Reportable segment profit before taxation	7,956	2,646	1,116	915	(27)	12,606

	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 results of joint ventures and an associate	16	1	-	-	-	17
Reportable segment profit before taxation	5,863	2,810	575	837	79	10,164

4. Trading Fees and Trading Tariffs

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Equity securities traded on the Stock Exchange and through Stock Connect	**3,626**	2,842
DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange	**318**	307
Futures and options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange and the Futures Exchange	**1,075**	991
Commodities contracts traded on the LME and QME	**972**	766
	5,991	4,906

5. Net Investment Income

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Gross interest income from financial assets measured at amortised cost	**4,065**	3,605
Gross interest income from financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	**1,323**	1,125
Interest rebates to Participants	**(3,197)**	(2,121)
Net interest income	**2,191**	2,609
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:		
- gains/(losses) on disposal	**45**	(17)
- exchange differences	**67**	89
	112	72
Net gains/(losses) on financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss and derivative financial instruments:		
- investment funds	**30**	202
- other unlisted investments (note 31(a))	**298**	5
- foreign exchange swaps (notes (a) and 13(c))	**(84)**	(89)
- foreign exchange forward contracts	**9**	4
	253	122
Other exchange differences	**4**	72
Net investment income	**2,560**	2,875

(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 2026, there was a net loss on foreign exchange swaps of $84 million (2025: $89 million). Such loss was more than offset by higher interest income generated from deposits placed at higher interest rates following the execution of foreign exchange swaps.

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 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	**1,777**	1,604
Employee share-based compensation benefits of HKEX Share Award Scheme (Share Award Scheme)	**217**	190
Termination benefits	**16**	32
Retirement benefit costs (note (a))	**138**	126
	2,148	1,952

(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 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Interest on borrowings	**2**	2
Interest on lease liabilities	**17**	22
Banking facility commitment fees	**23**	25
	42	49

9. Taxation

Taxation charge in the condensed consolidated income statement represents:

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Current tax		
– Hong Kong Profits Tax	**1,287**	1,047
– Hong Kong minimum top-up tax (note (b))	**380**	363
– Tax outside Hong Kong	**295**	174
Total current tax	**1,962**	1,584
Deferred tax	**46**	18
Taxation charge	**2,008**	1,602

(a) The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at the rate of 16.5 per cent (2025: 16.5 per cent) of the estimated assessable profits for the period. 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 (2025: 25 per cent).

(b) The Group is subject to the global minimum top-up tax under the Pillar Two model rules. Pillar Two legislation was enacted in certain jurisdictions in which the Group operates, including Hong Kong and the UK. Under the legislation, the Group is liable to pay a top-up tax for the difference between their Global Anti-Base Erosion (GloBE) effective tax rate per jurisdiction and the 15 per cent minimum rate. 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 2026. As a result, the Group recognised a current tax charge of $380 million related to the top-up tax during the six months ended 30 June 2026 (2025: $363 million).

No top-up tax was payable by the Group in other jurisdictions where the Group operates during the six months ended 30 June 2026 (2025: $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.

9. Taxation (continued)

(c) Since the launch of Stock Connect in 2014, Northbound trading, clearing and portfolio fees (NB Fees) have been reported by the Group's subsidiaries as offshore sourced and non-taxable, whereas the related expenses are reported as non-deductible. As at 30 June 2026, the Inland Revenue Department of Hong Kong (IRD) has issued notices of additional assessments to two subsidiaries in connection with offshore claim of the NB Fees, as set out below:

	At 30 Jun 2026		At 31 Dec 2025	
	Amount $m	**Financial years**	Amount $m	Financial years
The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited	**231**	**2014 - 2022**	231	2014 - 2022
Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited	**96**	**2014 - 2019**	50	2014 - 2018

After consultation with tax advisor, the subsidiaries have lodged objections and have applied to hold over the additional tax demanded. The IRD has agreed to holdover the additional tax demanded subject to the purchase of tax reserve certificates (TRCs). The purchase of TRCs does not prejudice the subsidiaries' tax positions. Based on the advice from tax advisor, management believes the subsidiaries have strong valid grounds for an appeal, and it is not probable the subsidiaries are required to pay the tax in connection with the offshore claim of the NB Fees. Accordingly, no additional tax provision has been made in respect of the above additional assessments.

