

Statistics of Stored Value Facilities schemes issued by SVF licensees

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The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) published today (December 17) statistics on Stored Value Facilities (SVF) schemes issued by SVF licensees for the third quarter of 2021.

The SVF scheme statistics (see Annex) include quarterly data on SVF schemes issued by the SVF licensees of the relevant periods.

According to the quarterly statistics, the total number of SVF accounts in use (Note 1) was 65.57 million by the end of Q3/2021, representing a 1.9 per cent increase from the previous quarter. The total number of SVF transactions (Note 2) was around 1.7 billion for Q3/2021, or 8.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter. The total value of SVF transactions was HK\$73.2 billion for Q3/2021, representing a 16.6 per cent increase from the previous quarter. Of the total transaction value, HK\$37.7 billion was related to point-of-sale spending payment, HK\$23.3 billion in online spending payment and HK\$12.2 billion in P2P funds transfer. The total float and SVF deposit (Note 3) was HK\$14.6 billion for the end of Q3/2021, 4.7 per cent higher than the previous quarter.

As compared with the end of Q3/2020, the total number of SVF accounts in use at the end of Q3/2021 was up by 2.5 per cent, and the total float and SVF deposit was up by 9.0 per cent. The total number and value of SVF transactions during Q3/2021 were up by 31.8 per cent and 30.0 per cent respectively year-on-year.

Notes:

Note 1: "Total number of SVF accounts in use" refers to the total number of SVF accounts that can be used as at the end of the reporting period.

Note 2: SVF transactions include point-of-sale spending payment, online spending payment and P2P funds transfer.

Note 3: The terms "float" and "SVF deposit" follow their definitions in the Payment Systems and Stored Value Facilities Ordinance.