

Corporate Developments



Board

In May, the Government reappointed Mr Ashley Alder as Chief Executive Officer for another three-year term, effective from 1 October 2020.

Regulatory committees

New appointments and reappointments to the following committees¹ took effect from 1 April:

- Academic and Accreditation Advisory Committee
- Disciplinary Chair Committee
- Investor Compensation Fund Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Products Advisory Committee
- Public Shareholders Group
- Securities Compensation Fund Committee
- SFC (HKEC Listing) Committee
- Takeovers and Mergers Panel
- Takeovers Appeal Committee

Full membership lists, with titles and affiliations, and details of the responsibilities of each committee are available on the SFC website (www.sfc.hk).

Office relocation

In July, we relocated our office from Central to Quarry Bay. This significantly reduces our rental expenses. The new office features an open layout to increase capacity and use space more efficiently.

Working arrangements

Taking into consideration the health and wellbeing of our staff and to ensure our operations are sufficiently resourced during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, we continued our split-team arrangements for staff to work remotely on a rotating basis.

¹ Each of these committees is set up under the Securities and Futures Ordinance and specialises in particular regulatory areas.

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Finance

Our income for the quarter was \$626 million. Average daily turnover in Hong Kong's securities market was \$119 billion for the quarter, 6% lower than the \$126 billion recorded in the previous quarter. Our levy income dropped moderately this quarter while net investment income increased substantially. Our expenditure was \$521 million, slightly lower than last quarter. We had a surplus of \$105 million.

After setting aside \$3 billion for the possible acquisition of office premises, our reserves stood at \$3.8 billion as of 30 June.

Staffing

As of 30 June, we had 925 staff members, up from 908 a year ago.

Finance

(\$ million)	Quarter ended 30.6.2020	Quarter ended 31.3.2020	Quarter ended 30.6.2019	YoY change (%)
Income	626	352	412	52
Expenses including depreciation	521	525	465	12
Surplus/(loss)	105	(173)	(53)	N/A

Information technology

During the quarter, we increased our remote access capacity to cope with special working arrangements during the COVID-19 outbreak. We also relocated our computing centre to a secured off-site location to provide more reliable around-the-clock service and support remote working arrangements when our office is inaccessible.

We deployed artificial intelligence technology in more areas to facilitate our regulatory work, including a project launched in June to detect conflicts of interest by extracting and analysing information from initial public offering prospectuses about the roles of companies and individuals. Internally, our document management and search systems were enhanced to boost productivity and efficiency.