The subsidiaries have purchased TRCs of $327 million (31 December 2025: $281 million) and the amount is recorded under tax recoverable on the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

If the NB Fees are determined to be taxable in future years, the additional tax payment made, together with any potential tax liabilities relating to NB Fees for periods subsequent to the additional assessments, will be recognised in the condensed consolidated income statement in future years.

In addition, certain subsidiaries in the UK received enquiries from the UK tax authority in July 2026 regarding the tax treatment of certain transactions. Based on advice from the tax advisor, management considers that the existing tax provisions remain appropriate, and no additional tax provision has been recognised in these condensed consolidated financial statements. If the final outcome of these matters differs from management's current assessment, the resulting impact, if any, will be recognised in the condensed consolidated income statement in future years.

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 2026	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025
Profit attributable to shareholders ($m)	**10,568**	8,519
Weighted average number of shares in issue less shares held for Share Award Scheme (in '000)	**1,264,010**	1,263,911
Basic earnings per share ($)	**8.36**	6.74

(b) Diluted earnings per share

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025
Profit attributable to shareholders ($m)	**10,568**	8,519
Weighted average number of shares in issue less shares held for Share Award Scheme (in '000)	**1,264,010**	1,263,911
Effect of shares awarded under Share Award Scheme (in '000)	**3,495**	3,710
Weighted average number of shares for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share (in '000)	**1,267,505**	1,267,621
Diluted earnings per share ($)	**8.34**	6.72

11. Dividends

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Interim dividend declared of $7.43 (2025: $6.00) per share at 30 Jun	**9,420**	7,607
Less: Dividend for shares held by Share Award Scheme at 30 Jun	**(28)**	(24)
	9,392	7,583

12. Financial Assets

	At 30 Jun 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
Cash and cash equivalents	**176,076**	182,724
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	**1,550**	1,872
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	**86,260**	65,803
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	**68,857**	74,906
Derivative financial instruments	**118,603**	160,608
	451,346	485,913

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 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
Cash for A-shares (note (a))		
Cash and cash equivalents	**4,320**	2,549
Margin Funds[1] (note 16)		
Cash and cash equivalents	**119,757**	130,052
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	**66,364**	48,327
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	**64,831**	69,176
	250,952	247,555
Clearing House Funds (note 19)		
Cash and cash equivalents	**31,215**	29,447
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	**6,355**	6,361
	37,570	35,808
Corporate Funds		
Cash and cash equivalents (note (b))	**20,784**	20,676
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	**1,550**	1,872
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (note (b))	**13,541**	11,115
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	**4,026**	5,730
	39,901	39,393
Derivative financial instruments (note 13)	**118,603**	160,608
	451,346	485,913

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 $37,501 million (31 December 2025: $21,688 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 2026						At 31 Dec 2025					
	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	**4,320**	**250,952**	**37,570**	**31,770**	**118,603**	**443,215**	2,549	247,555	35,808	32,344	160,608	478,864
Over twelve months	**-**	**-**	**-**	**8,131**	**-**	**8,131**	-	-	-	7,049	-	7,049
	4,320	**250,952**	**37,570**	**39,901**	**118,603**	**451,346**	2,549	247,555	35,808	39,393	160,608	485,913

(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 2026, cash and cash equivalents of Corporate Funds of $1,670 million (31 December 2025: $1,323 million) and financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income of Corporate Funds of $516 million (31 December 2025: $953 million) were solely used to support Skin-in-the-Game and default fund credits for Clearing House Funds (note 19).

(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 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
Mandatorily measured at fair value		
Derivative financial assets:		
- base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear (note (a))	**118,592**	160,601
- forward foreign exchange contracts held for trading	**-**	4
- foreign exchange swaps (note (c))	**11**	3
	118,603	160,608
Mandatorily measured at fair value		
Derivative financial liabilities:		
- base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear (note (a))	**118,592**	160,601
- forward foreign exchange contracts held as cash flow hedging instruments (note (b))	**10**	2
- foreign exchange swaps (note (c))	**59**	83
	118,661	160,686

(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 2026, the notional amount of the outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts amounted to GBP68 million (HK$708 million) (31 December 2025: GBP126 million (HK$1,319 million)).

