

Solid Operating Performance in a Challenging Environment

# 2003 Audited Interim Results Presentation

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## Agenda



- Key Performance Highlights
- 1H2003 Financial Results and Operating Performance
- Outlook and Strategic Focus

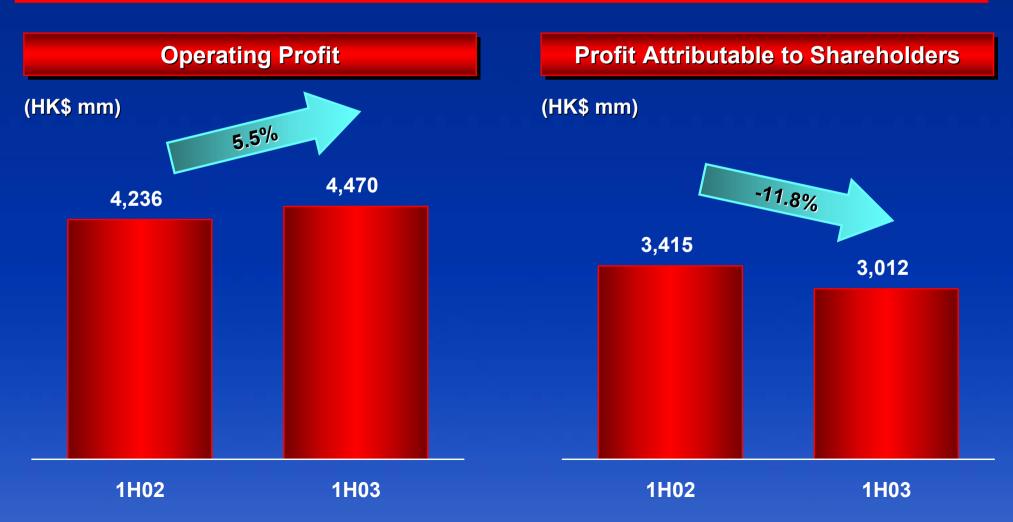


**Key Performance Highlights** 

## Key Interim Results Highlights (1)



Solid growth in operating profit, impact of property revaluation loss fully reflected



## Key Interim Results Highlights (2)



- Achieved EPS of HK\$ 28.5 cents (1H 02: HK\$ 32.3 cents)
- Increased interim dividend to HK\$ 19.5 cents (1H 02: HK\$ 18.3 cents)
- Achieved ROE of 10.6% and ROAA of 0.82%
- Increased other operating income by 12.0% to HK\$2.3 billion
- Reduced cost-to-income ratio to 30.5%, one of the lowest in the industry
- Lowered NPL ratio to 7.8% (Dec 02: 8.0%)

#### Managing Change



- Modify board composition and enhance high level control
- Develop bank-wide Vision, Mission & Core Values to embed corporate culture change
- Recruit world class management personnel, including Chief Operating Officer and Director of Risk
- Prioritise and implement incremental improvements recommended by KPMG

# Overall Business Strategy Diversification & Capitalise on Opportunities



- Increase revenue from retail lending
- Expand our China business to contribute up to 10% of total revenues in the medium term
- Focus on profitability and asset quality of corporate loans
- Exit high risk lending

# Deliveries Business-Driven Strategies



- Reorganise middle and back offices to support front office business strategies
- Middle and back office management has to be business driven
- Align IT projects with business strategies and ensure early delivery of revenue generating IT projects



# Financial Results and Operating Performance

#### Profit & Loss Account



#### Solid growth in operating profits; Impact of property revaluation loss fully reflected

(HK\$ mm)	30 Jun 2003	30 Jun 2002	% Change
Operating Income	8,836	8,901	(0.7)
Operating Expenses	(2,697)	(2,899)	(7.0)
Operating Profit before Provisions	6,139	6,002	2.3
Charge for Bad and Doubtful Debts	(1,669)	(1,766)	(5.5)
Operating Profit after Provisions	4,470	4,236	5.5
Property Revaluation	(1,223)	-	-
Profit Attributable to Shareholders	3,012	3,415	(11.8)
EPS (HK\$)	0.285	0.323	(11.8)
DPS (HK\$)	0.195	0.183	6.6

#### **Balance Sheet**



# Shifting to More Efficient Asset Mix; Robust Capital Position with Prudent Capital Adequacy Ratio

(HK\$ mm)	30 Jun 2003	31 Dec 2002
Total Assets	735,494	735,536
Inter-bank Placements & Short-term Funds	186,518	195,234
Securities Investments	167,636	158,633
Advances to Customers	321,181	321,034
Fixed Assets	17,921	20,212
Total Liabilities	677,010	677,751
Deposits from Customers	585,135	600,977
Shareholders' Funds	57,367	56,671
Tier 1	13.8%	13.1%
Total CAR	14.7%	14.0%

# **Key Financial Ratios**



(%)	30 Jun 2003	31 Dec 2002	30 Jun 2002
ROE	10.6	12.5	13.0
ROAA	0.82	0.94	0.94
Cost to Income Ratio	30.5	33.3	32.6
NPL Ratio	7.8	8.0	9.0
Loan / Deposit	54.9	53.4	52.0
Average Liquidity Ratio	37.9	41.2	41.3
Capital Adequacy Ratio	14.7	14.0	14.7



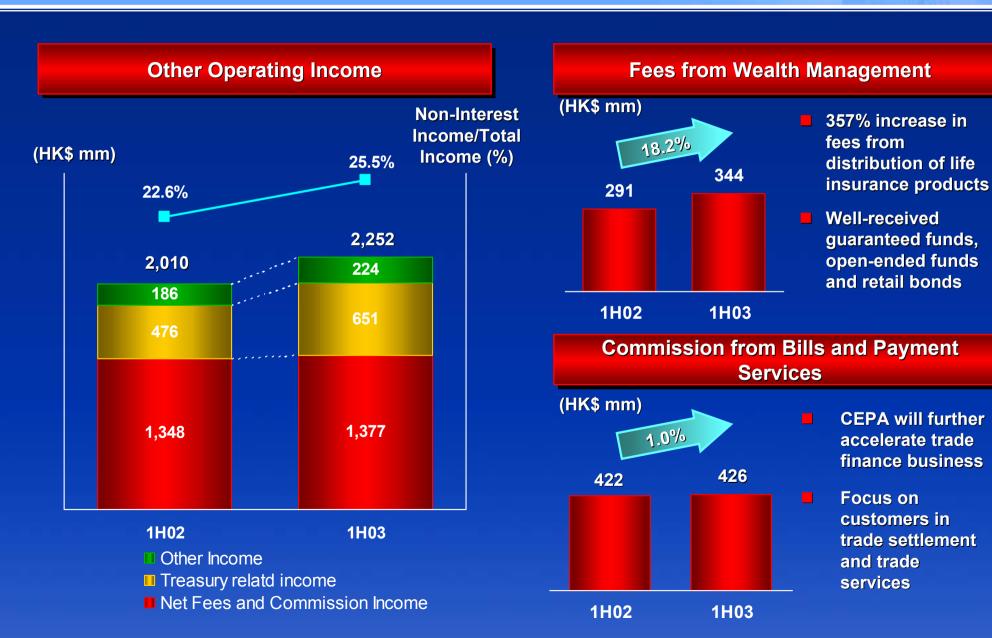


# Challenging environment with intense competition, weak loan demand and low market interest rate

(HK\$ mm)	30 Jun 2003	30 Jun 2002	Challenges
Interest Income	9,358	10,958	Narrowing of spreads on
Interest Expense	2,744	4,067	lending
Net Interest Income	6,584	6,891	Fall in contribution
Net Interest Spread	1.79%	1.85%	from net free funds
Net Interest Margin	1.89%	1.99%	

## Solid Growth in Other Operating Income





#### Achieving Cost Efficiency Gains



#### Continued progress in staff and branch reduction

#### **Operating Expenses**

#### Cost-to-Income Ratio (HK\$ mm) 32.6% 30.5% 2,899 2,697 419 432 359 322 360 309 1,761 1,634 1H02 1H03 Others Depreciation Premises and Equipment Costs

■ Staff Costs

#### **Reduction in Premises and Equipment Costs**







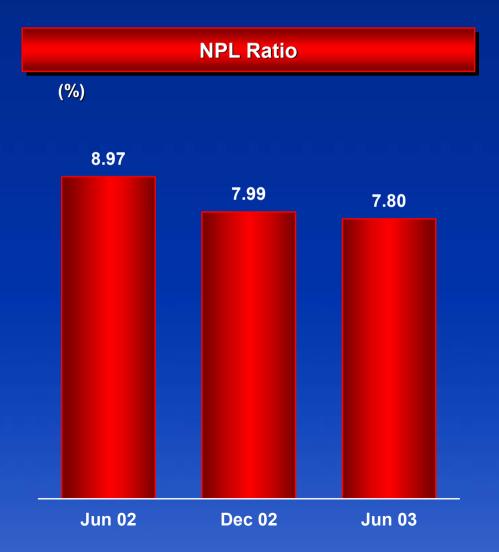
Charges for Bad & Doubtful Debts			
	1H 2003	1H 2002	
Specific Provisions			
New Provisions	2,537	3,289	
Releases	(482)	(1,173)	
Recoveries	(220)	(350)	
General Provisions	(166)	-	
Net Charges for Bad & Doubtful Debts	1,669	1,766	

Asset Quality		
	30 Jun 2003	31 Dec 2002
General Provisions	6,197	6,363
Specific Provisions	8,973	8,650
NPLs	25,049	25,659
SP/NPLs	33.74%	33.66%
GP/Total Loans	1.93%	1.98%
LLR/NPLs	60.6%	58.5%
SP + Collateral Coverage	90.9%	90.1%

### Continue to Improve Asset Quality



#### Achieved an NPL ratio of 7.80%



- **■** Write off of HK\$1.7 billion
- Lower NPL origination
- Delinquency and rescheduled loans ratio of residential mortgages improved from 1.75% to 1.51%
- Delinquency ratio of credit card advances fell from 1.34% to 1.28%



**Outlook and Strategic Focus** 

#### Looking Forward



Revenue Enhancement

- Increasing fee income due to cross-selling of high ROE products
- Products include credit cards, insurance products, investment funds, treasury products, trade services, cash management, syndicate loans

Synergies and Efficiency Gains

- Decreasing operating expenses due to back office efficiency and staff productivity improvement
- Significant IT investment program in progress

Capitalising on China
Opportunities

- Leading international issuer of credit cards in the Mainland
- Key player in underwriting China property mortgages for Hong Kong residents
- **■** RMB business opportunities

Asset Quality and Risk Management Improvements

- Improving NPL ratios
- Lowering delinquency rates
- Established comprehensive and systematic credit monitoring



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