# **Investor Relations**

# **Investor Relations Policy and Guidelines**

The Company recognises the fundamental importance of maintaining effective communication with its existing and potential investors. We aim to provide clear and timely information that is reasonably required to make a fair investment decision with regard to the Company's equity and debt securities. We also highly value investor feedback and comments for the formulation of the Company's growth strategies to ensure its sustainable development and enhance shareholder value.

# **Investor Relations Programmes**

The objectives of the Company's investor relations programmes are to promote, through various channels, timely and effective communication with the investment community to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the Company's development and strategies. The investment community refers to existing and potential investors of the Company's securities, analysts and securities market professionals. The Company's securities include both equity securities and debt securities.

The Company's investor relations strategies and programmes are formulated and overseen by the Investor Relations Committee, which is chaired by the Company's Chief Executive and comprises members of the senior management. The Investor Relations Division of the Board Secretariat, which reports directly to the Board, is responsible for the implementation of these strategies and acts as an intermediary between the Company and the investment community. Both the Board and the Committee evaluate the effectiveness of the investor relations programmes on a regular basis.

The Company's senior management is highly supportive and actively involved in investor relations activities. We communicate with the investment community in meetings, conferences and road-shows during which we discuss general public information, including disclosed financial information and historical data, markets and product strategies, business strengths and weaknesses, growth opportunities and threats. Any topic will be discussed so long as it is not considered to be material non-public information.



# **Information Disclosure Policy**

The Company attaches high importance to the principles of information disclosure with regard to timeliness, fairness and transparency, and proactively discloses information that may have an impact on investment decision-making. In accordance with relevant legislation and statutory requirements, the Company has prepared an Information Disclosure Policy, which is available on the Company's website for public reference. The policy contains clear guidelines to ensure the following:

- 1. information disclosure is in compliance with the Listing Rules and other regulatory requirements;
- all communications with the public, including the investment community and the media, follow the principles of timeliness, fairness, truthfulness, accuracy and compliance; and
- 3. effective monitoring of procedures for information disclosure is in place.

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# **Access to Corporate Information**

The Investor Relations section of the Company's website (www.bochk.com) provides shareholders and investors with access to information on the Company's latest developments according to the principles of the Information Disclosure Policy. These include information in relation to the Company's key developments, interim and annual results as well as quarterly financial and business review updates. Members of the public can access important announcements through the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong. The website also includes regulatory disclosure information that complies with the applicable requirements set out in the Banking (Disclosure) Rules as stipulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

The Investor Relations section also includes information on credit ratings, shares and dividends, as well as a corporate calendar with dates of important events.

Shareholders and investors are encouraged to view the Company's corporate materials online to support environmental conservation. The Investor Relations website also includes an e-mail alert service to provide corporate updates on the Company's financial performance and latest developments. Shareholders and other interested parties may register on the website to receive updates by email.

# Overview of Investor Relations Activities in 2023

In 2023, the Company continued its efforts to provide effective channels for communication with the investment community.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting held on 29 June 2023 was conducted as a hybrid meeting which allows shareholders to participate in the proceedings of the meeting, vote and

submit questions in a convenient and efficient way by visiting website from anywhere with an internet connection instead of attending the meeting in person.

At the Annual General Meeting held in June 2023, Chairman of the Board, Chairmen and members of the Audit Committee, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, the Risk Committee, the Strategy and Budget Committee as well as the Sustainability Committee respectively, the Company's senior management and external auditor were present to respond to questions and comments from shareholders. A total of 354 registered shareholders and 85 authorised proxies holding an aggregate of 8,546,643,092 shares, representing 80.84% of the Company's total number of shares in issue, were present. Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting were made available to shareholders on the Company's website.

### **Results Announcements**

At the Company's 2022 annual results announcement and 2023 interim results announcement, the Company's senior management attended the briefings with analysts and the press to apprise them of the Company's strategy implementation, operating results, business development and outlook as well as to answer their questions. The public could access the results announcements, presentation materials, webcasts, financial data pack and transcripts of analyst briefing sessions on the Company's website and kept themselves updated with the latest financial and earnings performances of the Company. At the same time, the Company leveraged a wide range of social platforms and announced results via Weixin, YouTube and LinkedIn so as to maintain broad communications channels with investors.