(c) 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 2026, the notional amount of the outstanding foreign exchange swaps was $46,999 million (31 December 2025: $30,893 million).

14. Accounts Receivable, Prepayments and Deposits

	At 30 Jun 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
CNS money obligations receivable (note (a))	**55,409**	43,088
Transaction levy, stamp duty and fees receivable	**1,980**	1,479
Settlement Reserve Fund and Settlement Guarantee Fund held by ChinaClear (note 16)	**35,302**	20,867
Inter-CCP margin held by SHCH (note (b)):		
- satisfied by margin deposits collected from OTC Clear Clearing Participants (note 16)	**2,171**	799
- satisfied by Corporate Funds	**250**	402
	2,421	1,201
Prepayments for acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises (note 15(a))	**543**	715
Receivables for investment funds sold before 30 Jun 2026/31 Dec 2025	**146**	350
Other receivables, prepayments and deposits, net of provision for impairment losses	**997**	991
	96,798	68,691

(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 16) and the remaining balance is satisfied by Corporate Funds of OTC Clear.

15. 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 2026	**2,337**	**694**	**100**	**3**	**3,134**
Exchange differences	**-**	**2**	**-**	**-**	**2**
Additions:					
- HKEX headquarters premises (note (a))	**2,355**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**2,355**
- Others	**-**	**40**	**-**	**-**	**40**
	2,355	**40**	**-**	**-**	**2,395**
Reassessment of leases	**-**	**43**	**-**	**-**	**43**
Depreciation	**(15)**	**(107)**	**(10)**	**(1)**	**(133)**
At 30 Jun 2026	**4,677**	**672**	**90**	**2**	**5,441**

(a) In 2025, the Group announced the acquisition of certain office premises from Hongkong Land as HKEX headquarters premises. During the six months ended 30 June 2026, the Group completed the acquisition of four office floors at Exchange Square. As a result, the Group recognised $2,355 million as lease premium for land under right-of-use assets, and $92 million as leasehold buildings under fixed assets.

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

	At 30 Jun 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
Margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral from Participants comprised:		
HKCC Clearing Participants' margin deposits	**74,913**	67,294
HKSCC Clearing Participants' margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral	**60,508**	35,556
LME Clear Clearing Participants' margin deposits	**92,832**	118,768
OTC Clear Clearing Participants' margin deposits	**20,314**	16,607
OTC Clear's inter-CCP margin from SHCH (note 14(b))	**2,117**	807
SEOCH Clearing Participants' margin deposits	**37,382**	30,211
	288,066	269,243
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)	**250,952**	247,555
Settlement Reserve Fund and Settlement Guarantee Fund held by ChinaClear (note 14)	**35,302**	20,867
Inter-CCP margin held by SHCH (note 14)	**2,171**	799
Margin receivable from Participants	**28**	22
Less: Other financial liabilities of Margin Funds (note 18)	**(387)**	-
	288,066	269,243

17. 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 91 per cent (31 December 2025: 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.

18. Other financial liabilities

	At 30 Jun 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
Financial liabilities of Margin Funds (note (a) and note 16)	**387**	-
Financial liabilities of Clearing House Funds (note 19)	**13**	12
Financial liabilities of Corporate Funds:		
Financial guarantee contract (note (b))	**20**	20
	420	32

(a) Other financial liabilities of Margin Funds represent payable for debt securities traded before 30 June 2026.

(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 508 trading Participants (31 December 2025: 511) covered by the indemnity at 30 June 2026 defaulted, the maximum liability of the Group under the indemnity would amount to $102 million (31 December 2025: $102 million).

