

2007 Interim Results

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Key Performance Highlights





Strong Operating Results

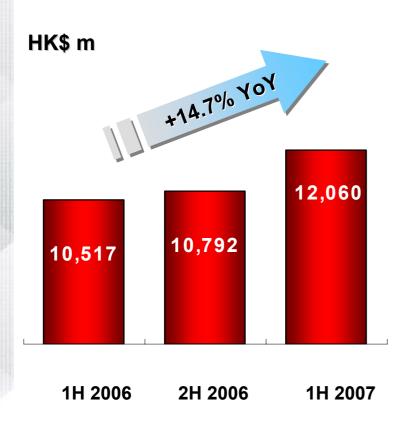


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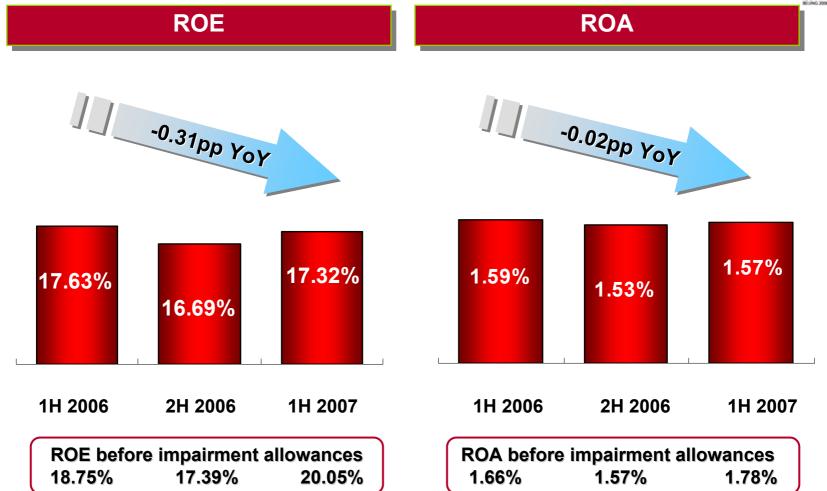




ROE & ROA







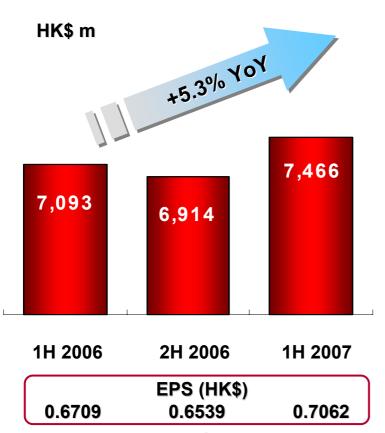




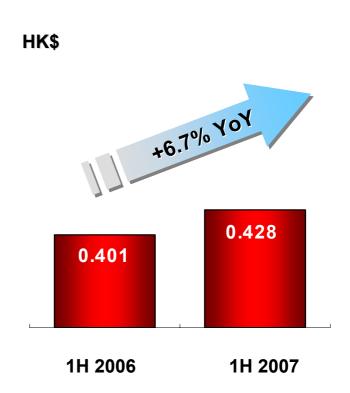
Record High Interim Profit & Dividend







Dividend per Share







Operating Environment



External

- Buoyant economy driven by
 - Private consumption underpinned by favourable labour market conditions
 - Growth in export of goods and services
 - Financial market boom fueled by robust stock trading and IPO activities
 - Revived property market
- Higher HIBORs, narrowing HIBOR-LIBOR spread and Prime-HIBOR spread
- Benign credit environment

Internal

- Successful implementation of the RPC business model
- Enhanced and strengthened growth platform under new business model
- Received CBRC approval to start preparing local incorporation of Nanyang Commercial Bank (China) Limited in the Mainland of China
- Strong growth in higher-yield loan segments and investment & insurance business
- Pioneer in arranging the RMB bond issue and providing RMB bond service in Hong Kong





