

SFC Suspends Lou Tak Ki

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The SFC has suspended Mr Lou Tak Ki's licence and registrations for three weeks.

The SFC's inquiry found that between January 2001 and September 2001, Lou had:

- conducted numerous discretionary forex trades in a client's account, in breach of the condition imposed on his licence;
- signed as a witness on the account opening documents for two clients operating a joint account with Hantec International Limited even though he was not present when the clients signed on the documents;
- failed to keep proper trading documents to substantiate client's orders; and
- failed to exercise adequate supervision over his team members, one of whom conducted unauthorized trades.

The SFC considers Lou's fitness and properness as a licensed and registered person has been called into question and has decided to suspend his licence and registrations for a period of three weeks.

Mr Alan Linning, SFC's Executive Director of Enforcement, said: "Conditions on SFC licences are important, especially conditions that prohibit discretionary account management. We'll punish licencees who breach such conditions. Similarly, pretending to have witnessed a client's signature is a form of deceit that we will not tolerate. Licencees are reminded to obey all applicable laws and rules, including record keeping and supervisory responsibilities."

Lou is currently employed by the Hantec group. He is licensed as a leveraged foreign exchange trader's representative of Hantec International Limited under the Leveraged Foreign Exchange Trading Ordinance, registered as an investment representative with Hantec Investment Consultant Limited under the Securities Ordinance and as a commodity dealer's representative with HT Futures Limited under the Commodities Trading Ordinance.

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