

## 星展銀行(香港)有限公司 DBS BANK (HONG KONG) LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

# GROUP INTERIM FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

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The Directors of DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (the 'Bank') are pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Bank and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the six months ended 30th June 2008 as follows:

#### UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

		For the six months ende		
		30th June 2008	30th June 2007	
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Interest income	2	4,442,901	5,918,095	
Interest expense	3	(2,195,231)	(3,359,992)	
Net interest income		2,247,670	2,558,103	
Net fee and commission income	4	722,745	752,371	
Net gain from financial instruments at fair				
value through profit or loss  Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale	5	432,403	249,078	
financial investments		218,816	20,667	
Net gain on disposal of fixed assets and lease premium for land		149,401	10,088	
Other income	6	19,128	17,583	
Total income		3,790,163	3,607,890	
Total expenses	7	(1,683,807)	(1,531,280)	
Profit before impairment allowances Impairment allowances on advances		2,106,356	2,076,610	
to customers	8	(60,963)	(182,408)	
Profit before income tax		2,045,393	1,894,202	
Income tax expense	9	(269,211)	(321,787)	
Profit attributable to shareholders		1,776,182	1,572,415	
Dividends		3,400,000	_	

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Note	As at 30th June 2008 HK\$'000	As at 31st December 2007 HK\$'000
Assets			
Cash and balances with banks	10	21,895,045	36,339,915
Placements with and advances to banks	11	7,813,058	17,753,028
Trading securities		6,064,501	7,575,988
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss		38,996	
Positive replacement values		3,173,912	2,749,958
Advances to customers less impairment allowances	12	136,517,689	122,412,304
Available-for-sale financial investments		39,027,836	36,142,338
Other assets		2,459,800	6,258,152
Deferred income tax assets		46,283	58,465
Fixed assets	13	1,188,710	1,200,488
Lease premium for land		1,971,629	2,032,933
Total assets		220,197,459	232,523,569
Liabilities			
Deposits and balances from banks		5,550,448	804,768
Trading liabilities		5,606,633	7,519,879
Financial liabilities designated at fair value			
through profit or loss	14	6,486,259	6,987,963
Negative replacement values		3,894,987	3,095,364
Deposits from customers	15	172,034,434	181,069,821
Certificates of deposit issued Other liabilities	16	157,230	617,795
Current income tax liabilities		5,141,622 453,014	9,672,747 338,293
Amount due to a jointly controlled entity		725,557	720,766
Subordinated liabilities	17	4,211,568	4,212,621
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Total liabilities		204,261,752	215,040,017
Equity			
Share capital		5,200,000	5,200,000
Reserves		10,735,707	12,283,552
Total equity		15,935,707	17,483,552
Total liabilities and equity		220,197,459	232,523,569

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share Capital HK\$'000	Share Premium HK\$'000	Capital Reserve HK\$'000	Investments Revaluation Reserve HK\$'000	General Reserve HK\$'000	Retained Earnings HK\$'000	Total Equity HK\$'000
Balance as at 1st January 2007	5,200,000	595,503	11,636	(133,151)	2,398,792	7,724,220	15,797,000
Change in fair value of available-for-sale financial investments	-	-	-	93,470	-	-	93,470
Exchange differences arising from translation of net investments in overseas branches						1.056	1.056
and subsidiaries	_	-	-	_	-	1,056	1,056
Profit attributable to shareholders Reserve transferred to income statement upon disposal of available-for-sale	_	-	_	_	_	2,923,090	2,923,090
financial investments	_	_	_	(23,437)	_	_	(23,437)
Deferred income tax	_	_	_	(7,627)	_	_	(7,627)
Dividends						(1,300,000)	(1,300,000)
Balance as at 31st December 2007	5,200,000	595,503	11,636	(70,745)	2,398,792	9,348,366	17,483,552
Change in fair value of available-for-sale							
financial investments	-	-	-	124,206	-	-	124,206
Exchange differences arising from translation of net investments in overseas branch							
and subsidiaries	-	-	-	-	-	(9)	(9)
Profit attributable to shareholders	-	-	-	-	-	1,776,182	1,776,182
Reserve transferred to income statement upon disposal of available-for-sale							
financial investments	-	-	-	(74,145)	-	-	(74,145)
Deferred income tax	-	-	-	25,921	-	-	25,921
Dividends						(3,400,000)	(3,400,000)
Balance as at 30th June 2008	5,200,000	595,503	11,636	5,237	2,398,792	7,724,539	15,935,707

As at 30th June 2008, HK\$701,355,000 (31st December 2007: HK\$405,194,000) was earmarked as the regulatory reserve from the retained earnings. The regulatory reserve is maintained to satisfy the provisions of the 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.