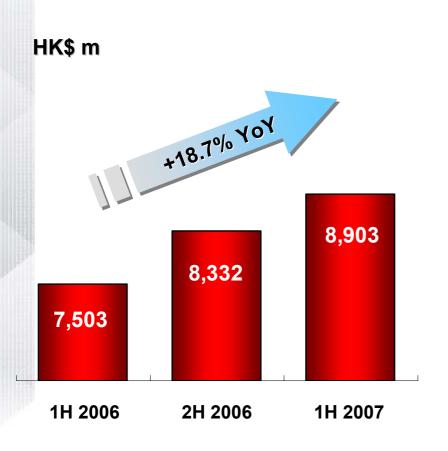
Encouraging Income Growth



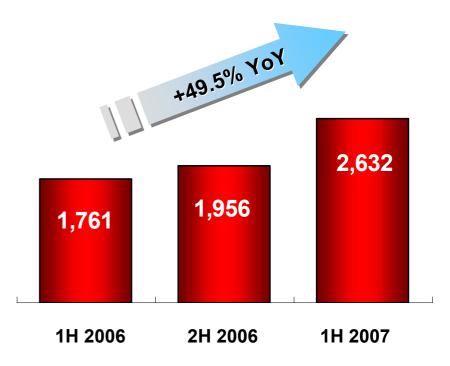
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Net Fees & Commission Income



HK\$ m







Other Business Highlights



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- Robust growth in loans and advances (+13.2%) (Excluding IPO financing: +8.7%)
 - Both SME loans and Trade finance recorded double-digit growth
- Growth in customer deposits (+15.9%) (Excluding IPO funds: +5.2%)
- Strong growth in fee income from stock brokerage (+105.6%) and from asset management (+104.8%)
- Leading market position in mortgages, loan syndication and Hong Kong RMB banking business

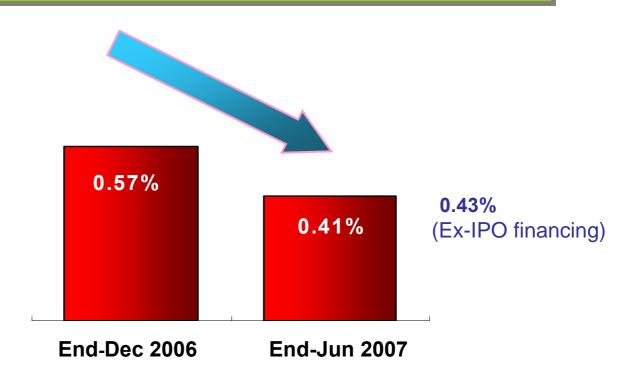




Further Improvement in Asset Quality







Note: Classified and impaired loans represent loans which are either classified as "substandard", "doubtful" or "loss" under the Group's classification of loan quality, or individually assessed to be impaired.

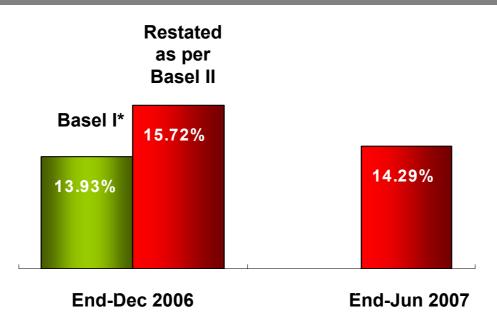




Sound Capital Strength



CAR maintained at healthy level of 14.29%



Note: Capital adequacy ratio at 30 June 2007 is calculated in accordance with the Banking (Capital) Rules which became effective on 1 January 2007, and comparative ratio at 31 December 2006 is restated accordingly. Ratio at 31 December 2006 calculated in accordance with the Basel I capital accord after taking into account of market risk exposure is presented for information purpose.

