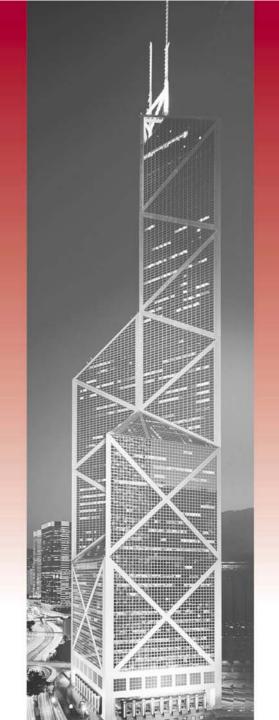
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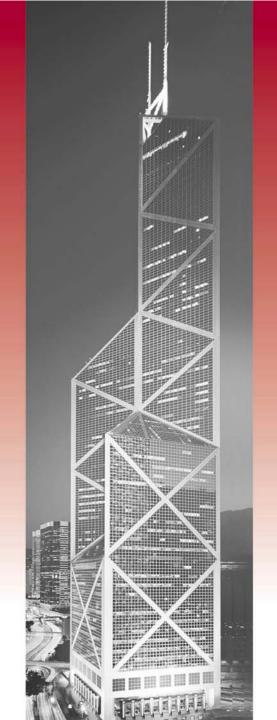
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- Financial Results and Operating Performance
- Strategic Focus and Outlook in 2004



Market Analysis & Key Performance Highlights





Operating Results

Profit Attributable to Shareholders increased by 85.3% Dividend per Share increased by 64.1%



Operating Environment in 1H2004

Improved credit environment

- Broad-based economic recovery
- Rebound in property market
- Employment situation improved

Persistently low HIBOR

- Ample interbank liquidity
- Average 1-month HIBOR fell to 0.11% in 1H2004 from 1.36% in 1H2003

Strong demand for higheryielding investments

- Low deposit rates
- Buoyant stock market
- Volatile currency and bullion markets

Stronger Foundations - Key Achievements

Corporate Governance

- 60% of Special Committee's recommendations completed
- Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

Business Structure

- Increased contribution from non-interest income
- Captured new growth potential outside Hong Kong

Retail Banking and RMB Business

- 134% growth in wealth management income
- 5% growth in residential mortgage*
- 2% growth in card receivables
- Pioneer of RMB card services and achieved leading position in RMB deposit business

^{*} Excluding government-sponsored home purchasing schemes



Stronger Foundations - Key Achievements (Cont'd)

Corporate Banking

- Maintained leading position in local syndicated lending
- Continued de-risking strategy
- Improved loan quality, strong collection and recovery
- Gradual enhancement of SME portfolio

Treasury Business

- Maximized opportunity from interest rate hike
- 22% growth in net gain from foreign exchange
- Enhanced the product manufacturing capability

China Business

- 46% growth in loan portfolio of Mainland branches
- New China business model bearing fruit
- Shenzhen and Shanghai branches were approved to extend RMB services



Higher ROE & ROA

	1H2004	2H2003	1H2003
%			
ROA	1.48	1.32	0.82
ROE	18.19	16.70	10.56
NIM	1.56	1.75	1.89
Non-interest income ratio	31.33	25.27	25.49
Cost to income ratio	33.24	35.18	30.52
NPL ratio	4.11	5.78	7.80
Loan to deposit ratio	54.69	51.38	54.89
Average liquidity ratio	34.64	37.76*	37.93
Capital adequacy ratio	16.52	15.11	14.66

^{* 2003} average



Financial Results and Operating Performance





Profit and Loss Account

Increase in non-interest income and provision write-back offset the fall in net interest income, resulting in a significant increase in operating profit