#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

During the period, the Bank achieved its goal of growing both total income and profit. Profit attributable to shareholders increased by 13.0% from same period last year to HK\$1,776 million, return on average total assets of 1.6% and return on average shareholders' funds of 22.3% were recorded.

Total income increased by 5.1% to HK\$3,790 million. Net interest income decreased by 12.1% to HK\$2,248 million, while net interest margin dropped by 38 basis points to 2.12%. Non-interest income increased by 46.9% to HK\$1,542 million. Total expenses rose by 10.0% to HK\$1,684 million, with staff costs increased by 7.6% mainly due to upward wage pressure and non-staff costs rose by 12.9%. The cost-to-income ratio increased to 44.4% from 42.4% in the first half of 2007. Impairment allowances down 66.6% from first half of 2007 to HK\$61 million.

Gross advances to customers increased 11.3% from December 2007 to HK\$138 billion mainly contributed by the growth in trade finance, SME loans and property-related lending. Customer deposits decreased 5.0% to HK\$178 billion. The loan-to-deposit ratio increased to 76.6% from 65.2% in December 2007.

The Bank's financial position remains good. Capital adequacy ratio stood at a comfortable level of 12.6% as at 30th June 2008. Average liquidity ratio was 32.9% for the first half of 2008, compared to 39.1% for the first half of 2007.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Scope of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited (the 'Bank') and all its subsidiaries (the 'Group').

For regulatory reporting purposes, the Bank is required to compute its capital adequacy ratio on a combined basis that is different from the basis of consolidation for accounting purposes. The basis is set out in note 20.

#### 2. Interest income

Included in interest income is HK\$7,520,000 (first half of 2007: HK\$7,946,000) with respect to the time value of the impaired advances released from the impairment allowances and HK\$72,335,000 (first half of 2007: HK\$138,892,000) with respect to interest income recognised on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

#### 3. Interest expense

Interest expense recognised on financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss amounted to HK\$63,981,000 (first half of 2007: HK\$137,929,000).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 4. Net fee and commission income

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	For the six 1 30th June 2008 HK\$'000	nonths ended 30th June 2007 HK\$'000
Fee and commission income Fee and commission expense	917,267 (194,522)	926,760 (174,389)
Net fee and commission income	722,745	752,371
Comprising:  - Wealth management  - Trade and remittances  - Credit card  - Loan-related  - Stock broking  - Deposit-related  - Investment banking  - Guarantees  - Others	232,984 171,954 107,391 69,992 34,882 12,370 9,977 7,083 76,112	294,546 178,298 92,647 59,277 25,435 11,026 10,472 4,252 76,418
	722,745	752,371
Of which: Fee and commission income arising from:  - Financial assets or financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss  - Trust or other fiduciary activities	393,046 16,529	344,663 15,798
Fee and commission expense arising from:  - Financial assets or financial liabilities  not at fair value through profit or loss	184,892	160,533
Net gain from financial instruments at fair value th	rough profit or loss	
		nonths ended
	30th June 2008 HK\$'000	30th June 2007 HK\$'000
Net trading income  - Foreign exchange  - Interest rates, credit and equities	476,319 (254,754) 221,565	389,665 325,057 714,722
Net gain/(loss) from financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	210,838	(465,644)
congnutes at rail value infough profit of 1000	432,403	249,078
		217,070

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 6. Other income

		For the six months ended		
		30th June 2008	30th June 2007	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Dividend income	e from listed investments	1,671	1,741	
Dividend income	e from unlisted investments	10,243	8,640	
Others		7,214	7,202	
		19,128	17,583	
7. Total expenses				
		For the six i	months ended	
		30th June 2008	30th June 2007	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Employee benef	its			
	other short term employee benefits	865,606	802,333	
<ul><li>Pensions</li></ul>		40,891	41,682	
<ul> <li>Share based</li> </ul>	payments	14,056	11,153	
Premises and equipment depreciation	uipment expenses excluding			
•	n of lease premium for land	23,694	23,824	
– Rental of pr	•	77,841	72,927	
– Others		121,403	97,808	
Depreciation		83,953	73,412	
Auditors' remun	eration	4,576	5,435	
Other operating		451,787	402,706	
		1,683,807	1,531,280	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 8. Impairment allowances on advances to customers

