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2026 INTERIM RESULTS, INTERIM DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Bonnie Y Chan, Chief Executive Officer said:

HKEX delivered an exceptional first half of 2026, with revenue and profit both reaching new half-yearly records, surpassing those set in the second half of 2025. Supported by robust market sentiment, strong fundraising demand from technology and AI-related companies, and active participation from both Chinese Mainland and international investors, trading activity across our Cash, Derivatives and Stock Connect Markets reached record half-yearly highs, underscoring the resilience and relevance of our markets. Our commodities franchise is also progressing from strength to strength, with trading volumes at the London Metal Exchange rising to a fresh half-yearly record.

We continued to deliver on our strategic priorities, expanding and diversifying our product ecosystem while strengthening market infrastructure and connectivity. During the period, we advanced key market structure initiatives, such as launching a consultation on accelerated settlement for our Cash Market and moving forward with a streamlined Board Lot Framework. We also broadened our derivatives and index product offerings, welcoming the first ETF to track an HKEX-branded index, the HKEX Tech 100. We also deepened international collaboration, and made important progress in Hong Kong's fixed-income and currency ecosystem, including the announcement of the launch of China Government Bond Futures.

Looking ahead, despite persistent macro and geopolitical uncertainties, the long-term opportunity for HKEX and for Hong Kong remains compelling as global capital increasingly seeks access to China's innovation economy and Asia's growth prospects. Through market reforms, enhanced connectivity and the expansion of our multi-asset ecosystem, we are strengthening the competitiveness, resilience and attractiveness of our markets. HKEX is well positioned to connect capital with opportunity and support investors' evolving needs, whilst reinforcing Hong Kong's role as a leading international financial centre.

Strategic & Operational Highlights

Corporate

- 27 Mar Signed an MOU with Bursa Malaysia to strengthen collaboration and enhance capital market connectivity between Hong Kong and Malaysia
- 2 Jun Signed MOUs with Astana International Exchange and Astana International Financial Centre Authority to strengthen collaboration and enhance capital market connectivity between Hong Kong and Central Asia

Regulation

- 13 Mar Published a consultation paper on Listing Framework Competitiveness Review, with the consultation conclusions published on 24 July 2026 and the new Listing Rule requirements becoming effective immediately thereafter
- 20 Apr Published consultation conclusions on Review of Chapter 15A – Structured Products
- 30 Jun Published consultation conclusions on enhancements to the Board Lot Framework in the Hong Kong Securities Market, with Phase 1 implemented on 2 July 2026

Products and Services

- 5 Feb The LME's Dubai-based fellow subsidiary, Commodity Pricing and Analysis Limited (CPAL), launched LME Insight, a new platform providing metals market news and analysis with a focus on metals central to the green transition and adjacent industries
- 27 Mar Launched the HKEX Bursa Malaysia Large Cap Index
- 31 Mar Launched the HKEX KRX Semiconductor Index and the HKEX Tech & US Tech 100 Index
- 5 Jun Inclusion of Hong Kong-listed stocks as eligible underlying for Single Stock L&I Products announced by the SFC
- 18 Jun Announced the introduction of 5-year China Government Bond Futures, which were launched on 3 August 2026
- 26 Jun First ETF tracking the HKEX Tech 100 Index listed

Market Operations

- 2 Jan OTC Clear implemented enhancements to margin collateral arrangements
- 9 Jan Announced Phase 2 of minimum spreads reduction, which was implemented on 3 August 2026
- 10 Mar The LME and LME Clear announced the introduction of auto-expiry for options, to be effective from 21 September 2026
- 17 Apr Published a consultation paper on accelerated settlement for the Hong Kong Cash Market
- 6 May The commencement notice of the uncertificated securities market (USM) regime vetted by the Legislative Council, with commencement scheduled for 16 November 2026
- 15 Jun LME Clear announced enhancements to its margin collateral services, increasing flexibility for members using CNH and Hong Kong warehouse warrants as margin collateral
- 18 Jun Jointly announced with the HKMA a pilot project to explore the use of e-HKD for the After-Hours Trading (AHT) session in the Derivatives Market
- 22 Jun Announced enhancements to the client margin framework at HKEX's derivatives clearing houses

Sustainability

- 27 Jan Signed an MOU with B3 (Brazil's stock exchange operator) to advance carbon market development and explore opportunities in commodities in Hong Kong and Brazil
- 9 Mar HKEX Foundation launched its flagship Care for Caregivers Programme
- 24 Apr HKEX Foundation launched the 2026 HKEX Impact Funding Scheme
- 24 Jun HKEX Foundation launched the 2026 HKEX Charity Partnership Programme

Comparison of 1H 2026 with 1H 2025 Results

Financial Highlights

- HKEX reported record half-yearly revenue and other income and record profit in 1H 2026.
- 1H 2026 revenue and other income of \$16,702 million was 19 per cent higher than 1H 2025:
 - Core business revenue grew 19 per cent over 1H 2025, reflecting record volumes across the Cash, Derivatives and Commodities Markets; partly offset by lower net investment income from Margin Funds due to higher rebates payable to CPs.
 - Net investment income from Corporate Funds of \$1,083 million increased 4 per cent over 1H 2025, due to the non-recurring gains on valuation of the Group's unlisted equity investments of \$298 million, partly offset by lower net fair value gains on the External Portfolio (1H 2026: \$30 million; 1H 2025: \$202 million).
- Operating expenses rose by 6 per cent compared with 1H 2025, due to higher staff and IT costs and increased charitable donations made by HKEX Foundation, partly offset by a \$90 million fine paid to the FCA in 1H 2025, and an insurance claim of \$24 million received in 1H 2026, both relating to the nickel market events in 2022. Excluding charitable donations, FCA fine and the insurance claim, operating expenses were up 9 per cent.
- EBITDA margin¹ stood at 81 per cent, up 2 percentage points from 1H 2025.
- Profit attributable to shareholders was \$10,568 million, 24 per cent above 1H 2025.

Key Financials

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Change
Revenue and other income			
Core business revenue	15,474	12,954	19%
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	145	78	86%
Net investment income of Corporate Funds	1,083	1,044	4%
	16,702	14,076	19%
Operating expenses	3,155	2,973	6%
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	13,411	10,939	23%
Profit attributable to shareholders	10,568	8,519	24%
Capital expenditure			
HKEX headquarters premises	2,447	1,805	36%
Others	854	852	0%
	3,301	2,657	24%
Basic earnings per share	\$8.36	\$6.74	24%
Interim dividend per share	\$7.43	\$6.00	24%

Key Market Statistics

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025	Change
ADT of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	263.5 ⁴	222.8	18%
ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	19.5	17.4	12%
ADT traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ (Headline ADT) (\$bn)	283.0 ⁴	240.2	18%
ADT of Northbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	345.3 ⁴	171.3	102%
ADT of Southbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	123.1 ⁴	111.0	11%
ADV of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange ('000 contracts)	867 ⁴	832	4%
ADV of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange ('000 contracts)	942 ⁴	868	9%
Chargeable ADV ³ of metals contracts traded on the LME ('000 lots)	844 ⁴	715	18%
ADT of Northbound Bond Connect (RMBbn)	47.6 ⁴	45.9	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 half-yearly high

¹ For the purposes of this announcement, 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 joint ventures and an associate. 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.

Comparison of Q2 2026 with Q2 2025 Results

Financial Highlights

- Q2 2026 revenue and other income, and profit, both reached record quarterly highs.
- Q2 2026 revenue and other income of \$8,499 million was 18 per cent higher than Q2 2025:
 - Core business revenue climbed 17 per cent over Q2 2025, driven by higher trading and clearing fees on rising volumes across the Cash, Derivatives and Commodities Markets; partly offset by lower net investment income from Margin Funds.
 - Net investment income from Corporate Funds was \$642 million (Q2 2025: \$528 million), due to the non-recurring gains on valuation of the Group's unlisted equity investments of \$290 million, partly offset by lower investment returns from internally managed Corporate Funds.
- Operating expenses increased by 11 per cent due to higher staff and IT costs.
- EBITDA margin stood at 81 per cent, up 1 percentage point from Q2 2025.
- Profit attributable to shareholders of \$5,380 million was 21 per cent above Q2 2025.

Key Financials

	Three months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Three months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Change
Revenue and other income			
Core business revenue	7,789	6,639	17%
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	68	52	31%
Net investment income of Corporate Funds	642	528	22%
	8,499	7,219	18%
Operating expenses	1,613	1,457	11%
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	6,819	5,685	20%
Profit attributable to shareholders	5,380	4,442	21%
Capital expenditure			
HKEX headquarters premises	2,447	1,805	36%
Others	502	371	35%
	2,949	2,176	36%
Basic earnings per share	\$4.26	\$3.51	21%

Key Market Statistics

	Three months ended 30 Jun 2026	Three months ended 30 Jun 2025	Change
ADT of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	272.0 ⁴	220.3	23%
ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	17.5	17.4	1%
ADT traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ (Headline ADT) (\$bn)	289.5 ⁴	237.7	22%
ADT of Northbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	366.1 ⁴	151.8	141%
ADT of Southbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	123.7	112.0	10%
ADV of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange ('000 contracts)	849	763	11%
ADV of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange ('000 contracts)	941	771	22%
Chargeable ADV ³ of metals contracts traded on the LME ('000 lots)	810	733	11%
ADT of Northbound Bond Connect (RMBbn)	45.0	45.5	(1%)

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

Comparison of Q2 2026 with Q1 2026 Results

Financial Highlights

- Q2 2026 revenue and other income was 4 per cent higher than Q1 2026:
 - Core business revenue edged up 1 per cent on Q1 2026, mainly reflecting a seasonal increase in depository fees, as well as higher trading and clearing fees on increased Cash Market and Stock Connect volumes; partly offset by lower net investment income from Margin Funds.
 - Net investment income from Corporate Funds of \$642 million rose 46 per cent from Q1 2026, due to the non-recurring gains on valuation of the Group's unlisted equity investments of \$290 million, partly offset by lower investment returns from internally managed Corporate Funds.
- Operating expenses increased by 5 per cent due to higher staff costs and an insurance claim of \$24 million received in Q1 2026 relating to the nickel market events in 2022, partly offset by lower charitable donations made by HKEX Foundation.
- EBITDA margin remained unchanged at 81 per cent in both periods.
- Profit attributable to shareholders was \$5,380 million, 4 per cent above Q1 2026.

Key Financials

	Three months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Three months ended 31 Mar 2026 \$m	Change
Revenue and other income			
Core business revenue	7,789	7,685	1%
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	68	77	(12%)
Net investment income of Corporate Funds	642	441	46%
	8,499	8,203	4%
Operating expenses	1,613	1,542	5%
EBITDA (non-HKFRS measure)	6,819	6,592	3%
Profit attributable to shareholders	5,380	5,188	4%
Capital expenditure			
HKEX headquarters premises	2,447	-	N/A
Others	502	352	43%
	2,949	352	738%
Basic earnings per share	\$4.26	\$4.10	4%

Key Market Statistics

	Three months ended 30 Jun 2026	Three months ended 31 Mar 2026	Change
ADT of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	272.0 ⁴	255.3	7%
ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	17.5	21.4	(18%)
ADT traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ (Headline ADT) (\$bn)	289.5 ⁴	276.7	5%
ADT of Northbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	366.1 ⁴	324.1	13%
ADT of Southbound Trading of Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	123.7	122.5	1%
ADV of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange ('000 contracts)	849	885	(4%)
ADV of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange ('000 contracts)	941	944	0%
Chargeable ADV ³ of metals contracts traded on the LME ('000 lots)	810	877	(8%)
ADT of Northbound Bond Connect (RMBbn)	45.0	50.4	(11%)

¹ ADT of Southbound Trading is included within Headline ADT.

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³ Chargeable ADV excludes administrative trades (Admin Trades).

⁴ New record quarterly high

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Building on the strong momentum achieved in 2025, HKEX entered 2026 with resilience and continued strategic progress, delivering record first-half performance against a backdrop of macroeconomic uncertainty and evolving geopolitical dynamics. These shifting conditions have underscored the importance of portfolio diversification, prompting a growing number of global investors to look towards Asia — including China and Hong Kong — as key destinations for long-term capital allocation.

During the first half of 2026, we further strengthened Hong Kong's position as a leading international financial centre and fundraising hub. Market activity remained buoyant, supported by sustained IPO momentum, active Connect participation and growing interest from global issuers and investors. In addition to welcoming high-quality Chinese Mainland enterprises to our market, we have been actively broadening our issuer base by attracting companies from across Asia, Central Asia, the Middle East and other regions to list in Hong Kong, reinforcing the breadth and diversity of our marketplace.

We expanded and diversified our multi-asset ecosystem by introducing new products, enhancing our market infrastructure and improving our overall competitiveness. These included key initiatives such as the USM, consultations on listing competitiveness and market-structure reforms, and new indices and derivatives products.

We are also broadening our commodities ecosystem in Hong Kong through the LME, our wholly owned subsidiary, and have continued to expand our warehousing network, with seven warehouse companies approved to operate in the city as at 30 June 2026, providing a total approved storage area of 52,705 square metres. Furthermore, in recognition of the growing international importance of the RMB and Hong Kong's unique role as the world's largest offshore RMB hub, we have been steadily expanding our suite of RMB-denominated products to meet rising demand from issuers and investors alike.

We also deepened our international and regional connectivity, working closely with peer exchanges and counterparts and participating in major global forums to reinforce Hong Kong's unique role as a superconnector between China and the world. Our ongoing engagement with policymakers, regulators and market participants has helped ensure our markets continue to be responsive, forward-looking and globally competitive.

Our Performance

The first half of 2026 was an exceptional period for HKEX, reflecting the breadth and depth of our diversified business model. We delivered record half-yearly revenue and other income and profit, underpinned by vibrant market activity and broad-based participation across our businesses.

Market turnover was driven by robust demand for equities and the growing use of innovative trading products. In the first half, Cash Market Headline ADT reached a record \$283.0 billion, while ADV of derivatives contracts also reached a record of 1.8 million contracts, representing year-on-year increases of 18 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively. Our ETP market also set a new half-yearly high, with ADT climbing 28 per cent year-on-year to \$48.4 billion. At the same time, both Northbound and Southbound Stock Connect ADT also reached record highs, with Northbound more than doubling to RMB345.3 billion and Southbound rising 11 per cent to \$123.1 billion, reinforcing Hong Kong's role as a vital gateway between the Chinese Mainland and international markets.

The IPO market in Hong Kong remained buoyant, supported by a surge in listings from the AI and broader technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) sectors. In the first half, there were 87 new listings, raising a total of \$212.4 billion, up 94 per cent on the same period last year. This strength, together with a strong pipeline of issuers, highlights Hong Kong's enduring attractiveness as a premier global capital raising centre.

Beyond equities, the LME recorded double-digit growth in the first half, with chargeable average daily volume of metals contracts reaching a record half-yearly high of 844,000 lots, up 18 per cent year-on-year, reflecting heightened activity across the global metals markets.

For the six months ended 30 June 2026, the Group reported total revenue and other income of \$16,702 million and profit attributable to shareholders of \$10,568 million, representing year-on-year increases of 19 per cent and 24 per cent, respectively. The Board declared an interim dividend of \$7.43 per share, payable in cash.

Strategic Update

We made good strategic headway during the period, advancing market modernisation, extending our regional and global reach, broadening our product range and strengthening the competitiveness of Hong Kong's markets.

We added to our index suite in March 2026 with the launch of three new benchmarks — the HKEX Bursa Malaysia Large Cap Index, the HKEX Tech & US Tech 100 Index and the HKEX KRX Semiconductor Index. This was followed by the introduction of 17 weekly single stock option classes in June 2026. In the same month, we announced plans to launch Five-Year China Government Bond Futures, which began trading on 3 August 2026, deepening our Fixed Income and Currencies ecosystem and expanding the range of China-related risk management tools available to global investors.

Beyond product innovation, we welcomed OTP Bank of Hungary to Hong Kong's debt market in July 2026, with the listing of a EUR1 billion Tier 2 bond — a first for any Hungarian issuer in Hong Kong. This debut adds to the geographic diversity of our international debt platform and forges closer links between Central and Eastern European issuers with both global and Chinese onshore investors.

In close consultation with regulators, investors, issuers and intermediaries, we progressed the roll-out of the USM, which is scheduled to commence on 16 November 2026, a significant step towards bolstering shareholder protection, enabling more convenient electronic portfolio management and future-proofing Hong Kong's post-trade infrastructure.

As part of our ongoing efforts to modernise Hong Kong's market infrastructure, we published a consultation paper on accelerated settlement for the Cash Market in April 2026, outlining a proposed operational model to shorten its settlement cycle to T+1. In June 2026, we published conclusions on enhancements to the board lot framework for the Hong Kong securities market, with Phase 1 implemented on 2 July 2026. These introduce a more streamlined approach to improve accessibility, simplify arrangements and lift trading efficiency.

Together with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, we began a pilot project in June 2026 to explore the use of e-HKD for derivatives after-hours trading, offering a more flexible and timely payment option outside of regular business hours.

On the listing front, we published a market consultation in March 2026 on proposals to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong's listing framework and foster a more inclusive and vibrant market, widening the range of investment opportunities for investors and issuers. Following broad market support, we released the conclusions and implemented the proposals in late July. In April 2026, we also concluded our review of Chapter 15A of the Main Board Listing Rules, refining the structured products regime and confirming Hong Kong's standing as the world's leading structured product market. We also unveiled plans for the HKEX Issuer Access Platform, due in the fourth quarter of 2026, which will serve as the primary channel for listed issuers and their advisers to submit regulatory filings and liaise with the Exchange, further supporting transparency and accessibility.

Our role as a regional and global connector expanded further. In April 2026, we hosted the 40th Asian and Oceanian Stock Exchanges Federation General Assembly in Hong Kong, convening senior exchange leaders from across the region to promote cooperation, market resilience, liquidity and product innovation. Earlier in March, we signed an MOU with Bursa Malaysia to advance collaboration in areas including dual listings, exchange-traded products, index development and carbon markets, with our co-branded large-cap index reflecting these joint efforts to widen cross-market access.

In June 2026, we signed MOUs with the Astana International Financial Centre Authority and Astana International Exchange, strengthening ties between Hong Kong and Central Asia. These agreements will support cross-border listing opportunities, facilitate capital flows and encourage cooperation in areas such as green finance, decarbonisation, commodities markets and sustainability. We also renewed our MOU with China Financial Futures Exchange, underscoring our shared commitment to develop the Hong Kong and Shanghai financial markets.

At home, we celebrated 40 years of Hong Kong's modern stock exchange at the "Champions of Connectivity" event in May 2026, bringing together stakeholders to reflect on four decades of progress driven by the connectivity of capital, ideas and people. We also announced plans to upgrade our permanent headquarters at Exchange Square and Connect Hall, and opened a new Depository and Customer Service Centre in Sheung Wan, underscoring our long-term investment in Hong Kong.

The LME made meaningful progress in strengthening its global commodities business. In February 2026, its Dubai-based subsidiary CPAL launched "LME Insight", a platform providing news and analysis across the sector, with a particular focus on metals central to the green transition. In March 2026, it launched a consultation on proposed enhancements to its physical market operations, aimed at improving transparency, operational efficiency and fair access across its warehousing network. Following strong support from market participants, the consultation conclusion was published in July 2026 pursuant to which all enhancement proposals will be implemented. In May 2026, LME Asia Week gathered industry leaders and market participants from the global metals and financial communities in Hong Kong, giving attendees from the Chinese Mainland, Asia and beyond a valuable forum to connect and exchange insights. Separately, in June 2026 the LME signed an agreement with the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) to launch LME Steel HRC Shanghai, a contract that will give international participants access to the SHFE flat steel market, enhancing price discovery and drawing broader global participation.

Taken together, these efforts reflect our commitment to building resilient, efficient and globally connected markets. Further details are set out in the Business Review section of this announcement.

Corporate Responsibility

Corporate responsibility remains central to HKEX's purpose and long-term success. Through our charitable arm, HKEX Foundation, we invested in programmes that deliver positive social and environmental impact. A notable example was the launch of the Care for Caregivers Programme in March 2026, a flagship effort to empower and recognise Hong Kong's invaluable caregiver community, build institutional support and drive lasting change. Having initially pledged \$50 million, we doubled our funding to \$100 million to extend its community service coverage, enabling broader and more sustainable support for caregivers.

In parallel, we worked to raise ESG awareness and elevate market practices, hosting an ESG Academy seminar that helped participants embed robust governance, risk management and sustainability considerations into their operations. We reaffirmed our target of net-zero emissions by 2040 and widened our international cooperation, including an MOU with Brazilian exchange operator B3 to advance sustainable finance and carbon markets.

We also stepped up our wider sustainability agenda, recognising the vital role of financial markets in supporting the shift to a low-carbon economy. Through the Carbon Pathways series and active participation in leading forums including the World Economic Forum, we promoted dialogue on climate transition and green financing, cementing our position as a thought leader in sustainable finance.

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Mrs Susan Chow, Mr Cheah Cheng Hye and Mr Hugo Leung, who retired at the conclusion of the 2026 AGM, for their valuable service during their tenure as Directors. I am also delighted to welcome Mr Clement Chan, Ms Miranda Kwok and Mr Gordon Orr, who were newly appointed Directors, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation to my fellow Directors for their ongoing guidance and counsel.

Finally, I would like to thank all our stakeholders, in particular our shareholders, management team and dedicated colleagues, for their steadfast support and invaluable contributions. Their continued dedication will be vital as we seize new opportunities and pursue long-term growth and excellence.

