

SECURITIES AND FUTURES ORDINANCE (Chapter 571)

Pursuant to Section 240(9b) of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, the audited financial statements of the Investor Compensation Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 are set out on pages 18838 to 18853.

Keith LUI *Chairman of
Investor Compensation Fund Committee*

INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND
REPORT OF THE INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND COMMITTEE

The members of the Investor Compensation Fund Committee (the Committee) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND

Part XII of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571) established the Investor Compensation Fund (the Fund) on 1 April 2003.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The surplus of the Fund for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 and the state of the Fund's affairs as at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 18841 to 18853.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The members of the Committee during the year ended 31 March 2015 and up to the date of this report were:—

Mr. Keith LUI	(Chairman)
Ms. TERESA KO Yuk-yin, J.P.	(appointed on 29 August 2014)
Mr. LEE Kwok Keung	(appointed on 29 August 2014)
Mr. Mark Steward	(appointed on 20 March 2015)
Mr. CHOW Ka Ming, Anderson	(resigned with effect from 1 August 2014)
Mr. CHAN Ping Keung	(appointed on 1 April 2014 and resigned with effect from 29 August 2014)
Mrs. Alexa LAM, J.P.	(retired with effect from 1 March 2015)

INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

No contract of significance to which the Fund was a party, and in which a Committee member of the Fund had a material interest, subsisted at the end of the financial year or at any time during the financial year.

AUDITOR

KPMG retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment. A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the Fund is to be proposed at the forthcoming Committee meeting.

28 May 2015

By order of the Committee
Keith Lui
Chairman

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES COMMISSION

We have audited the financial statements of Investor Compensation Fund (the Fund) established under Part XII of the Securities and Futures Ordinance set out on pages 18841 to 18853, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2015, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The Securities and Futures Commission's responsibility for the financial statements

The Securities and Futures Ordinance requires the directors of the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view. The directors of the SFC are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and for such internal control as the directors determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. This report is made solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31 March 2015 and of its surplus and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards.

28 May 2015

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Certified Public Accountants
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**INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	<i>Note</i>	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Income			
Net investment income	5	68,548	18,548
Exchange difference		(732)	(1,022)
Recoveries		-	29
		<u>67,816</u>	<u>17,555</u>
Expenses			
Investor Compensation Company Limited expenses	7	5,323	4,990
Compensation expenses	8	43,856	-
Auditor's remuneration		119	113
Bank charges		905	845
Professional fees		3,838	3,671
		<u>54,041</u>	<u>9,619</u>
Surplus and total comprehensive income for the year		<u>13,775</u>	<u>7,936</u>

The notes on pages 18845 to 18853 form part of these financial statements.

**INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AT 31 MARCH 2015**

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Current assets			
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss			
- Debt securities	9	1,887,972	1,680,755
- Pooled fund	9	304,967	284,131
Interest receivable		12,900	13,705
Due from Investor Compensation Company Limited		157	304
Fixed and call deposits with banks	10	46,258	180,533
Cash at bank	10	7,787	43,126
		<u>2,260,041</u>	<u>2,202,554</u>
Current liabilities			
Provision for compensation	8	43,808	150
Creditors and accrued charges		1,412	1,358
		<u>45,220</u>	<u>1,508</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,214,821</u>	<u>2,201,046</u>
Net assets		<u>2,214,821</u>	<u>2,201,046</u>
Representing :			
<u>Compensation fund</u>			
Contributions from Unified Exchange Compensation Fund	11	994,718	994,718
Contributions from Commodity Exchange Compensation Fund	11	108,923	108,923
Accumulated surplus		1,111,180	1,097,405
		<u>2,214,821</u>	<u>2,201,046</u>

Approved and authorized for issue by the Securities and Futures Commission on 28 May 2015 and signed on its behalf by

Carlson TONG
Chairman of the SFC

Ashley ALDER
Chief Executive Officer of the SFC

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INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Contributions from Unified Exchange Compensation Fund \$'000	Contributions from Commodity Exchange Compensation Fund \$'000	Accumulated surplus \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 April 2013	994,718	108,923	1,089,469	2,193,110
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,936</u>	<u>7,936</u>
Balance at 31 March 2014 and 1 April 2014	994,718	108,923	1,097,405	2,201,046
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,775</u>	<u>13,775</u>
Balance at 31 March 2015	<u>994,718</u>	<u>108,923</u>	<u>1,111,180</u>	<u>2,214,821</u>