	For the six months ended		
	<b>30th June 2008</b>	30th June 2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Impairment allowances on advances			
to customers			
<ul> <li>Individual impairment allowances</li> </ul>	163,200	126,418	
<ul> <li>Collective impairment allowances</li> </ul>	(102,237)	55,990	
	60,963	182,408	
Individual impairment allowances			
Of which:			
<ul> <li>New allowances</li> </ul>	260,526	211,736	
– Releases	(86,245)	(71,353)	
– Recoveries	(11,081)	(13,965)	
	163,200	126,418	
Collective impairment allowances	<del></del>		
Of which:			
<ul><li>New allowances</li></ul>	106,213	108,815	
- Releases	(189,947)	(31,817)	
– Recoveries	(18,503)	(21,008)	
	(102,237)	55,990	

#### 9. Income tax expense

	For the six months ended			
	<b>30th June 2008</b> 30th June 2			
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Hong Kong profits tax	226,295	293,759		
Overseas tax	4,813	14,807		
Current income tax	231,108	308,566		
Deferred income tax	38,103	13,221		
	269,211	321,787		

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at 16.5% (first half of 2007: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period. Taxation for overseas subsidiaries and branch are charged at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the countries in which they operate.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 10. Cash and balances with banks

		As at 30th June 2008 HK\$'000	As at 31st December 2007 HK\$'000
	Cash in hand	364,050	330,694
	Balances with central banks	94,892	309,222
	Balances with banks	19,173,400	34,240,133
	Trade bills	2,262,703	1,459,866
		21,895,045	36,339,915
11.	Placements with and advances to banks		
		As at	As at
		30th June	31st December
		2008	2007
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Remaining maturity:		
	<ul> <li>One year or less but over one month</li> </ul>	5,187,447	16,823,573
	– Over one year	2,625,611	929,455
		7,813,058	17,753,028

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 12. Advances to customers less impairment allowances

			As at 30th June 2008 HK\$'000	As at 31st December 2007 HK\$'000
Advances to customers			138,107,608	124,097,593
Impairment allowances  - Collectively assessed  - Individually assessed		- -	(729,765) (860,154) 136,517,689	(889,195) (796,094) 122,412,304
Impaired advances				
	As at 30	Oth June 200	8 As at 31	st December 2007
	HK\$'000	% of gros advances t customer	0	% of gross advances to customers
Gross impaired advances subject to individual impairment allowances assessment Individual impairment allowances	2,129,614 (860,154) 1,269,460	1.5	1,818,7 (796,0 1,022,6	94)
Impaired advances covered by collateral	1,300,971		983,8	39

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 13. Fixed assets

	Freehold properties HK\$'000	Leasehold buildings HK\$'000	Investment properties HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Cost or valuation					
As at 1st January 2008	23,413	717,613	145,000	1,220,520	2,106,546
Additions	_	242	-	103,096	103,338
Disposals	(446)	(68,562)		(408,152)	(477,160)
At 30th June 2008	22,967	649,293	145,000	915,464	1,732,724
Accumulated depreciation and impairment					
As at 1st January 2008	17,044	299,785	-	589,229	906,058
Charge for the period	48	27,368	-	56,537	83,953
Disposals	(430)	(65,283)		(380,284)	(445,997)
At 30th June 2008	16,662	261,870		265,482	544,014
Net book value					
At 30th June 2008	6,305	387,423	145,000	649,982	1,188,710
The analysis of cost or valuation of the above	assets at 30th.	June 2008 is as	s follows:		
At cost	22,967	649,293	_	915,464	1,587,724
At valuation			145,000		145,000
	22,967	649,293	145,000	915,464	1,732,724

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 13. Fixed assets (continued)

