

2002 Interim Results Press Conference

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Presenters on behalf of our Management Team

| Attendees | Title |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Dr. Liu Jinbao | Vice Chairman and Chief Executive |
| Mr. Zhu Chi | Deputy Chief Executive |
| Mr. Ding Yansheng | Deputy Chief Executive |
| Mr. Or Man Ah | Deputy Chief Executive |
| Mr. David Lam | Deputy Chief Executive |
| Mr. Norman Law | Chief Financial Officer |

Agenda



- 1H2002 Financial Results and Operating Performance
- Strategic Focus

Key Interim Results Highlights

- Achieved annualized ROAE of 12.9%
 - 1H2002 net profit of HK\$3.4 billion
 - Represented 54% of our 2002 profit forecast
 - Exceeded our 2001 full year profit of HK\$2.8 billion

Adjusted 1H2002 EPS of HK\$0.323, greater than 2001 adjusted EPS of HK\$0.262

NPL levels significantly lowered to an NPL ratio of 8.97%

On track to meet our HK\$6.3 billion profit forecast and our ROAE target



| | | lonths 30 June | % Change 1H01 vs | Year Ended 31 Dec |
|---|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| (HK\$ million) | 2002 | 2001 | 1H02 | 2001 |
| Total Operating Income | 8,901 | 9,990 | (10.9)% | 19,009 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 2,899 | 2,868 | 1.1% | 5,847 |
| Operating Profit before Provisions | 6,002 | 7,122 | (15.7)% | 13,162 |
| Charges for Bad and Doubtful Debts | s 1,766 | 1,848 | (4.4)% | 7,412 |
| Operating Profit after Provisions | 4,236 | 5,274 | (19.7)% | 5,750 |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | 3,418 | 4,195 | (18.5)% | 2,768 |
| Adjusted EPS | HK\$0.323 | HK\$0.397 | (18.6)% | HK\$0.262 |

2002 Interim Highlights Balance Sheet



| (HK\$ million) | As at 30 June 2002 | As at 31 Dec 2001 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total Assets | 737,778 | 766,140 |
| Total Liabilities | 683,040 | 712,904 |
| Gross Loans | 317,634 | 323,038 |
| | | |
| Total Customer Deposits | 611,470 | 606,428 |
| Shareholders' Funds | 53,654 | 52,170 |

2002 Interim Highlights Key Financial Ratios



| | Six Months Ended 30 June | | Year Ended 31 Dec |
|--|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| (%) | 2002 | 2001 | 2001 |
| Net Interest Margin | 1.98 | 1.97 | 1.95 |
| Non-Interest Income / Operating Income | 22.58 | 22.58 | 21.16 |
| Cost to Income Ratio | 32.57 | 28.71 | 30.76 |
| NPL Ratio | 8.97 | | 10.99 |
| LLR Coverage | 54.52 | | 48.19 |
| Capital Adequacy Ratio | 14.68 | - | 14.38 |

- Improved net interest margin
- Cost to income ratio among lowest in industry
- Improvement in NPL and Loan Loss Reserve Coverage
- Strong capital adequacy

Summary of P&L



| | Six Months Ended 30 June | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------|--|
| (HK\$ million) | 2002 | 2001 | |
| Net Interest Income | 6,891 | 7,734 | |
| Other Operating Income | 2,010 | 2,256 | |
| Total Operating Income | 8,901 | 9,990 | |
| Operating Expenses | 2,899 | 2,868 | |
| Operating Profit before Provisions | 6,002 | 7,122 | |
| Charge for Bad and Doubtful Debts | 1,766 | 1,848 | |
| Operating Profit after Provisions | 4,236 | 5,274 | |
| Restructuring Charges | - | (295) | |
| Others | (25) | 100 | |
| Profit before Taxation | 4,211 | 5,079 | |
| Profit Attributable to Shareholders | 3,418 | 4,195 | |
| EPS (HK\$) | 0.065 | 0.079 | |
| Adjusted EPS (HK\$) ⁽¹⁾ | 0.323 | 0.397 | |