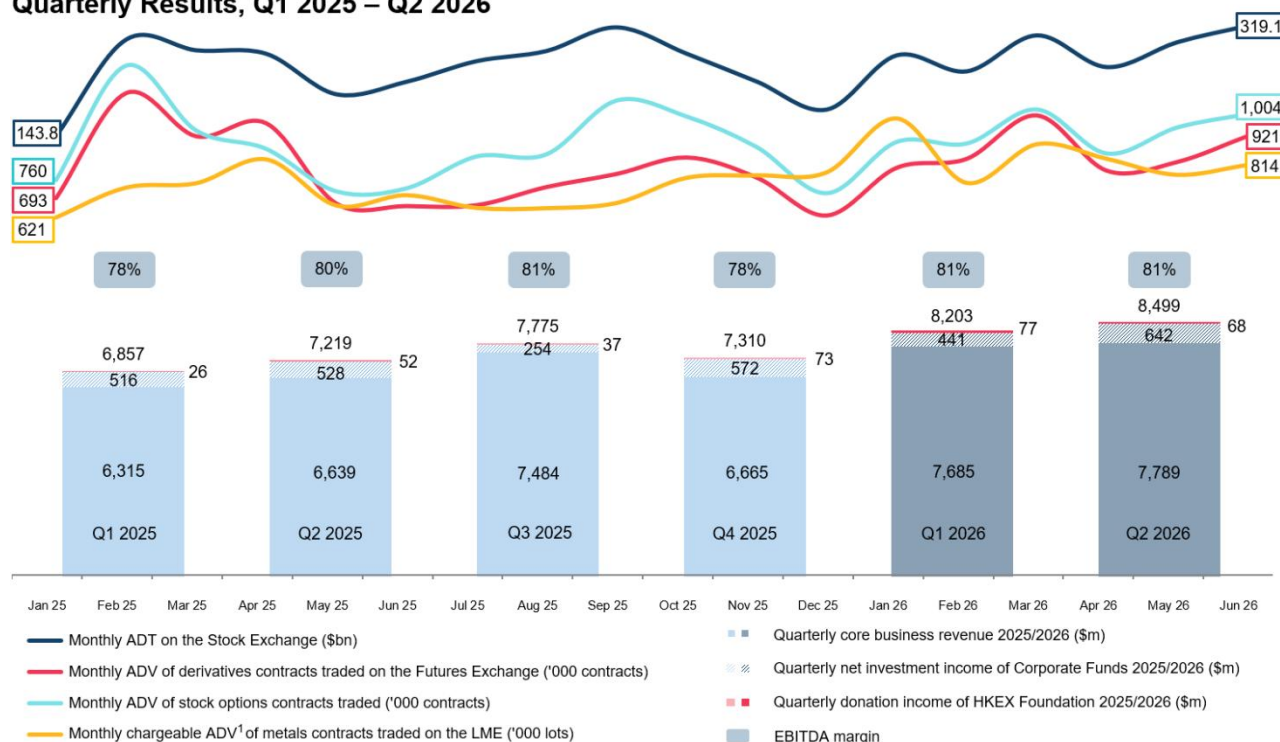
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Overview

Quarterly Results, Q1 2025 – Q2 2026



1 Chargeable ADV excludes administrative trades (Admin Trades).

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

Building on the positive momentum from 2025, HKEX delivered a strong 1H 2026, with revenue and other income, and profit, both reaching record half-yearly highs – surpassing the previous records set in 2H 2025.

Driven by positive market sentiment, strong interest in Chinese Mainland technology and AI-related stocks, sustained momentum in IPO activity, and active participation from both Chinese Mainland and international investors, trading volumes across the Cash Market, Derivatives Market and Stock Connect reached record half-yearly highs in 1H 2026. Cash Market Headline ADT of \$283.0 billion was 18 per cent higher than 1H 2025, Northbound Stock Connect ADT more than doubled, and ADV of derivatives contracts traded increased 6 per cent year-on-year to 1.8 million contracts. The Group's Commodities Market also performed strongly, with LME chargeable ADV reaching a record half-yearly high of 844,000 contracts, up 18 per cent compared with 1H 2025. In the primary market, Hong Kong ranked second globally among IPO venues, with IPO equity funds raised nearly doubling from 1H 2025 to \$212.4 billion, while the IPO pipeline remained robust.

Driven by record trading volumes and buoyant primary market, revenue and other income for 1H 2026 reached a record half-yearly high of \$16.7 billion, up 19 per cent compared with 1H 2025, reflecting higher trading and clearing fees, depository fees, and Stock Exchange listing fees. The increase was partly offset by lower net investment income, mainly attributable to lower net returns from the Margin Funds arising from higher rebates payables to CPs, although this was partly compensated by the non-recurring gains on valuation of the unlisted equity investments. Operating expenses were 6 per cent higher than 1H 2025, mainly due to higher staff costs from increased headcount and payroll adjustments and higher IT costs arising from inflationary adjustments, partly offset by a \$90 million fine paid to the FCA in 1H 2025 and an insurance claim of \$24 million received in 1H 2026, both relating to the nickel market events in 2022.

For Q2 2026, revenue and other income reached a record quarterly high of \$8.5 billion, up 4 per cent from Q1 2026, driven by increases in depository fees, and trading and clearing fees from the Cash Market and Stock Connect. Operating expenses were 5 per cent higher than Q1 2026, primarily due to higher staff costs and the receipt of a \$24 million insurance claim in Q1 2026, partly offset by lower charitable donations made by the HKEX Foundation. As a result, profit reached a record quarterly high of \$5.4 billion, up 4 per cent from Q1 2026. Compared with Q2 2025, revenue and other income increased by 18 per cent and profit rose by 21 per cent, reflecting higher trading and clearing fees from increased volumes across the Cash, Derivatives and Commodities Markets, partly offset by lower net investment income from the Margin Funds.

Analysis of Results and Business Update by Operating Segment

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026				Six months ended 30 Jun 2025			
	Revenue and other income	Transaction-related expenses	Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses	EBITDA	Revenue and other income	Transaction-related expenses	Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses	EBITDA
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Results by segment:								
Cash	8,844	(6)	8,838	8,141	6,699	(6)	6,693	6,063
Equity and Financial								
Derivatives	3,428	(130)	3,298	2,758	3,553	(158)	3,395	2,932
Commodities	1,992	-	1,992	1,364	1,514	-	1,514	797
Data and Connectivity	1,199	-	1,199	978	1,104	-	1,104	895
Corporate Items	1,239	-	1,239	170	1,206	-	1,206	252
	16,702	(136)	16,566	13,411	14,076	(164)	13,912	10,939

Cash Segment

Analysis of Results

Revenue and other income (less transaction-related expenses) was up 32 per cent and EBITDA was up 34 per cent compared with 1H 2025, mainly due to increase in trading and clearing activities of Stock Exchange equity products.

Trading fees of Stock Exchange equity products rose by 18 per cent to \$3,024 million in 1H 2026 (1H 2025: \$2,556 million), driven by the increase in ADT of equity products traded. Included in the fees were Southbound Stock Connect fees of \$369 million (1H 2025: \$339 million), which rose in line with the increase in Southbound trading volumes.

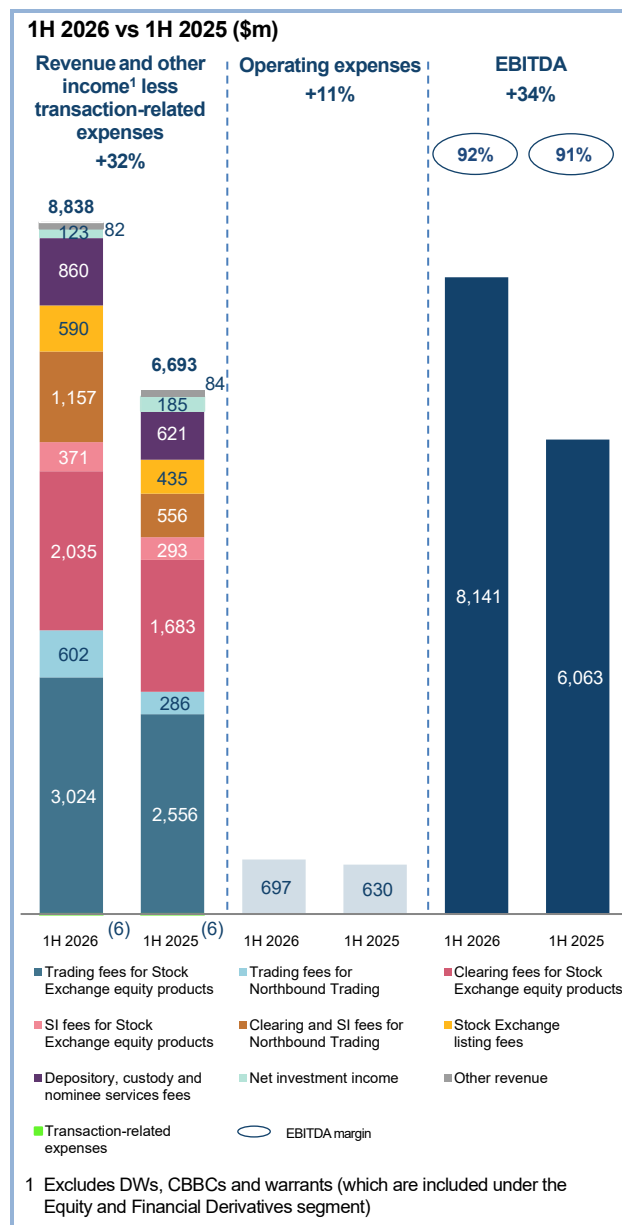
Northbound Stock Connect trading fees more than doubled to \$602 million in 1H 2026 (1H 2025: \$286 million), attributable to a 102 per cent increase in Northbound ADT and appreciation of the RMB.

Clearing fees for Stock Exchange equity products rose by 21 per cent to \$2,035 million in 1H 2026 (1H 2025: \$1,683 million), reflecting the increase in ADT, and higher average clearing fee per trade value following the removal of the maximum and minimum fees per trade effective from 30 June 2025. Consistent with the trend in Northbound trading fees, clearing and settlement instruction (SI) fees for Northbound Trading more than doubled to \$1,157 million (1H 2025: \$556 million), driven by the higher Northbound trading and SI volumes.

Stock Exchange listing fees rose 36 per cent to \$590 million (1H 2025: \$435 million), due to an increase in number of forfeitures.

Depository, custody and nominee services fees increased by 38 per cent to \$860 million (1H 2025: \$621 million), mainly due to higher electronic IPO fees from an increased number of IPO applications, and higher portfolio fees from increased portfolio values held under Stock Connect.

Operating expenses increased by 11 per cent mainly due to higher staff costs arising from increase in headcount and payroll adjustments, and higher Listing Division costs allocated to this segment (Cash Segment), as a result of higher increase in listing fees under this segment relative to the Equity and Financial Derivatives Segment.



Business Update

The Hong Kong Cash Market continued to be robust during 1H 2026, underpinned by positive market sentiment, active participation from both Chinese Mainland and international investors and a vibrant IPO market. Headline ADT reached a record half-yearly high of \$283.0 billion in 1H 2026, up 18 per cent compared with 1H 2025. Trading activity was particularly strong in Q2 2026, with Headline ADT reaching a record quarterly high of \$289.5 billion, up 22 per cent compared with Q2 2025, and surpassing the previous record of \$286.4 billion set in Q3 2025.

Stock Connect

Trading volumes of Stock Connect recorded strong growth in 1H 2026, with both Northbound ADT and Southbound ADT reaching record half-yearly highs. In particular, Northbound ADT of RMB345.3 billion in 1H 2026 was more than double compared with 1H 2025, while Q2 Northbound ADT reached a record quarterly high of RMB366.1 billion. Southbound ADT reached \$123.1 billion in 1H 2026, up 11 per cent compared with 1H 2025, and accounted for 22 per cent of the Headline ADT of the Cash Market in 1H 2026. As a result, revenue and other income from Stock Connect increased by 57 per cent to a record half-yearly high of \$2,851 million (1H 2025: \$1,813 million), of which \$2,402 million (1H 2025: \$1,445 million) arose from trading and clearing activities.

Market Structure Development

In May 2026, the commencement notice of the USM regime was vetted by the Legislative Council, paving the way for its commencement on 16 November 2026. To support the successful implementation of the USM regime, HKEX has been actively preparing for the upcoming market rehearsal, including hosting practice sessions for market participants and working closely with issuers to facilitate a smooth and seamless transition.

Following the implementation of Phase 1 of the reduction of minimum spreads in 2025, market liquidity has improved as a result of tighter spreads, lower transaction costs and enhanced execution efficiency, resulting in a deeper and more resilient Hong Kong Cash Market. On 3 August 2026, Phase 2 of the reduction of minimum spreads was successfully implemented and is expected to further enhance market liquidity.