	Freehold properties HK\$'000	Leasehold buildings HK\$'000	Investment properties HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Cost or valuation					
As at 1st January 2007	23,374	768,513	110,934	1,199,142	2,101,963
Additions	39	6,334	_	318,055	324,428
Disposals	_	(5,858)	_	(276,858)	(282,716)
Disposal of Mainland branches	_	(51,376)	_	(19,845)	(71,221)
Fair value adjustment	_	_	34,066	_	34,066
Exchange adjustments				26	26
At 31st December 2007	23,413	717,613	145,000	1,220,520	2,106,546
Accumulated depreciation and impairment					
As at 1st January 2007	16,942	314,360	_	698,408	1,029,710
Charge for the year	102	33,662	_	110,035	143,799
Disposals	_	(2,954)	_	(211,580)	(214,534)
Disposal of Mainland branches	_	(45,283)	_	(7,638)	(52,921)
Exchange adjustments				4	4
At 31st December 2007	17,044	299,785		589,229	906,058
Net book value					
At 31st December 2007	6,369	417,828	145,000	631,291	1,200,488
The analysis of cost or valuation of the above	assets at 31st I	December 2007	is as follows:		
At cost	23,413	717,613	_	1,220,520	1,961,546
At valuation			145,000		145,000
	23,413	717,613	145,000	1,220,520	2,106,546

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 14. Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss

		As at 30th June 2008 HK\$'000	As at 31st December 2007 HK\$'000
	Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss  – Structured investment deposits (Note 15)	6,187,275	6,556,839
	- Certificates of deposit issued (Note 16)	298,984 6,486,259	6,987,963
15.	Deposits from customers		
		As at 30th June 2008 HK\$'000	As at 31st December 2007 HK\$'000
	Deposits from customers  - Reported in the balance sheet  - Structured investment deposits reported as financial liabilities designated at fair value	172,034,434	181,069,821
	through profit or loss (Note 14)	6,187,275	6,556,839
		178,221,709	187,626,660
	Analysed by:  - Demand deposits and current accounts  - Savings deposits  - Time, call and notice deposits	10,164,668 39,958,357 128,098,684	10,198,081 38,299,049 139,129,530
		178,221,709	187,626,660
16.	Certificates of deposit issued		
		As at 30th June 2008 HK\$'000	As at 31st December 2007 HK\$'000
	Certificates of deposit issued  - At amortised cost  - At fair value under fair value hedge	6,468 150,762	6,445 611,350
	As stated in the balance sheet Reported as financial liabilities designated at fair	157,230	617,795
	value through profit or loss (Note 14)	298,984	431,124
		456,214	1,048,919

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 17. Subordinated liabilities

The subordinated loan ('Loan') with principal amount of US\$540,000,000 was obtained by the Bank from its intermediate holding company, DBS Bank Ltd., on 12th December 2006. The Loan will mature on 12th December 2016 with an optional repayment date on 13th December 2011. Interest is payable quarterly and is charged at LIBOR plus 0.35% per annum before the optional repayment date and subsequently at LIBOR plus 0.85%.

#### 18. Derivative financial instruments

The following is a summary of each significant type of derivative financial instruments:

#### As as 30th June 2008

Derivatives held for trading	Contract/ notional amount HK\$'000	Credit risk weighted amount HK\$'000	Fair value assets HK\$'000	Fair value liabilities HK\$'000
Exchange rate contracts				
– Forwards	136,113,115	970,778	432,522	365,511
– Swaps	92,543,773	219,974	198,766	107,833
<ul> <li>Options purchased</li> </ul>	181,098,617	2,480,498	1,011,530	_
<ul><li>Options written</li></ul>	181,009,397			1,013,988
	590,764,902	3,671,250	1,642,818	1,487,332
Interest rate contracts				
<ul><li>Futures</li></ul>	17,173,838	_	7,399	15,222
– Swaps	74,135,188	85,217	621,628	757,968
<ul> <li>Options purchased</li> </ul>	1,299,481	238	5,505	_
<ul><li>Options written</li></ul>	1,299,481			5,505
	93,907,988	85,455	634,532	778,695
Equity contracts	29,746,669	1,126,874	1,629,287	1,629,066
Total derivatives held for trading	714,419,559	4,883,579	3,906,637	3,895,093
Derivatives designated and qualified as fair value hedges				
Interest rate contracts				
– Swaps	2,943,360	64,262	41,102	53,986

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 18. Derivative financial instruments (continued)