	1H2004	2H2003	1H2003	НоН	YoY
HK\$ mm				%	<u> </u>
Operating income	8,023	8,417	8,836	(4.7)	(9.2)
Operating expenses	2,667	2,961	2,697	(9.9)	(1.1)
Operating profit before provisions Write-back of/(charge for)	5,356	5,456	6,139	(1.8)	(12.8)
bad and doubtful debts	1,240	(2)	(1,669)	-	_
Operating profit	6,596	5,454	4,470	20.9	47.6
Non-operating items	180	(8)	(1,225)	-	-
Profit attributable to shareholders	5,581	4,951	3,012	12.7	85.3
- Excluding exceptional items*	5,581	4,839	3,486	15.3	60.1

^{*} Exceptional items in 1H2003 included revaluation losses of HK\$1,223 million, its related deferred tax impact of HK\$31 million and HK\$718 million write-back of tax provisions after finalisation of tax losses arising from predecessor merging branches and tax positions of BOCHK. Exceptional item in 2H2003 included revaluation gain of investment properties of HK\$112 million.



Balance Sheet

Managed balance sheet to position for rising interest rates

	30.6.2004	31.12.2003	% change
HK\$ mm			
Total assets	752,017	762,587	-1.4%
Cash and short-term funds	126,705	134,106	-5.5%
Inter-bank placements	78,753	78,240	0.7%
CDs held	18,837	18,776	0.3%
Investments in securities	164,946	172,518	-4.4%
Advances to customers	308,513	308,582	0.0%
Fixed assets	17,144	17,582	-2.5%
Total liabilities	688,384	701,170	-1.8%
Inter-bank deposits taken	64,156	41,347	55.2%
Deposits from customers	564,149	600,642	-6.1%
CDs issued	2,423	2,432	-0.4%
Shareholders' funds	62,456	60,261	3.6%



Narrowing Net Interest Margin

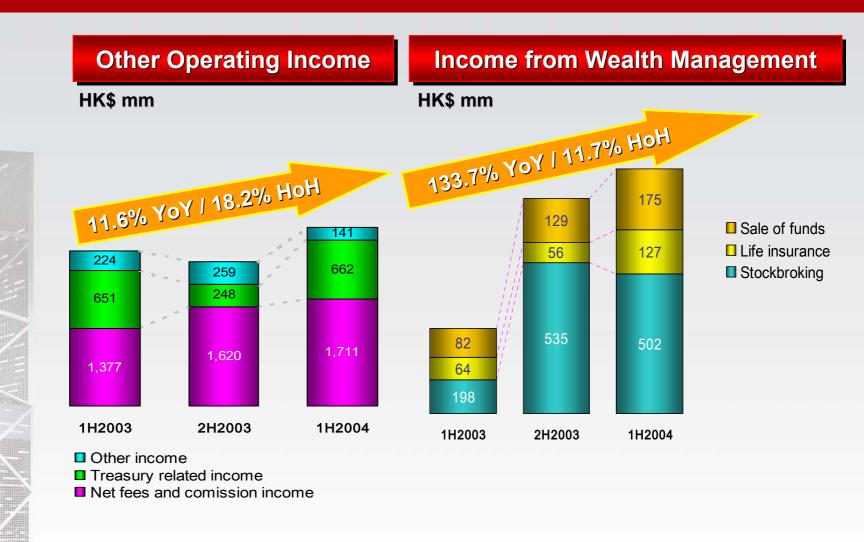
Challenging environment with low interest rate, intense competition and weak loan demand

	1H2004	2H2003	1H2003
HK\$ mm			
Interest income	7,304	8,401	9,358
Interest expense	1,795	2,111	2,774
Net interest income	5,509	6,290	6,584
Net interest spread	1.49%	6 1.67%	1.79%
Net interest margin	1.56%	6 1.75%	1.89%

Challenges

- Significant fall in HIBOR (1H04: 0.11%; 1H03: 1.36%)
- Decline of yields from interbank placements, loans and debt securities