^{*} Taking into account of market risk







Financial Results





Condensed Income Statement



Strong operating results driven by both net interest income and net fees and commission income

HK\$ m	1H 2007	2H 2006	1H 2006	% YoY	% НоН
Net interest income	8,903	8,332	7,503	↑ 18.7	↑ 6.9
Net fees and commission income	2,632	1,956	1,761	↑ 49.5	↑ 34.6
Other operating income	525	504	1,253	↓ 58.1	↑ 4.2
Net operating income before loan					
impairment allowances	12,060	10,792	10,517	↑ 14.7	↑ 11.7
Loan impairment release	166	1,148	642	↓ 74.1	↓ 85.5
Net operating income	12,226	11,940	11,159	↑ 9.6	↑ 2.4
Operating expenses	(3,418)	(3,587)	(2,971)	↑ 15.0	↓ 4.7
Operating profit	8,808	8,353	8,188	↑ 7.6	↑ 5.4
Non-operating items	419	113	485	↓ 13.6	↑ 270.8
Profit attributable to shareholders	7,466	6,914	7,093	↑ 5.3	↑ 8.0



Key Financial Ratios



	1H 2007	2H 2006	1H 2006	Change	Change	北京2008年 BEUNG 3008
ROE before impairment				YoY	НоН	
allowances	20.05%	17.39%	18.75%	↑ 1.30pp	↑ 2.66pp	
ROE	17.32%	16.69%	17.63%	↓ 0.31pp	↑ 0.63pp	
ROA before impairment						
allowances	1.78%	1.57%	1.66%	↑ 0.12pp	↑ 0.21pp	
ROA	1.57%	1.53%	1.59%	↓ 0.02pp	↑ 0.04pp	
Net interest margin ¹	2.03%	1.97%	1.81%	↑ 0.22pp	↑ 0.06pp	
Non-interest income ratio	26.18%	22.79%	28.66%	↓ 2.48pp	↑ 3.39pp	
Cost-to-income ratio	28.34%	33.24%	28.25%	↑ 0.09pp	↓ 4.90pp	
	30.06.2007	31.12.2006	30.06.2006	vs. 31.12.2006	vs. 30.06.2006	6
Classified and impaired						
Ioan ratio	0.41%	0.57%	N.A.	↓ 0.16pp		
CAR ²	14.29%	15.72%	14.59%	↓ 1.43pp	↓ 0.30pp	
Loan-to-deposit ratio	48.17%	49.32%	51.18%	↓ 1.15pp	→ 3.01pp	

Notes:

- 1. Reclassification of interest expense on short positions in Exchange Fund Bills and callable interest rate swaps was made from net trading income to interest expense for the first half of 2006. Net interest margin was revised accordingly.
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Higher Net Interest Income and Enhanced NIM



Improved NII driven by rising market interest rates, increase in average interest-earning assets and effective asset-liability management

HK\$ m	1H 2007	2H 2006	1H 2006	% YoY	% НоН
Interest income	21,484	20,868	19,403	↑ 10.7	↑ 3.0
Interest expense*	12,581	12,536	11,900	↑ 5.7	↑ 0.4
Net interest income	8,903	8,332	7,503	↑ 18.7	↑ 6.9
Average interest earning assets*	883,030	837,113	833,847	↑ 5.9	↑ 5.5
Net interest margin* (NIM)	2.03%	1.97%	1.81%	↑ 0.22 pp	↑ 0.06 pp





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Growth in Net Fees and Commission Income



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Growth in investment and insurance fee income driven by phenomenal increase in stock brokerage and asset management fee