19. Clearing House Funds

	At 30 Jun 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
The Clearing House Funds comprised:		
Clearing Participants' cash contributions	**35,678**	33,991
Contribution to OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Resources	**156**	156
Clearing House Funds reserves (note 23)	**1,723**	1,649
	37,557	35,796
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)	**37,570**	35,808
Less: Other financial liabilities of Clearing House Funds (note 18)	**(13)**	(12)
	37,557	35,796
The Clearing House Funds comprised the following Funds:		
HKCC Reserve Fund	**5,054**	6,265
HKSCC Guarantee Fund	**6,396**	6,377
LME Clear Default Fund	**12,877**	9,786
OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Fund	**9,795**	10,292
OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Resources	**193**	193
SEOCH Reserve Fund	**3,242**	2,883
	37,557	35,796

At 30 June 2026, the Skin-in-the-Game, together with default fund credits granted to HKSCC and HKCC Participants, amounted to $2,186 million (31 December 2025: $2,276 million), and were included in Corporate Funds (note 12(b)).

20. Borrowings

	2026 $m	2025 $m
At 1 Jan	**398**	452
Redemption of written put options exercised by non-controlling interests (note (a))	**(19)**	-
Lapse of written put options (note 24)	**(195)**	-
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests (note (b))	**(36)**	(59)
Interest expenses	**2**	2
At 30 Jun	**150**	395
Analysed as:		
Non-current liabilities	**21**	52
Current liabilities	**129**	343
	150	395

(a) Prior to 2026, 5,117 non-voting ordinary shares had been issued by OTC Clear at a total consideration of $518 million. As part of the arrangement, put options were written by HKEX to the non-controlling interests to sell part or all of their non-voting ordinary shares in OTC Clear to HKEX at the initial subscription prices less accumulated dividends received by the non-controlling interests.

During the six months ended 30 June 2026, HKEX purchased 100 non-voting ordinary shares at a consideration of $19 million (2025: $Nil) upon exercise of the written put options by the non-controlling interests. The amount of non-controlling interests allocated to HKEX relating to the written put options exercised was $11 million, and was credited directly to equity under "reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests".

(b) During the six months ended 30 June 2026, OTC Clear paid a dividend of $36 million (2025: $59 million) to its non-controlling interests. Accordingly, the amount of written put options was reduced by $36 million (2025: $59 million), with a corresponding credit to equity under "reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests".

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 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
At 1 Jan 2026	**1,267,837**	**(3,793)**	**31,955**	**(1,228)**	**30,727**
Shares purchased for Share Award Scheme (note (a))	**-**	**(103)**	**-**	**(41)**	**(41)**
Vesting of shares of Share Award Scheme (note (b))	**-**	**58**	**-**	**19**	**19**
At 30 Jun 2026	**1,267,837**	**(3,838)**	**31,955**	**(1,250)**	**30,705**

1 Excluding shares vested but not yet transferred to awardees of 3,544 shares at 30 June 2026

(a) During the six months ended 30 June 2026, the Share Award Scheme acquired 103,455 HKEX shares (2025: 53,767 shares) through purchases on the open market. The total amount paid to acquire the shares during the period was $41 million (2025: $19 million).

(b) During the six months ended 30 June 2026, a total of 58,249 HKEX shares (2025: 63,479 shares) were vested. The total cost of the vested shares was $19 million (2025: $22 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.

22. Employee Share-based Arrangements (continued)

During the six months ended 30 June 2026, 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
9 Mar 2026	1,143,251[1,2]	407.45	10 Dec 2027 - 10 Dec 2028
16 Mar 2026	27,372	412.52	9 May 2026 - 9 May 2029
16 Mar 2026	1,227	412.52	16 Mar 2026 - 1 Sep 2028
16 Mar 2026	659	412.53	2 Feb 2028 - 2 Feb 2029
16 Mar 2026	1,287	412.52	16 Mar 2026 - 10 Dec 2028
16 Mar 2026	4,836	412.53	16 Mar 2026 - 5 Jan 2029
30 Apr 2026	798	383.05	26 Jan 2028 - 26 Jan 2029
30 Apr 2026	1,377	383.05	23 Dec 2027 - 23 Dec 2028
30 Apr 2026	2,388	414.59	9 Mar 2028 - 9 Mar 2029
7 May 2026	484	414.59	7 May 2026 - 13 Jan 2028
24 Jun 2026	427	375.78	11 Mar 2027 - 14 Mar 2028

1 13,551 shares were awarded by re-granting the forfeited or unallocated shares held by the Scheme on 9 March 2026.