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INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus for the year	13,775	7,936
Net investment income	(68,548)	(18,548)
Exchange difference	732	1,022
Decrease / (increase) in amount due from Investor Compensation Company Limited	147	(12)
Increase in provision for compensation	43,658	-
Increase / (decrease) in creditors and accrued charges	54	(307)
	(10,182)	(9,909)
Net cash used in operating activities	(10,182)	(9,909)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Debt securities purchased	(729,765)	(664,319)
Debt securities sold or redeemed	522,612	662,164
Equity securities sold	1,472	1,682
Interest received	46,249	48,386
	(159,432)	47,913
Net cash (used in) / generated from investing activities	(159,432)	47,913
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(169,614)	38,004
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	223,659	185,655
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	54,045	223,659

Analysis of the balance of cash and cash equivalents

	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Fixed and call deposits with banks	46,258	180,533
Cash at bank	7,787	43,126
	54,045	223,659

INVESTOR COMPENSATION FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(EXPRESSED IN HONG KONG DOLLARS)

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

1. *PURPOSE, LIMITATION AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY*

The Securities and Futures Ordinance (SFO) provides for the establishment of the Investor Compensation Fund (the Fund) to compensate investors who suffer a loss due to the default of an intermediary in relation to trading of products on Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. The defaulting intermediary must be licensed or registered with the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) for dealing in securities, futures contracts or securities margin financing.

The SFC is primarily responsible for the administration and management of the Fund in accordance with Section 238 of the SFO, but has transferred some functions to the Investor Compensation Company Limited (ICC) under Section 80 of the SFO. ICC is thus responsible for receipt, determination and payment of valid claims against the Fund in respect of defaults of intermediaries occurring on or after 1 April 2003. Upon making payment to a claimant, the SFC is subrogated to the claimant's right against the defaulter.

Pursuant to Section 244 of the SFO, the Chief Executive in Council has by order set the maximum amount of compensation at \$150,000 per claimant for a single default in relation to securities traded at The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (SEHK) or futures contracts traded at Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited (HKFE).

If amounts owed to claimants against the Fund exceed the Fund's net assets, the SFC would apportion compensation payments to claimants as provided in the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation-Claims) Rules. The SFC would pay unpaid claim amounts when funds become available in the Fund.

2. *MONEY CONSTITUTING THE FUND*

The Fund mainly consists of the amounts paid from the two compensation funds, the Unified Exchange Compensation Fund (UECF) and the Commodity Exchange Compensation Fund (CECF) (wound up on 26 May 2006). The SFC will also pay into the Fund any remaining balance in the Securities Dealers' Deposits Fund, the Commodities Dealers' Deposits Fund and the Securities Margin Financiers' Security Fund after repaying the dealers' deposits and any money due to the registered dealers in accordance with Section 76 (11) of Schedule 10 of the SFO though it is not likely that these payments will be made within the coming year.

Other sources of money for the Fund include the levies chargeable on securities traded on SEHK and futures contracts traded on HKFE (see also note 6), and returns earned on the investment of the Fund (see also note 5).

3. *SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES*

(a) *Statement of compliance*

The Fund has prepared its financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs) (including applicable Hong Kong Accounting Standards (HKASs) and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA). In previous years, the Fund prepared its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) (including applicable International Accounting Standards (IASs) and Interpretations) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Although HKFRSs have been fully converged with IFRSs in all material respects since 1 January 2005, these financial statements are the first published financial statements in which the Fund makes an explicit and unreserved statement of compliance in accordance with HKFRSs. Therefore, in preparing these financial statements the Fund has given due consideration to the requirements of HKFRS 1, First-time adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards. For this purpose the date of the Fund's transition to

HKFRSs was determined to be 1 April 2013, being the beginning of the earliest period for which the Fund presents full comparative information in these financial statements.