Net Fees and Commission Income	1H 2007	2H 2006	1H 2006	% YoY	% НоН
HK\$ m					
Investment and insurance fee income					
Securities brokerage (Stockbroking)	1,324	739	644	105.6	↑ 79.2
Securities brokerage (Bonds)	65	76	29	124.1	↓ 14.5
Asset management	342	150	167	104.8	↑ 128.0
Life insurance	33	28	18	83.3	↑ 17.9
	1,764	993	858	105.6	↑ 77.6
Bills commissions	273	278	259	5.4	↓ 1.8
Loan commissions	129	157	116 <i>1</i>	11.2	↓ 17.8
Trust services	66	64	54	22.2	↑ 3.1
Payment services	221	218	200	10.5	↑ 1.4
Credit cards	471	432	375	25.6	↑ 9.0
Account services	153	147	157	2.5	↑ 4.1
RMB business	54	41	36	50.0	↑ 31.7
Others	308	303	297	3.7	↑ 1.7
Total Fees and Commission Income	3,439	2,633	2,352	46.2	↑ 30.6
Less: Fees and Commission Expenses	(807)	(677)	(591)	36.5	↑ 19.2
Net Fees and Commission Income	2,632	1,956	1,761	49.5	↑ 34.6





Steady Rise in Non-interest Income



Strong growth in net fees and commission income offset by decline in other operating income

Non-interest Income	1H 2007	2H 2006	1H 2006	%	YoY	% НоН
HK\$ m						
Net fees and commission income	2,632	1,956	1,761	↑	49.5	↑ 34.6
Other operating income - Banking operation	608	539	1,252	↓	51.4	12.8
Net trading income*	417	456	1,112	\downarrow	62.5	↓ 8.6
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments						
designated at FVTPL	(5)	(79) (21))		
Other income	196	162	161	↑	21.7	1.0
BOCL [#] non-interest income	(83)	(35) 1			
Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments						
designated at FVTPL - BOCL#	(389)	835	(415))		
Net insurance premium income	2,933	2,719	3,476	\downarrow	15.6	↑ 7.9
Net insurance benefits and claims	(2,632)	(3,595) (3,060)) ↓	14.0	26.8
Other income	5	6	0		′	16.7
Total	3,157	2,460	3,014	↑	4.7	28.3

^{*}Foreign exchange swap contracts are usually used for the Group's funding activities. Under HKAS 39, the exchange difference between the spot and forward contracts is recognised as foreign exchange gain or loss in net trading income, while the corresponding interest differential between the original and swap funds is reflected in net interest income.

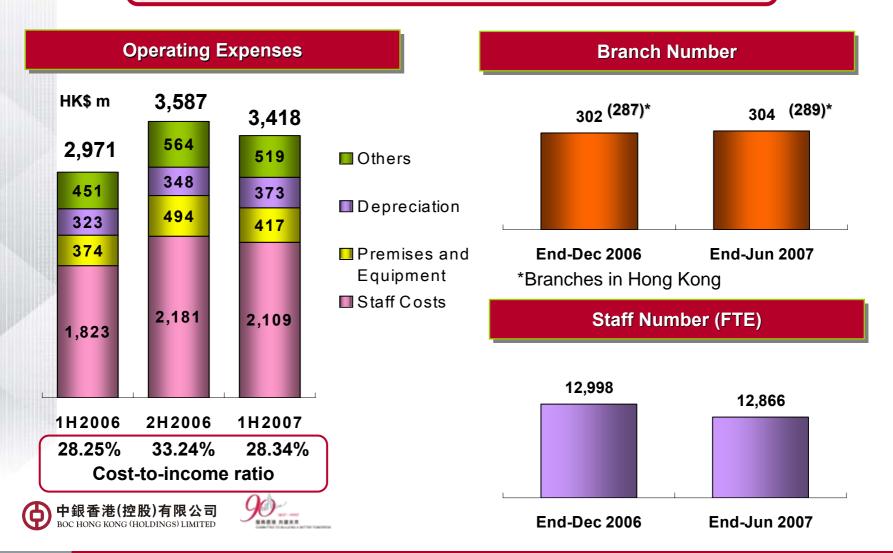




Effective Cost Management



Stable cost-to-income ratio YoY
Higher operating expenses due to HR and IT investments



Release of Loan Impairment Allowances



Lower net loan impairment release as recoveries and releases reduced New collective assessment allowances increased as loan portfolio expanded

HK\$ m

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Loan impairment release/(charge)	1H 2007 2	H 2006	1H 2006	% YoY	% НоН
Individual assessment					
- New allowances	(106)	(281)	(366)	↓ 71.0	↓ 62.3
- Releases	109	214	99	↑ 10.1	↓ 49.1
- Recoveries	340	1,377	676	↓ 49.7	↓ 75.3
Collective assessment					
- New allowances	(192)	(192)	(2)	↑ 9,500.0	
- Releases	0	(16)	219	↓ 100.0	
- Recoveries	15	46	16	↓ 6.3	↓ 67.4
Net credit to income statement	166	1.148	642	74.1	⊢ 85.5



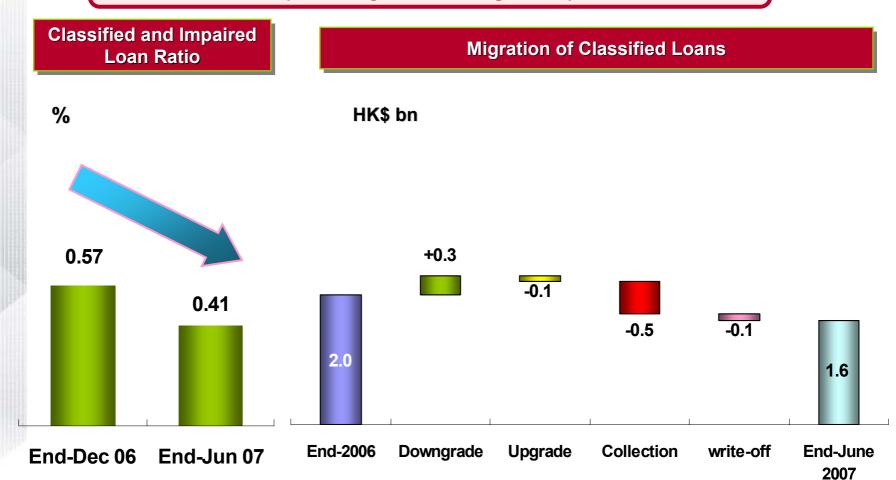


Continued Improvement in Asset Quality



Classified and impaired loan ratio dropped to record low of 0.41%

(Excluding IPO financing: 0.43%)







Condensed Balance Sheet



Total assets expanded on the back of strong deposits growth and IPO funds

HK\$ m	30.06.2007	31.12.2006	% Change
Total assets	1,047,095	928,953	↑ 12.7
Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions Placements with banks and	122,768	105,236	↑ 16. 7
other financial institutions	60,804	56,373	↑ 7.9
Securities investments	329,562	330,385	↓ 0.2
Advances to customers	392,811	347,090	↑ 13.2
Fixed assets & IP	28,635	27,221	↑ 5.2
Total liabilities	957,270	842,313	↑ 13.6
Inter-bank deposits taken	46,718	49,034	↓ 4.7
Deposits from customers*	815,517	703,776	↑ 15.9
Total equity	89,825	86,640	↑ 3.7
Minority interests	2,076	1,985	↑ 4.6
Shareholders' funds	87,749	84,655	↑ 3.7

^{*} included structured deposits





Broad-based Growth in Advances to Customers



Broad-based growth with double-digit increase in corporate loans for use in HK, trade finance and loans for use outside HK