As as 31st December 2007

Derivatives held for trading	Contract/ notional amount HK\$'000	Credit risk weighted amount HK\$'000	Fair value assets HK\$'000	Fair value liabilities HK\$'000
Exchange rate contracts				
– Forwards	113,639,502	1,008,364	351,772	309,986
– Swaps	100,462,064	273,568	169,870	167,675
<ul> <li>Options purchased</li> </ul>	140,193,481	2,197,424	760,676	_
<ul><li>Options written</li></ul>	141,093,445			760,760
	495,388,492	3,479,356	1,282,318	1,238,421
Interest rate contracts				
– Futures	7,309,522	_	1,421	1,998
- Swaps	86,575,026	143,198	898,912	853,193
<ul> <li>Options purchased</li> </ul>	3,359,926	540	4,741	_
<ul><li>Options written</li></ul>	3,359,926			4,741
	100,604,400	143,738	905,074	859,932
Equity contracts	26,583,054	473,373	1,017,662	1,017,545
Total derivatives held for trading	622,575,946	4,096,467	3,205,054	3,115,898
Derivatives designated and qualified as fair value hedges				
Interest rate contracts				
– Swaps	1,115,085	17,251	10,065	23,949

The above amounts include derivatives and embedded derivatives and are shown on a gross basis after taking into account the effect of bilateral netting arrangements. The contract amounts of these instruments indicate the volume of transactions outstanding as at the balance sheet date; they do not represent amounts at risk.

The credit risk weighted amount is the amount which has been calculated in accordance with the Banking (Capital) Rules and the guidelines issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. The amount calculated is dependent upon the status of the counterparty and the maturity characteristics of each type of contract.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 19. Contingent liabilities and commitments

The following is a summary of the contractual amounts of each significant class of contingent liabilities and commitments:

	As at	As at
	30th June	31st December
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
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Direct credit substitutes	1,133,134	1,186,065
Transaction-related contingencies	724,950	678,840
Trade-related contingencies	7,943,810	5,857,805
Forward forward deposits placed	14,077,556	13,381,189
Other commitments with an original maturity of not more		
than one year	1,134,715	1,494,457
Other commitments with an original maturity of more		
than one year	75,870	90,252
Other commitments which are unconditionally cancellable	90,097,330	89,002,484
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	115,187,365	111,691,092
Credit risk weighted amount	5,673,390	5,215,336
Credit 118k weighted amount	3,073,390	3,213,330

#### 20. Capital structure and adequacy

The following table sets forth details of capital resources and capital adequacy ratios for the Bank. The Bank is required to compute its capital adequacy ratio on a combined basis that includes the Bank and its overseas branch. The investments in subsidiaries are deducted from the Bank's core capital and supplementary capital.

In accordance with the Banking (Capital) Rules issued under Section 98A of the Banking Ordinance for the implementation of the Basel II capital accord, the Bank uses the basic approach for the calculation of the risk weighted assets for credit risk, and the standardised approach for the calculation of the risk weighted assets for operational risk and market risk.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 20. Capital structure and adequacy (continued)

	As at 30th June 2008 HK\$'000	As at 31st December 2007 HK\$'000
Core capital Paid up ordinary share capital Share premium Reserves (eligible for inclusion in core capital) Profit and loss account	5,200,000 595,503 7,287,439 1,758,598	5,200,000 595,503 8,111,942 2,871,670
Deduct: Deferred tax assets	(47,729)	(60,468)
	14,793,811	16,718,647
Deductions from core capital	(111,035)	(112,511)
Core capital after deductions	14,682,776	16,606,136
Supplementary capital Reserve on revaluation of land and interests in land Reserve on revaluation of holding of securities not held	65,953	65,953
for trading purposes Collective impairment allowances Regulatory reserve Term subordinated liabilities	(172,500) 704,100 701,355 4,211,568	(107,762) 864,184 405,194 4,212,621
	5,510,476	5,440,190
Deductions from supplementary capital	(111,036)	(112,512)
Supplementary capital after deductions	5,399,440	5,327,678
Total capital base before deductions Deductions from core capital and supplementary capital	20,304,287 (222,071)	22,158,837 (225,023)
Total capital base after deductions	20,082,216	21,933,814
Risk-weighted assets	159,387,959	145,576,302
Capital adequacy ratio Core capital ratio Supplementary capital ratio	9.2%	11.4%
Total capital adequacy ratio	12.6%	15.1%

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 21. Cross-border claims

Analysis of the Group's cross-border claims by location and by type of counterparty is as follows:

		Public sector		
HK\$' million	Banks	entities	Others	Total
As at 30th June 2008				
Asia Pacific excluding Hong Kong	37,450	595	6,425	44,470
North and South America	2,825	14	3,292	6,131
Europe	11,593	5	510	12,108
Others	47	70	1,373	1,490
	51,915	684	11,600	64,199
As at 31st December 2007				
Asia Pacific excluding Hong Kong	45,814	660	4,837	51,311
North and South America	3,016	18	1,834	4,868
Europe	26,807	4	489	27,300
Others	5		1,161	1,166
	75,642	682	8,321	84,645