With due regard to the Fund's accounting policies in previous periods and the requirements of HKFRS 1, we have concluded that no adjustments were required to the amounts reported under IFRSs as at the date of transition to HKFRSs or in respect of the year ended 31 March 2014. Accordingly, these financial statements include for the first time a statement of compliance with HKFRSs, without adjustment to the Fund's financial position, the Fund's financial performance or cash flows either at the date of transition to HKFRSs or at the end of latest period presented in accordance with IFRSs.

The HKICPA has issued certain new and revised HKFRSs that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Fund. Note 3(m) provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Fund for the current and prior accounting periods reflected in these financial statements.

The Fund has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period (see note 15).

(b) *Basis of preparation*

We have prepared these financial statements using the historical cost basis as the measurement basis, except that we state financial instruments classified as designated at fair value through profit or loss at their fair value (see note 3(e)).

We prepare the financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs which requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. We make estimates and associated assumptions based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

We review estimates and underlying assumptions on an ongoing basis. We recognise revisions to accounting estimates in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

(c) *Recognition of income*

We recognise income in the statement of comprehensive income provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Fund and we can measure reliably the revenue and costs. We record interest income as it accrues using the effective interest method.

(d) *Translation of foreign currencies*

We translate foreign currency transactions during the year into Hong Kong dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. We translate monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value into Hong Kong dollars at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the end of the reporting period. We record exchange gains and losses on translation in the statement of comprehensive income.

(e) *Financial instruments*

(i) *Initial recognition*

We classify the financial instruments into different categories at inception, depending on the purpose for which the assets were acquired or the liabilities were incurred. The categories are: fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables and other financial liabilities.

We initially measure financial instruments at fair value, which normally will be equal to the transaction price, plus, in case of a financial asset or financial liability not held at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. We charge transaction costs on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss immediately.

We account for financial assets and financial liabilities on the date the Fund becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. We use settlement date accounting to record regular purchase or sale of financial assets. From this date, we record in our books any gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities.

The Fund's financial instruments mainly consist of debt and equity securities designated at fair value through profit or loss. We state financial assets and liabilities under this category at fair value and recognise changes in the fair value in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Upon disposal or repurchase, the difference between the net sale proceeds or the net payment and the carrying value is included in the statement of comprehensive income.

(ii) *Fair value measurement principles*

We determine the fair value of financial instruments based on their quoted market prices on a recognised stock exchange or a price from a broker/dealer for non-exchange-traded financial instruments at the end of the reporting period without any deduction for estimated future selling costs. Financial assets are priced at current bid prices, while financial liabilities are priced at current asking prices. Unlisted equity investments are shares in pooled funds. The fair value is determined based on the Fund's share in the net assets of the pooled funds as determined by the custodian.

(iii) *Derecognition*

We derecognise a financial asset when the contractual rights to receive the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or where the financial asset together with substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred.

We derecognise a financial liability when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

(iv) *Offsetting*

We offset the financial assets and financial liabilities and report the net amount in the statement of financial position where there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(f) *Impairment*

The carrying amount of the Fund's assets are reviewed at each reporting period to determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment. Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Fund about one or more of the following loss events which have an impact on the future cash flows of the assets that can be estimated reliably:—

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or borrower;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the borrower;
- disappearance of an active market for financial assets because of financial difficulties; and
- a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of an investment in an equity instrument below its cost.

If any such evidence exists, the carrying amount of financial assets held at amortised cost is reduced to the estimated recoverable amount by means of a charge to the income statement through an allowance account.

(g) *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand and demand deposits with banks and other financial institutions.

(h) *Other receivables*

We state other receivables initially at fair value and thereafter at amortised cost less impairment losses (see note 3(f)), unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case we state them at cost less impairment losses.

(i) *Provision for compensation*

We make provision for liabilities arising from claims resulting from defaults for which it is probable that the Fund will require an outflow of economic benefits to settle the obligation and the amount can be estimated reliably, independent of whether a notice calling for claims pursuant to Section 3 of the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation-Claims) Rules has been published. The provision covers all such claims received up to the date on which the financial statements are approved by the SFC. If the effect is material, we determine provisions by discounting the expected future cash flows that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

The maximum liability of the Fund to claims for each default case is set at \$150,000 per claimant.

As the Fund is continually updating information in respect of claims received, it is possible that the recent claim experience is not indicative of future payments that will be required for claims received as at the end of the reporting period. Any increase or decrease in the provision would affect profit and loss in future years.

