

Definitions

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

Terms	Meanings
"ADSS"	American Depositary Shares
"ATM"	Automated Teller Machine
"Board" or " Board of Directors"	the Board of Directors of the Company
"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 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 Life"	BOC Group Life Assurance Company Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC Insurance
"BOCHK"	Bank of China (Hong Kong) 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
"BOCI"	BOC International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOC
"BOCI-Prudential Manager" or "BOCI-Prudential Asset Management"	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
"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
"Chiyu"	Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong, in which BOCHK holds an equity interest of 70.49%

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"Company"	BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as the Group
"HIBOR"	Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate
"HKMA"	Hong Kong Monetary Authority
"HKSA"	Hong Kong Society of Accountants
"Hong Kong SAR Government"	Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government
"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%
"IPO"	Initial Public Offering
"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 Scheme"	Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme
"MPF Schemes Ordinance"	the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, Chapter 485 of the Laws of Hong Kong, as amended
"NPL(s)"	Non-performing loan(s)
"Nanyang"	Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of BOCHK
"ORSO schemes"	the Occupational Retirement Schemes under Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance, Chapter 426 of the Laws of Hong Kong
"PRC"	The People's Republic of China
"RMB" or "Renminbi"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of the PRC
"RTGS"	Real Time Gross Settlement System
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong

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"SME"	the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise
"SSAP"	Statement of Standard Accounting Practice
"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
"Stock Exchange" or "Stock Exchange of Hong Kong"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"VaR"	Value at Risk