Key Market Indicators	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025
ADT of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ (\$bn)	263.5 ⁴	222.8
ADT of Northbound Trading – Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	157.9 ⁴	80.9
ADT of Northbound Trading – Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect ² (RMBbn)	187.4 ⁴	90.4
ADT of Southbound Trading – Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	76.5 ⁴	69.1
ADT of Southbound Trading – Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect ² (\$bn)	46.6 ⁴	41.9
ADT of Northbound Bond Connect (RMBbn)	47.6 ⁴	45.9
Average daily number of trades of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange ¹ ('000)	3,853 ⁴	3,129
Average value per trade of equity products traded on the Stock Exchange (\$'000)	68.4	71.2
Average daily value of SIs for Stock Exchange trades (\$bn)	489.9	377.7
Average daily number of SIs for Stock Exchange trades ('000)	146	120
Average value per SI for Stock Exchange trades (\$'000)	3,367	3,160
Average daily value of SIs for Northbound Trading of Stock Connect (RMBbn)	44.2	25.7
Number of newly listed companies on the Main Board ³	86	44
Number of newly listed companies on GEM	1	-
Total equity funds raised		
- IPOs (\$bn)	212.4	109.4
- Post-IPO (\$bn)	136.8	175.1
Portfolio values of Northbound Trading of Stock Connect at 30 Jun (RMBbn)	3,138	2,296
Portfolio values of Southbound Trading of Stock Connect at 30 Jun (\$bn)	5,683	5,127
Number of companies listed on the Main Board at 30 Jun	2,443	2,329
Number of companies listed on GEM at 30 Jun	305	316
Number of trading days	119	120
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 2 transfers from GEM (1H 2025: 1) ⁴ New record half-yearly high in 1H 2026		

In June 2026, HKEX published the consultation conclusions on proposed enhancements to the Board Lot Framework in the Hong Kong Securities Market. The enhancements include standardising board lot sizes into eight prescribed options, lowering the minimum board lot value and introducing a new board lot value ceiling. The reforms are designed to improve operational efficiency and enhance market accessibility. Phase 1 of the reforms was successfully implemented on 2 July 2026, with Phase 2 scheduled for implementation on 16 November 2026, alongside the launch of the USM.

Clearing and Settlement

In April 2026, HKEX published a consultation paper on accelerated settlement for the Hong Kong Cash Market. The consultation paper was developed incorporating industry feedback on the discussion paper issued in July 2025 and proposed shortening the settlement cycle for the Hong Kong Cash Market to T+1. The consultation period ended on 18 May 2026. HKEX is consolidating the feedback received and will publish the consultation conclusions in due course.

Issuer Business

Backed by strong investor demand and a healthy IPO pipeline, Hong Kong ranked second globally for IPO fundraising in 1H 2026, underscoring its position as a leading capital-raising centre. There were 87 new listings in 1H 2026, raising \$212.4 billion, up 94 per cent compared with 1H 2025. Besides an increase in IPO activity across the AI value chain, HKEX attracted listings of diverse innovation-led issuers from different sectors, including TMT, healthcare, biotech, new energy and electric vehicles. In April 2026, HKEX welcomed Victory Giant Technology (HuiZhou) Co., Ltd., which raised \$23.1 billion, marking the largest IPO from the TMT sector in Hong Kong since March 2021 at the time of its listing. During 1H 2026, 24 A-share companies completed H-share listings in Hong Kong, further reinforcing Hong Kong's position as the preferred fundraising destination for Chinese Mainland companies. In June 2026, HKEX welcomed the listing of PT Merdeka Gold Resources Tbk, marking the first dual listing in Hong Kong by a company listed on Indonesia Stock Exchange.

Follow-on issuance remained robust in 1H 2026, with companies listed on SEHK raising \$296.0 billion, up 21 per cent compared with 1H 2025 and marking the strongest first-half performance since 2021. Equity-linked issuance volume was a key driver, reaching \$143.2 billion, more than double that of 1H 2025 and setting a new half-yearly record, due to positive market sentiment and low HKD and RMB funding costs. In April 2026, Contemporary Amperex Technology Co., Limited raised \$39.2 billion through a primary placement, representing one of the five largest follow-on offerings globally in 1H 2026.

HKEX continued to deepen its strategic international alliances in 1H 2026, entering into MOUs with Bursa Malaysia Berhad and Astana International Exchange to explore areas of collaboration, including cross-border and dual listings.

ETP Market Development

ADT of ETPs reached a record half-yearly high of \$48.4 billion in 1H 2026, representing a 28 per cent increase compared with 1H 2025 and accounting for 17 per cent of Headline ADT. This growth reflects heightened trading activity amid a vibrant Cash Market, alongside sustained expansion of Hong Kong's ETP ecosystem.

HKEX continued to broaden its ETP offerings in 1H 2026, with 26 new ETF listings across a diverse range of asset classes and strategies, including precious metals ETFs, covered call ETFs and the first ETF tracking the HKEX Tech 100 Index. These additions further enhanced product breadth, strengthened market depth, and reinforced Hong Kong's position as a premier ETF marketplace in Asia. Trading activity in Single Stock L&I Products continued to gain traction, supported by increased retail participation and demand for tactical trading tools. In June 2026, the SFC announced the expansion of eligible underlyings for Single Stock L&I Products to include Hong Kong-listed stocks, further supporting product innovation and the continued development of the ETP ecosystem.

During 1H 2026, eight new ETFs were added to Southbound Stock Connect, bringing the total number of eligible Southbound ETFs to 31 as at 30 June 2026. Supported by growing participation from Chinese Mainland investors, Southbound ETF ADT reached a record half-yearly high of \$6.1 billion in 1H 2026, up 61 per cent year-on-year. In addition, Northbound ETF ADT reached a record half-yearly high of RMB4.9 billion during the period, up 84 per cent year-on-year, with 365 ETFs eligible for Northbound Trading as at 30 June 2026.

Bond Connect

Northbound Bond Connect continued to facilitate international participation in the Chinese Mainland bond market during 1H 2026, and trading volume returned to an overall growth trajectory in 1H 2026, with ADT reaching a record half-yearly high of RMB47.6 billion, up 4 per cent compared with 1H 2025. Notably, the trading volume hit a daily record of RMB96.7 billion on 4 February 2026.

Listed Bond Market

In 1H 2026, 131 new debt securities were listed on the Stock Exchange, raising over \$535.8 billion. The number of listed bonds reached 1,337 as at 30 June 2026, with their total outstanding amount exceeding \$4.7 trillion.

FIC Development

On 7 July 2026, HKEX, together with regulators and market stakeholders, announced several initiatives to enhance Hong Kong's FIC ecosystem, including Bond Connect enhancements, collaboration on an electronic bond trading platform, strategic cooperation in cross-border RMB business. These initiatives are expected to support the continued development of Hong Kong's FIC and RMB ecosystem, while further advancing HKEX's broader multi-asset ecosystem strategy.

Market Surveillance and Compliance

During 1H 2026, 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 2026

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- Commenced the 2026 Annual Attestation and Inspection Program with a focus on two areas: (1) trading and deviated price risk controls and (2) risk management
 - Successfully implemented the Northbound Program Trading Reporting Requirements (PTRR) under Stock Connect
 - Published market communication materials, including:
 - (1) two compliance bulletins;
 - (2) compliance reminders and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on PTRR; and
 - (3) guidance materials for Market Maker applications, including FAQ and updated Explanatory Notes with indicative vetting timelines and response expectations
 - Hosted education seminars with broker associations to highlight recent updates on HKEX rules, regulations and compliance issues
 - Took enforcement actions against EPs for rule non-compliance and inappropriate trading activities identified and referred cases of suspected market misconduct by investor clients to the SFC for further handling
 - Imposed penalties against EPs for violation of investor eligibility requirements, non-compliance with submission requirements under Hong Kong Investor Identification Regime, and against CPs for failure to meet settlement obligations
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Listing Regulation

In March 2026, the Stock Exchange published a consultation paper on Listing Framework Competitiveness Review, seeking market feedback on a set of proposals to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong's listing framework, including optimisation of the weighted voting rights listing requirements, enhancing the pathway for overseas listed issuers to list in Hong Kong and expanding the confidential filing option to all new applicants. On 24 July 2026, the Stock Exchange published the consultation conclusions, and the new Listing Rule requirements became effective immediately upon publication.

In April 2026, the Stock Exchange published consultation conclusions on the Review of Chapter 15A – Structured Products. All proposals received strong market support and were implemented with certain refinements to reflect market feedback. The amendments were implemented in phases, with changes relating to key product requirements taking effect on 1 May 2026, and all other amendments becoming effective on 1 July 2026.

On 29 June 2026, the Stock Exchange announced the planned launch of the HKEX Issuer Access Platform (HKEX IAP) in Q4 2026. HKEX IAP will serve as the primary channel for listed issuers and their advisers to submit regulatory filings and interact with the Exchange on regulatory matters. It will provide a secure, centralised, web-based platform that facilitates efficient two-way communication. Registration and onboarding for HKEX IAP will be conducted in phases from July 2026.

On 30 June 2026, HKEX launched a new Shareholder Value in Focus webpage on the HKEX Market website. The webpage provides key valuation and performance metrics to facilitate investors' analysis and comparison of Hong Kong listed companies.

In addition, the Stock Exchange published the following guidance materials during 1H 2026:

Guidance materials

- Guide on the USM
 - Updates to FAQs on (i) public float requirement; (ii) first-time director training requirement; (iii) company secretary with multiple appointments; (iv) appointment, removal and remuneration of auditors; (v) ESG reporting and (vi) topics related to debt securities issuers
 - Practical tips to effective risk management & internal control systems
 - Recording of ESG Academy seminar "Risk Management and Internal Controls: From Awareness to Action"
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Equity and Financial Derivatives Segment

Analysis of Results

Revenue and other income (less transaction-related expenses) and EBITDA were down 3 per cent and 6 per cent respectively compared with 1H 2025, mainly due to lower net investment income of Margin Funds, partly offset by increased trading and listing activities of structured products and increased number of derivatives contracts traded.

Trading fees of DWs, CBBCs and warrants increased by 4 per cent to \$318 million (1H 2025: \$307 million) due to a 12 per cent increase in ADT, partly offset by lower fees from a decline in total notional values of newly listed DWs and CBBCs.

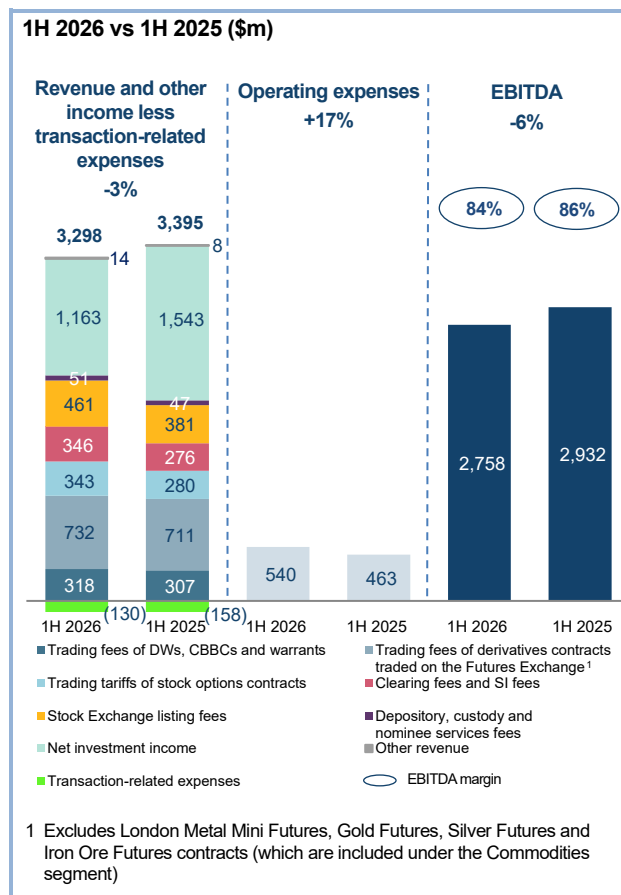
Futures Exchange derivatives trading fees² rose by 3 per cent to \$732 million (1H 2025: \$711 million), in line with the increase in the number of derivatives contracts traded.