In addition to the interim and annual results announcements, the Company published quarterly financial and business reviews to keep shareholders up-to-date about the Company's performance and financial position.

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# Communication with the Investment Community

In 2023, the Company had held 209 meetings with a total attendance of over 780 investors and analysts across the world. These meetings, which aim to give investors a better understanding of the Company's strategies and new business initiatives as well as to continuously engage them in active and in-depth discussion on the Company's ESG development, were held through results briefings, postresults road-shows, investor conferences, regular meetings and thematic meetings. The Company was widely covered by 13 securities research institutions, among which a good number of them ascribed "Buy" rating to the Company. The Company expanded investor base and optimised its geographical distribution by proactively making use of virtual and in-person meetings and interacting with institutional investors across major regions in the globe covering the financial centres and cities in the Asia-Pacific, Europe, America, Middle East, etc., which earned positive reaction from the investment community.

In addition to that, the Company closely monitored the latest market development and continued to promote two-way communication through methods including emails, direct dialogue, survey and investor feedback. The responses received from investors enabled the Company to understand market focuses and demand for detailed business information, which helped to better formulate its investor relations plan and continually improve its disclosure standard and investor relations practices.

# Investor Meetings by Participant Category 27% Fund Managers Analysts



# **Going Forward**

Under the principles of timeliness, fairness and transparency, the Company will continue to promote proactive investor relations practices, including effective investor relations programmes to keep the investment community adequately informed of the Company's present and future development. The Company will also benchmark its programmes against best practices for continuous improvement and more efficient communication with the investment community.

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# **Shareholder Information**

# Financial Calendar 2024

Major Events	Dates	
Announcement of 2023 annual results	28 March (Thursday)	
Latest time for lodging transfers for entitlement to attend and vote at	21 June (Friday) 4:30 p.m.	
the 2024 Annual General Meeting		
Book closure period (both days inclusive)	24 June (Monday) to 27 June (Thursday)	
Latest time for lodging proxy forms for the 2024 Annual General Meeting	25 June (Tuesday) 2:00 p.m.	
2024 Annual General Meeting	27 June (Thursday) 2:00 p.m.	
Last day in Hong Kong for dealing in the Company's shares with entitlement	28 June (Friday)	
to final dividend		
Ex-dividend date	2 July (Tuesday)	
Latest time for lodging transfers for entitlement to final dividend	3 July (Wednesday) 4:30 p.m.	
Book closure period (both days inclusive)	4 July (Thursday) to 9 July (Tuesday)	
Record date for final dividend	9 July (Tuesday)	
Final dividend payment date	15 July (Monday)	
Announcement of 2024 interim results	Mid to late August	

# **Annual General Meeting**

The 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, 27 June 2024. For details of the meeting, please refer to the notice of the annual general meeting to be issued by the Company.

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# **Share Information**

# Listing and Stock Codes

Ordinary Shares	Level 1 ADR Programme	
The Company's ordinary shares are listed and traded on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("HKEX").	The Company maintains a Level 1 ADR facility for its ADSs. Each ADS represents 20 ordinary shares of the Company (HKD counter).	
Stock codes (HKD counter) HKEX 2388 Reuters 2388.HK Bloomberg 2388 HK	Stock codes CUSIP No. 096813209 OTC Symbol BHKLY	
Stock codes (RMB counter) HKEX 82388 Reuters 82388.HK Bloomberg 82388 HK		

# Market Capitalisation and Index Recognition

As at 31 December 2023, the Company's market capitalisation was HK\$224.1 billion, among the top 50 leading stocks on the Main Board of Hong Kong Stock Exchange in terms of market capitalisation. Given the Company's market capitalisation and liquidity, its shares are a constituent of Hang Seng Index, MSCI Index, and FTSE Index series. In addition, the Company is a constituent of Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series, Hang Seng High Dividend Yield Index and HSI ESG Index, which recognises its favorable performance in related areas.