(j) *Creditors and accrued charges*

We state creditors and accrued charges initially at fair value and thereafter at amortised cost unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case we state them at cost.

(k) *Provisions and contingent liabilities*

We recognise a provision in the statement of financial position when the Fund has a legal or constructive obligation of uncertain timing or amount as a result of a past event, and it is probable that the Fund will require an outflow of economic benefits to settle the obligation and the amount can be estimated reliably.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, we disclose the obligation as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. We also disclose possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

(l) *Related parties*

For the purpose of these financial statements, a party is considered to be related to the Fund if:—

- (a) A person, or a close member of that person's family, is related to the Fund if that person:—
 - (i) has control or joint control over the Fund;
 - (ii) has significant influence over the Fund; or
 - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Fund.
- (b) An entity is related to the Fund if any of the following conditions applies:—
 - (i) The entity and the Fund are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
 - (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
 - (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.
 - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
 - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the group or an entity related to the group.

- (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
- (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity.

(m) *Changes in accounting policies*

The HKICPA has issued a number of amendments to HKFRSs and one new Interpretation that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Fund. Of these, none of the developments are relevant to the Fund's financial statements.

The Fund has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

4. *TAXATION*

The interest and profits on investments earned by the Fund are not subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax under Section 14 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance.

5. *NET INVESTMENT INCOME*

	2015	2014
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest income from bank deposits	155	177
Interest income on financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	40,991	40,713
Realised gain on disposal of equity securities	13	24
Realised loss on redemption/disposal of debt securities	(1,873)	(3,155)
Gain / (loss) on revaluation of equity securities	22,456	(642)
Gain / (loss) on revaluation of debt securities	<u>6,806</u>	<u>(18,569)</u>
Net investment income	<u>68,548</u>	<u>18,548</u>

6. *LEVY FROM SEHK AND HKFE*

From 1 April 2003, the Fund received a levy chargeable on leviable SEHK transactions and leviable HKFE contracts pursuant to Part 2 and Part 3 of the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation—Levy) Rules.

After the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation—Levy) (Amendment) Rules 2005 came into effect on 28 October 2005, a levy suspension and re-instatement mechanism was established whereby the investor compensation levies can be suspended when the net asset value of the Fund exceeds \$1.4 billion, and subsequently reinstated when the net asset value of the Fund falls below \$1 billion. Pursuant to the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation—Levy) (Amendment) Rules 2005 and the Gazette on 11 November 2005, no person is required to pay any levy to the Fund in respect of a sale and purchase transaction of securities and futures contract with effect from 19 December 2005.

7. *ICC EXPENSES*

The SFC formed ICC in September 2002 to perform functions on behalf of the Fund in relation to the compensation to investors and other functions under Part III and Part XII of the SFO. The Fund is responsible for funding the establishment and operation of ICC. For the year ended 31 March 2015, ICC incurred costs of \$5,323,000 for its operations (2014: \$4,990,000) which were reimbursed by the Fund.

8. *PROVISION FOR COMPENSATION*

	\$'000
Balance as at 1 April 2013, 31 March 2014 and 1 April 2014	150
Add : compensation expenses during the year ended 31 March 2015	44,006
Less : compensation write-backs during the year ended 31 March 2015	(150)
Less : compensation paid during the year ended 31 March 2015	<u>(198)</u>
Balance as at 31 March 2015	<u>43,808</u>

We maintained provision for liabilities arising from claims received resulting from two default cases. ICC has published a notice calling for claims for one of these default cases pursuant to Section 3 of the Securities and Futures (Investor Compensation-Claims) Rules. The maximum liability of the Fund to claims for these cases are set at \$150,000 per claimant. The provision for compensation at 31 March 2015 was \$43,808,000 (31 March 2014: \$150,000). As at 31 March 2015, all provisions were expected to be paid within one year.