Trading tariffs of stock options contracts increased by \$63 million, or 23 per cent to \$343 million (1H 2025: \$280 million), due to an increase in ADV of stock options, and a higher average fee per contract in 1H 2026, attributable to more active trading of options with a higher fee tier.

Stock Exchange listing fees rose by 21 per cent to \$461 million (1H 2025: \$381 million), due to an increase in the number of newly listed DWs compared with 1H 2025.

Net investment income decreased by 25 per cent to \$1,163 million (1H 2025: \$1,543 million), mainly attributable to lower investment returns and increased rebates to CPs following the enhancements to the margin collateral arrangements at HKEX clearing houses. This was partly offset by a larger average Margin Fund size, reflecting higher open positions, partially mitigated by lower margin requirements.

Operating expenses increased by 17 per cent due to higher staff costs resulting from increase in headcount, payroll adjustments, and increased resources allocated to this segment to support strategic initiatives.



² Excludes London Metal Mini Futures, Gold Futures, Silver Futures and Iron Ore Futures contracts (which are included under the Commodities segment)

Business Update

The Hong Kong Derivatives Market maintained its growth momentum in 1H 2026. ADV of derivatives contracts traded² (i.e., all futures and options contracts including stock options) reached a record half-yearly high of 1,809,449 contracts, up 6 per cent compared with 1H 2025. This growth was underpinned by robust trading and hedging demand amid an active market environment, with notable increases in trading volumes of stock options and Hang Seng TECH Index Futures and Options.

A number of futures and options contracts reached single-day record highs in volume and open interest (OI) during 1H 2026:

	Single-day Trading Volume*	
	Date (2026)	Number of contracts
Hang Seng TECH Index Futures	26 May	523,692
Hang Seng TECH Index Options	29 Jan	39,229
Hang Seng TECH Index Futures Options	4 Feb	208,378

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

	Open Interest*	
	Date (2026)	Number of contracts
Hang Seng TECH Index Futures	27 Jan	337,041
Hang Seng TECH Index Options	27 Mar	286,579
Hang Seng TECH Index Futures Options	4 Feb	575,029
Mini-HSI Options	26 Jun	96,595
Stock Options	26 Jun	22,181,650

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

Key Market Indicators	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025
ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange (\$bn)	19.5	17.4
Average daily number of trades of DWs, CBBCs and warrants traded on the Stock Exchange ('000)	467³	341
ADV of derivatives contracts traded on the Futures Exchange ¹ ('000 contracts)	867³	832
ADV of stock options contracts traded on the Stock Exchange ('000 contracts)	942³	868
Number of newly listed DWs	5,902	4,215
Number of newly listed CBBCs	15,938	16,007
Total notional values of newly listed securities:		
- DWs (\$bn)	85.4	76.4
- CBBCs (\$bn)	471.2	644.2
ADV of contracts traded during After-Hours Trading (AHT) ¹ ('000 contracts)	118	113
Number of trading days ²	128	128
	At 30 Jun 2026	At 30 Jun 2025
Open interest of futures and options contracts ¹ ('000 contracts)	18,417	15,152
¹ Excludes London Metal Mini Futures, Gold Futures, Silver Futures and Iron Ore Futures contracts (which are included under the Commodities segment) ² Includes 9 holiday trading days (1H 2025: 8) ³ New record half-yearly high in 1H 2026		

Equity Futures and Options Market

Driven by sustained investor interest in Chinese Mainland technology sector, the Hang Seng TECH Index derivatives suite continued its growth trajectory in 1H 2026. The aggregate ADV of the four products in the Hang Seng TECH Index suite³ reached 231,706 contracts in 1H 2026, up 37 per cent compared with 1H 2025, and the aggregate OI rose to 651,894 contracts as at 30 June 2026, up 2 per cent from 31 December 2025. In particular, Hang Seng TECH Index Futures set a new daily record volume of 523,692 contracts on 26 May 2026, and Hang Seng TECH Index Futures Options reached a daily record high of 208,378 contracts on 4 February 2026. OI of Hang Seng TECH Index Futures, Hang Seng TECH Index Futures Options, and Hang Seng TECH Index Options reached daily record highs of 337,041 contracts on 27 January 2026, 575,029 contracts on 4 February 2026 and 286,579 contracts on 27 March 2026 respectively.

The mini-index options segment also showed solid growth during 1H 2026, reflecting increasing participation of retail investors. The ADV of Mini-HSI Options reached 17,691 contracts in 1H 2026, up 29 per cent compared with 1H 2025, and OI of the index options reached a daily record high of 96,595 contracts on 26 June 2026.

³ Namely Hang Seng TECH Index Futures, Hang Seng TECH Index Options, Hang Seng TECH Index Futures Options and Weekly Hang Seng TECH Index Options

The stock options market sustained its growth momentum in 1H 2026, with ADV of stock options reaching a record half-yearly high of 942,162 contracts, 9 per cent higher than 1H 2025. OI of stock options also reached a record high of 22,181,650 contracts on 26 June 2026, while OI of stock options at 30 June 2026 stood at 16,049,866 contracts, 13 per cent higher than 31 December 2025. Stock options were HKEX's most actively traded derivatives products in 1H 2026, accounting for 52 per cent of total derivatives trading volume.

Weekly stock options continued to deliver strong growth in 1H 2026, supported by robust demand for short-dated trading. Aggregate ADV of weekly stock options was 153,513 contracts in 1H 2026, representing an 80 per cent increase compared with 1H 2025, and accounting for 21 per cent of the total stock options volume for the corresponding 33 underlying stocks. During 1H 2026, 17 new weekly stock options were introduced, expanding product coverage across the consumer discretionary, gold, electric vehicles and biotechnology sectors. In July 2026, HKEX announced the introduction of 20 new stock option classes with weekly and monthly expiries, further expanding the stock options product suite to meet the evolving investor demand.

To further support growing demand for short-dated trading strategies, HKEX introduced an enhancement to narrow the strike price intervals for Weekly Index Options⁴ and weekly stock options, effective from 27 July 2026. This change is expected to enable investors to manage exposure and associated risks with greater precision and effectiveness.

Market Structure Development

On 18 June 2026, HKEX and HKMA announced a joint pilot project to explore a new digital payment solution for the AHT session in the Derivatives Market. The pilot project will explore the use of e-HKD, a wholesale central bank digital currency operating on a 24/7 basis, to facilitate advance margin payments during the AHT session, enabling more flexible and timely payment options outside of normal banking hours. The pilot project underscores HKEX's commitment to enhancing market accessibility, driving financial innovation and strengthening Hong Kong's capital markets infrastructure.

On 22 June 2026, HKEX announced enhancements to the client margin framework for its derivatives clearing houses, including a phased reduction in the client margin multiplier and client maintenance margin, with implementation scheduled for September 2026 and March 2027, subject to regulatory approval. The initiative is expected to improve capital efficiency, reduce funding costs for market participants and enhance the overall competitiveness of Hong Kong's Derivatives Market.

On 23 June 2026, the SFC published the consultation conclusions on proposals to implement an investor identification regime at trading level for the exchange-traded Derivatives Market in Hong Kong (HKIDR-DM). The implementation model is similar to the one currently applied to the Hong Kong Securities Market, and the SFC is targeting to implement HKIDR-DM concurrently with the launch of HKEX's Orion Derivatives Platform, which is currently scheduled for Q2 2028. To facilitate market preparation, HKEX issued an information paper on 3 July 2026 setting out the operational logistics of the proposed model.

On 25 June 2026, HKEX announced enhancements to the AHT session in the Derivatives Market, aiming to improve market accessibility and trading continuity. Key enhancements include the removal of trading holidays arising from mutual UK and US bank holidays for equity index products, a reduction in the interval between regular trading hours and AHT session from 45 minutes to 30 minutes, and an increase in the price limit for specified stock index futures contracts during AHT session from ± 5 per cent to ± 6 per cent. The enhancements came into effect on 20 July 2026.

Structured Products

In 1H 2026, ADT of DWs, CBBCs and warrants amounted to \$19.5 billion, up 12 per cent from 1H 2025. Amid growing investor interest and higher market volatility, the number of newly listed structured products reached 21,840 in 1H 2026, up 8 per cent from 1H 2025. New listings continued to expand into overseas and non-equity underlyings during 1H 2026, with the introduction of DWs on US-listed stocks, including Micron Technology, Inc. and Palantir Technologies Inc., as well as DWs on commodity-linked products.

⁴ Including Weekly HSI Options, Weekly HSCEI Options and Weekly Hang Seng TECH Index Options

Fast-track issuance on newly listed Hong Kong stocks remained a key driver of product expansion in 1H 2026, with a significant number of DWs launched on recently listed AI-related and semiconductor companies⁵. This reflects HKEX's ongoing efforts to capture IPO-related investor demand and facilitate the timely introduction of DWs on newly listed stocks.

On 20 April 2026, the Stock Exchange published consultation conclusions on the Review of Chapter 15A – Structured Products. Key product requirement enhancements were introduced on 1 May 2026, including a reduction of the minimum issue price for DWs from \$0.25 to \$0.15 and the removal of the minimum issue price requirement for CBBCs. These changes were aimed at enhancing issuance flexibility and supporting the continued development of the Hong Kong's structured products market. Since the introduction of the enhancements on 1 May 2026, a total of 6,543 structured products have been issued at prices below the previous minimum threshold of \$0.25, representing 93 per cent of total listings during the period.

FIC Development

On 18 June 2026, HKEX announced the introduction of China Government Bond Futures in Hong Kong, with the 5-year tenor as the first contract launched on 3 August 2026. This initiative marks a key milestone in the development of Hong Kong's FIC ecosystem by providing an efficient risk management tool, supporting the growth of Hong Kong's RMB product ecosystem and cementing Hong Kong's role as the world's leading offshore RMB hub.

In July 2026, HKEX signed an MOU with CIPS Co. Ltd., operator of the Chinese Mainland's Cross-border Interbank Payment System (CIPS), to strengthen cooperation in cross-border RMB business and support the continued development of Hong Kong's FIC ecosystem. Under the MOU, HKEX and CIPS will explore collaboration in areas including product development, market research and cross-border RMB services. As part of the initiative, OTC Clear intends to apply to become a direct participant of CIPS by the end of 2026. Direct participation would facilitate more efficient RMB settlement arrangements for OTC Clear and its clearing members through connectivity with the primary infrastructure for cross-border RMB payments and clearing. The initiative is expected to further enhance Hong Kong's role as the leading offshore RMB centre and support the continued development of RMB-denominated products and services.

