

Securities Market 2008

Listing

1. Stocks

a) Listed Companies

A total of 721 common and preferred stocks issued by 718 companies was listed on the TWSE as of Dec. 31, 2008. Outstanding shares totaled 569.04 billion and had an aggregate market value of NT\$11.71 trillion.

b) Newly Listed Companies

A total of 31 new companies (of which 19 were previously listed on the GreTai Securities Market) joined the main board listing in 2008. These companies brought 3.99 billion new shares to the market.

c) New Shares Issued by Listed Companies

Listed companies issued a total of 22.24 billion new shares in 2008.

d) De-listings and Suspensions

11 companies were delisted in 2008, and 2 other companies were suspended at the end of the year.

2. Taiwan Depository Receipts (TDRs)

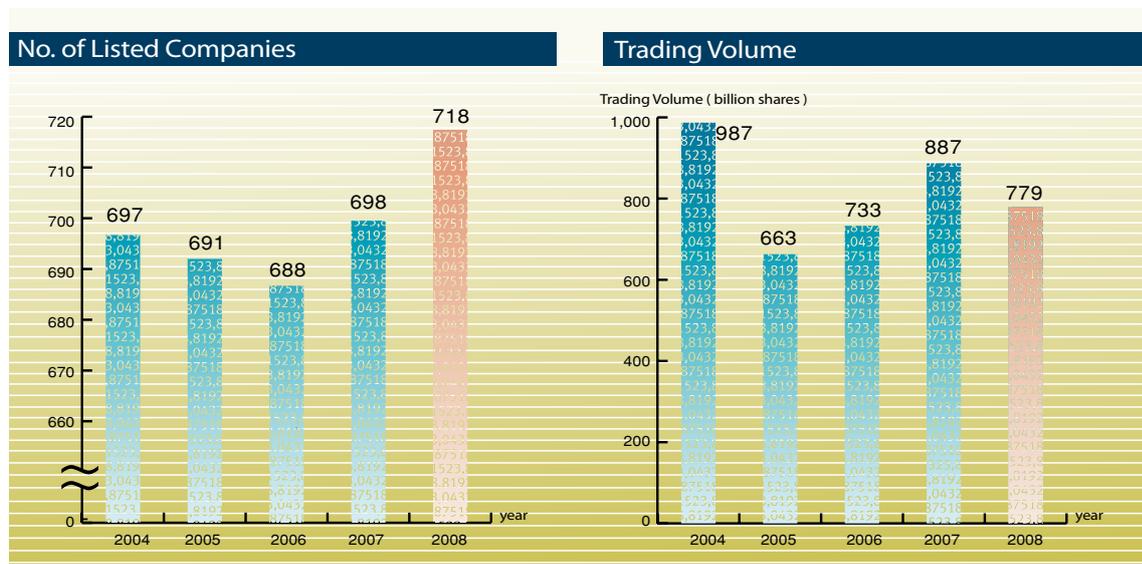
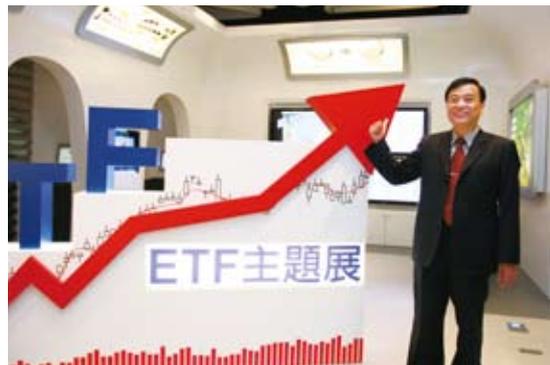
4 TDRs with an accumulated total of 923.86 million units were listed on the TWSE in 2008.

3. Beneficiary Certificates

A total of 11 exchange traded funds (ETFs) with a total of 1.85 billion units was listed as of Dec. 31, 2008. A total of 500 million units of beneficiary certificates in one closed-end fund was also listed.

4. Beneficiary Securities

7 beneficiary securities with a total of 5.37 billion units were listed at the end of 2008.





5. Warrants

26 securities firms listed a total of 3,672 call warrants in 2008, and 4,072 call warrants expired. 10 securities firms listed 144 put warrants during the year, while 115 expired. A total of 34.33 billion units of 1,714 call and put warrants was outstanding as of Dec. 31, 2008.

6. Bonds

The government listed 9 new bond issuances and delisted 6 in 2008, resulting in an increase of NT\$216.7 billion worth of bonds. 91 government bonds with an outstanding value of NT\$3.75 trillion were listed as of Dec. 31, 2008.

Trading

1. Changes in Trading Volume

The TWSE carried out 200.97 million transactions (including bond-to-stock conversions) in 249 trading days in 2008. The value of shares traded during the year totaled NT\$26.12 trillion, a reduction of 20.96% from the previous year, and trading volume amounted to 778.91 billion shares, a decline of 12.20%. The average daily trading value and volume was NT\$104.88 billion and 3.13 billion, respectively. The average daily trading value reached NT\$156.93 billion in April, the highest of any month during the year; in November the daily average fell to NT\$55.69 billion, the lowest in 2008.

A total of NT\$28.61 billion worth of TDRs was traded in 2008, down 68.87% from the previous year; trading volume was 4.23 billion units, a reduction of 61.40%.

The trading of ETFs had a total value of NT\$232.04 billion during the year, an increase of 85.08% from 2007; trading volume reached 5.91 billion units, up 141.97%. The trading

value of closed-end beneficiary certificates reached NT\$886 million, up 7.00%; trading volume amounted to 116.35 million units, a growth of 49.72%.