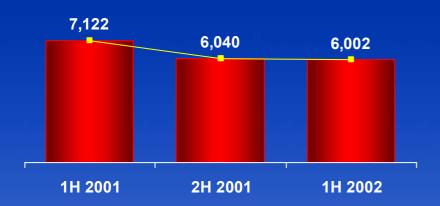
(1) Adjusted for share consolidation

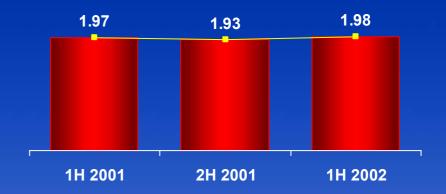
Key Trends



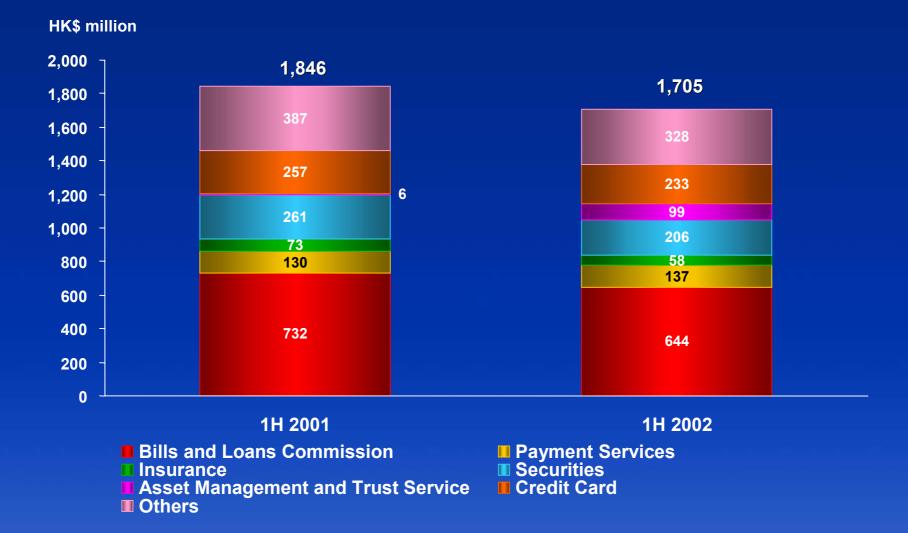
Other Operating Income







Fees and Commission Income



Operating Expenses



| | Six Months E | % Change | |
|------------------------|--------------|----------|--------|
| (HK\$ million) | 2002 | 2001 | |
| Staff Costs | 1,761 | 1,905 | (7.6)% |
| Premises and Equipment | 360 | 376 | (4.3)% |
| Depreciation | 359 | 213 | 68.5% |
| Others | 419 | 374 | 12.0% |
| Operating Expenses | 2,899 | 2,868 | 1.1% |

Provisions for Bad and Doubtful Debt

| (HK\$ million) | As at 30 June 2002 | As at 31 Dec 2001 |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| General Provisions | 6,538 | 6,538 |
| Specific Provisions | 8,999 | 10,576 |
| LLR | 15,537 | 17,114 |
| | | |
| Total Loans | 317,634 | 323,038 |
| NPLs | 28,498 | 35,512 |
| | | |
| SP/NPLs | 31.6% | 29.8% |
| GP/Total Loans | 2.1% | 2.0% |
| LLR/NPLs | 54.5% | 48.2% |

Assets Breakdown



| (HK\$ million) | As at 30 June 2002 | As at 31 Dec 2001 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and short-term funds | 109,408 | 196,255 |
| Interbank placements | 100,918 | 80,773 |
| Trade bills | 584 | 382 |
| Certificates of deposit held | 17,471 | 19,474 |
| HKSAR Gov't certificates of indebtedness | 28,290 | 25,510 |
| Held-to-maturity securities | 102,555 | 50,988 |
| Investment securities | 50 | 44 |
| Other investments in securities | 48,760 | 56,169 |
| Advances and other accounts | 303,983 | 308,108 |
| Fixed assets | 20,636 | 21,049 |
| Investments in associates | 366 | 416 |
| Other assets | 4,757 | 6,972 |
| Total assets | 737,778 | 766,140 |