OTC Clear

Swap Connect continued its strong growth momentum, with clearing volume in notional amount reaching a record half-yearly high of RMB6,963.9 billion (US\$1,018.3 billion) on a two-sided basis, up 36 per cent compared with 1H 2025. Cross Currency Swap (CCS) clearing volume also set a record half-yearly high of US\$82.5 billion, up 15 per cent from 1H 2025. As a result, OTC Clear's total clearing volume rose to a record half-yearly high of US\$1,118.1 billion in 1H 2026, up 35 per cent compared with 1H 2025.

Effective from 2 January 2026, OTC Clear implemented enhancements to interest payments and charges on cash margin collateral. By reducing costs for market participants and promoting the broader adoption of central clearing, these enhancements supported the continued development of Hong Kong's FIC ecosystem while reinforcing the stability and resilience of its financial markets.

In 1H 2026, OTC Clear increased the settlement limit for USD/CNH CCS and Deliverable FX (DFX) contracts and completed the latest multilateral compression cycle for USD/CNH CCS, demonstrating its continued commitment to supporting the growing market demand for CCS and DFX as effective tools for managing currency risk.

⁵ Z.AI Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Knowledge Atlas Technology Joint Stock Company Limited), MiniMax Group Inc., GigaDevice Semiconductor Inc., and Montage Technology Co., Ltd.

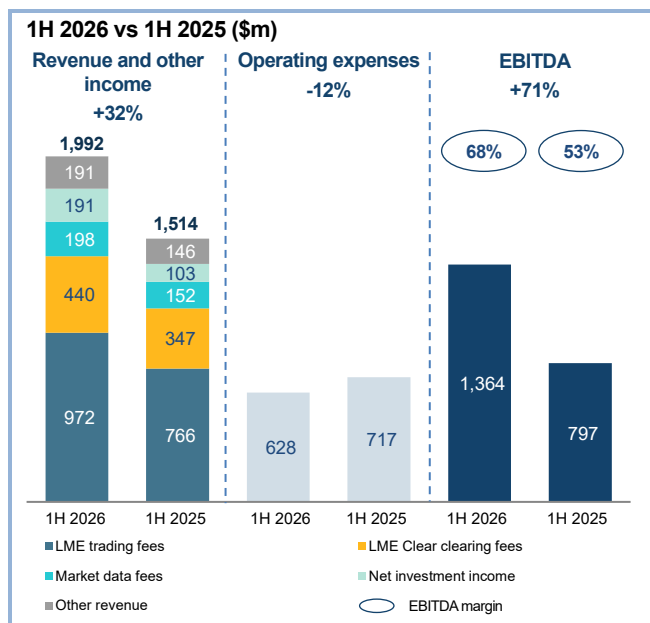
Commodities Segment

Analysis of Results

Revenue and other income was 32 per cent higher than 1H 2025, attributable to higher fees across all fee types following increased market activity and fee tariff increases. EBITDA was up 71 per cent, due to higher revenue and other income, as well as lower operating expenses.

Both LME trading fees and LME Clear clearing fees were up 27 per cent compared with 1H 2025, reflecting an 18 per cent increase in chargeable ADV of metals contracts traded, and increase in fee tariffs effective 1 January 2026.

Operating expenses decreased by 12 per cent, attributable to a \$90 million fine paid to the FCA in 1H 2025 and an insurance claim received in 1H 2026, both relating to the nickel market events in 2022.



Business Update

LME

Driven by increased volatility in global metals market, the LME business recorded strong growth in trading activity in 1H 2026, with chargeable ADV in 1H 2026 reaching a record half-yearly high of 844,000 lots, up 18 per cent from 1H 2025.

During 1H 2026, the LME continued to progress its market structure modernisation strategy, with the following measures implemented on the LMEselect electronic trading platform:

- A new Liquidity on Orderbook Programme was announced on 16 March 2026, broadening participation and enhancing market quality on LMEselect.
- A new minimum volume threshold rule became effective from 30 March 2026, with an extended grace period provided to allow members sufficient time to make the necessary preparations.
- A new automated crossing order type was launched on 22 June 2026, supporting greater automation in the trading process and enhancing market efficiency.

Key Market Indicators

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 '000 lots	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 '000 lots
ADV of metals contracts traded on the LME		
- Aluminium	343	278
- Copper	191	167
- Zinc	115	108
- Nickel	100	81
- Lead	83	71
- Others	12	10
Total chargeable ADV excluding Admin Trades ¹	844 ²	715
Chargeable Admin Trades ¹	30	45
Total ADV	874 ²	760
Number of trading days	124	124
	At 30 Jun 2026 '000 lots	At 30 Jun 2025 '000 lots
Total futures market open interest	1,905	1,898

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
² New record half-yearly high in 1H 2026

On 5 February 2026, the LME published its response to the discussion paper on proposed pricing methodologies for sustainable metal premia, which will be compiled through its Dubai-based fellow subsidiary, CPAL. On the same day, CPAL launched LME Insight, a new platform providing news and analysis across the metals market, with a strong focus on metals central to the green transition and adjacent industries. Since its launch, LME Insight has published a range of in-depth analytical articles, and since May 2026, has also provided weekly reviews of LME base metals markets covering aluminium, copper, zinc, lead, nickel, and tin.

On 27 February 2026, the LME launched a consultation on its proposed approach to implementing the FCA's new regime on commodity market position limits. Under the regime, responsibility for setting and managing position limits passes from the FCA to the LME, providing the LME with greater flexibility to tailor the position limits to its market, and to integrate them with its existing comprehensive set of controls. A decision notice was published on 30 April 2026, indicating broad support from respondents for the proposal, and the new rules took effect on 6 July 2026.

On 9 March 2026, the LME published a combined consultation and discussion paper, outlining a range of potential enhancements to the LME's physical market operations, with a particular focus on its warehousing network. The consultation period ended on 8 May 2026. A response paper outlining the next steps was published on 31 July 2026, confirming that the LME will take forward all of the proposals in the consultation section of the combined consultation and discussion paper, and launching a further consultation on physical markets enhancements.

On 6 May 2026, the LME announced that CLSA UK, a subsidiary of CITIC Securities International, was approved as a Category 2 member, with the firm commencing its trading operations on 29 June 2026. The addition strengthens the LME's connectivity with the Chinese Mainland and Asia, enhancing its market's ability to support the evolving risk management and investment needs of global metals market participants.

On 17 June 2026, the LME signed an agreement with the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) to launch LME Steel HRC Shanghai, an LME-listed futures contract which will provide international market participants with access to the SHFE flat steel market. Trading is expected to commence in October 2026.

As at 30 June 2026, seven warehouse companies were approved to operate in Hong Kong, with total approved storage area of 52,705 square metres. On-warrant stocks totalled 24,405 metric tonnes, representing a 20 per cent increase from 31 December 2025.

LME Clear

On 10 March 2026, the LME and LME Clear announced the introduction of auto-expiry for options, effective from 21 September 2026. On the same date, the LME will transition from the current American-style option expiry to a European-style option expiry. The initiatives marked an important step towards electronic options trading, bringing greater standardisation to options trading, reducing operational complexity and risk, and supporting broader participation in the LME market.

On 15 June 2026, LME Clear announced enhancements to its margin collateral services, increasing flexibility for members using CNH and warehouse warrants as margin collateral. Under the enhanced framework, the collateral limit for CNH was increased by 50 per cent per member, while the settlement cycles for CNH collateral were shortened from T-2 to T-1. In addition, LME Clear expanded the range of eligible collateral to include warehouse warrants for metals stored in Hong Kong.

Gold Market Development

To support Hong Kong's position as an international centre for gold trading, storage, clearing and risk management, HKEX commenced the revitalisation of its USD Gold Futures on 6 July 2026 through a series of liquidity enhancement measures. In parallel, HKEX is also exploring the development of a revamped RMB Gold Futures contract.

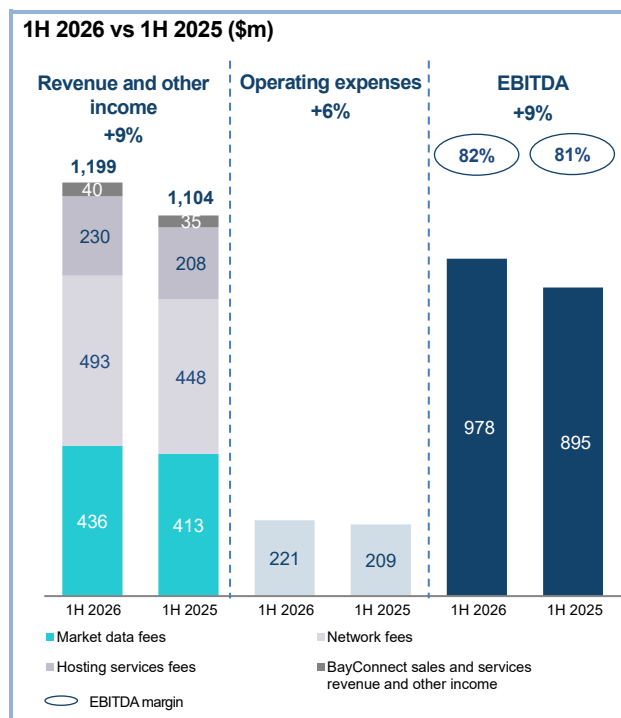
Data and Connectivity Segment

Analysis of Results

Revenue and other income and EBITDA were both up 9 per cent compared with 1H 2025, mainly attributable to the increase in network fees, market data fees and hosting services fees.

Network fees rose 10 per cent to \$493 million (1H 2025: \$448 million), driven by increased usage of the Orion Central Gateway and China Connect Central Gateway by EPs, and the sale of new throttles.

Hosting services fees increased by 11 per cent to \$230 million (1H 2025: \$208 million), reflecting growth from both new and existing customers. As at 30 June 2026, 98 EPs were using HKEX's Hosting Services. These EPs generated, in aggregate, approximately 73 per cent of the Cash Market turnover and 71 per cent of the trading volume of the Derivatives Market.



Business Update

Data Business

HKEX continued to expand its index suite in 1H 2026 with the launch of three new indices, namely the HKEX Tech & US Tech 100 Index, as well as two co-branded benchmarks in collaboration with Bursa Malaysia and Korea Exchange (KRX) – the HKEX Bursa Malaysia Large Cap Index and the HKEX KRX Semiconductor Index respectively. The co-branded indices feature a combination of Hong Kong-listed securities and overseas stocks, creating benchmarks that can support the development of ETF products eligible for inclusion in the ETF Connect Scheme. The launches underscore HKEX's efforts to enhance cross-market connectivity and broaden investor access to regional growth opportunities.

On 26 June 2026, HKEX welcomed the listing of E Fund (HK) HKEX Tech 100 Index ETF, the first ETF tracking the HKEX Tech 100 Index in Hong Kong. The listing represents the first investment product based on an HKEX-branded equity index, and demonstrates HKEX's ability to support the development of innovative index-based products, creating new opportunities for investor participation and market growth.

Trading and Clearing Systems

During 1H 2026, all HKEX's major trading, clearing, settlement and market data dissemination systems for the Cash, Derivatives and OTC Markets continued to operate normally and deliver robust performance through a period of high trading activity.

In the Commodities Market, LMEselect experienced a brief interruption on 16 March 2026 which triggered an effective failover, with trading resuming shortly thereafter on the secondary matching engine. Following the incident, targeted resilience enhancements were implemented, resulting in 100 per cent uptime during Q2 2026. The platform has since continued to deliver stable performance, supported by ongoing improvements to its monitoring and system robustness, thereby reinforcing market confidence.

Corporate Items

“Corporate Items” is not a business segment but comprises central income (including net investment income of Corporate Funds and donation income of 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).

