

Special Committee on Investment

The Special Committee on Investment was formed to make suggestions on the long-term and short-term investment strategies for the Bar with the assistance of professional investment advisors, currently RBC Dominion Securities. The present investment approach of the Bar is to be prudent and to achieve long-term growth. These are still difficult and volatile times and caution has been our watchword.

- 1. Short Term Investments.** During the financial year October 2008/September 2009, no additional bonds were purchased. We now hold eight bonds denominated in US dollars: Mass Transit RWY; HSBC FIN Corp NT; HSBC Holdings PLC; Household Finance Corp; Hutchison Whamp Ltd.; Hong Kong Airport Authority Euro Bond; Government of the HKSAR and Swire Props. The total market value of these bonds has increased by 5.90%*. A satisfactory return.
- 2. Long Term Investments.** The Bar is currently holding shares of the HSBC Holdings Plc and Hang Seng Bank Limited. During the year additional shares of HSBC Holdings Plc were purchased through its rights issue. The market value of these shares has increased, helped by the gain on the rights issue shares. We have also collected decent dividends from these holdings.

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*as at the end of September 2009