Strong Growth in Income from Wealth Management



Maintained Low Cost to Income Ratio through Disciplined Cost Controls

Cost-to-Income Ratio

Increased operational efficiency and disciplined cost management **Operating Expenses Branch Number** HK\$ mm 35.2% 33.2% 320 30.5% 304 302 567 432 401 289 322 June 2003 Dec 2003 June 2004 423 346 309 **Staff Number** 1,682 1,634 1,627 13,020 1H2003 2H2003 1H2004 13.009 13.188 Others Depreciation ☐ Premises and Equipment (including IT expenses) June 2003 Dec 2003 June 2004 ■ Staff Costs

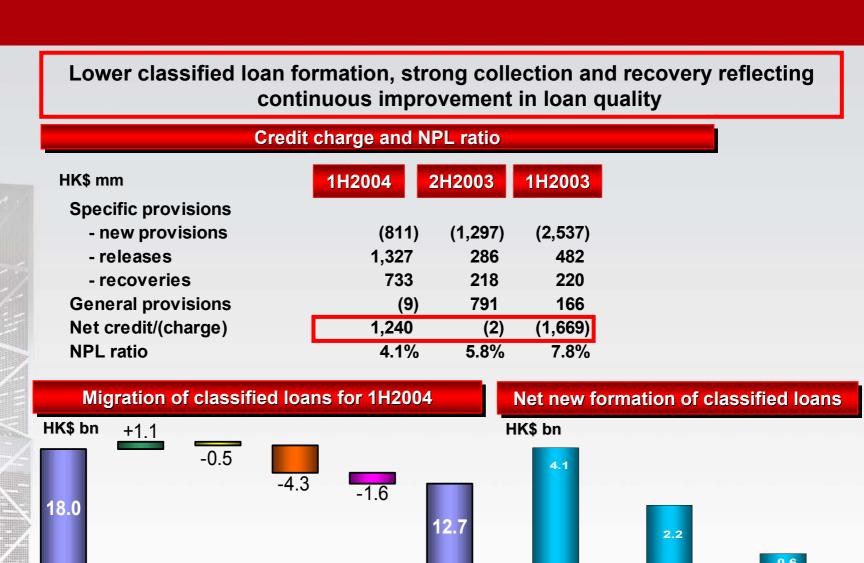
Write-Back of Provisions

End-2003

Downgrade

Upgrade

Collection



Write-off

30 June 2004

1H2004

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2H2003

1H2003

Strong Growth in Mortgages and Overseas Lending

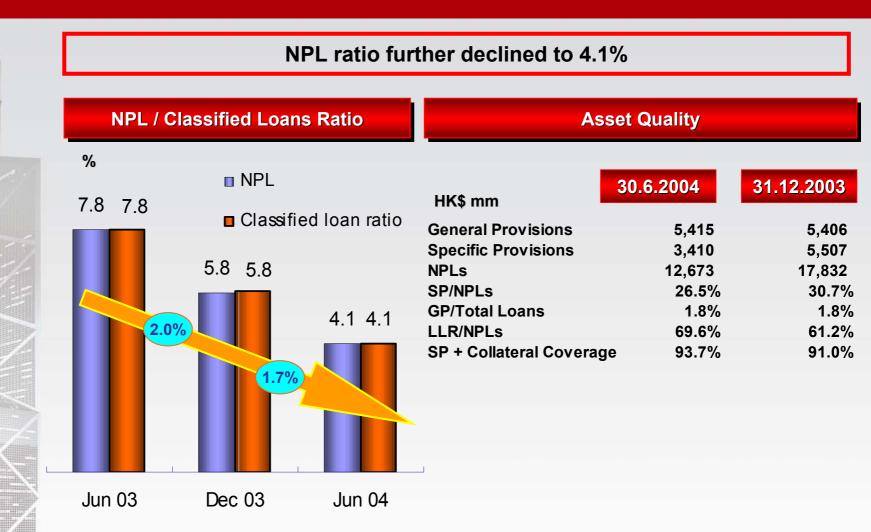
Strong growth in residential mortgage and overseas lending offset by large collections and write-offs