Analysis of Results

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m
Central income:		
Net investment income of Corporate Funds	1,083	1,044
Donation income of HKEX Foundation	145	78
Other revenue and sundry income		
- Gain arising on lease modification	-	76
- Others	11	8
Total revenue and other income	1,239	1,206
Central costs:		
Operating expenses		
- HKEX Foundation charitable donations	(83)	(52)
- Costs of central support functions and others	(986)	(902)
EBITDA	170	252

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

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m
Net investment income from:		
- Equity securities ¹	298	5
- External Portfolio	30	202
- Internally-managed Corporate Funds		
- Cash and bank deposits ²	387	433
- Debt securities	290	241
- Exchange gains	78	163
	755	837
Total net investment income	1,083	1,044
Average fund size (\$bn)	37.4	36.4
Annualised net investment return	5.78%	5.73%

¹ Investments in minority stakes of unlisted companies

² Including foreign exchange swaps

Net investment income of Corporate Funds was \$1,083 million, 4 per cent higher than 1H 2025. This was mainly attributable to the non-recurring gains on valuation of the Group’s unlisted equity investments of \$298 million, partly offset by lower net fair value gains on the External Portfolio due to reduced fund size following its redemption to fund the purchase of HKEX permanent headquarters premises, and lower investment returns.

Excluding HKEX Foundation charitable donation expenses, operating expenses (i.e., costs of central support functions and others) increased by \$84 million, mainly attributable to higher staff costs from payroll adjustments, and increase in IT costs due to inflationary adjustments on contract renewals.

Business Update

Sustainability

As a purpose-driven organisation, HKEX continued to advance the sustainability agenda for global financial markets and the communities they support. As a market regulator, the Group continued to strengthen ESG standards and transparency through market advocacy and industry engagement, promoting good corporate governance and ESG stewardship. Through ongoing education initiatives, including an ESG Academy seminar on risk management and internal controls held in April 2026, HKEX supported listed issuers and market participants in enhancing sustainability disclosures, strengthening governance practices and implementing robust internal control systems.

As an exchange and market operator, the Group facilitated capital flows towards sustainability-related opportunities and enhanced transparency across sustainable products. Through platforms including Core Climate, HKEX's international environmental marketplace, and Sustainable & Green Exchange (STAGE), its central hub for sustainable and green investment products, HKEX continued to support carbon trading and increase the visibility of sustainable finance products in its markets. In parallel, HKEX strengthened regional collaboration to expand connectivity and support transition finance. Alongside partnerships established in Q1 2026 with B3, Brazil's stock exchange operator, and Bursa Malaysia Berhad to advance carbon market development, HKEX signed an MOU with the Astana International Financial Centre Authority in Kazakhstan in Q2 2026 to enhance capital market connectivity between Hong Kong and Central Asia. The MOU covers collaboration on climate transition, decarbonisation and green finance initiatives such as sustainable aviation projects, as well as commodities market development and financing of early-stage mining projects.

In February 2026, the LME published its response to the discussion paper on proposed pricing methodologies for sustainable metal premia and, through its fellow subsidiary, CPAL, launched LME Insight, an independent price reporting and market analysis provider dedicated to global metals markets. Since its launch, LME Insight has published a range of in-depth analytical articles weekly, and since May 2026, has also provided weekly reviews of LME base metals markets covering aluminium, copper, zinc, lead, nickel and tin.

The Group also continued to foster a sustainable and inclusive workplace, prioritising talent development, employee wellbeing, diversity and engagement. Alongside its structured staff competency framework programme, HKEX organised a range of activities focused on fitness, mental wellness and inclusion, providing platforms for employee engagement and connection. To mark the Earth Day 2026, HKEX launched a Group-wide Go Green campaign in 1H 2026, bringing together employees across Hong Kong, Chinese Mainland and London to promote practical actions and raise awareness of environmental sustainability in the workplace and beyond.

HKEX Foundation and Group Philanthropy

HKEX Foundation, the Group's dedicated charitable arm, continued to deliver positive environmental and social impact through its community programmes and funding initiatives. During 1H 2026, the Foundation launched and progressed its flagship Care for Caregivers Programme, with more than 20 respite centres established across Kwun Tong and Tai Po, fostering community connection, active lifestyles and overall wellbeing for caregivers and their families. Building on the strong and positive community response, the Foundation announced plans to scale up the programme by increasing its funding commitment from the initial \$50 million to \$100 million and expanding its community service coverage from the initial two districts to six, extending support to a broader caregiver community in Hong Kong.

In addition, the Foundation launched the Charity Partnership Programme 2026 and the Impact Funding Scheme 2026, supporting social enterprises and charitable organisations in delivering community projects focused on financial literacy, social empowerment, talent development and environmental sustainability.

Expenses, Other Costs and Taxation

Operating Expenses

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Change
Staff costs and related expenses	2,148	1,952	10%
IT and computer maintenance expenses	497	460	8%
Premises expenses	76	71	7%
Product marketing and promotion expenses	51	49	4%
Professional fees	52	89	(42%)
HKEX Foundation charitable donations	83	52	60%
Other operating expenses	248	300	(17%)
Total	3,155	2,973	6%

Staff costs and related expenses increased by \$196 million (10 per cent) mainly due to payroll adjustments and increased headcount for strategic initiatives, reflecting the Group's investment in talents to build our multi-asset ecosystem.

IT and computer maintenance expenses consumed by the Group, excluding costs of services and goods directly consumed by participants of \$37 million (1H 2025: \$36 million), were \$460 million (1H 2025: \$424 million). The increase was attributable to inflationary adjustments on contract renewals, and higher maintenance expenses for new and upgraded systems.

Professional fees decreased by \$37 million (42 per cent), due to an insurance claim of \$24 million received in 1H 2026 and higher legal fees incurred in 1H 2025, both relating to the nickel market events in 2022.

HKEX Foundation charitable donations increased by \$31 million (60 per cent), mainly attributable to the donations made for the Care for Caregivers Programme in 1H 2026.

Other operating expenses decreased by \$52 million (17 per cent), mainly due to a non-recurring fine of \$90 million paid to the FCA in 1H 2025, partly offset by general inflationary increases in other expenses.

Depreciation and Amortisation

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Change
Depreciation and amortisation	777	743	5%

Depreciation and amortisation increased by \$34 million (5 per cent), mainly due to the depreciation of new IT systems (notably the new LME trading platform launched in March 2025) and other upgrades.

Finance Costs

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Change
Finance costs	42	49	(14%)

Finance costs decreased due to lower interest expense on lease liabilities.

Taxation

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Change
Taxation	2,008	1,602	25%

Taxation charge increased by \$406 million, mainly attributable to higher profit before taxation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Net Investment Income of Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds

Net investment income of Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds decreased by 19 per cent to \$1,477 million (1H 2025: \$1,831 million), reflecting lower investment returns and higher rebates to CPs following the enhancements to the margin collateral arrangements at HK clearing houses. This was partly offset by higher average fund sizes of HK clearing houses and LME Clear. The increase in fund sizes at HK clearing houses was driven by higher open interest, partly offset by lower margin requirements reflecting the level of market volatility, while the increase at LME Clear reflected higher open interest and margin requirements. Further analysis on net investment income of Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds is set out below:

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026				Total \$m
	HK Clearing Houses		LME Clear		
	Margin Funds \$m	Clearing House Funds \$m	Margin Funds \$m	Clearing House Funds \$m	
Net investment income from:					
- Cash and bank deposits ¹	521	138	134	16	809
- Debt securities	547	77	41	-	665
- Exchange gains	2	1	-	-	3
Total net investment income	1,070	216	175	16	1,477
Average fund size (\$bn)	153.1	25.3	112.4	11.8	302.6
Annualised net investment return	1.40%	1.71%	0.31%	0.27%	0.98%

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025				Total \$m
	HK Clearing Houses		LME Clear		
	Margin Funds	Clearing House Funds	Margin Funds	Clearing House Funds	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$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%

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 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m	Change
Cash	123	185	(34%)
Equity and Financial Derivatives	1,163	1,543	(25%)
Commodities	191	103	85%
Total	1,477	1,831	(19%)

Significant Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities by Funds

	At 30 Jun 2026 \$m	At 31 Dec 2025 \$m	Change
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	176,076	182,724	(4%)
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,550	1,872	(17%)
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	86,260	65,803	31%
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	68,857	74,906	(8%)
Derivative financial instruments	118,603	160,608	(26%)
Total	451,346	485,913	(7%)

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 2026 \$m	At 31 Dec 2025 \$m	Change
Financial assets			
Corporate Funds ¹	39,901	39,393	1%
Margin Funds ²	250,952	247,555	1%
Clearing House Funds	37,570	35,808	5%
Derivative financial instruments	118,603	160,608	(26%)
Cash prepayments and collateral for A-shares	4,320	2,549	69%
Total	451,346	485,913	(7%)

1 Includes \$2,186 million (31 December 2025: \$2,276 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 \$37,501 million (31 December 2025: \$21,688 million), which are included in accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits

	At 30 Jun 2026 \$m	At 31 Dec 2025 \$m	Change
Financial liabilities			
Derivative financial instruments	118,661	160,686	(26%)
Margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral from Participants	288,066	269,243	7%
CPs' contributions to Clearing House Funds	35,678	33,991	5%
Total	442,405	463,920	(5%)

The increase in financial assets and financial liabilities of Margin Funds at 30 June 2026 compared with 31 December 2025 was attributable to higher contributions from HKSCC CPs reflecting increased Cash Market trading turnover, and higher contributions from HKCC CPs and SEOCH CPs due to increased open positions. The increase was partly offset by lower contributions from LME Clear members, reflecting reduced open positions and lower margin requirements for certain base metals including nickel.

The increase in financial assets and financial liabilities of Clearing House Funds at 30 June 2026 compared with 31 December 2025 was mainly due to higher contributions from LME Clear CPs, in response to changes in risk exposure.

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 2026), a certain proportion is invested in investment grade debt securities with maturity over 12 months (approximately 10 per cent at 30 June 2026) and the remaining funds are invested in debt securities and time deposits with maturity of up to 12 months (weighted remaining maturity of five months as at 30 June 2026). For LME Clear, Margin Funds and Clearing House Funds are mainly invested in overnight reverse repurchase investments, where high quality assets are held against such investments as collateral.

Financial assets of Corporate Funds at 30 June 2026 increased by 1 per cent compared with 31 December 2025, as cash generated by the business during 1H 2026 was mostly offset by the payment of the 2025 second interim dividend and capital expenditure.

Working Capital, Financial Resources and Gearing

Working capital decreased by \$1,834 million to \$26,512 million at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: \$28,346 million). The decrease was primarily due to 2025 second interim dividend of \$8,242 million, the increase in fixed and intangible assets, right-of-use assets and prepayments over one year of \$2,603 million, the increase in long-term financial assets held under Corporate Funds of \$1,082 million, and the decrease in non-current tax liabilities relating to Pillar Two income tax of \$321 million. The decrease was partly offset by profit of \$10,568 million generated during 1H 2026.

At 30 June 2026, the Group had the following outstanding borrowings:

	At 30 Jun 2026		At 31 Dec 2025	
	Carrying value \$m	Maturity	Carrying value \$m	Maturity
Written put options to non-controlling interests	150	N/A	398	N/A

During 1H 2026, the Group redeemed certain written put options exercised by the non-controlling interests, and certain written put options were lapsed following the acquisition of additional interests in a subsidiary by the Group from the non-controlling interests. As a result, the carrying amount of written put options to non-controlling interests was reduced to \$150 million at 30 June 2026 (31 December 2025: \$398 million).

