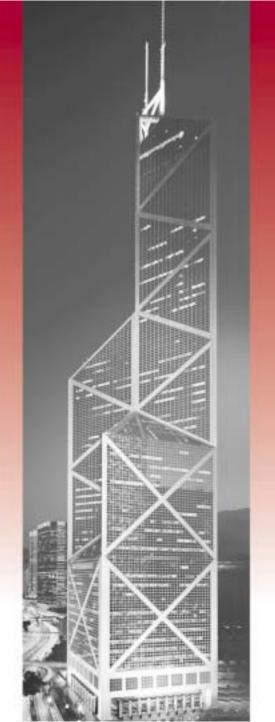
# Growing with Stronger Foundations

**2003 Annual Results** 

22 March 2004





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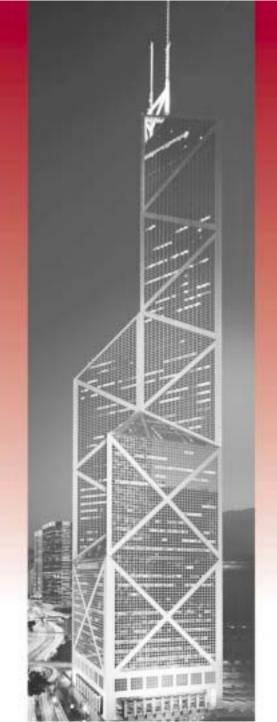
## **Agenda**

- Key Performance Highlights
- Financial Results and Operating Performance
- Strategic Focus and Outlook in 2004



# Market Analysis & Key Performance Highlights





## **Key Challenges in 2003**

**SARS** impact

- Consumer spending & corporate lending seriously impacted
- Weak property market

Significant drop in HIBOR

- Average I-month HIBOR fell to 0.99% in 2003 from 1.81% in 2002
- Pressure on NII and NIM

Subdued loan demand

- Reduced consumer loan demand and card receivables in 1H
- Sluggish loan demand in corporate lending



## Positive Signs in Second Half of 2003

- Signing of CEPA
- **■** Implementation of individual visit scheme
- Stabilizing property prices
- Gradual return of investor and consumer confidence
- Improved employment figures
- Personal RMB banking services

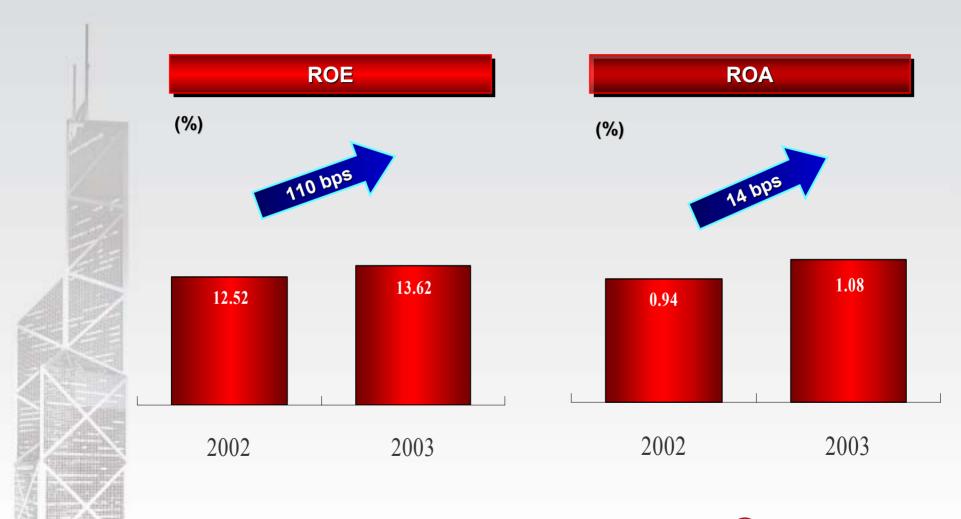


### **Strong Bottom Line Growth**

Bottom line growth benefiting from increase in wealth management income, cost reduction and significant decrease in charge for bad and doubtful debts



## **Higher ROE & ROA**



## Solid Results Despite Pressure on NII

- Net interest income down by 7.7%
- Other operating income up by 5.0%
- Cost to income ratio improved to 32.8%
- Operating profit before provisions down by 4.1%
- Credit charge reduced by 41.5%
- NPL ratio improved to 5.78% (end-2002: 7.99%)