HK\$ m	30.06.2007	31.12.2006	% Change	Loans by currency mix
Loans for use in HK - corporate	176,710	148,780	↑ 18.8	
Loans for use in HK - individual	128,413	125,510	↑ 2.3	40/
Residential mortgages*	100,117	96,953	↑ 3.3	4%
Credit card advances	5,578	5,490	↑ 1.6	14%
Trade finance	21,598	16,865	↑ 28.1	
Loans for use outside HK	66,090	55,935	↑ 18.2	
Total advances to customers	392,811	347,090	↑ 13.2	82%
Ex-IPO financing	377,447	347,090	↑ 8.7	
Loan-to-deposit ratio	48.17%	49.32%]HKD ☐USD ☐Others
Ex-IPO financing	50.99%	49.32%		

^{*}Loans for purchase of other residential properties





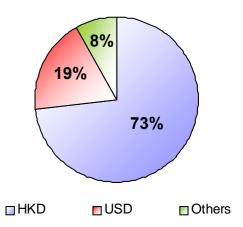
Higher Customer Deposits



Strong deposits growth with sharp increase in demand deposits boosted by active IPO activities

	30.06.2007	31.12.2006	%	Change
HK\$ m				
Demand deposits and curren	t			
accounts	115,4	43 30,979) ↑	272.6
Saving deposits	246,6	50 256,653	} \	3.9
Time, call and notice deposits	s 441,8	21 407,059)	8.5
Structured deposits	11,6	03 9,085	5 1	27.7
Total deposits from custome	rs 815,5	17 703,776	†	15.9
Ex-IPO funds	740,29	98 703,776	†	5.2

Deposits by currency mix

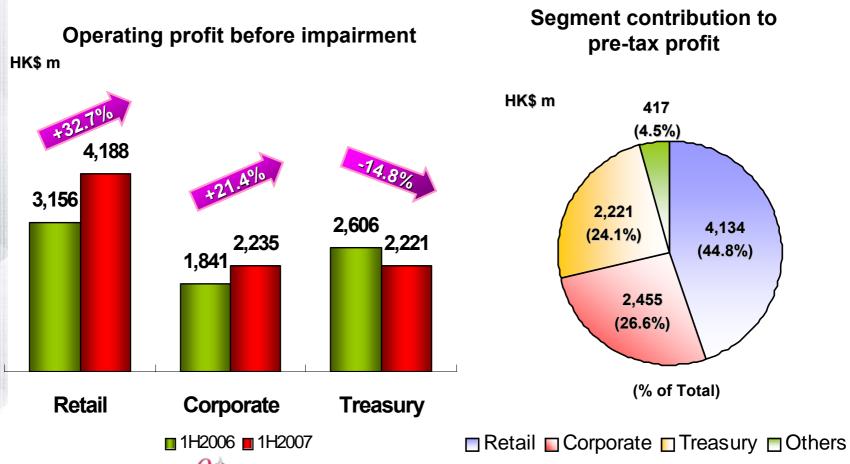




Profit Contribution by Business Segment



Solid growth in Retail and Corporate business segments
Decline in Treasury due to lower net trading income





Mainland Business



Strong growth in operating profit before impairment Total advances and customer deposits improved with strong growth in RMB advances (+42.8% YTD)

Combined profit and loss account of 14 Mainland branches

HK\$ m	1H 2007	1H 2006	% YoY
Operating income	351	242	↑ 45.0
Operating expenses	115	92	↑ 25.0
Operating profit before impairme	nt 236	150	↑ 57.3
Profit before taxation	283	182	↑ 55.5

Deposits from customers

Gross advances to customers







Outlook





Outlook



- Robust local economy driven by domestic demand
- Keen competition in both local and offshore businesses
- Strong China economy despite further tightening measures
- Cautious to the resurgence of financial market volatility and rising operating costs





Business focuses



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- To accelerate China business expansion following the completion of the incorporation of NCB China which is scheduled to commence operation before the end of the year
- To maintain our lead in core businesses and to expand the high-yielding loans e.g. SMEs, trade finance
- To boost our investment and insurance businesses through strengthening our product platform and distribution channels
- To continue investment in enhancing our product manufacturing capabilities







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