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Risks and uncertainties facing global and Hong Kong stock markets

34. The performance of global and Hong Kong stock markets will continue to be affected by a combination of risks and uncertainties.

    In the US, as the market rally has been attributable to abundant liquidity amid monetary easing, investors will be highly sensitive to signals about a possible pullback of stimulus policies.

Major statistics of the Hong Kong securities market during the first half of 2017

Stock Connect

35. Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect commenced on 5 December 2016 following the launch of Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect on 17 November 2014.

36. As at end-June 2017, cumulative net buy since the launch of the respective schemes stood at:

Exchange-traded derivatives

45. In the first half of 2017, driven by the growth in the options market, the average daily trading in exchange-traded derivatives increased by 5%, compared to the second half of 2016.

46. The average daily trading in futures products fell 6%. Among futures products, HSI futures and