9. FINANCIAL ASSETS DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
(a) Debt securities		
(i) Listing status		
Listed - outside Hong Kong at quoted market prices	583,193	442,660
Listed - outside Hong Kong based on valuation techniques	72,829	89,440
Listed - in Hong Kong at quoted market prices	566,888	349,693
Listed - in Hong Kong based on valuation techniques	-	24,578
Unlisted	<u>665,062</u>	<u>774,384</u>
	<u>1,887,972</u>	<u>1,680,755</u>
(ii) Maturity profile		
Within one year	439,009	412,745
After one year but within two years	288,727	416,561
After two years but within five years	1,127,817	727,641
After five years	<u>32,419</u>	<u>123,808</u>
	<u>1,887,972</u>	<u>1,680,755</u>
(iii) The weighted average effective interest rate of debt securities on 31 March 2015 was 1.6% (2014: 1.7%).		
(b) Pooled fund - Unlisted	<u>304,967</u>	<u>284,131</u>

The pooled fund comprises mainly listed equity securities.

10. DEPOSITS WITH BANKS AND CASH AT BANK

The effective interest rate on deposits with banks and cash at bank at 31 March 2015 ranged from 0.01% to 1.15% (2014: 0.06% to 1.2%). The balances of deposits at both 31 March 2015 and 31 March 2014 mature within one year.

11. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM UECF AND CECF

Under Sections 74(2) and 75(2) of Schedule 10 of the SFO, the SFC may pay into the Fund such sum of money from the UECF and the CECF as it considers appropriate after 1 April 2003. Up to 31 March 2015, the SFC had \$994,718,000 (2014: \$994,718,000) and \$108,923,000 (2014: \$108,923,000) paid into the Fund from the UECF and the CECF respectively.

The Fund defines 'capital' as including contributions from the UECF and the CECF and the accumulated surplus.

12. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

We have related party relationships with the SFC, ICC and the UECF. There were no significant related party transactions other than those disclosed in the financial statements of the Fund for the years ended 31 March 2014 and 2015 (refer to notes 7 and 11).

13. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES

The financial assets of the Fund mainly comprise debt securities and units in a pooled fund. The underlying investments of the pooled fund mainly comprise equity securities.

The main financial risks of the Fund arise from its investments in debt securities and units in the pooled fund. The SFC appoints external investment managers to manage the Fund's investments and to ensure that the portfolio's investments comply with the Fund's investment policy approved by the SFC which sets control limits on credit risk, market risk, interest rate

risk, liquidity risk and foreign currency risk. The external investment managers report thereon to the SFC on a regular basis.

The Fund's exposure to these risks and the financial risk management policies and practices used by the Fund to manage these risks are described below.

(a) *Credit risk*

The Fund's Investment Policy and Administrative Guidelines (the Policy) only allows the Fund to invest in pooled funds, fixed rate dated securities rated A or above or in bank deposits. The Policy further limits the Fund's exposure to each issuer and each country, except for holdings of US Treasuries, any issuances by the Hong Kong Government and the Government of the People's Republic of China and approved pooled funds. The Fund's investment managers are responsible for managing the portfolio and ensuring the portfolio's investments meet the Policy and restrictions and reports thereon on a monthly basis. During the year, the Fund complied with the above Policy. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying value of the assets in the statement of financial position.

(b) *Liquidity risk*

The Fund's policy is to regularly monitor its liquidity requirement to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and readily realisable marketable securities to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

All financial liabilities are due within one year or payable on demand.

(c) *Interest rate risk*

The Fund's interest bearing assets mainly comprise fixed interest rate bearing debt securities and bank deposits. The Fund's bank deposits are exposed to short term bank deposit interest re-pricing risk.

The Fund is subject to the risk that future cash flows of a debt security will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. In order to manage the re-pricing risk, the Fund adopts a policy of maintaining duration at no more than 5 years within its debt securities portfolio. As at 31 March 2015 the duration was 1.98 years (31 March 2014: 1.96 years).

At 31 March 2015, it is estimated that a general increase/decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, would decrease/increase the Fund's gains on revaluation of debt securities and the accumulated surplus by approximately \$37,887,000 (2014: \$36,359,000). Further, at 31 March 2015, it is estimated that a general increase/decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, would increase/decrease the Fund's interest income and the accumulated surplus by approximately \$2,814,000 (2014: \$4,294,000). Other components of the accumulated surplus would not be affected (2014: Nil) by the changes in interest rates.