## **Debt Securities**

Issuer	:	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, a wholly-owned and principal subsidiary of the Company	
Listing		The Notes are listed and traded on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited	
Senior Notes			
Description	:	Bank of China (Hong Kor	ng) Limited 1.33% Notes 2024
Issue size	:	HK\$2,000 million	
Issue theme	:	Green bond	
Stock codes	:	HKEX	4490
		ISIN	HK0000814258 (Regulation S)
		Bloomberg	BU4307411 (Regulation S)



# **Share Price and Trading Information**

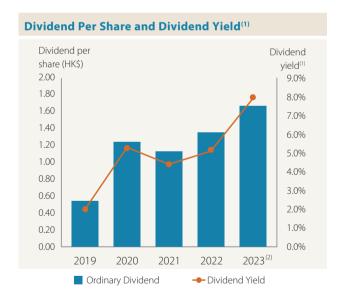
Share price (HKD counter/RMB counter)	2023	2022	2021
Closing price at year end	21.20/19.20	26.60/-	25.55/-
Highest trading price during the year	28.25/22.75	32.75/-	29.55/-
Lowest trading price during the year	20.00/18.44	23.55/-	22.20/-
Average daily trading volume (m shares) (HKD counter/RMB counter)	8.97/0.29	12.81/-	11.45/-
Number of ordinary shares issued (shares)	10,572,780,266		
Public float	Approximately 34%		

### Note:

- 1. The Company added the RMB counter on 19 June 2023.
- 2. HKD counter is traded in HKD. RMB counter is traded in RMB.

### Dividends

The Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of HK\$1.145 per share, which is subject to the approval of shareholders at the 2024 Annual General Meeting. With the interim dividend per share of HK\$0.527 paid during 2023, the total dividend per share will amount to HK\$1.672 for the full year.





- (1) Annual dividend yield is calculated based on dividends of the year (i.e. interim dividend and proposed final dividend of the year) and closing share price at that year-end.
- (2) 2023 proposed final dividend will be subject to shareholders' approval at the Company's forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Source: Bloomberg

Total shareholder return is measured by share price appreciation and reinvested dividends.

# Credit Ratings (long-term)

Standard & Poor's:	A+
Moody's Investors Service:	Aa3
Fitch Ratings:	А

# **Shareholding Structure and Shareholder Base**

As at 31 December 2023, the Company had 10,572,780,266 shares in issue of which approximately 34% was held by the public and 0.17% was held in the form of ADSs. The Company's 64,559 registered shareholders were distributed in various parts of the world, including Asia, Europe, North America and Australia. Apart from BOC, the Company is not aware of any major shareholders with a shareholding of more than 5% which has to be reported under the SFO.

During the year, the shareholder structure of the Company remained stable. The following table shows the distribution of ownership according to the register of members which includes registered shareholders and shareholders recorded in the participant shareholding report generated from the Central Clearing and Settlement System as at 31 December 2023:

Category	Number of registered shareholders	% of registered shareholders	Number of shares held by registered shareholders	Approximate % of total issued shares
Individuals	64,447	99.83	194,509,892	1.84
Institutions, corporates and nominees Note	111	0.17	3,437,192,618	32.51
Bank of China Group Note	1	0.00	6,941,077,756	65.65
Total	64,559	100.00	10,572,780,266	100.00

### Note:

As recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO, the total number of shares held by Bank of China Group was 6,984,274,213 shares, representing approximately 66.06% of the total number of shares in issue of the Company as at 31 December 2023. This figure included certain numbers of shares held for Bank of China Group in the securities account opened with BOCI Securities Limited, a participant of the Central Clearing and Settlement System. Accordingly, these shares are included under the category of "Institutions, corporates and nominees".

# **Shareholder Enquiries**

For any enquiries or requests relating to shareholder's shareholding, e.g. change of personal details, transfer of shares, loss of share certificates and dividend warrants, etc., please send in writing to:

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# **Other Information**

This Annual Report is available in both English and Chinese. A copy prepared in the language different from that in which you have received is available by writing to the Company's Share Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong or email to bochk.ecom@computershare.com.hk. This Annual Report is also available (in both English and Chinese) on the Company's website at www.bochk.com and the Stock Exchange's website at www.hkexnews.hk. You are encouraged to access the corporate communications of the Company through these websites in lieu of receiving printed copies to help protect the environment. We believe that it is also the most efficient and convenient method of communication with our shareholders.

If you have any queries about how to obtain copies of this Annual Report or how to access the corporate communications on the Company's website, please call the Company's hotline at (852) 2846 2700.