At 30 June 2026, the Group had a gross gearing ratio (i.e., gross debt divided by adjusted capital) of 0.3 per cent (31 December 2025: 0.7 per cent), and a net gearing ratio (i.e., net debt divided by adjusted capital) of zero per cent (31 December 2025: zero per cent). For this purpose, gross debt is defined as total borrowings (excluding lease liabilities) and net debt⁶ 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.

At 30 June 2026, the Group's total available banking facilities for its daily operations amounted to \$30,103 million (31 December 2025: \$25,944 million), which included \$23,140 million (31 December 2025: \$18,997 million) of committed banking facilities and \$6,500 million (31 December 2025: \$6,500 million) of repurchase facilities. In addition, the Group has arranged committed banking facilities of \$7,000 million (31 December 2025: \$7,000 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 2026, the total amount of the facilities was \$35,352 million (31 December 2025: \$34,123 million).

⁶ 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.

In addition, the Group has arranged contingency banking facilities amounting to RMB13,000 million (31 December 2025: RMB13,000 million) for settling payment obligations to ChinaClear should there be events that disrupt normal settlement arrangements for Stock Connect.

At 30 June 2026, 88 per cent (31 December 2025: 92 per cent) of cash and cash equivalents of the Group's Corporate Funds were denominated in HKD or USD.

Capital Expenditure and Commitments

During 1H 2026, the Group incurred capital expenditure⁷ of \$3,301 million (1H 2025: \$2,657 million), of which \$2,447 million (1H 2025: \$1,805 million) were incurred for the acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises, and the remaining \$854 million (1H 2025: \$852 million) were mainly related to the development and upgrade of trading and clearing systems for the Cash, Derivatives and Commodities Markets.

The Group's capital expenditure commitments at 30 June 2026, including those authorised by the Board but not yet contracted for, amounted to \$3,123 million (31 December 2025: \$5,285 million). These included the balance payment for the acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises of \$1,149 million (31 December 2025: \$3,424 million), 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 Orion Derivatives Platform and upgrade of clearing systems of the Cash Market), as well as renovation and enhancement works relating to office premises.

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

During 1H 2026, the Group acquired an additional 8.4 per cent interest in OTC Clear from the non-controlling interests. Following the acquisition, the Group's equity interest in OTC Clear increased to 92.5 per cent.

Save for those disclosed in this announcement, 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 announcement, there were no material investments or additions of capital assets authorised by the Board at the date of this announcement.

Pledges of Assets

LME Clear receives securities and gold bullion as non-cash collateral for margins posted by its CPs. 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 CPs' 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 CP. 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.

⁷ Exclude operating leases recognised as right-of-use assets

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 2026 amounted to HK\$2,236 million, of which HK\$302 million were non-USD exposures (31 December 2025: HK\$3,172 million, of which HK\$128 million were non-USD exposures).

Contingent Liabilities

In addition to those disclosed elsewhere in this announcement, 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 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.

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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 2025.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Group's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2026 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 2026.

COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

Throughout the six months ended 30 June 2026, 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.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF HKEX'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the six months ended 30 June 2026, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold, or redeemed any HKEX shares (including sale of treasury shares, if any), 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 103,455 HKEX shares at a total consideration of \$41 million.

SUSTAINABLE WORKPLACE

During the six months ended 30 June 2026, the Group organised 43 in-house courses for employees to enhance their job knowledge, skills and well-being. Moreover, the Group sponsored a total of 76 employees to attend external training.

As at 30 June 2026, the Group had 2,566 permanent employees and 134 temporary employees. HKEX's remuneration policy has remained unchanged since the date of the 2025 Annual 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.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

	Note	Six months ended 30 Jun 2026 \$m	Six months ended 30 Jun 2025 \$m
Trading fees and trading tariffs		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	4	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		(136)	(164)
Revenue and other income less transaction-related expenses		16,566	13,912
Operating expenses			
Staff costs and related expenses		(2,148)	(1,952)
IT 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		(42)	(49)
Share of results of joint ventures and an associate		14	17
Profit before taxation		12,606	10,164
Taxation	5	(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	6(a)	\$8.36	\$6.74
Diluted earnings per share	6(b)	\$8.34	\$6.72

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

	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)

		At 30 Jun 2026			At 31 Dec 2025		
	Note	Current \$m	Non-current \$m	Total \$m	Current \$m	Non-current \$m	Total \$m
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	8	176,076	-	176,076	182,724	-	182,724
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	8	756	794	1,550	1,150	722	1,872
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	8	80,284	5,976	86,260	60,876	4,927	65,803
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	8	67,496	1,361	68,857	73,506	1,400	74,906
Derivative financial instruments	8	118,603	-	118,603	160,608	-	160,608
Accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits	9	96,209	589	96,798	67,958	733	68,691
Tax recoverable		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	10	-	1,953	1,953	-	1,822	1,822
Right-of-use assets	10	-	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		118,661	-	118,661	160,686	-	160,686
Margin deposits, Mainland security and settlement deposits, and cash collateral from Participants		288,066	-	288,066	269,243	-	269,243
Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities	11	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		420	-	420	32	-	32
Participants' contributions to Clearing House Funds		35,678	-	35,678	33,991	-	33,991
Lease liabilities		205	591	796	214	637	851
Borrowings	12	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				31,955			31,955
Shares held for Share Award Scheme				(1,250)			(1,228)
Employee share-based compensation reserve				604			405
Hedging and revaluation reserves				(126)			242
Exchange reserve				(62)			(214)
Designated reserves				1,744			1,670
Reserve relating to written put options to non-controlling interests				(132)			(336)
Retained earnings	13			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

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. Basis of Preparation

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.

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 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

Adoption of new/revised HKFRS Accounting Standards

In 2026, 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.

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 and those traded through 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 the Futures Exchange, the clearing, settlement and custodian activities relating to these products and 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, DWs, 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 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. It also covers the operations of 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. 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) 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.

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. 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	298	5
- foreign exchange swaps (note (a))	(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.

5. 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.

- (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
SEHK	231	2014 - 2022	231	2014 - 2022
HKSCC	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.

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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
<u>Cash for A-shares</u> (note (a))		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,320	2,549
<u>Margin Funds</u> ¹		
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
<u>Clearing House Funds</u>		
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
<u>Corporate Funds</u>		
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
<u>Derivative financial instruments</u> (note (c))	118,603	160,608
	451,346	485,913

1 Excludes Settlement Reserve Fund and Settlement Guarantee Fund paid to ChinaClear under Stock Connect, inter-CCP margin paid to SHCH under Swap Connect, and margin receivable from CPs of \$37,501 million (31 December 2025: \$21,688 million), which are included in accounts receivable, prepayments and deposits.

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) RMB cash prepayments received by HKSCC from its CPs for releasing their allocated A-shares on the trade day. Such prepayments will be used to settle HKSCC's CNS obligations payable on the next business day; and
- (ii) HKD/USD cash collateral received by HKSCC from its CPs for releasing their allocated A-shares on the trade day. Such collateral will be refunded to the CPs 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.

(c) Derivative financial instruments include outstanding derivatives contracts of LME Clear, which acts as a central counterparty to the base and ferrous metals futures and options contracts traded on the LME, forward foreign exchange contracts, and foreign exchange swaps.

9. 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	35,302	20,867
Inter-CCP margin held by SHCH (note (b)):		
- satisfied by margin deposits collected from OTC Clear CPs	2,171	799
- satisfied by Corporate Funds	250	402
	2,421	1,201
Prepayments for acquisition of HKEX headquarters premises (note 10)	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 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 CPs and the remaining balance is satisfied by Corporate Funds of OTC Clear.

10. Purchase of HKEX Headquarters Premises

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.

11. Accounts Payable, Accruals and Other Liabilities

The Group's accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities mainly represented 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.

12. Borrowings

	At 30 Jun 2026 \$m	At 31 Dec 2025 \$m
Written put options to non-controlling interests	150	398
Analysed as:		
Non-current liabilities	21	55
Current liabilities	129	343
	150	398

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. In addition, 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 of \$195 million relating to these shares lapsed.

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).

13. Retained Earnings

	2026 \$m	2025 \$m
At 1 Jan	25,653	21,890
Profit attributable to shareholders	10,568	17,754
Transfer to designated reserves	(74)	(219)
Dividends:		
2025/2024 second interim dividend	(8,242)	(6,193)
2025 first interim dividend	-	(7,583)
Unclaimed HKEX dividends forfeited	16	34
Vesting of shares of Share Award Scheme	(1)	(39)
Tax relating to Share Award Scheme	(1)	9
Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary	4	-
At 30 Jun 2026/31 Dec 2025	27,923	25,653

INTERIM DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board has declared an interim dividend of \$7.43 per share for the year ending 31 December 2026, payable in cash in Hong Kong dollars.

Key Dates for 2026 Interim Dividend

Ex-dividend date	1 September 2026
Latest time to lodge transfer documents for registration with HKEX's registrar	At 4:30 pm on 2 September 2026
Closure of HKEX's Register of Members	3 to 4 September 2026 (both dates inclusive)
Record date	4 September 2026
Dividend payment date	15 September 2026

To qualify for the interim dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with HKEX's registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong no later than the aforementioned latest time.

PUBLICATION OF 2026 INTERIM RESULTS AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the HKEXnews website at www.hkexnews.hk and the HKEX Group website at www.hkexgroup.com/Investor-Relations/Regulatory-Disclosure/Announcements/2026. The 2026 Interim Report will be available on the HKEXnews and HKEX Group websites on or about Monday, 31 August 2026.

By Order of the Board
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
Timothy Tsang
Group Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 19 August 2026

As at the date of this announcement, HKEX's Board of Directors 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.

GLOSSARY

2026 AGM	HKEX's annual general meeting held on 29 April 2026
ADT	Average daily turnover value
ADV	Average daily volume (in number of contracts/lots)
AI	Artificial intelligence
BayConnect	BayConnect Technology Company Limited
Board	HKEX's board of directors
Bond Connect	A mutual bond market access programme between Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland, 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
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 Chinese Mainland
CNS	Continuous Net Settlement
Commodities Market	Commodities related business of Futures Exchange, the LME Group and QME
Corporate Governance Code	Refers to Appendix C1 to the Main Board Listing Rules
CPAL	Commodity Pricing and Analysis Limited
CPs	Clearing Participants
Derivatives Market	HKEX's derivatives related business including stock options
Director(s)	HKEX's director(s)
DWs	Derivative warrants
EP(s)	Exchange Participant(s)
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
Futures Exchange	Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited
Government	HKSAR Government
Government Appointed Directors	Directors appointed by the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR 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
HKCC	HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited
HKEX Foundation or the Foundation	HKEX Foundation Limited
HKEX or the Company	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
HKEX Group website	www.hkexgroup.com
HKFRS	Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard
HKGC	HKEX Global Commodities Limited

HKMA	Hong Kong Monetary Authority
HKSAR	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of PRC
HKSCC	Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited
HRC	Hot-Rolled Coil
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
IT	Information Technology
L&I Products	Leveraged and Inverse Products
Listing Rule(s)	Main Board Listing Rules and Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
LME	The London Metal Exchange
LME Clear	LME Clear Limited
LME Group	HKGC, 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
MOU(s)	Memorandum or Memoranda of Understanding
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
SEOCH	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 Chinese Mainland to trade and settle shares listed on the other market via the exchange and clearing house in their home market
Shareholders	HKEX's shareholders
Share Award 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 Chinese Mainland 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
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
USM	Uncertificated Securities Market

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)