2 67,190 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 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
Clearing House Funds reserves (notes (a) and 19)	**1,723**	1,649
PRC statutory reserve	**21**	21
	1,744	1,670

(a) Clearing House Funds reserves

	At 30 Jun 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
HKCC Reserve Fund reserve	**319**	312
HKSCC Guarantee Fund reserve	**604**	540
OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Fund reserve	**607**	607
OTC Clear Rates and FX Guarantee Resources reserve	**37**	37
SEOCH Reserve Fund reserve	**156**	153
	1,723	1,649

24. Acquisition of Additional Interest in a Subsidiary

During the six months ended 30 June 2026, HKEX purchased 2,383 non-voting ordinary shares of OTC Clear from its non-controlling interests at a consideration of $305 million (2025: $Nil). Following the acquisition, the written put options relating to these shares lapsed (note 20), and the Group's interest in OTC Clear increased to 93 per cent. The effect of the change in ownership interest of OTC Clear on the equity attributable to HKEX's shareholders is summarised as follows:

	Reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests $m	**Retained earnings $m**
Carrying amount of non-controlling interests acquired	**-**	**271**
Consideration paid	**-**	**(305)**
Carrying amount of written put options lapsed	**195**	**-**
Reversal of interest relating to written put options lapsed	**(38)**	**38**
Amounts credited to equity attributable to HKEX shareholders	**157**	**4**

25. 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 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Profit before taxation	**12,606**	10,164
Adjustments for:		
Net interest income	**(2,191)**	(2,609)
Net gains on financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through profit or loss and derivative financial instruments	**(253)**	(122)
Gain on modification of leases upon acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises	**-**	(76)
Finance costs	**42**	49
Depreciation and amortisation	**777**	743
Employee share-based compensation benefits	**217**	190
Share of results of joint ventures and an associate	**(14)**	(17)
Other non-cash adjustments	**(7)**	16
Net increase in financial assets of Margin Funds	**(19,485)**	(45,517)
Net increase in financial liabilities of Margin Funds	**19,210**	45,651
Net increase in Clearing House Fund financial assets	**(1,775)**	(1,668)
Net increase in Clearing House Fund financial liabilities	**1,688**	1,512
(Increase)/decrease in cash prepayments and collateral for A-shares	**(1,771)**	1,455
Decrease in Corporate Funds used for supporting Skin-in-the-Game and default fund credits	**90**	103
Decrease in Corporate Funds transferred to SHCH as inter-CCP margin	**152**	29
Increase in accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits	**(12,816)**	(2,542)
Increase in other liabilities	**14,781**	1,774
Net cash inflow from principal operations	**11,251**	9,135
Interest received from short-term debt securities, time deposits and cash and cash equivalents	**3,909**	3,844
Interest paid to Participants	**(3,216)**	(2,121)
Cash paid for foreign exchange swaps	**(116)**	(36)
Income tax paid	**(1,202)**	(753)
Net cash inflow from principal operating activities (non-HKFRS measure)	**10,626**	10,069

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

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

	Borrowings		Lease liabilities	
	2026 $m	2025 $m	**2026 $m**	2025 $m
At 1 Jan	**398**	452	**851**	1,294
Additions of leases	**-**	-	**34**	24
Reassessment/modification of leases	**-**	-	**43**	(324)
Interest on borrowings	**2**	2	**-**	-
Interest on lease liabilities	**-**	-	**17**	22
Lapse of written put options (note 24)	**(195)**	-	**-**	-
Cash flows				
- Payments of capital elements of lease liabilities	**-**	-	**(133)**	(133)
- Payments of interest elements of lease liabilities	**-**	-	**(17)**	(22)
- Payment for written put options exercised by non-controlling interests (note 20(a))	**(19)**	-	**-**	-
- Dividend paid to non-controlling interests (note 20(b))	**(36)**	(59)	**-**	-
Exchange differences	**-**	-	**1**	12
At 30 Jun	**150**	395	**796**	873

26. Capital Expenditures and Commitments

During the six months ended 30 June 2026, the Group incurred capital expenditures of $3,301 million (2025: $2,657 million), of which $2,447 million (2025: $1,805 million) was related to the acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises.

