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Introduction

Purpose

The information contained in this document is for The Bank of East Asia, Limited (“the Bank”) and its subsidiaries (together “the Group”), and is prepared in accordance with the Banking (Disclosure) Rules (“BDR”), Part 6 of the Financial Institutions (Resolution) (Loss-absorbing Capacity Requirements – Banking Sector) Rules (“LAC Rules”), and disclosure templates issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (“HKMA”).

These banking disclosures are governed by the Group’s disclosure policy, which has been approved by the Board. The disclosure policy sets out the governance, control and assurance requirements for publication of the document. While the banking disclosure statement is not required to be externally audited, the document has been subject to independent review in accordance with the Group’s policies on disclosure and its financial reporting and governance processes.

Basis of preparation

Except where indicated otherwise, the financial information contained in this Banking Disclosure Statement has been prepared on the basis of regulatory scope of consolidation specified by the HKMA to the Bank. The basis of consolidation for regulatory purposes is different from that for accounting purposes.

The banking disclosure statement

The HKMA has implemented the final standards on the Revised Pillar 3 Disclosure Requirements issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (“BCBS”) in January 2015, and also incorporated the BCBS Pillar 3 disclosure requirements – consolidated and enhanced framework, which were finalized in March 2017 in the latest BDR and the LAC Rules. These disclosures are supplemented by specific additional requirements of the HKMA set out in the BDR and the LAC Rules. The banking disclosure statement includes the information required under the BDR and the LAC Rules.

According to the BDR and the LAC Rules, disclosure of comparative information is not required unless otherwise specified in the standard disclosure templates.

Table OVA: Overview of risk management

The Group has established a risk governance and management framework in line with the requirements set out by the HKMA and other regulators. This framework is built around a structure that enables the Board and Senior Management to discharge their risk management-related responsibilities with appropriate delegation and checks and balances. These responsibilities include defining risk appetite in accordance with the Group's business strategies and objectives, formulating risk policies that govern the execution of those strategies, and establishing procedures and limits for the approval, control, monitoring, and remedy of risks.

The Risk Committee stands at the highest level of the Group's risk governance structure below the Board. The Risk Committee provides direct oversight over the formulation of the Group's risk appetite, and sets the levels of risk that the Group is willing to undertake with regard to its financial capacity, strategic direction, prevailing market conditions, and regulatory requirements.

The Group faces a variety of risks that could affect its reputation, operations, and financial conditions. Under the Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") framework, the principal risks include credit risk, interest rate risk, market risk, liquidity risk, operational risk, reputation risk, strategic risk, legal risk, compliance risk and technology risk.

The Group reviews the risk profile through regular assessments of both qualitative and quantitative risk factors to determine its tolerance of prevailing risk levels against the applicable risk appetites annually approved by the Board.

The Risk Committee also ensures that the Group's risk appetite is reflected in the policies and procedures that Senior Management adopts to execute their business functions. Through the Group's management committees, including the Crisis Management Committee, Risk Management Committee, Credit Committee, Asset and Liability Management Committee, and Operational Risk Management Committee – and with overall co-ordination by the Risk Management Division – the Risk Committee regularly reviews the Group's risk management framework and ensures that all important risk-related tasks are performed according to established policies and with appropriate resources.

The Group has adopted the "Three Lines of Defence" risk management structure to ensure that roles and responsibilities in regard to risk management within the Group are clearly defined.

The first line of defence comprises the Risk Owners, who are heads of business units or supporting units of the Bank Group, together with staff under their management. They are primarily responsible for the day-to-day risk management of their units, including establishing and executing specific risk control mechanisms and detailed procedures.

The second line of defence consists of the Risk Controllers who are designated staff responsible for setting out a risk management governance framework, monitoring risks independently and supporting the management committees in their oversight of risk management for the Bank Group.

The third line of defence is the Internal Audit Division, which is responsible for providing assurance as to the effectiveness of the Group's risk management framework including risk governance arrangements.

The Group is committed to fostering strong risk culture embedded with risk ownership, accountability and awareness of all staff. Such environment for risk management is cultivated by both "top-down" and "bottom-up" channels.

"Top-down" channel is reflected in the Board's approval of the Risk Appetite Statement to define the risk tolerance for the Group, so that risk policies and limits can be designed specifically and accordingly. These policies and limits are accessible by all staff on internal electronic platform. Significant updates are communicated to staff by way of regular electronic bulletin.

Table OVA: Overview of risk management (continued)

“Bottom-up” channel is reinforced by staff’s awareness of adherence to risk policies and limits, avoidance of excessive risk-taking, and regular information reporting on different risk areas to the Management Committees, the Risk Committee and the Board.

To provide the Board and Senior Management with a clear view of the Group’s exposures to different risk types, information on both quantifiable and non-quantifiable risks is reported to the Management Committees, the Risk Committee and the Board at pre-determined schedule for review and discussion. The Group’s enterprise risk management framework helps define the scope of risk information, such that those of asset quality, liquidity, profitability, portfolio mix, capital adequacy etc. on Group level and functional unit level are relevant. The information is analysed with regard to factors such as the Group’s risk profile, risk management strategies and market statistics.