	30.6.2004	31.12.2003	% change
HK\$ mm			
Loans for use in HK - corporate	149,360	157,660	-5.3%
Loans for use in HK - individual	123,421	119,390	3.4%
Residential mortgages*	94,850	90,003	5.4%
Credit card advances	3,845	3,756	2.4%
Trade finance	9,460	9,851	-4.0%
Loans for use outside HK	26,272	21,681	21.2%
Total advances to customers (Gross)	308,513	308,582	0.0%
Total advances to customers (Net)**	305,103	303,075	0.7%

^{*} Excluding government-sponsored home purchasing schemes

^{**} Net of specific provisions

Significant Improvement in Asset Quality



Satisfactory Performance in Mainland Branches

Organic growth driven by significant increase in loans

Combined profit and loss account of 14 Mainland branches 1H04 2H03 1H03 HoH YoY HK\$ mm % % 12% Operating income 127 133 113 -5% -22% **Operating expenses** 69 56 -4% 54 Operating profit before provisions 73 64 14% 28% **Provisions write-back/(charge)** 27 -29 78 -65% Profit before taxation

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35

135

186%





Gross advances to customers



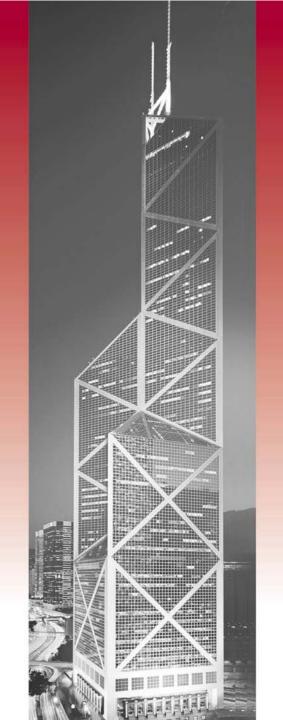
Deposits from customers

-26%

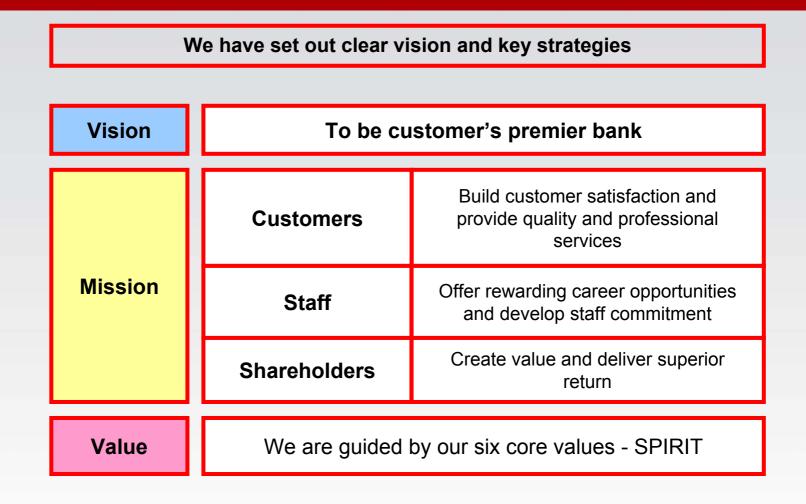


Strategic Focus and Outlook





Our Vision, Mission and Values





Strategies Remain Intact Targeting on Revenue Growth

Grow consumer credit and wealth management

Target SMEs and trade finance

Unleash China business potential

Solidify our leading market positions in traditional retail and corporate banking businesses

Optimise asset and liability structure in a rising interest rate environment

HR reform and focus on enhancing information technology to support business growth

Improve corporate governance and risk management Open, competitive and global recruitment of senior positions



Outlook – 2H2004

- Challenging operating environment
- Strive to resume top-line growth
- Credit environment remains good



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