## **Stronger Foundations**

## - Corporate Governance



- Reforming corporate governance & management structure
- Progress of implementing Special Committee's recommendations
- Reform of Board Committees: Audit Committee; Risk Management Committee; Nomination & Remuneration Committee; Credit Risk Assessment Committee
- Appointment of INED

## **Stronger Foundations**

## - Continuing Reforms & IT Investment

## Continuing Reforms

- Redefining corporate culture
- Remuneration reforms

## Leveraging IT Investment

- IT blueprint is on course
- Realigning the IT module to support business development

# Financial Results and Operating Performance





## **Profit & Loss Account (1)**

## Strong growth in profit attributable to shareholders & significant decrease in credit charges reflecting improved credit quality

(HK\$ mm)	2003	2002	% Change
Operating income	17,253	18,114	(4.8)
Operating expenses	(5,658)	(6,025)	(6.1)
Operating profit before provisions	11,595	12,089	(4.1)
Charge for bad and doubtful debts	(1,671)	(2,855)	(41.5)
Operating profit	9,924	9,234	7.5
Property revaluation	(1,111)	(977)	13.7
Profit attributable to shareholders	7,963	6,787	17.3



## **Profit & Loss Account (2)**

(HK\$ mm)	2H03	1H03	2H02	1H02
Operating income	8,417	8,836	9,213	8,901
Operating expenses	(2,961)	(2,697)	(3,126)	(2,899)
Operating profit before				
provision	5,456	6,139	6,087	6,002
Charge for bad and				
doubtful debts	(2)	(1,669)	(1,089)	(1,766)
Operating profit	5,454	4,470	4,998	4,236
Property revaluation	112	(1,223)	(977)	-
Net profit	4,951	3,012	3,372	3,415



### **Balance Sheet**

## Continued re-deployment of funds from lower yielding interbank placements to securities investment

(HK\$ mm)	31 Dec 2003	31 Dec 2002	% change
Total Assets	762,587	735,536	4%
Cash & Short-term Funds	134,106	115,075	17%
Inter-bank Placements	78,240	80,159	-2%
CDs Held	18,776	17,528	7%
Investments in Securities	172,518	158,633	9%
<b>Advances to Customers</b>	308,582	321,034	-4%
Fixed Assets	17,582	20,212	-13%
Total Liabilities	701,170	677,751	3%
Inter-bank Deposits	41,347	29,957	38%
<b>Deposits from Customers</b>	600,642	600,977	0%
CDs Issued	2,432	-	N/A
Shareholders' Funds	60,261	56,671	6%



## **Key Financial Ratios**

(%)	31 Dec 2003	30 June 2003	31 Dec 2002	30 June 2002
ROE	13.6	10.6	12.5	13.0
ROAA	1.08	0.82	0.94	0.94
Cost to Income Ratio	32.8	30.5	33.3	32.6
NPL Ratio	5.78	7.80	7.99	8.97
Loan / Deposit	51.4	54.9	53.4	52.0
Average Liquidity Rat	io 37.8	37.9	41.2	41.3
Capital Adequacy Rat	io 15.1	14.7	14.0	14.7



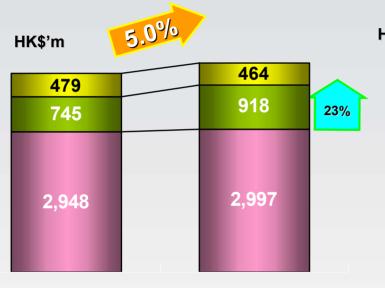
## **Narrowing Net Interest Margin**

## The combined effect of intense competition, weak loan demand and low interest rates

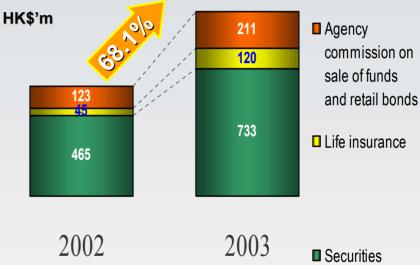
(HK\$ mm)	2003	2002	Challenges
Interest Income	17,759	21,463	Impact of the
Interest Expense	4,885	7,521	Impact of the significant fall in HIBOR
Net Interest Income	12,874	13,942	(2003: 0.99%; 2002: 1.81%)
Net Interest Spread	1.73%	1.87%	<ul><li>Narrowing of lending</li></ul>
Net Interest Margin	1.82%	2.00%	spread

## Strong Growth in Income from Wealth Management & Treasury Products





#### **Income from Wealth Management**

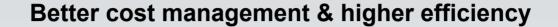


- 2002 2003
- Other income
- Income from treasury segment
- Net fees and comission income

