

Unified Exchange Compensation Fund

Report of the Securities Compensation Fund Committee

The members of the Securities Compensation Fund Committee (the Committee) present their report together with the unaudited condensed financial statements for the nine months ended 31 December 2024.

Establishment of the Unified Exchange Compensation Fund

Part X of the repealed Securities Ordinance (Chapter 333) established the Unified Exchange Compensation Fund (the Fund). However, when the Securities and Futures Ordinance (SFO) and its subsidiary legislation came into effect from 1 April 2003, a new single Investor Compensation Fund (ICF) was formed to ultimately replace the Fund and the Commodity Exchange Compensation Fund. Up to 31 December 2024, the Fund transferred \$994,718,000 to the ICF. After the settlement of all claims against the Fund and its other liabilities, the Securities and Futures Commission will eventually transfer the remaining balance of the Fund to the ICF.

Part X of the repealed Securities Ordinance remains effective in respect of the operation of the Fund to the extent described in Section 74 of Schedule 10 of the SFO.

Financial statements

The financial performance of the Fund for the period ended 31 December 2024 and the financial position of the Fund as at that date are set out in the unaudited condensed financial statements on pages 60 to 65.

Members of the Committee

The members of the Committee during the period and up to the date of this report were:

Mr Leung Chung Yin, Rico (Chairman)

Ms Kwok Hom Siu Sally

Ms Lai Chun Mei Hilda

Dr Lin, James C.

(retired on 1 August 2024)

Mr Wan Chi Yiu, Andrew

Mr Yih, Dieter, JP

(appointed on 1 August 2024)

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 reporting period or at any time during the reporting period.

On behalf of the Committee

Rico Leung

Chairman

27 January 2025

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Condensed statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the nine months ended 31 December 2024 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Unaudited Nine months ended		Unaudited Three months ended	
	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000
Income				
Interest income	3,192	3,299	1,011	1,247
Expense				
Auditor's remuneration	73	71	17	17
Surplus and total comprehensive income for the period	3,119	3,228	994	1,230

The notes on pages 64 and 65 form part of these condensed financial statements.

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Condensed statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2024 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	Unaudited At 31 Dec 2024 \$'000	Audited At 31 Mar 2024 \$'000
Current assets			
Interest receivable		489	612
Fixed deposits with banks	3	99,725	99,009
Cash at bank	3	287	353
		100,501	99,974
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accrued charges		10,234	10,226
Relinquished trading rights payable to SEHK	4	1,100	1,650
		11,334	11,876
Net current assets		89,167	88,098
Net assets		89,167	88,098
Representing:			
Compensation fund		89,167	88,098

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Condensed statement of changes in equity

For the nine months ended 31 December 2024 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Unaudited						
	Trading rights deposits from SEHK (note 4) \$'000	Excess transaction levy from SEHK \$'000	Additional contributions from SEHK and the SFC \$'000	Other contributions \$'000	Accumulated surplus \$'000	Contributions to the ICF \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 April 2023	52,150	353,787	630,000	6,502	38,118	(994,718)	85,839
Net contributions to SEHK	(1,700)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,700)
Surplus and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	3,228	-	3,228
Balance at 31 December 2023	50,450	353,787	630,000	6,502	41,346	(994,718)	87,367
Balance at 1 April 2024	50,050	353,787	630,000	6,502	42,477	(994,718)	88,098
Net contributions to SEHK	(2,050)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,050)
Surplus and total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	3,119	-	3,119
Balance at 31 December 2024	48,000	353,787	630,000	6,502	45,596	(994,718)	89,167

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Condensed statement of cash flows

For the nine months ended 31 December 2024 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	Unaudited Nine months ended	
		31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Surplus for the period		3,119	3,228
Adjustment for:			
Interest income		(3,192)	(3,299)
		(73)	(71)
Increase in creditors and accrued charges		8	11
Decrease in relinquished trading rights payable to SEHK		(550)	(400)
Net cash used in operating activities		(615)	(460)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Decrease/(increase) in fixed deposits other than cash and cash equivalents		32,972	(33,492)
Interest received		3,315	3,043
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		36,287	(30,449)
Cash flows from financing activity			
Net trading rights deposits refunded to SEHK		(2,050)	(1,700)
Net cash used in financing activity		(2,050)	(1,700)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		33,622	(32,609)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the nine-month period		62,362	69,384
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the nine-month period	3	95,984	36,775

Analysis of the balance of cash and cash equivalents

	Unaudited	
	At 31 Dec 2024 \$'000	At 31 Dec 2023 \$'000
Fixed deposits with banks	95,697	36,248
Cash at bank	287	527
	95,984	36,775

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Notes to the condensed financial statements

For the nine months ended 31 December 2024 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

1. Basis of preparation

We have prepared the interim financial information in accordance with the Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. As the Unified Exchange Compensation Fund (the Fund) will eventually cease operation as a result of the Securities and Futures Ordinance which came into effect from 1 April 2003, we have prepared the interim financial information on a non-going concern basis. We expect that the operations of the Fund will be maintained until all claims and recoveries from liquidators in relation to the broker defaults that happened on or before 31 March 2003 have been fully settled.

The interim financial information contains condensed financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Fund since the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024. The interim financial information does not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards.

The interim financial information is unaudited and the financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 March 2024 included in this report as comparative information does not constitute the Fund's statutory annual financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements.

We have applied the same accounting policies adopted in the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 to the interim financial information.

There were no significant changes in the operations of the Fund for the nine months ended 31 December 2024.

2. Equity securities received under subrogation

At the end of each reporting period, the fair value of the equity securities received under subrogation is remeasured, with any resultant gain or loss being included in "Recoveries". Dividend income, if any, is also included in "Recoveries".

As at 31 December 2024, the equity securities received under subrogation amounted to \$15 (as at 31 March 2024: \$15). The balances as at 31 December 2024 and 31 March 2024 are too small to present on the condensed statement of financial position which is expressed in thousands of dollars.

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3. Cash and cash equivalents

	Unaudited At 31 Dec 2024 \$'000	Audited At 31 Mar 2024 \$'000
Cash at bank	287	353
Fixed deposits with banks	99,725	99,009
Amounts shown in the condensed statement of financial position	100,012	99,362
Less: amounts with an original maturity beyond three months	(4,028)	(37,000)
Cash and cash equivalents in the condensed statement of cash flows	95,984	62,362

4. Trading rights deposits from SEHK/Relinquished trading rights payable to SEHK

According to Section 104 of the repealed Securities Ordinance, the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (SEHK) contributes to the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) in respect of each trading right at the rate of \$50,000. In the absence of claims or other provisions as set out in Section 106 of the repealed Securities Ordinance, the SFC must refund to SEHK the deposit within six months after the trading right was relinquished. During the nine months ended 31 December 2024, deposits of \$2,600,000 in respect of 52 relinquished trading rights were refunded to SEHK. As at 31 December 2024, 22 trading rights totalling \$1,100,000 were relinquished but not yet refunded (as at 31 March 2024: 33 trading rights totalling \$1,650,000 were relinquished but not yet refunded).

The movement of trading rights deposits from SEHK during the period was as follows:

	Unaudited Nine months ended	
	31 Dec 2024 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000
Balance at the beginning of the nine-month period	50,050	52,150
Add: new trading rights issued	–	200
Less: relinquished trading rights refunded	(2,600)	(2,300)
Adjustment for: net decrease in relinquished trading rights payable to SEHK	550	400
Balance at the end of the nine-month period	48,000	50,450

5. Related party transactions

The Fund has related party relationships with the Investor Compensation Fund (ICF) and the SFC. There were no related party transactions during the nine months ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.