The above analysis by geographical area is based on the location of the counterparty after taking into account the transfer of risk. In general, transfer of risk applies if the claim is guaranteed by a party in a country which is different from that of the counterparty.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 22. Advances to customers

The Group employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk, one of which is the taking of collateral and other securities. The principal collateral types include mortgages over premises, charges over financial instruments such as deposits, equities and debt securities. Balances of advances analysed by loan usage and the corresponding balances covered by collateral are as follows:

#### (a) Advances to customers by loan usage

Analysis of the Bank's advances to customers by loan usage is as follows:

	As at 30th June 2008		As at 31st December 2007 Balance		
	Outstanding balance HK\$'000	Balance covered by collateral HK\$'000	Outstanding balance HK\$'000	covered by collateral HK\$'000	
Loans for use in Hong Kong					
Industrial, commercial and financial					
<ul> <li>Property development</li> </ul>	232,030	230,840	145,300	99,810	
<ul> <li>Property investment</li> </ul>	24,014,112	23,477,067	19,030,892	18,748,695	
– Financial concerns	717,660	524,504	629,264	447,930	
- Stockbrokers	27,996	27,026	140,638	37,121	
– Wholesale and retail trade	3,305,557	2,467,482	2,890,889	2,320,828	
- Manufacturing	9,250,824	4,939,010	7,916,983	4,550,610	
– Transport and transport	11 107 022	10 004 721	10 500 200	10 410 400	
equipment	11,197,823	10,984,731	10,592,289	10,419,489	
- Recreational activities	300	300	56 117,402	56 39,424	
<ul><li>Information technology</li><li>Others</li></ul>	99,515 7 221 225	32,217 5 603 564			
– Others Individuals	7,221,325	5,693,564	5,905,484	4,469,353	
<ul><li>Loans for the purchase of</li></ul>					
flats in the Home Ownership					
Scheme, Private Sector					
Participation Scheme and					
Tenants Purchase Scheme or					
their respective successor					
schemes	1,764,797	1,761,294	1,905,707	1,900,937	
<ul> <li>Loans for the purchase of</li> </ul>	1,701,777	1,701,271	1,505,707	1,500,557	
other residential properties	36,740,435	36,654,716	34,720,490	34,669,124	
<ul><li>Credit card advances</li></ul>	4,959,407	-	5,230,882	-	
- Others	8,323,758	4,990,967	7,529,902	4,916,255	
	107,855,539	91,783,718	96,756,178	82,619,632	
Trade finance	25,151,242	14,299,862	22,600,311	12,810,187	
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	5,100,827	3,853,393	4,741,104	3,241,262	
	138,107,608	109,936,973	124,097,593	98,671,081	

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 22. Advances to customers (continued)

#### (a) Advances to customers by loan usage (continued)

Analysis of impaired advances, individual and collective impairment allowances for the individual loan usage category which accounted for 10% or more of the Bank's advances to customers:

As at 30th June 2008	Advances subject to individual impairment allowances assessment HK\$'000	Individual impairment allowances HK\$'000	Collective impairment allowances HK\$'000
Property investment	99,343	3,802	48,815
Loans for the purchase of other	101 500	E 501	41 462
residential properties	131,762	5,581	41,463
Trade finance	323,537	132,619	239,533
As at 31st December 2007			
Property investment	99,091	8,750	63,859
Loans for the purchase of other			
residential properties	171,717	10,497	45,143
Trade finance	319,864	168,362	322,360

#### (b) By geographical area

Over 90% of the Bank's gross advances to customers and the related impaired advances, overdue advances, individual impairment allowances and collective impairment allowances were located in Hong Kong after taking into account the transfer of risk. In general, transfer of risk applies when an advance is guaranteed by a party in a country which is different from that of the counterparty.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 23. Overdue and rescheduled advances

#### (a) Overdue advances to customers

The overdue advances of the Bank are analysed as follows:

	As at 30	0th June 2008	As at 31st De	December 2007	
	HK\$'000	% of gross advances to customers	HK\$'000	% of gross advances to customers	
Six months or less but over three months	278,776	0.20	276,402	0.22	
One year or less but over six months Over one year	275,062 626,859	0.20 0.45	231,000 650,187	0.19	
	1,180,697	0.85	1,157,589	0.93	
Individual impairment allowances made in respect of the above overdue advances	667,930		669,322		
Current market value of collateral held against the covered portion of the above overdue advances	781,161		520,234		
Covered portion of the above overdue advances	354,901		316,597		
Uncovered portion of the above overdue advances	825,796		840,992		

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 23. Overdue and rescheduled advances (continued)

#### (b) Rescheduled advances

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

	As at 30	0th June 2008	As at 31st December 2007		
	HK\$'000	% of gross advances to customers	HK\$'000	% of gross advances to customers	
Rescheduled advances	310,720	0.22	289,247	0.23	

#### (c) Repossessed assets

As at 30th June 2008, the repossessed assets held by the Bank amounted to HK\$118,138,000 (31st December 2007: HK\$76,553,000).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 24. Non-bank Mainland exposures

Analysis of the Bank's non-bank Mainland exposures is as follows:

	On-balance Off-balance sheet sheet exposures exposures Total HK\$'000 HK\$'000 HK\$'000		Individual impairment allowances HK\$'000	
As at 30th June 2008				
Mainland entities Companies and individuals outside Mainland where the credit is granted for	151,779	29,304	181,083	20,431
use in Mainland Other counterparties where the exposures are considered to be non-bank	5,511,835	1,966,467	7,478,302	181,004
Mainland exposures	97,504	31,907	129,411	
	5,761,118	2,027,678	7,788,796	201,435
As at 31st December 2007				
Mainland entities Companies and individuals outside Mainland where the credit is granted for	120,387	64,828	185,215	15,915
use in Mainland Other counterparties where the exposures are considered to be non-bank	5,274,468	1,368,685	6,643,153	127,630
Mainland exposures	43,899	26,065	69,964	
	5,438,754	1,459,578	6,898,332	143,545

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 25. Currency concentrations

The table below summarises the Group's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts, categorised by currency:

HK\$' million	USD	GBP	EUR	CAD	CHF	AUD	SGD	NZD	Others	Total
As at 30th June 2008										
Hong Kong dollar equivalents										
Spot assets Spot liabilities	55,306 (54,226)	722 (2,504)	3,866 (4,174)	190 (1,945)	553 (133)	6,362 (7,166)	155 (811)	1,655 (4,310)	6,135 (3,670)	74,944 (78,939)
Forward purchases	114,445	2,903	1,994	1,837	894	2,141	1,301	4,112	5,029	134,656
Forward sales	(115,772)	(1,175)	(1,676)	(62)	(1,327)	(1,148)	(644)	(1,527)	(7,480)	(130,811)
Net options position	278	18	(54)	20		(165)	(29)	64	(8)	124
Net long / (short) non-structural										
position	31	(36)	(44)	40	(13)	24	(28)	(6)	6	(26)
Net structural position									110	110
As at 31st December 2007										
Hong Kong dollar equivalents										
Spot assets	69,275	2,043	3,217	1,588	560	6,562	678	2,017	4,449	90,389
Spot liabilities	(53,224)	(2,263)	(5,007)	(1,746)	(97)	(7,539)	(707)	(1,989)	(2,214)	(74,786)
Forward purchases	99,344	604	2,862	308	473	1,782	67	139	4,867	110,446
Forward sales	(114,786)	(469)	(1,063)	(146)	(924)	(912)	(40)	(174)	(7,101)	(125,615)
Net options position	(59)	(1)	(18)	21		109		(26)	4	30
Net long / (short) non-structural										
position	550	(86)	(9)	25	12	2	(2)	(33)	5	464
Net structural position									75	75

The net structural position as at 30th June 2008 represented the Group's Macau Pataca (MOP) investment of HK\$110,000,000 equivalent (31st December 2007: HK\$75,000,000) in Macau.

The net options position is calculated based on the delta-weighted position as set out in the prudential return 'Foreign Currency Position' issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

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#### 26. Liquidity ratio

For the six months ended 30th June 2008 30th June 2007

Average liquidity ratio for the period

32.9%

39.1%

The average liquidity ratio is the simple average of each calendar month's average liquidity ratio for the relevant period calculated for the Hong Kong offices of the Bank, and is in accordance with the Fourth Schedule of the Banking Ordinance.

Hong Kong, 1st August 2008