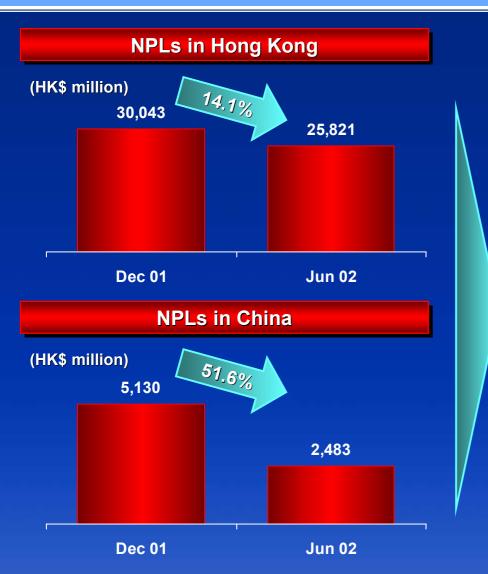
Loan Portfolio Breakdown Industry Sectors

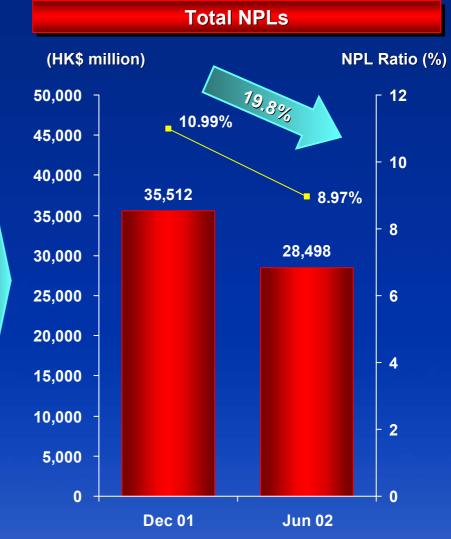


| | As at 30 June 2002 | | As at 31 Dec 2001 | | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| | HK\$ million | % | HK\$ million | % | 76 Change |
| Industrial, Commercial and Financial | 173,230 | 54.5% | 178,880 | 55.4% | (3.2)% |
| Individuals | 118,463 | 37.3% | 115,540 | 35.8% | 2.5% |
| Trade Finance | 9,763 | 3.1% | 10,566 | 3.3% | (7.6)% |
| Loans used Outside Hong Kong | 16,178 | 5.1% | 18,052 | 5.5% | (10.4)% |
| Total Advances to Customers | 317,634 | 100% | 323,038 | 100% | (1.7)% |

Non-Performing Loans







Liabilities Breakdown



| (HK\$ million) | As at 30 June, 2002 | As at 31 Dec, 2001 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| HKSAR currency notes in circulation | 28,290 | 25,510 |
| Interbank deposits | 16,115 | 55,295 |
| Customer deposits | 611,470 | 606,428 |
| Certificates of deposit issued | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Other accounts and provisions | 22,165 | 20,671 |
| | | |
| Total liabilities | 683,040 | 712,904 |

Strategic Focus

| | Key Focus Areas |
|------------------------------|--|
| | Introduce tailored products |
| | Target higher net worth customers and SME customers |
| Revenue | Expand non-interest income, such as credit card and investment |
| Enhancement | funds |
| | Penetrate RMB business through mainland branches |
| | Enhance customer relationship management |
| | Strengthen risk management systems and practices |
| Asset Quality Improvement | Monitor special mention loans to minimize loan downgrades |
| | Minimize new NPL formation and maximize recoveries |

Strategic Focus (Cont'd)

| | Key Focus Areas |
|-----------------------|---|
| | Redesign and rationalize branch network and distribution |
| | channels |
| Cost Synergies | Automate loan processes |
| | Increase IT expenses to enhance hardware/infrastructure and |
| | software |
| | Optimize capital structure |
| Capital Management | Enhance asset-liability mix and focus on higher yielding assets |
| | Maintain 60-70% dividend payout ratio |