The sensitivity analysis above indicates the instantaneous change in the Fund's accumulated surplus that would arise assuming that the change in interest rates had occurred at the end of the reporting period and had been applied to re-measure those financial instruments held by the Fund which expose the Fund to fair value interest rate risk at the end of the reporting period. The analysis is performed on the same basis for the year ended 31 March 2014.

(d) *Foreign currency risk*

The Fund's investment policy allows the Fund to have US dollar and renminbi foreign exchange exposure. As at 31 March 2015, the Fund has exposure to US dollar, as the Hong Kong dollar is pegged with the US dollar, the Fund was not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk.

(e) *Market risk*

The investment activities of the Fund expose it to various types of market risks which are associated with the markets in which it invests, to the extent of the amount invested in debt and equity securities. Such risk will be reflected in the price and the carrying value of the financial assets concerned.

The Fund invests in units of a pooled fund, which mainly comprises listed equity securities, the performance of which is measured against the benchmark index MSCI AC Pacific ex Japan. It is estimated that a general increase/decrease of 15.7% in the benchmark index would increase/decrease the Fund's surplus and the accumulated surplus by approximately

\$47,880,000 (2014: a general increase/decrease of 19.1% in the benchmark index would increase/decrease the Fund's surplus and the accumulated surplus by approximately \$57,110,000).

The sensitivity analysis above indicates the instantaneous change in the Fund's accumulated surplus that would arise assuming that the changes in the benchmark index had occurred at the end of the reporting period and had been applied to re-measure those financial instruments held by the Fund which expose the Fund to equity price risk at the end of the reporting period. It is also assumed that the fair values of the Fund's investment in pooled fund would change in accordance with the historical correlation with the relevant benchmark index since the portfolio is diversified in terms of industry distribution and that all other variables remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2014.

(f) *Fair values of financial instruments*

The following table presents the carrying value of financial instruments measured at fair value at the end of the reporting period across the three levels of the fair value hierarchy defined in HKFRS 13, Fair value measurement, with the fair value of each financial instrument categorised in its entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to that fair value measurement. The levels are defined as follows:—

- Level 1 (highest level): fair values measured using quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical financial instruments
- Level 2: fair values measured using quoted prices in active markets for similar financial instruments, or using valuation techniques in which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly based on observable market data
- Level 3 (lowest level): fair values measured using valuation techniques in which any significant input is not based on observable market data

All financial instruments are carried at amounts not materially different from their fair values as at 31 March 2015 and 2014.

Where available, the fair value of the debt securities is the quoted market price. The fair value of unlisted debt securities is determined based on quotes from bond market-makers.

The fair value of the investment in the unlisted pooled fund is determined based on the Fund's share in the net assets of the pooled fund as determined by the custodian. The majority of the underlying assets of the pooled fund are listed securities.

Changes in the market conditions could materially affect fair value estimates. Any increase or decrease in the fair values of financial instruments would affect profit or loss in future years.

	2015			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets				
Trading securities				
- Listed	1,150,081	72,829	-	1,222,910
- Unlisted	377,641	287,421	-	665,062
Pooled fund				
- Unlisted	304,967	-	-	304,967
	<u>1,832,689</u>	<u>360,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,192,939</u>
	2014			
	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000	Total \$'000
Assets				
Trading securities				
- Listed	792,353	114,018	-	906,371
- Unlisted	387,245	387,139	-	774,384
Pooled fund				
- Unlisted	284,131	-	-	284,131
	<u>1,463,729</u>	<u>501,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,964,886</u>

During the year there were no significant transfers between financial instruments in Level 1 and Level 2.

14. *CONTINGENT LIABILITIES*

As at the date of this report, in addition to the provision made as described in note 8, there are other claims received for which currently there is insufficient information to determine the likely level of payment. The maximum liability in respect of these claims is \$1,951,000 (2014: \$2,208,000). This is determined based on the lower of the maximum compensation limit of \$150,000 per claimant or the amount claimed.

15. *POSSIBLE IMPACT OF AMENDMENTS, NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015*

Up to the date of issue of these financial statements, the HKICPA has issued a few amendments and new standards which are not yet effective for the year ended 31 March 2015 and which have not been adopted in these financial statements. These include the following which may be relevant to the Fund.

*Effective for accounting periods
beginning on or after*

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The Fund is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it has concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Fund's results of operations and financial position.