

DEFINITIONS

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

Terms	Meanings
"ADR(s)"	American Depositary Receipt(s)
"ADS(s)"	American Depositary Share(s)
"Associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to "associate(s)" in the Listing Rules
"ATM(s)"	Automated Teller Machine(s)
"Board" or "Board of Directors"	the Board of Directors of the Company
"BOC"	Bank of China Limited (formerly known as Bank of China), a state-owned commercial bank established under the laws of the PRC and a joint stock company with limited liability
"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 BOC
"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
"BOC Insurance"	Bank of China Group Insurance Company Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a 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 Markets"	the Hong Kong Branch of BOC
"BOC-CC"	BOC Credit Card (International) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCHK
"BOCHK"	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
"BOCHK Charitable Foundation"	Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited Charitable Foundation (formerly known as the "Bank of China Group Charitable Foundation"), a charitable foundation being established in July 1994
"BOCHKG"	BOC Hong Kong (Group) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC
"BOCI"	BOC International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC

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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
"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 Corporation Holdings Limited 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 Corporation Holdings Limited 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, computed on the consolidated basis that comprises the positions of BOCHK and certain subsidiaries specified by the HKMA for its regulatory purposes and in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Banking Ordinance
"CBS"	Corporate Banking Services
"CEPA"	Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement
"Chiyu"	Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, in which BOCHK holds an equity interest of 70.49%
"Company"	BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong
"GDP"	Gross Domestic Product
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries collectively referred as the Group
"HIBOR"	Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate
"HKAS(s)"	Hong Kong Accounting Standard(s)
"HKFRSs"	Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards
"HKICPA"	Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (formerly known as Hong Kong Society of Accountants)
"HKMA"	Hong Kong Monetary Authority
"HKSAR" or "Hong Kong SAR"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
"Hua Chiao"	Hua Chiao Commercial Limited (in members' voluntary liquidation), a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, in which BOC holds an equity interest of 93.64%
"Huijin"	China SAFE Investments Ltd. (previously known as Central Huijin Investment Company Limited)
"ICBC"	Industrial and Commercial Bank of China
"IPO"	Initial Public Offering

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"IT"	Information Technology
"Listing Rules"	The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"The Mainland" or "Mainland China" or "The Mainland of China"	The mainland of the PRC
"MPF"	Mandatory Provident Fund
"MPF Schemes Ordinance"	the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, Chapter 485 of the Laws of Hong Kong, as amended
"MSCI Index"	Morgan Stanley Capital International Index
"Nanyang"	Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCHK
"NPL(s)"	Non-performing loan(s)
"ORSO schemes"	the Occupational Retirement Schemes under Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance, Chapter 426 of the Laws of Hong Kong
"PBOC"	The People's Bank of China
"PRC"	The People's Republic of China
"RMB" or "Renminbi"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"RTGS"	Real Time Gross Settlement System
"SARS"	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong
"Share Option Scheme"	the Share Option Scheme (previously known as 2002 Share Option Scheme) conditionally approved and adopted by the shareholders of the Company on 10 July 2002
"Sharesave Plan"	the Sharesave Plan (previously known as 2002 Sharesave Plan) conditionally approved and adopted by the shareholders of the Company on 10 July 2002
"SSAP(s)"	Statement(s) of Standard Accounting Practice
"Stock Exchange" or "Stock Exchange of Hong Kong"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"UK"	United Kingdom
"US" or "USA"	the United States of America
"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