- Securities broking turnover up 79%
- Investment funds and retail bond sale up 68%
- Life insurance premium up 114%



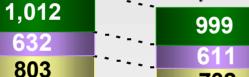
## Satisfactory Progress in Bank-Wide Efficiency Program

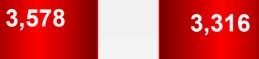




(HK\$ m) Cost-to-Income Ratio 32.8%







2002 2003

Staff CostsDepreciation

□ Premises and Equipment■ Others

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#### **Reduction in Premise and Equipment Cost**

**Branch Network Rationalization** 



2001 2002 2003

- Improved staff quality and efficiency.
- Completion of Phase I of branch network re-engineering.
- Increased client base penetration through electronic distribution channels.



## **Improved Loan Portfolio**

Improved loan mix through shifting of emphasis to areas with higher profitability and growth potential

(HK\$ mm)	31 Dec 2003	31 Dec 2002	% change
Loans for use in HK	277,050	292,635	-5.3%
Property development	23,162	26,591	-12.9%
Property investment	46,754	50,992	-8.3%
Wholesale & retail	18,858	23,781	-20.7%
Residential mortgages	90,003	85,853	4.8%
Credit card advances	3,756	3,554	5.7%
Trade finance	9,851	8,873	11.0%
Loans for use outside HK	21,681	19,526	11.0%
Total advances to customers	308,582	321,034	-3.9%



## **Significant Improvement in Asset Quality**

#### Achieved an NPL ratio of 5.78%, lowest since IPO



Asset Quality			
31 D 200		31 Dec 2002	
General Provisions	5,406	6,363	
Specific Provisions	5,507	8,650	
NPLs	17,832	25,659	
SP/NPLs	30.66%	33.66%	
GP/Total Loans	1.75%	1.98%	
LLR/NPLs	61.2%	58.5%	
SP + Collateral Coverage	91.0%	90.1%	

### **Satisfactory Performance of Mainland Branches**

#### China business improving in volume and quality

#### **Gross Advances to Customers**





- Net profit increased by 13%; loan grew by 21%
- New services Automated Fund Transfer and Replacement Loan Scheme





## Superior Position in RMB and Mainland-related Business

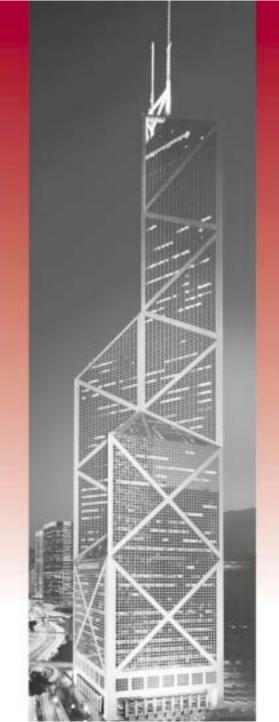
- The only RMB Clearing Bank in HK
- Issuance of Great Wall International Card and Great Wall RMB Card up 122% and 159% respectively. Related cardholder-spending increased by 62% and 104% respectively
- BOC Prestige Banking jointly launched with BOC, leading to increased network resources to customers
- Enhancement of service to HK customers in the Mainland





## **Strategic Focus and Outlook**





## **Strategic Focus in 2004**



## **Aligning Business Model to Support Growth (1)**

### Retail Banking Model

- Continue branch rationalization 2<sup>nd</sup> phase in progress
- Centralize processing function and re-deploy staff to generate business especially in growth areas
- Centralize the processing of customer mortgage business and manage customer lending on portfolio basis
- Continue to grow credit card receivables

## **Aligning Business Model to Support Growth (2)**

### Corporate Banking Model

- Strengthen Customer Relations Team to anticipate and meet customers' needs
- Product Managers Team to develop products in need
- **■** Fine-tune customer segmentation
- Improve loan portfolio
- Move toward portfolio approach in managing credit risks

## **Aligning Business Model to Support Growth (3)**

#### RMB Banking Model

- Capitalize on early entry
- Make use of Mainland network resources for cross selling

# China Business Model

- Leverage customer base in Hong Kong to promote products/services
- Re-organize China Business Department to become extension of Retail Banking and Corporate Banking
- Capitalise on our cooperation with BOC to explore new business opportunities
- Matrix management

## **Growing with Stronger Foundations**

- Cautiously optimistic despite low interest rates and acute competition
- 2004 a year of new opportunities
- Growing with stronger foundations



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