

DEFINITIONS

In this Annual Report, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below:

Terms	Meanings
“ADR”	American Depositary Receipt
“ADSS”	American Depositary Shares
“ALC”	Anti-money Laundering Committee
“ALCO”	Asset and Liability Management Committee
“Associate”	has the meaning ascribed to “associate” in the Listing Rules
“ATM”	Automated Teller Machine
“Board” or “Board of Directors”	the Board of Directors of BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited
“BOC”	Bank of China, a state-owned commercial bank established under the laws of the PRC
“BOC (BVI)”	BOC Hong Kong (BVI) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCHK
“BOC Cayman”	the Cayman Islands Branch of Bank of China
“BOC-CC”	BOC Credit Card (International) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCHK
“BOC Group Trustee”	BOC Group Trustee Company Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, in which the Group and BOCI hold equity interests of 66% and 34%, respectively
“BOCHK”	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (formerly known as Po Sang Bank Limited), a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
“BOCHKG”	BOC Hong Kong (Group) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC
“BOC Insurance”	Bank of China Group Insurance Company Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of BOC
“BOC Investment”	Bank of China Group Investment Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC
“BOC Life”	BOC Group Life Assurance Company Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC Insurance
“BOC Shanghai”	the Shanghai Branch of Bank of China
“BOC Shenzhen”	the Shenzhen Branch of Bank of China
“BOCI”	BOC International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC
“BOCI Asia”	BOCI Asia Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCI

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“BOCI Capital”	BOCI Capital Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCI
“BOC Markets”	the Hong Kong Branch of Bank of China
“BOCI-Prudential Manager”	BOCI-Prudential Asset Management Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, in which BOCI Asset Management Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCI, and Prudential hold equity interests of 64% and 36%, respectively
“BOCI-Prudential Trustee”	BOCI-Prudential Trustee Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, in which BOC Group Trustee and Prudential hold equity interests of 64% and 36%, respectively
“BOCI Securities”	BOCI Securities Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of BOCI
“CAR”	Capital Adequacy Ratio
“CBS”	Corporate Banking System
“CFO”	Chief Financial Officer
“CRO”	Chief Risk Officer
“Company”	BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, and except where the context otherwise requires, these references are to the Group
“Chiyu”	Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, in which BOCHK holds an equity interest of 70.49%
“EFBNs”	Exchange Fund Bills and Notes
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries collectively referred as the Group
“HKMA”	Hong Kong Monetary Authority
“HKSA”	Hong Kong Society of Accountants
“HKSAR Government”	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government
“Hua Chiao”	Hua Chiao Commercial Limited (formerly known as Hua Chiao Commercial Bank Limited), a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, in which BOC holds an equity interest of 93.64%
“ICBC”	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
“IPO”	Initial Public Offering
“IT”	Information Technology
“Kawell”	Kawell Investments Limited
“Listing Rules”	The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Mainland” or “Mainland China” or “Mainland of China”	The mainland of the PRC

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“MPF”	Mandatory Provident Fund
“MPF Scheme”	Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme
“MPF Schemes Ordinance”	Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance
“MSCI Hong Kong Index”	Morgan Stanley Capital International Hong Kong Index
“Nanyang”	Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCHK
“NBCE”	Non-bank Chinese Entities
“NPL”	Non-performing Loan
“ORSO schemes”	Occupation Retirement Schemes
“Other Schemes and Plans”	Plan and any other share option schemes and savings-based share option plans of any company in the Group
“Perento”	Perento Limited, a fellow subsidiary, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCHK
“POWL”	Public Offering Without Listing
“PRC”	The People’s Republic of China
“RCC”	Risk Control Committee
“Restructuring and Merger”	the Restructuring and Merger of the Group on 1 October 2001 under the Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (Merger) Ordinance and the Merger Agreements, and details of the Restructuring and Merger described in the Company’s Prospectus, on 15 July 2002
“RMB” or “Renminbi”	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
“RMC”	Risk Management Committee
“RMD”	Risk Management Department
“RTGS”	Real Time Gross Settlement System
“SBUs”	Strategic Business Units
“SDI Ordinance”	the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance, Chapter 396 of the Laws of Hong Kong
“SME”	the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise
“Sin Chiao”	Sin Chiao Enterprises Corporation Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCHK
“SSAPs”	Statements of Standard Accounting Practice
“Stock Exchange” or “Stock Exchange of Hong Kong”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“VaR”	Value at Risk
“Zhong Gang”	Zhong Gang (Cayman) Company Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC