

# 2009 INTERIM FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

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#### FINANCIAL RESULTS AND OPERATION REVIEW

The Directors are pleased to present the Group's Interim Financial Disclosure Statements for the six months ended 30 June 2009. The financial information for the six month period ended 30 June 2009 set out in these statements is unaudited. With the exception of the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 June 2008, the comparative figures in respect of the consolidated income statement for the six months ended 30 June 2008, the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2008 and the related explanatory notes are audited.

In 2009, central banks of the world's major economies orchestrated expansionary monetary policies, in order to break the vicious cycle of credit crunch that severely hindered capital flows and the real economy. With no capital flow restriction and additionally backed by the China factor, Hong Kong is one of the primary beneficiary regions from such policies. Substantive capital inflows brought interest rates for the HKD-denominated deposits down to nearly zero. Stimulated by ample liquidity, both the stock market and the property market have rebounded since the second quarter of the year. However, overall export figures kept declining and unemployment rate continued to rise. The overall economy in Hong Kong is predicted to remain weak in the second half of the year.

As we entered 2009, the Group operated at a steady even pace. Although market interest rates remained low, the financial market seemed to have stabilised. For the period ended 30 June 2009, the Group recorded an unaudited consolidated profit after tax of HK\$458 million, representing an increase of 30.7% over the corresponding period of the previous year.

As the market interest rates went down, the Group recorded only a net interest income of HK\$609 million for the first half of 2009, representing a decrease of 10.1% compared to the same period last year. Non-interest income (excluding insurance business) increased by a respectable 39.8% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, among which the debt securities investment generated substantial profit, while the insurance business achieved a turnaround from loss to profit with a net income of HK\$30.17 million (excluding gains or losses on investments). Moreover, the Group's impairment charge for credit losses decreased substantially by HK\$264 million. Its operating expenses amounted to HK\$559 million, an increase of 26.8% as compared to the same period of last year, which was partly attributable to the increase in provision for the Lehman Brothers Minibond incident, as well as the increase of approximately HK\$10.98 million in staff costs due to the increase in retirement benefit costs. If excluding the additional expenses relating to Lehman Brothers Minibond incident in 2009, the related promotion expenses for the Bank's 75th anniversary and the professional expenses for the merger and acquisition activities in 2008, operating expenses in the first six months of 2009 would only be HK\$17.67 million or 4.2% higher than that of 2008.

As at 30 June 2009, total assets and net assets of the Group increased by 10.2% and 4.5% to HK\$110.8 billion and HK\$10.9 billion respectively as compared to the end of 2008. Total deposits of the Group, including structured deposits, surged to HK\$91 billion or 9.4% higher than the total at the end of 2008, while total loans rose by 5.5% from year-end 2008 to HK\$45.8 billion. Overall loan quality remained sound with an impaired loan ratio of only 0.49%.

The consolidated capital adequacy ratio and core capital adequacy ratio as at the end of June 2009 were 12.4% and 10.7% respectively, and the average liquidity ratio for the first half of the year was 56.8%. On 14 July 2009, the Bank issued a subordinated note in the principal amount of HK\$800 million to China Merchants Bank ("CMB") to enlarge its capital base for future business development.

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After acquisition by CMB, the Bank not only receives strong support from CMB, but also expands its horizon for future business expansion with the proactive development of Renminbi-related businesses in Hong Kong. By virtue of the complementary advantages and mutual interaction between the two banks, a sustainable earnings growth driven by a gradually enhanced synergy is expected.

Detailed analysis of the Group's operations for the first half of 2009 is as follows:

#### **Deposits**

As at 30 June 2009, total deposits of the Group, including structured deposits, surged by 9.4% to HK\$91 billion as compared with that at the end of 2008. Deposit growth was mainly from new major corporate clients.

Among the various kinds of deposits, Hong Kong Dollar deposits accounted for the bulk of the increase, up by HK\$6.08 billion or 11.3% as compared with year-end 2008. Other foreign currency deposits surged by Hong Kong Dollar equivalent 2.13 billion or 14.5% over that at year-end 2008. Compared to 31 December 2008, RMB deposits rose by Hong Kong Dollar equivalent 400 million or 38.2%, while the US Dollar deposits decreased by Hong Kong Dollar equivalent 780 million or 5.8%.

With respect to business operation, mutual interaction between CMB and Wing Lung was launched, including "Account Opening Witnessed by CMB Manager" and "China – Hong Kong Express Link". Concurrently, PRC high-end customers were proactively invited to open accounts (including deposit, securities and wealth management accounts) with the Bank in Hong Kong.

#### Advances to customers

As at 30 June 2009, total loans to customers of the Group grew by 5.5% to HK\$45.8 billion as compared with that at the end of 2008; and the impaired loan ratio was only 0.49%. As such, its overall loan quality remained sound.

With respect to corporate banking business, the balance of loans at the end of June 2009 amounted to HK\$18 billion, an increase of 17.1% over that at the end of 2008. During the first half of the year, a number of projects were explored to expand the loan portfolio, to improve loan-to-deposit ratio and to generate more interest income, and the results were remarkable. In the second half of the year, the Bank will put efforts on closer cooperation with CMB. By leveraging on the advantages of internal and external linkage and interaction between the two banks, the Bank will strive to secure more trade finance customers, so as to generate more income.

As to commercial banking business, the balance of loans at the end of June 2009 amounted to HK\$369 million, representing a decrease of 28.6% as compared to that at the end of 2008. The performance of the Bank's trade finance business was affected as most of its customers received far less orders due to sluggish foreign trade environment. The Bank's Commercial Banking Department is currently taking a more aggressive approach to recommend the government-launched "Special Loan Guarantee Scheme" to its existing and new customers.

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With respect to mortgage and personal loan business, total loans (including all branches) at the end of June 2009 amounted to HK\$23.2 billion, representing a decrease of 2.4% from year-end 2008. Of the total, residential mortgage loan balance amounted to HK\$9.28 billion, a decrease of 2.9% compared with that at the end of 2008. In view of the improved sentiment in the property market and facing keen competition, the Bank will offer more flexible mortgage terms in line with the market and capitalise on its interactive cooperation with CMB. The Bank expects business will grow in the second half of the year with further improvement in the property market.

At the end of June 2009, the Bank's hire-purchase and leasing subsidiary, Wing Lung Finance Limited ("Wing Lung Finance"), recorded a portfolio amounting to HK\$517 million, up 5.2% as compared to that at the end of 2008. Given the uncertain global economic conditions, Wing Lung Finance took a prudent approach towards machinery financing. Business growth was mainly attributable to vehicle financing since the vehicle market has become stable since last year. Wing Lung Finance will strive to tap more vehicle financing business aiming at diversifying risk from machinery financing.

#### **Investments**

As at 30 June 2009, the Group had a debt securities investment portfolio of HK\$23.2 billion, representing an increase of 115% over that at the end of the previous year. The increment was mainly due to the fact that the Group purchased several tranches of high quality bonds during the period in order to increase interest income. More than 78% of such debt securities are rated A3 or above and their risks are comparatively low.

#### **Treasury**

For the six months ended 30 June 2009, revenue from foreign exchange trading amounted to HK\$32.13 million, representing a decrease of 33% over the corresponding period of the previous year; while revenue from foreign currency notes exchange amounted to HK\$17.73 million, representing an increase of 38.5% over the corresponding period of 2008. The Bank will introduce more proprietary transactions to increase revenue, and will also strengthen the cooperation with CMB to seek more trading opportunities at the same time.

With respect to the inter-bank placement and borrowing, interest rate remained at a low level due to weak funding requirement as a result of subdued business activities. It is expected that in the second half of 2009, the Group will increase its investment in government guaranteed debt instruments and achieve loan growth through corporate customer referrals by CMB, so as to increase its net interest income.

#### Wealth management

In the first half of 2009, the wealth management business of the Group realised a revenue of HK\$13.29 million, a decrease of 62.9% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The decrease was primarily attributable to the sales suspension of certain relatively higher risk product pursuant to strengthened internal controls. Furthermore, the weakened market sentiments and certain investors' caution also dampened revenue generation.

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Wealth Management Centre will focus on developing a new service branded "Sunflower" in the second half of 2009, with a view to providing a comprehensive service platform for highend customers in both Mainland China and Hong Kong. Such services cover deposits, securities and wealth management. The detailed procedures and marketing plans for such services are currently being formulated and are expected to be completed by August 2009.

#### Credit card

As at 30 June 2009, the Bank has issued a total of 246,000 credit cards, down 2% from year-end 2008. The credit card receivables amounted to HK\$326 million, down 30.8% from the prior year-end. Merchant business turnover was HK\$1 billion, up 7.1% as compared to the corresponding period of 2008.

As the economic environment remains uncertain, the Bank adopted more prudent policies in granting credit cards, which led to the reduction in both the total number of credit cards issued and the receivable balance. The Bank will decide whether the relevant policies shall be relaxed in the second half of 2009 according to the developments of market conditions. In the third quarter, the Credit Card Centre will focus on the marketing of diamond credit card "Luxe Visa Infinite" and prepare for the introduction of the first World MasterCard Corporate Card in Greater China. In the second half of 2009, the Bank will continue to discuss with the Credit Card Centre of CMB for sharing more mutual promotion offers from merchants. In addition, the Bank will make efforts to secure merchant business, so as to increase its commission income.

#### Securities broking

In the first half of 2009, Wing Lung Securities Limited ("Wing Lung Securities") realised a commission income of HK\$102 million, representing a slight year-on-year increase of 1.3%. Although the daily average total turnover of the Hong Kong stock market decreased by 33% during that period, Wing Lung Securities was able to achieve an increased turnover of 5.3%, which was much better than the market average, due to proactive expansion and the establishment of new securities centres. Consequently, its market share also increased. Market conditions have gradually improved since the second quarter as a result of the economic stimulations efforts by governments around the world. The Hang Seng Index broke through the 20,000 point level this July, evidencing an active market. In the second half of 2009, Wing Lung Securities will actively promote its securities services to corporate and institutional customers, so as to secure large amount orders.

## Wing Lung Insurance

For the six months ended 30 June 2009, Wing Lung Insurance Company Limited ("Wing Lung Insurance") recorded a gross premium income of HK\$349 million, representing a decrease of 9.7% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Total insurance claims amounted to HK\$182 million, 39.7% lower compared to the prior year same period. Underwriting profit amounted to HK\$6.24 million compared to a HK\$112 million loss in the same period in 2008. Investments made a turnaround to gains. Wing Lung Insurance intends to increase premium for employee compensation policies to bolster underwriting profit. It also plans to expand its business to Chinese invested enterprises and to broaden its client base.

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#### **Branches**

Following the acquisition of the Bank by CMB, the Bank has become the retail business platform of CMB in Hong Kong. The Bank is committed to developing retail market, with a view to gaining an important market position in Hong Kong. In order to increase distribution network for retail business, the Bank proactively expands its branch network. In April and August 2009, the Bank established its Des Voeux Road West Branch and its China Hong Kong City flagship branch, while its Mei Foo Sun Chuen Branch is expected to commence operation in September. Currently, the Bank has 38 branches in Hong Kong, two branches and a subbranch in the PRC and two overseas branches, one in Los Angeles and the other in the Cayman Islands.

Our two branches and sub-branch in PRC have been developing steadily. They will cultivate business with large state-owned enterprises, private enterprises, as well as blue-chip and red-chip companies in Hong Kong, and will strengthen cooperative endeavours with CMB for more business opportunities.

Regarding the preparation of the Macao Branch, the Bank formally submitted application to the Monetary Authority of Macao immediately after obtaining consent for establishing such a branch from the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. The Macao regulator is now processing our application.

The Bank's Los Angeles Branch is proactively cooperating with CMB's New York Branch on the east coast, with a view to developing a mutual sharing platform to develop business in North America.

#### **Information Technology**

After merging with CMB, the Bank has revised its objectives, focusing more on customer centric service and providing unique cross border service. To facilitate these goals, the Information Technology Department has started various projects, including system modifications in line with new structural changes, service channel enhancement for improvement of service quality, upgrading back office operating systems, strengthening middle office risk management system, modernisation of IT infra-structure, etc.

#### **Human Resources**

As at 30 June 2009, the total number of employees of the Bank is 1,683 (31 December 2008:1,680), of which 1,592 are in Hong Kong, 78 are in the PRC and 13 are overseas. In order to upgrade the skills and overall competitiveness of its staff for further development, the Bank has been actively organising seminars related to the Bank's businesses and new products or services. Specialised training sessions on wealth management, insurance, new deposit products and services as well as sales techniques are regularly arranged for frontline staff. To enhance efficiency, online training program has been produced and uploaded to the distance learning centre of CMB, which was launched in July 2009.

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#### **Lehman Brothers Minibonds Repurchase Agreement**

On 22 July 2009, the Bank, without admission of any liability, entered into an agreement with the Securities and Futures Commission, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and 15 other distributing banks for Lehman Brothers Minibonds ("Minibonds") to make an offer to eligible customers to repurchase their holdings in outstanding Minibonds subscribed through the Bank. Under the repurchase scheme, the Bank will offer to repurchase all outstanding Minibonds held by the Bank's eligible customers at a price equivalent to 60% of the nominal value of the principal invested (those who are below the age of 65 on 1 July 2009); or 70% of the nominal value of the principal invested (those who aged 65 or above on 1 July 2009). Subsequently, upon realising the underlying collateral of relevant Minibonds, the Bank will additionally make a payment of up to 10% (depending on actual recoveries) of the nominal value of the Minibonds to eligible customers who are below the age of 65. If such recoveries exceed 70% of the nominal value of the principal invested, the Bank will pay amounts in excess of 70% to its eligible customers. Based on the information currently available to the Bank, such repurchase scheme will involve an estimated aggregate amount of approximately HK\$203 million (including certain amounts already paid, but excluding any future payments following recovery of the collaterals) if all eligible customers accept the offer.

According to the agreement, the Bank has also committed to make available to the Trustee of the Minibonds (HSBC Bank USA, National Association) an amount of approximately HK\$8 million (equivalent to the amount of commission income received by the Bank through the distribution of the outstanding Minibonds) to be used by the Trustee to fund collateral recoveries pursuant to a related agreement. The Bank agreed that it will not have any claim to the return of this money to the extent that it is utilised by the Trustee.

The Bank has made adequate provision for the abovementioned amounts in its 2008 annual accounts and its interim accounts for the first half of 2009 in accordance with its accounting policy. It is still uncertain at this stage whether the Bank can recover any amount from the Minibonds' underlying collateral.

Hong Kong, 17 August 2009

# CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	Six months ended 30 June	
		2009	2008
		Unaudited	Audited
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest income	3	992,979	1,735,904
Interest expense	4	(383,977)	(1,058,727)
Net interest income		609,002	677,177
Fees and commission income		201,437	226,502
Fees and commission expense		(30,866)	(34,186)
Net fees and commission income	5	170,571	192,316
Insurance operating income	6	212,531	218,632
Net trading gain/(loss)	7	154,118	(205,629)
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale securities		68,820	252,915
Other operating income	8	74,971	95,386
Operating income		1,290,013	1,230,797
Operating expenses	9	(559,077)	(440,818)
Impairment charge for credit losses	10	(27,483)	(291,335)
Charge for insurance claims	6	(182,361)	(302,538)
Net profit/(loss) on disposal of other properties and			,
equipment		23	(337)
Operating profit before gain/(loss) on certain			
investments		521,115	195,769
Fair value adjustments on investment properties		2,221	186,676
Share of net profits/(losses) of jointly controlled entities		7,597	(37,800)
Share of net profits of associates		2,406	1,895
Profit before taxation		533,339	346,540
Income tax	11	(75,454)	3,690
Profit attributable to shareholders		457,885	350,230
Interim dividend		<u>-</u>	116,095

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit for the period	457,885 	350,230
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period		
Surplus on revaluation of bank premises	4,039	780
Changes in fair value of available-for-sale securities  Transfer to income statement on disposal of	68,575	(645,849)
available-for-sale securities  Transfer to income statement on impairment of	(68,820)	(252,915)
available-for-sale securities	_	248,364
Share of associates' reserves	13	82
Share of jointly controlled entities' reserves  Effect of deferred taxation on other comprehensive	4,544	(231)
items Effect on opening deferred tax balances resulting	(251)	11,953
from the change in tax rate in 2008	<u>-</u>	1,450
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	8,100	(636,366)
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Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period attributable to shareholders	465,985	(286,136)

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

	Note	30/6/2009 Unaudited HK\$'000	31/12/2008 Audited HK\$'000
Assets			
Cash and short-term funds Placements with and loans and advances to	12	24,144,621	36,060,920
banks	13	11,896,285	4,869,242
Trading securities		2,508,082	2,809,833
Derivative financial instruments Financial assets designated at fair value through	14	87,258	40,375
profit or loss		3,640,278	2,356,318
Available-for-sale securities		6,877,396	1,539,543
Held-to-maturity securities		10,729,194	4,720,418
Advances and other accounts	15	47,528,873	44,788,117
Interests in jointly controlled entities		162,908	153,900
Interests in associates		6,260	5,867
Investment properties	16	2,260,810	2,346,550
Interests in leasehold land		235,087	237,173
Other properties and equipment	17	556,895	489,767
Tax recoverable		86,368	85,922
Deferred tax assets		87,918 	88,909
Total assets		110,808,233	100,592,854
Liabilities			
Deposits and balances from banks		2,186,102	914,484
Trading liabilities		200,505	595,471
Derivative financial instruments Financial liabilities designated at fair value	14	391,218	197,606
through profit or loss	18	1,072,390	2,076,092
Deposits from customers	19	90,863,294	82,493,626
Certificates of deposit issued		1,199,528	1,020,970
Current taxation		14,590	5,118
Deferred tax liabilities		328,908	276,363
Other accounts and accruals	20	3,683,818	2,611,229
Total liabilities		99,940,353	90,190,959
Equity			
Share capital	21	1,160,951	1,160,951
Reserves	22	9,706,929	9,240,944
Total equity		10,867,880	10,401,895
Total equity and liabilities		110,808,233	100,592,854

#### NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

# 1 Basis of preparation

The interim financial disclosure statements are prepared in accordance with and fully comply with the requirements set out in the Banking (Disclosure) Rules issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") has issued a number of new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs", a collective term which includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations), which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. The Group adopted the following new/revised HKFRSs which are relevant to its operations:

HKAS 1 (Revised)

- Presentation of Financial Statements

Amendments to HK (IFRIC) – Interpretation 9 and HKAS 39 - Reassessment of Embedded Derivative

HK (IFRIC) – Interpretation 13

- Customer Loyalty Programmes

HKAS 1 (Revised) introduces changes in the presentation and disclosures of financial statements. As a result of the adoption of HKAS 1 (Revised), details of changes in equity during the period arising from transactions with equity shareholders in their capacity as such have been presented separately from all other income and expenses in a revised consolidated statement of changes in equity. All other items of income and expense are presented in the consolidated income statement, if they are recognised as part of profit or loss for the period, or otherwise in a new primary statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. This change in presentation has no effect on reported profit or loss, total income and expense or net assets for any period presented.

Amendments to HK (IFRIC) - Interpretation 9 and HKAS 39 clarify the accounting treatment for embedded derivatives regarding subsequent reassessment on whether embedded derivative should be separated from host contract. In addition to a change in the terms of contract that significantly modified the cash flows that otherwise would have been required under the contract, the amendments require a subsequent reassessment to be performed when there is a reclassification of a financial asset out of the fair value through profit or loss category, which shall be made on the basis of the circumstances existed on the later date of: (a) when the entity first became a party to the contract; and (b) a change in the terms of contract that significantly modified the cash flows that otherwise would have been required under the contract. The amendments to the interpretation are unlikely to have any financial impact on the Group.

#### NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

# 1 Basis of preparation (Continued)

HK (IFRIC) - Interpretation 13 requires customer loyalty award credits to be accounted for as a separate identifiable component of the sales transaction in which they are granted. The fair value of the consideration received or receivable in respect of the sales transaction is allocated between the award credits and the other components of the sale. The consideration allocated to the award credits shall be measured by reference to their fair value and is deferred until the awards are redeemed or the liability is otherwise extinguished. The interpretation is unlikely to have any financial impact on the Group.

The adoption of the above HKFRSs did not result in significant changes to the Group's accounting policies and did not have significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

Up to the date of issue of these interim financial disclosure statements, the HKICPA has also issued certain new/revised HKFRSs which are not yet effective for accounting period beginning on 1 January 2009 and have not been early adopted by the Group. The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these new/revised HKFRSs is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it has concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the Group's result of operations and financial position.

#### 2 Basis of consolidation

These interim financial disclosure statements cover the consolidated positions of the Bank and all its subsidiaries, unless otherwise stated, and include the attributable share of the results and reserves of its jointly controlled entities and associates. For regulatory reporting, the bases of consolidation are set out in notes 1, 2 and 6 of the supplementary financial information of these interim financial disclosure statements.

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## 3 Interest income

	Six months er 2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cash and balances with banks	289,936	695,331
Investments in securities	136,343	219,639
Advances to customers	530,967	773,404
Others	35,733	47,530
	992,979	1,735,904

Included in interest income are interest income from financial assets that are not at fair value through profit or loss of HK\$932,862,000 (2008: HK\$1,618,925,000) and unwinding of discount on impaired assets of HK\$3,848,000 (2008: HK\$1,002,000).

## 4 Interest expense

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Deposits and balances from banks and deposits from		
customers	331,068	950,622
Certificates of deposit issued	33,753	62,198
Others	19,156	45,907
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	383,977	1,058,727

Included in interest expense is interest expense on financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss of HK\$341,459,000 (2008: HK\$988,338,000).

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# 5 Net fees and commission income

	Six months en 2009 HK\$'000	ded 30 June 2008 HK\$'000
Fees and commission income	·	·
Securities brokerage and investment services	115,413	131,335
Credit cards Credit related fees and commission	32,327	35,035
Trade finance	25,167 7,331	27,559 6,619
Other retail banking services	9,077	10,321
Other fee income	12,122	15,633
	201,437	226,502
Fees and commission expenses		
Credit cards	(18,938)	(19,461)
Other fee expenses	(11,928)	(14,725)
	(30,866)	(34,186)
Net fees and commission income	170,571 	192,316 ========
Of which:		
Net fees and commission income, other than amounts included in determining the effective interest rate, arising from financial assets or financial liabilities that are not held for trading nor designated at fair value through profit or loss		
- fees and commission income	46,291	51,833
- fees and commission expenses	(16,584) ———	(15,484) ======
Net fees and commission income on trust and other fiduciary activities where the Group holds or invests on behalf of its customers		
- fees and commission income	4,152	5,412
- fees and commission expenses	(4)	(51)

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# 6 Insurance operating income and charge for insurance claims

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2009 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000
Insurance operating income Gross	τ πιφ σσσ	ΤΙΙΟ
Gross insurance premium written Change in unearned premium provision	349,183 (29,029)	386,469 (54,345)
Premium revenue arising from insurance contracts issued	320,154	332,124
Reinsurance Reinsurance premium outward Change in unearned premium provision	(58,856) 4,790	(63,085) 8,326
Premium revenue ceded to reinsurers arising from insurance contracts issued	(54,066)	(54,759)
Net earned premium income Commission income Other income Commission expenses	266,088 3,911 527 (57,995)	5,443 605
	212,531	218,632
Charge for insurance claims (note)		
Gross Gross claims paid Change in reported claims, incurred but not reported	(223,222)	(193,767)
("IBNR") and other insurance provision	28,384	(163,181)
	(194,838)	(356,948)
Reinsurance Claims recovered from reinsurers Change in reported claims, IBNR and other	13,170	12,161
insurance provision	(693)	42,249
	12,477	54,410
Total claims incurred	(182,361) 	(302,538)
Net insurance operating income/(expense)	30,170	(83,906)

Note: Charge for insurance claims represents net claims incurred on the Group's insurance business and the related claims settlement expenses.

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# 7 Net trading gain/(loss)

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Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008	Net trading gain/(loss)		
Net loss from trading securities   (13,510)   (39,414)     Net gain/(loss) arising from financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss   231,458   (302,298)     Net (loss)/gain arising from derivative financial instruments   (123,759)   62,521     Net gain from foreign exchange trading   59,929   73,562     T54,118   (205,629)     Other operating income   Six months ended 30 June   2009   2008     HK\$'000   HK\$'000     Dividend income   2009   2008     Listed equity securities   3,747   25,343     Unlisted equity securities   3,747   25,343     Unlisted equity securities   2,824     Rental income from investment properties less direct   outgoings of HK\$13,738,000 (2008: HK\$16,444,000)   49,452   46,202     Net rental income on safe deposit boxes   12,071   12,203     Others   7,710   8,814		Six months er	nded 30 June
Net loss from trading securities   (13,510)   (39,414)     Net gain/(loss) arising from financial instruments   (231,458   (302,298)     Net (loss)/gain arising from derivative financial instruments   (123,759)   (62,521     Instruments   (123,759)   (205,629)     Net gain from foreign exchange trading   (123,759)   (205,629)     Instruments   (123,759)   (205,629)     Instruments   (123,759)   (205,629)     Instruments   (205,629)     Instrume		2009	2008
Net gain/(loss) arising from financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss       231,458       (302,298)         Net (loss)/gain arising from derivative financial instruments       (123,759)       62,521         Net gain from foreign exchange trading       59,929       73,562         Dividend income         - Listed equity securities       3,747       25,343         - Unlisted equity securities       1,991       2,824         Rental income from investment properties less direct outgoings of HK\$13,738,000 (2008: HK\$16,444,000)       49,452       46,202         Net rental income on safe deposit boxes       12,071       12,203         Others       7,710       8,814			
Net gain/(loss) arising from financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss Net (loss)/gain arising from derivative financial instruments  Net gain from foreign exchange trading  Other operating income  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Dividend income  - Listed equity securities 3,747 25,343 - Unlisted equity securities 1,991 2,824  Rental income from investment properties less direct outgoings of HK\$13,738,000 (2008: HK\$16,444,000)  Net rental income on safe deposit boxes  Others  Table 1,458 (302,298)  Carry 1,458 (205,629)  Carry 1,418 (205,629)	Net loss from trading securities	(13,510)	(39,414)
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Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008   HK\$'000 HK\$'000   HK\$'000	let (loss)/gain arising from derivative financial		
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- Listed equity securities 3,747 25,343 - Unlisted equity securities 1,991 2,824 Rental income from investment properties less direct outgoings of HK\$13,738,000 (2008: HK\$16,444,000) 49,452 46,202 Net rental income on safe deposit boxes 12,071 12,203 Others 7,710 8,814		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
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		74,971	95,38

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# 9 Operating expenses

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	Six months en 2009 HK\$'000	ided 30 June 2008 HK\$'000
Staff costs	0.40, 000	050.054
<ul> <li>Salaries and other costs</li> <li>Retirement benefit costs</li> </ul>	248,329	250,851 4,359
Premises and equipment expenses, excluding	17,859	4,339
depreciation		
- Rental of premises	14,538	12,587
- Others	14,929	17,870
Depreciation	36,246	26,094
Amortisation of land lease premium	2,086	2,086
Advertising and business promotion	12,896	29,080
Electronic data processing	21,823	20,299
Postage and communications	14,832	13,816
Printing and stationery	5,536	6,385
Auditors' remuneration	1,732	7,277
Water and electricity	5,353	5,363
Legal and professional fee	8,593	11,195
Insurance	4,671	4,774
Securities related expenses	4,282	4,684
Others	145,372	24,098
	559,077 ————	440,818
Impairment charge for credit losses		
	Six months en	ded 30 June
	2009	2008
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Impairment losses on		
- loans and advances	23,974	6,240
- available-for-sale securities	-	248,364
- held-to-maturity securities	-	36,731
- other accounts	3,509	-
	27,483	291,335

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# 10 Impairment charge for credit losses (Continued)

Individually assessed	(a)	Impairment losses on loans and advances	Six months end	led 30 June
Individually assessed				
- new allowances - releases - releases - recoveries (2,252) (8,927) (867) (1,843) (21,999 5,010) (867) (1,843) (21,999 5,010) (21,999 5,010) (21,999 5,010) (21,999 5,010) (21,999 7,010) (21,230) (21,1885) (21,8			HK\$'000	HK\$'000
- new allowances - releases - releases - recoveries (2,252) (8,927) (867) (1,843) (21,999 5,010) (867) (1,843) (21,999 5,010) (21,999 5,010) (21,999 5,010) (21,999 5,010) (21,999 7,010) (21,230) (21,1885) (21,8		Individually assessed		
- recoveries (867) (1,843)  21,999 5,010  Collectively assessed - new allowances 14,920 1,230 - releases (11,885) recoveries (1,060) -  Net charge to the income statement 23,974 6,240  (b) Impairment losses on available-for-sale securities  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 248,364  (c) Impairment losses on held-to-maturity securities  Six months ended 30 June 2009 4008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 36,731  (d) Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 36,731			25,118	15,780
Collectively assessed		- releases		
Collectively assessed		- recoveries	(867)	(1,843)
- new allowances - releases (11,820 1,230 - releases (11,885) - recoveries (11,060) 1,975 1,230			21,999	5,010
- new allowances - releases (11,820		Collectively assessed		
- releases - recoveries  - (1,060) (1,975			14.920	1.230
1,975   1,230				-
Net charge to the income statement   23,974   6,240		- recoveries		-
(b) Impairment losses on available-for-sale securities  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 248,364  (c) Impairment losses on held-to-maturity securities  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 36,731  (d) Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 36,731  Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed			1,975	1,230
(b) Impairment losses on available-for-sale securities  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 248,364  (c) Impairment losses on held-to-maturity securities  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 36,731  (d) Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances - 36,731  Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed				
Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008		Net charge to the income statement	23,974	6,240
Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008	(h)	Impairment losses on available-for-sale securities		
2009   2008	(6)	impairment 1033c3 on available-101-3ale 3ccunites	Six months end	led 30 June
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- new allowances  - new allowances  - 248,364  (c) Impairment losses on held-to-maturity securities  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed - new allowances  - 36,731  (d) Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed		Individually assessed		
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Individually assessed - new allowances  - 36,731  (d) Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000			2009	2008
- new allowances  - a6,731  (d) Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed			HK\$'000	HK\$'000
- new allowances  - a6,731  (d) Impairment losses on other accounts  Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000  Individually assessed		Individually assessed		
Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	36,731
Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000				
Six months ended 30 June 2009 2008 HK\$'000 HK\$'000	(d)	Impairment losses on other accounts		
HK\$'000 HK\$'000 Individually assessed	()		Six months end	led 30 June
Individually assessed				
			HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		Individually assessed		
		- new allowances	3,509	-

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## 11 Income tax

Taxation charged/(credited) in the consolidated income statement represents:

	Six months ended 30 Jur	
	2009 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000
Current taxation:	ΠΚΦ 000	ПКФ 000
- Hong Kong profits tax	13,113	11,891
- Overseas taxation	9,056	6,913
Deferred taxation: - Relating to the origination and reversal of	F2 20F	2.570
temporary differences - Effect on opening deferred tax balances resulting	53,285	2,579
from the change in tax rate in 2008		(25,073)
	75,454	(3,690)

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2008: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the period. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

#### 12 Cash and short-term funds

		30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
	Cash and balances with banks Balances with central bank Money at call and short notice	1,719,483 386,056 22,039,082	2,140,487 37,517 33,882,916
		24,144,621	36,060,920
13	Placements with and loans and advances to banks		
		30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
	Placements with banks maturing between		
	one and twelve months Gross loans and advances to banks	11,479,762 416,523	4,457,429 411,813
		11,896,285	4,869,242

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## 14 Derivative financial instruments

The following is a summary of the notional or contractual amounts, fair values and credit risk weighted amounts of each significant type of derivatives, without taking into account the effects of bilateral netting arrangements:

	Notional/	Fair values		Notional/	Fair values	
Data da a la Maria da Ra	contractual amount 30/6/2009 HK\$'000	Assets 30/6/2009 HK\$'000	Liabilities 30/6/2009 HK\$'000	contractual amount 31/12/2008 HK\$'000	Assets 31/12/2008 HK\$'000	Liabilities 31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Derivatives held for trading						
Exchange rate contracts Forward contracts Currency swaps Cross currency interest rate	292,295 52,825	3,674 202	3,341 20	99,470 211,104	1,859 1,761	1,546 162
swaps	-	-	-	426,250	-	2,457
Options written Options purchased	535,510 514,689	2,129	2,044 -	218,258 237,466	6,863	6,654 -
	1,395,319	6,005	5,405	1,192,548	10,483	10,819
Interest rate contracts Interest rate swaps	143,379	-	8,375	143,375	-	9,443
Equity contracts Options written Options purchased	337,454 337,457	- 5,848	5,848 -	208,487 208,489	- 7,196	7,196 -
Options purchased						
	674,911	5,848	5,848	416,976	7,196 	7,196 
	2,213,609	11,853	19,628	1,752,899	17,679	27,458
Derivatives managed in conjunction with financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss						
Interest rate contracts Interest rate swaps	4,140,848	75,405	208,673	3,967,499	22,696	170,148
Equity contracts Options written	2,239,505	-	162,917	-	-	-
	6,380,353	75,405	371,590	3,967,499	22,696	170,148
Total	8,593,962	87,258	391,218	5,720,398	40,375	197,606

The trading transactions are mainly positions arising from the execution of trade orders from customers or transactions taken to hedge these positions.

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# 14 Derivative financial instruments (Continued)

	30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Credit risk weighted amount		
Exchange rate contracts	11,043	12,688
Interest rate contracts	45,458	11,964
Equity contracts	26,143	19,867
	82,644	44,519

The contractual amounts of these instruments indicate the volume of transactions outstanding as at the balance sheet date and they do not represent amounts at risks. The derivative instruments become favourable (assets) or unfavourable (liabilities) as a result of fluctuations in market interest rates, foreign exchange rates or equity prices relative to their terms. The aggregate fair values of derivative financial assets and liabilities can fluctuate significantly from time to time.

Credit risk-weighted amount refers to the amount as computed in accordance with the Banking (Capital) Rules. The amount depends on the status of the counterparty and the maturity characteristics of the instrument. The risk weights used range from 0% to 150%.

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# 15 Advances and other accounts

	30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Advances to customers Impairment allowances	45,770,127	43,368,102
- Collectively assessed	(110,870)	(117,026)
- Individually assessed	(86,284)	(42,664)
	45,572,973	43,208,412
Trade bills	70,233	113,692
Impairment allowances - Collectively assessed	(257)	(338)
	69,976	113,354
Accrued interest	161,191	199,004
Impairment allowances - Individually assessed	(6,006)	(1,595)
	155,185	197,409
Other accounts		
Other accounts - Insurance premium receivable	164,241	176,085
- Recoverable from reinsurers	160,050	155,953
- Accounts and other receivable	1,509,560	1,076,611
Impairment allowances	1,833,851	1,408,649
- Individually assessed	(103,112)	(139,707)
	1,730,739	1,268,942
	47,528,873	44,788,117

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# 15 Advances and other accounts (Continued)

Gross loans and advances to customers individually impaired

	30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Impaired loans	224,624	82,482
Percentage of total advances to customers	0.49%	0.19%
Individual impairment allowances made in respect of such advances	86,284	42,664
Total value of collateral taken into account in respect of the assessment of individual impairment allowances	123,146	35,896

At 30 June 2009, there were no impaired loans and advances to banks (31 December 2008: Nil).

The above individual impairment allowances were made after taking into account the value of collateral in respect of such advances.

## 16 Investment properties

	2009 HK\$'000	2008 HK\$'000
At the beginning of the period/year Additions	2,346,550	2,254,600 10,866
Reclassifications, net	(87,961)	(56,502)
Fair value gains on revaluation	2,221	137,586
At the end of the period/year (professional valuation)	2,260,810	2,346,550

All investment properties were revalued as at 30 June 2009 by capitalising the net rental income using the Investment Method of Valuation or as appropriate, by making reference to comparable market transactions using the Comparison Method. The valuations were carried out by an independent firm of surveyors, A.G. Wilkinson & Associates, who have among their staff Fellows of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors with recent experience in the location and category of property being valued.

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# 17 Other properties and equipment

Cost or valuation	Premises HK\$'000	Furniture and equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2009 Exchange adjustments Additions Disposals Reclassifications, net Surplus on revaluation Less: elimination of accumulated depreciation on revaluation	455,552 1 - 87,961 4,039 (380)	586,811 11 11,537 (1,205) - -	1,042,363 12 11,537 (1,205) 87,961 4,039 (380)
At 30 June 2009	547,173	597,154	1,144,327
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2009 Exchange adjustments Charge for the period (note 9) Written back on disposal Elimination on revaluation	114,984 - 4,591 - (380)	437,612 10 31,655 (1,040)	552,596 10 36,246 (1,040) (380)
At 30 June 2009	119,195	468,237	587,432
Net book value		<del></del>	<del></del>
At 30 June 2009	427,978	128,917	556,895 ————

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# 17 Other properties and equipment (Continued)

Cost or valuation	Premises HK\$'000	Furniture and equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2008 Exchange adjustments Additions Disposals Reclassifications, net Surplus on revaluation Less: elimination of accumulated depreciation on revaluation	398,774 (220) - - 56,502 780 (284)	540,993 268 65,671 (20,121) - -	939,767 48 65,671 (20,121) 56,502 780 (284)
At 31 December 2008	455,552	586,811	1,042,363
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2008 Exchange adjustments Charge for the year Written back on disposal Elimination on revaluation	108,007 (11) 7,272 - (284)	407,340 82 48,239 (18,049)	515,347 71 55,511 (18,049) (284)
At 31 December 2008	114,984	437,612	552,596
Net book value	<u></u>	<u></u>	
At 31 December 2008	340,568	149,199	489,767

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# 17 Other properties and equipment (Continued)

The analysis of cost or valuation of the above assets is as follows:

	Premises HK\$'000	Furniture and equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 30 June 2009			
At cost	154,477	597,154	751,631
Reclassification from investment properties stated at professional valuation - 1995	E0 E60		E0 E60
- 1995 - 1998	50,560 64,726	-	50,560 64,726
- 2001	12,164	_	12,164
- 2002	12,600	-	12,600
- 2003	8,190	-	8,190
- 2005	46,592	-	46,592
- 2006	27,910	-	27,910
- 2007 - 2008	16,824 55,889	-	16,824 55,889
- 2009	97,241	- -	97,241
	547,173 ————	597,154 ————	1,144,327
At 31 December 2008			
At cost	154,476	586,811	741,287
Reclassification from investment properties stated at professional valuation			
- 1995	50,560	-	50,560
- 1998 2004	64,726	-	64,726
- 2001 - 2002	12,164 12,600	-	12,164 12,600
- 2002	11,540	- -	11,540
- 2005	46,592	-	46,592
- 2006	27,910	-	27,910
- 2007	16,824	-	16,824
- 2008	58,160	-	58,160
	455,552	586,811	1,042,363

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# 18 Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss

		30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
	Certificates of deposit issued Structured deposits (note 19)	911,563 160,827	1,372,172 703,920
		1,072,390	2,076,092
19	Deposits from customers		
		30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
	Deposits from customers - As stated in the balance sheet - Structured deposits reported as financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	90,863,294	82,493,626
	(note 18)	160,827	703,920
		91,024,121	83,197,546
	Analysed by:		
	- Demand deposits and current accounts	4,659,782	3,641,552
	- Savings deposits	26,353,419	20,153,945
	- Time, call and notice deposits	60,010,920	59,402,049
		91,024,121	83,197,546

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# 20 Other accounts and accruals

		30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
	Interest payable Insurance liabilities Accounts and other payable	85,935 1,494,008 2,103,875	174,733 1,490,414 946,082
		3,683,818	2,611,229
21	Share capital		
		30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
	Authorised:		
	300,000,000 (2008: 300,000,000) ordinary shares of HK\$5 each	1,500,000	1,500,000
	Issued and fully paid:		
	232,190,115 (2008: 232,190,115) ordinary shares of HK\$5 each	1,160,951	1,160,951

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# 22 Reserves

	Capital reserve HK\$'000	Bank premises revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Statutory surplus HK\$'000	General reserve HK\$'000	Retained earnings HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2009	57,500	36,145	173,794	25	1,003,730	7,969,750	9,240,944
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income	-	-	68,575	-	-	-	68,575
statement on disposal	-	-	(68,820)	-	-	-	(68,820)
Surplus on revaluation Share of associates'	-	4,039	-	-	-	-	4,039
reserves	-	-	13	-	-	-	13
Share of jointly controlled entities' reserves Effect of deferred taxation on fair value	-	-	4,544	-	-	-	4,544
adjustments	-	(666)	415	-	-	-	(251)
Profit for the period	-		-	-	-	457,885	457,885
At 30 June 2009	57,500	39,518	178,521	25	1,003,730	8,427,635	9,706,929
	Capital reserve	Bank premises revaluation reserve	Investment revaluation reserve	Statutory surplus	General reserve	Retained earnings	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2008	<b>HK\$'000</b> 57,500	<b>HK\$'000</b> 35,069	<b>HK\$'000</b> 972,543	•		-	
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value		·	·	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Available-for-sale securities		·	972,543	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 11,319,152
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment		35,069	972,543 (989,828)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment Surplus on revaluation		·	972,543 (989,828) (131,202)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202)
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment Surplus on revaluation Share of associates' reserves		35,069	972,543 (989,828) (131,202)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment Surplus on revaluation Share of associates' reserves Share of jointly controlled entities' reserves Effect of deferred taxation		35,069	972,543 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 780
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment Surplus on revaluation Share of associates' reserves Share of jointly controlled entities' reserves		35,069	972,543 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 780 (175)
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment Surplus on revaluation Share of associates' reserves Share of jointly controlled entities' reserves Effect of deferred taxation on fair value adjustments Loss for the year		35,069 - - 780 -	972,543 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 (175) (5,119)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 780 (175) (5,119)
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment Surplus on revaluation Share of associates' reserves Share of jointly controlled entities' reserves Effect of deferred taxation on fair value adjustments		35,069 - - 780 -	972,543 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 (175) (5,119)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 9,250,310 - - - -	HK\$'000 11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 780 (175) (5,119)
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment Surplus on revaluation Share of associates' reserves Share of jointly controlled entities' reserves Effect of deferred taxation on fair value adjustments Loss for the year Transfer to statutory		35,069 - - 780 -	972,543 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 (175) (5,119)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 9,250,310 - - - - (816,155)	HK\$'000 11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 780 (175) (5,119)
Available-for-sale securities - Changes in fair value - Transfer to income statement on disposal - Transfer to income statement on impairment Surplus on revaluation Share of associates' reserves Share of jointly controlled entities' reserves Effect of deferred taxation on fair value adjustments Loss for the year Transfer to statutory surplus		35,069 - - 780 -	972,543 (989,828) (131,202) 309,785 (175) (5,119)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 1,003,730 - - - - - -	HK\$'000  9,250,310  (816,155)	HK\$'000  11,319,152 (989,828) (131,202)  309,785 780 (175) (5,119)  18,086 (816,155)

#### NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

## 22 Reserves (Continued)

- (a) The Group's capital reserve was set up in relation to the capitalisation by certain subsidiaries of their retained earnings for the issue of new shares to the Bank.
- (b) Bank premises revaluation reserve has been set up and is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies adopted for the revaluation of properties.
- (c) Investment revaluation reserve comprises the cumulative net change in the fair value of available-for-sale securities until the securities are derecognised or impaired and is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies adopted for the revaluation of financial assets.
- (d) Statutory surplus reserve is provided at 10% of the audited profit after tax of a subsidiary of the Bank which is incorporated in the People's Republic of China, until the reserve balance is equal to 50% of its registered share capital. Surplus reserve can be used to offset accumulated losses or capitalised as paid-up capital with the approval of shareholders.
- (e) General reserve comprises previous years' transfers from retained earnings.
- (f) At 30 June 2009, included in retained earnings is an amount of HK\$394,351,000 (31 December 2008: HK\$361,127,000) which was earmarked as regulatory reserve. The regulatory reserve is maintained to satisfy the provisions of the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance for prudential supervision purposes. Movements in the reserve are made directly through retained earnings and in consultation with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

#### NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

# 23 Contingent liabilities and commitments

The following is a summary of the contractual amounts of each significant class of contingent liabilities and commitments, and the aggregate credit risk weighted amounts:

Contractual amount	30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Direct credit substitutes	455,049	287,168
Transaction-related contingencies	455,049 86,929	122,324
Trade-related contingencies	144,967	121,539
Other commitments which are	,	,
unconditionally cancellable	10,686,706	9,050,982
Other commitments with an original maturity		
of one year or less	4,658,139	655,300
Other commitments with an original maturity	5 004 755	0.700.770
of over one year	5,231,755	3,796,778
	21,263,545	14,034,091
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Credit risk weighted amount	3,675,130	2,187,860
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The risk weights used in the computation of credit risk weighted amounts range from 0% to 150%.

## 24 List of subsidiaries for financial reporting consolidation

Hongnet Limited #

Sea Wing Investments Limited

Wing Lung Agency Limited

Wing Lung Bank (Nominees) Limited #

Wing Lung Bank (Trustee) Limited #

Wing Lung Credit Limited

Wing Lung Finance Limited

Wing Lung Futures Limited #

Wing Lung Information Technology (Shenzhen) Limited #

Wing Lung Insurance Brokers Limited

Wing Lung Insurance Company Limited #

Wing Lung Property Management Limited #

Wing Lung Securities Limited #

Wingspan Incorporated

Companies excluded in the computation of the consolidated capital ratios at 30
 June 2009 and 31 December 2008 for regulatory reporting purposes

## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following information is unaudited and disclosed as part of the accompanying information to the interim financial disclosure statements.

# 1 Capital adequacy ratio and capital base

	30/6/2009	31/12/2008
Capital ratios		
- Capital adequacy ratio	12.4%	13.8%
- Core capital adequacy ratio	10.7%	12.0%

The capital base after deductions used in the calculation of the above capital ratios as at 30 June 2009 and 31 December 2008 is analysed as follows:

	30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Core capital: Paid up ordinary share capital Reserves Profit and loss account Less: Deferred tax assets	1,160,951 5,843,454 (39,467) (23,527)	1,160,951 6,249,989 (482,180) (22,689)
Core capital Less: Deductions from core capital	6,941,411 (451,788)	6,906,071 (407,402)
Total core capital after deductions	6,489,623	6,498,669
Supplementary capital: Reserves attributable to fair value gains on revaluation of holdings of land and buildings Reserves attributable to fair value gains on revaluation of holdings of available-for-sale equities and debt securities Unrealised fair value gains arising from holdings of equities and debt securities designated at fair value through profit or loss Regulatory reserve for general banking risks Collective impairment allowances	824,416 36,235 127,872 394,351 111,127	824,416 18,245 35,610 361,127 117,364
Supplementary capital Less: Deductions from supplementary capital	1,494,001 (451,788)	1,356,762 (407,402)
Total supplementary capital after deductions	1,042,213	949,360
Total capital base after deductions	7,531,836	7,448,029

#### SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# 1 Capital adequacy ratio and capital base (Continued)

The capital ratios at 30 June 2009 and 31 December 2008 were calculated in accordance with the Banking (Capital) Rules issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA") under section 98A of the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance. In accordance with the Banking (Capital) Rules, the Group has adopted the "standardised approach" for the calculation of the risk-weighted assets for credit risk and market risk, and the "basic indicator approach" for the calculation of operational risk.

The basis of consolidation for calculation of the capital ratios at 30 June 2009 and 31 December 2008 follows the basis of consolidation for financial reporting but excludes certain subsidiaries as set out in note 24 to the interim financial disclosure statements. The investment costs of these subsidiaries are therefore deducted from capital.

## 2 Liquidity ratio

	Six months ende	ed 30 June
	2009	2008
Liquidity ratio	56.8%	49.4%

The liquidity ratio is calculated as the simple average of each calendar month's average consolidated liquidity ratio for the period calculated for the Bank and a subsidiary as specified by the HKMA during the period in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# 3 Currency concentrations

The US dollar net position constitutes 10% or more of the total net position in all foreign currencies and is reported in Hong Kong dollar equivalent as follows:

	30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Spot assets Spot liabilities Forward purchases	18,390,215 (14,431,500) 967,180	15,113,826 (14,717,978) 2,183,351
Forward sales Net option position	(1,638,676) (1,597)	(1,580,935) (2,323)
Net long position	3,285,622	995,941

The net option position is calculated based on the model user approach set out in the prudential return "Foreign Currency Position" issued by the HKMA.

The RMB and US dollar net structural positions constitute 10% or more of the total net structural position in all foreign currencies and are reported in Hong Kong dollar equivalent as follows:

	30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Net structural position		
US dollar	289,260	273,454
RMB	352,634	328,082
	641,894	601,536

# SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# 4 Segmental information

# (a) Gross advances to customers by industry sectors

	30/6/20	009 % of gross advances covered by	31/12/2	008 % of gross advances covered by
	HK\$'000	collateral	HK\$'000	collateral
Loans for use in Hong Kong Industrial, commercial and financial		00		
Property development	5,036,347	18.6	4,133,346	23.8
Property investment	13,320,339	91.9	13,185,748	93.9
Financial concerns	750,018	33.3	271,809	98.5
Stockbrokers	4 400 000	-	229	100.0
Wholesale and retail trade	1,188,666 524,993	63.5 62.0	851,923	88.6 67.8
Manufacturing Transport and transport	524,995	02.0	526,514	07.0
equipment	1,296,307	26.4	1,365,053	25.4
Recreational activities	24,911	59.9	20,372	82.3
Information technology	2,712	85.3	3,084	82.4
Others	3,602,369	60.8	3,357,481	55.1
Individuals Loans for the purchase of flats in the Home Ownership Scheme, Private Sector Participation Scheme and Tenants				
Purchase Scheme Loans for the purchase of	1,680,510	100.0	1,765,912	100.0
other residential properties	9,276,518	99.9	9,552,132	99.8
Credit card advances	325,659	-	470,908	-
Others	1,349,745	91.6	1,410,419	93.9
Trade finance	515,628	69.3	622,556	62.5
	38,894,722	76.1	37,537,486	79.9
Loans for use outside Hong	0.075.405	40.0	E 000 040	45.0
Kong	6,875,405	42.3	5,830,616	45.0
	45,770,127	71.0	43,368,102	75.2

## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# 4 Segmental information (Continued)

# (a) Gross advances to customers by industry sectors (Continued)

The gross amount of impaired loans and impairment allowances for those industry sectors which constitute not less than 10% of gross advances to customers is analysed as follows:

At 30 June 2009	Impaired Ioans HK\$'000	Individual impairment allowance HK\$'000	Collective impairment allowance HK\$'000
Loans for use in Hong Kong Industrial, commercial and financial Property development Property investment Individuals Loans for the purchase of other	- 14,196	- 9,877	4,518 19,870
residential properties Loans for use outside Hong Kong	5,936 111,272	949 30,379	6,704 22,551
Loans for use outside Hong Kong			
	131,404	41,205	53,643
At 31 December 2008			
Loans for use in Hong Kong Industrial, commercial and financial			
Property development	-	-	5,422
Property investment Individuals Loans for the purchase of other	4,707	3,982	24,177
residential properties	9,537	419	8,032
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	28,076	25,118	22,581
	42,320	29,519	60,212

#### SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 4 Segmental information (Continued)

# (b) Geographical analysis of gross advances to customers, overdue advances, impaired loans and impairment allowances

The following geographical analysis of gross advances to customers, overdue advances, impaired loans and impairment allowances is based on the location of the counterparty, after taking into account the transfer of risk in respect of such advances where appropriate.

				impairment				
				allov	allowance			
	Gross					Collective		
	advances	Overdue	Impaired	Overdue	Impaired	impairment		
	to customers	advances	loans	advances	loans	allowance		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
At 30 June 2009								
Hong Kong	41,761,431	1,199,744	135,421	29,779	76,602	103,580		
Others	4,008,696	90,546	89,203	9,682	9,682	7,290		
	45,770,127	1,290,290	224,624	39,461	86,284	110,870		
At 31 December 2008								
Hong Kong	39,440,052	1,328,541	81,233	37,695	41,415	108,592		
Others	3,928,050	2,762	1,249	1,249	1,249	8,434		
	43,368,102	1,331,303	82,482	38,944	42,664	117,026		

## (c) Cross-border claims

The Group analyses cross-border claims by exposures to foreign counterparties on which the ultimate risk lies, and is derived according to the location of the counterparties after taking into account any transfer of risk. The transfer of risk from one country to another is recognised if the claims against a counterparty are guaranteed by another party in a different country or if the claims are on an overseas branch of a bank whose head office is located in a different country. Those areas which contribute 10% or more of the aggregate cross-border claims are as follows:

		Public sector		
	Banks HK\$'000	entities HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 30 June 2009	1110000	ΤΙΚΦ ΟΟΟ	1110000	ΠΑΦ 000
Asia Pacific excluding				
Hong Kong	18,001,036	158,828	4,274,839	22,434,703
North and South America	3,264,352	48,449	1,958,936	5,271,737
Europe	27,997,789	25,595	312,567	28,335,951
At 31 December 2008				
Asia Pacific excluding				
Hong Kong	19,662,960	91,997	3,125,949	22,880,906
North and South America	3,538,507	395,172	1,632,923	5,566,602
Europe	20,337,435	-	76,123	20,413,558

## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 5 Overdue and rescheduled assets

# (a) Overdue advances

The Group's overdue advances to customers are analysed as follows:

	30/6/2	2009	31/12/2008	
		% of total advances to		% of total advances to
	HK\$'000	customers	HK\$'000	customers
Gross amount of advances which have been overdue for: - Six months or less, but over				
three months - One year or less, but over	102,091	0.22	11,570	0.03
six months	12,113	0.03	9,656	0.02
- Over one year	30,281	0.07	24,144	0.06
	144,485	0.32	45,370	0.11
Secured overdue advances	105,398		17,964	
Unsecured overdue advances	39,087		27,406	
	144,485		45,370	
Market value of collateral held against the secured overdue				
advances	115,690		25,728 ———	
Individual impairment				
allowances made	35,605 ———		24,659 ———	

At 30 June 2009, there were no advances to banks which were overdue for over three months (31 December 2008: Nil).

## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# 5 Overdue and rescheduled assets (Continued)

## (b) Other overdue assets

The Group's other overdue assets are analysed as follows:

	30/6/2009			31/12/2008	
	Other	Accrued	Other	Trade	Accrued
	accounts	interest	accounts	bills	interest
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Gross amount of other assets which have been overdue for:					
- Six months or less, but over three months	-	4,526	109,441	421	72
- One year or less, but over six months	167,307	83	-	-	39
- Over one year	-	4,600	-	-	4,707
	167,307	9,209	109,441	421	4,818

## (c) Rescheduled advances

The Group's rescheduled advances (net of those which have been overdue for over three months and reported in item (a) above) are as follows:

	30/6/2009		31/12/2008	
		% of total		% of total
		advances to		advances to
	HK\$'000	customers	HK\$'000	customers
Rescheduled advances to				
customers	106,165	0.23	83,829	0.19

At 30 June 2009, there were no rescheduled advances to banks (31 December 2008: Nil).

# (d) Repossessed assets

	30/6/2009 HK\$'000	31/12/2008 HK\$'000
Repossessed assets	2,592	2,620

## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# 6 Non-bank Mainland exposures

The analysis of non-bank Mainland exposures is based on the categories of non-bank counterparties and the type of direct exposures defined by the HKMA under the Banking (Disclosure) Rules with reference to the HKMA return for non-bank Mainland exposures, these include exposures extended by the Bank and its overseas branches only.

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At 30 June 2009				
	On-balance sheet	Off-balance sheet		Individual impairment
	exposure	exposure	Total	allowance
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Mainland entities Companies and individuals outside Mainland where the	5,950,162	1,373,269	7,323,431	-
credit is granted for use in Mainland Other counterparties where the exposure is considered by the Bank to be non-bank	2,010,166	900,243	2,910,409	5,483
Mainland exposure	20,590	-	20,590	-
Total	7,980,918	2,273,512	10,254,430	5,483
At 31 December 2008				
	On-balance	Off-balance		Individual
	sheet	sheet		impairment
	exposure	exposure	Total	allowance
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Mainland entities Companies and individuals outside Mainland where the credit is granted for use in	4,360,669	331,369	4,692,038	-
Mainland Other counterparties where the exposure is considered by the Bank to be non-bank	1,709,150	322,530	2,031,680	4,839
Mainland exposure	21,407	-	21,407	-
Total	6,091,226	653,899	6,745,125	4,839