

**LI AND FUNG LTD:
YOU FIGURE THIS ONE OUT**

It may be difficult to believe, but facts are facts.

And the facts appear to be that 2, wholly owned subsidiaries of one of the largest, if not the largest, exporters of garments from the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC), Li and Fung Ltd, is amassing writs, one after another.

The reason that one may find this situation difficult to understand is that Li and Fung Ltd (Code: 494, Main Board, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd) is, without question, an international player of materiality, by any standard, with massive financial resources, at least on paper.

The following statistics, in respect of Li and Fung's Financial Year, ended December 31, 2003, are reproduced by permission of **TOLFIN** (The Computerised Online Financial Intelligence Service and Web-Based, Credit-Checking Provider):

Turnover	\$HK42,630,510,000
Operating Profit	\$HK1,285,952,000
Net Profit Attributable to Shareholders	\$HK1,223,118,000
Shareholders' Funds	\$HK4,221,902,000

The company has an unbroken record of making profits, going back to at least to 1994, and it has, always, during this decade-long period, paid dividends to its shareholders.

But, at the same time, Camberley Enterprises Ltd and Li and Fung (Trading) Ltd, 2 wholly owned subsidiaries of Li and Fung Ltd, have been on the receiving end of claims from various parties, as the following **TOLFIN** table indicates:

Name of Defendant	Name of Plaintiff	Amount of Claim	Nature of Claim	Date of Claim/Hearing	Court
Camberley Enterprises Ltd	Cheung Si Tang, trading as Sun Hing Computer Embroidery Company	\$HK129,244.00	Goods Sold and Delivered	September 20, 2004	District
Camberley Enterprises Ltd	Cheung Si Tang, trading as Sun Hing Computer Embroidery Company	\$HK39,224.00	Goods Sold and Delivered	July 22, 2004	Small Claims Tribunal*
Camberley Enterprises Ltd	Cheung Si Tang, trading as Sun Hing Computer Embroidery Company	Not Stated	Goods Sold and Delivered	July 22, 2004	Small Claims Tribunal

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Li and Fung (Trading) Ltd	T and R International (Trading) Company and Chan Wing Man	\$HK51,229.64	Goods Sold and Delivered	January 5, 2004	District
Li and Fung (Trading) Ltd	Hongkong Broadband Network Ltd	Not Stated	Service Charge	November 18, 2003	Small Claims Tribunal*
Li and Fung (Trading) Ltd	Wing Fung Company	Not Stated	Goods Sold and Delivered	October 17, 2003	Small Claims Tribunal*

* The limit of a single Claim, lodged in the Small Claims Tribunal, is \$HK50,000

The maximum amount of money, being claimed under the above-mentioned 7 claims, cannot exceed \$HK500,000, according to **TARGET**'s rough reckoning.

Which is just petty cash for Li and Fung.

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