At 30 June 2026, the Group's commitments in respect of capital expenditure were as follows:

	At 30 Jun 2026 $m	At 31 Dec 2025 $m
Contracted but not provided for:		
- HKEX headquarters premises (note 15(a))	**1,149**	3,424
- other fixed assets	**385**	104
- intangible assets	**210**	183
Authorised but not contracted for:		
- fixed assets	**647**	758
- intangible assets	**732**	816
	3,123	5,285

27. Contingent Liabilities

In addition to those disclosed elsewhere in these condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group's material contingent liabilities at 30 June 2026 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 2025: $71 million). Up to 30 June 2026, no calls had been made by the SFC in this connection.

(b) 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.

Other than the above, while the Group may be involved in legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business from time to time, none of these is expected to have a material financial impact on the Group.

28. Material Related Party Transactions

(a) Key management personnel compensation

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 $m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 $m
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	**131**	100
Employee share-based compensation benefits	**70**	55
Retirement benefit costs	**7**	6
	208	161

(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)).

29. 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$2,466 million (HK$19,338 million) at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: US$2,331 million (HK$18,145 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$10,166 million (HK$79,722 million) at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: US$14,329 million (HK$111,532 million)). Such non-cash collateral, together with certain financial assets amounting to US$3,408 million (HK$26,725 million) at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: US$2,700 million (HK$21,013 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.

30. Capital Management

At 30 June 2026, the Group had set aside $4,000 million (31 December 2025: $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 2025: $2,160 million) had been injected into HKSCC, SEOCH and HKCC as share capital.

31. 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 2026				At 31 Dec 2025			
Recurring fair value measurements:	**Level 1 $m**	**Level 2 $m**	**Level 3 $m**	**Total $m**	Level 1 $m	Level 2 $m	Level 3 $m	Total $m
Financial assets								
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss:								
- investment funds	**-**	**756**	**-**	**756**	-	1,376	-	1,376
- equity securities	**-**	**-**	**794**	**794**	-	-	496	496
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income:								
- debt securities	**47,003**	**39,257**	**-**	**86,260**	40,841	24,962	-	65,803
Derivative financial instruments:								
- base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear	**-**	**118,592**	**-**	**118,592**	-	160,601	-	160,601
- forward foreign exchange contracts	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	-	4	-	4
- foreign exchange swaps	**-**	**11**	**-**	**11**	-	3	-	3
	47,003	**158,616**	**794**	**206,413**	40,841	186,946	496	228,283
Financial liabilities								
Derivative financial instruments:								
- base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts cleared through LME Clear	**-**	**118,592**	**-**	**118,592**	-	160,601	-	160,601
- forward foreign exchange contracts	**-**	**10**	**-**	**10**	-	2	-	2
- foreign exchange swaps	**-**	**59**	**-**	**59**	-	83	-	83
	-	**118,661**	**-**	**118,661**	-	160,686	-	160,686

31. 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 2026 and 30 June 2025, 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)

	2026 **$m**	2025 $m
At 1 Jan	**496**	329
Gains recognised in condensed consolidated income statement under net investment income (note 5)	**298**	5
At 30 Jun	**794**	334
Total gains recognised for the period in the condensed consolidated income statement for assets held at 30 Jun 2026/2025	**298**	5

At 30 June 2026, 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 silicon, lithium carbonate, poly silicon, palladium and platinum 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 2026, the total fair value of the three investments was $794 million (31 December 2025: $496 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.

31. 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 2026		At 31 Dec 2025	
	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]	**1,301**	**1,327**	1,333	1,378
- other financial assets maturing over one year[2]	**60**	**48**	67	55
Liabilities				
Borrowings:				
- written put options to non-controlling interests[3]	**150**	**152**	398	403
Financial guarantee to the Collector of Stamp Revenue[4]	**20**	**29**	20	29

1 The fair values are based on quotes obtained from external pricing service providers.

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 3.65 per cent to 4.80 per cent at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: 3.02 per cent to 4.55 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 4.01 per cent at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: 3.59 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 4.43 per cent at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: 4.37 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.