A total of NT\$13.41 billion worth of beneficiary securities was traded in 2008, up 8.89% from the previous year; trading volume was 1.33 billion units, an increase of 10.58%.

The value of call/put warrants traded in 2008 amounted to NT\$275.82 billion, up 8.94% over 2007; trading volume reached 300.07 billion units, a 15.50% improvement.

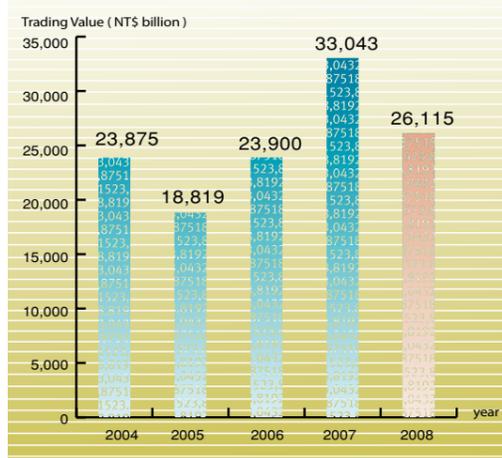
No trades of convertible bonds or government bonds were undertaken during the year, representing no change from 2007.

The overall value of trading in stocks, TDRs, beneficiary certificates, warrants, and bonds in 2008 was NT\$26.67 trillion, a reduction of 20.46% compared with the previous year.

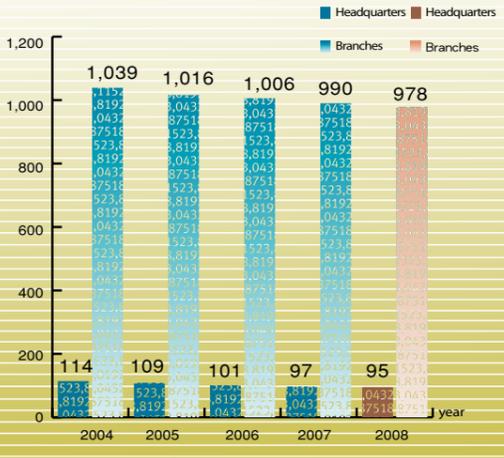
2. Stock Price Movements

At the beginning of 2008 the TWSE continued the slow climb of the end of 2007 on the

Trading Value



No. of Securities Brokerage Firms



strength of robust global stock market activity and an optimistic profit outlook for listed companies. As the year progressed the TAIEX climbed steadily because of stable domestic economic growth and a continuous influx of foreign capital. The first half of 2008 was characterized by growth with stability. In the last half of the year, however, the Taiwan stock market suffered a large decline because of the expansion of the subprime turmoil and downturns in international stock markets. Fortunately, the U.S. Federal Reserve initiated a series of interest-rate cuts that temporarily alleviated downward pressure on international stock markets and brought Taiwan's stock market decline to a halt. The TAIEX rose to a high of 9,295.20 on May 19 and fell to a low of 4,089.93 on Nov. 20. At the end of 2008 the TAIEX stood at 4,591.22; this was 3,915.06 points below the 8,506.28 recorded at the end of 2007, for a decline of 46.02%.

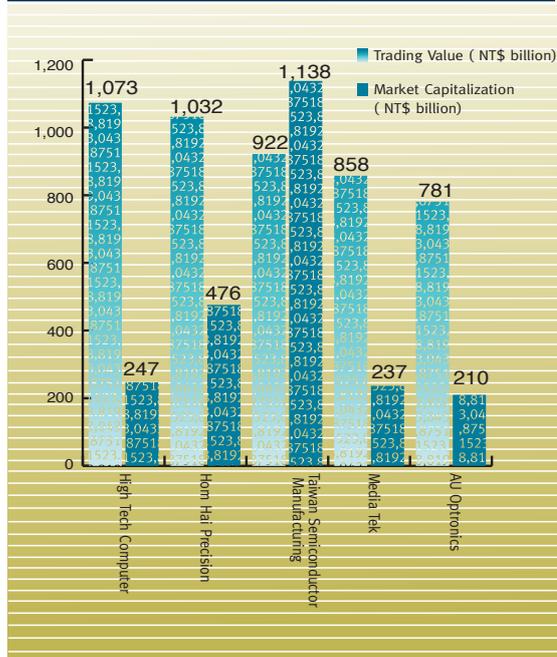
Comparing individual stock prices at the end of 2008 with those at the end of 2007, 27 stocks rose, 647 fell, none remained unchanged, and 47 were not available for comparison.

3. Securities Firms

At the end of 2008 the TWSE had contracts outstanding with 96 securities companies to operate in the market; 43 of those companies were limited to brokerage operations, and 53 engaged in 2 or 3 of the following: brokerage, dealing, and underwriting. 35 of them offered margin-financing services. The number of brokerage branches in Taiwan totaled 978; Taipei City had the most with 257, followed by Taipei County with 133, Kaohsiung City with 93, Taichung City with 69, Taoyuan County with 66, and Tainan City with 51. 9 foreign securities firms, such as Macquarie Securities of Hong Kong, were also operating in Taiwan at the end of the year.

The top 5 securities companies in terms of market share in 2008 were Yuanta (with a share of 11.125%), Fubon (5.241%), SinoPac (4.256%), Taiwan Securities (4.186%), and Polaris (4.158%).

The Five Most Active Stocks in 2008



The Five Biggest Industries in Market Capitalization in 2008