The Group maintains risk management systems to measure and monitor exposures, identify areas of high risk, and ensure that the magnitude of risk is within the tolerance level. In particular, the credit, market and operational risk management systems are also used for assessing the capital adequacy. Their features are as follows:

(a) Credit risk measurement system

The Group has established policies, procedures, and rating systems to identify, measure, monitor, control, and report on credit risk. In this connection, guidelines for management of credit risk have been laid down in the Group’s Credit Risk Management Manual. These guidelines stipulate delegated lending authorities, credit underwriting criteria, a credit monitoring process, an internal rating structure, credit recovery procedures and a provisioning policy. They are reviewed and enhanced on an ongoing basis to cater for market changes, statutory requirements, and best practices in risk management processes.

The Group’s credit risk management for the major types of credit risk is depicted as follows:

(i) Corporate and bank credit risk

The Group has laid down policies and procedures to evaluate the potential credit risk of a particular counterparty or transaction and to approve the transaction. For corporate and bank customers, the Group has different internal rating systems that are applied to each counterparty. For exposure classified as Specialised Lending in particular, supervisory slotting criteria are used. To monitor concentration risk, the Group has preset limits for exposures to individual industries and for borrowers and groups of borrowers. The Group also has a review process to ensure that the level of review and approval is proper and will depend on the size of the facility and rating of the credit.

The Group undertakes on-going credit analysis and monitoring at several levels. The policies are designed to promote early detection of counterparty, industry or product exposures that require special monitoring. The overall portfolio risk as well as individual impaired loans and potential impaired loans are monitored on a regular basis.

(ii) Retail credit risk

The Group’s retail credit policy and approval process are designed for the fact that there are high volumes of relatively homogeneous and small value transactions in each retail loan category. The design of internal rating system and formulation of credit policies are primarily based on the demographic factors and the loss experience of the loan portfolios. The Group monitors its own and industry experience to determine and periodically revise product terms and desired customer profiles.

(iii) Credit for treasury transactions

The credit risk of the Group’s treasury transactions is managed in the same way as the Group manages its corporate and bank lending risk. The Group applies an internal rating system to its counterparties and sets individual counterparty limits.

(iv) Credit-related commitment

The risks involved in credit-related commitments and contingencies are essentially the same as the credit risk involved in extending loan facilities to customers. These transactions are subject to the same credit application, portfolio maintenance and collateral requirements as for customers applying for loans.

Table OVA: Overview of risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk measurement system

The Group has formulated market risk management policy to identify, measure, monitor, control, and report on the market risk, where appropriate, to allocate adequate capital to cover those risks. The market risk management policy and core control limits are approved by the Board and are monitored and regularly reviewed to align with market changes, statutory requirements, and best practices in risk management processes.

For measuring and monitoring of market risk, market risk analysis is conducted on different dimensions, such as by risk factors, by regions, by currencies in the form of potential loss and impact to capital adequacy. Risk limits and management action triggers are set with reference to the nature, volume of transaction and risk appetite of the Bank. Multiple systems are employed to facilitate the calculation, measurement and analysis of market risk.

Hedging and risk mitigation are performed corresponding to the market risk exposures. Various strategies, including the use of traditional market instruments, such as interest rate swaps, or dynamic hedging are adopted by the Bank according to the complexity of the corresponding portfolio.

The effectiveness of the hedging results would be independently monitored by various risk management functions.

(c) Operational risk measurement system

Under the existing risk management framework, operational risk is monitored on a Bank Group basis. All operational risk incidents are captured in a centralised database. MIS reports with analysis of operational losses by event types, comparatives figures of current and prior period, etc. are presented to Operational Risk Management Committee on a regular basis. Amongst others, frequency and severity of operational risk incidents are key measurement to assess the operational risk profile of the Bank Group.

A centralised operational risk management function, Operational Risk Management Department under the Risk Management Division, is responsible for coordinating the establishment / development of standard tools to identify, assess, monitor and report the operational risk inherent in the material products, activities, processes and systems of the Bank Group. A documented set of process / procedures for control and mitigation of operational risk is in place to keep pace with the growth / changes in business activities (e.g. new products / markets, business expansion) and infrastructure of the Bank Group. For identified operational risk, appropriate measures will be taken to determine if the Bank Group should accept the risk, control / mitigate the risk, transfer the risk (such as taking out of insurance policies) or avoid the risk (by withdrawing completely from the business activity).

Stress testing is an integral part of the Group's risk management. The Group regularly performs stress-tests on the principal risks, where appropriate, covering the Group's major portfolios such as lending and investments. Various stress testing methodologies and techniques including sensitivity tests, scenario analyses and reverse stress testing are adopted to assess the potential impact of stressed business conditions (including hypothetical situations such as a significant economic downturn in Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong) on the Group's financial positions, in particular, capital adequacy, profitability, and liquidity. Whenever necessary, a prompt management response will be developed and executed to mitigate potential impacts.

Template KM1 - Key prudential ratios

(HK\$ million)		31 Dec 2024	30 Sep 2024	30 Jun 2024	31 Mar 2024	31 Dec 2023
Regulatory capital (amount)						
1	Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)	85,828	86,681	84,351	85,280	83,590
2	Tier 1	90,849	91,701	94,441	95,369	93,680
3	Total capital	108,372	109,245	112,224	107,849	106,362
RWA (amount)						
4	Total RWA	486,099	488,569	491,847	471,911	482,857
Risk-based regulatory capital ratios (as a percentage of RWA)						
5	CET1 ratio (%)	17.66%	17.74%	17.15%	18.07%	17.31%
6	Tier 1 ratio (%)	18.69%	18.77%	19.20%	20.21%	19.40%
7	Total capital ratio (%)	22.29%	22.36%	22.82%	22.85%	22.03%
Additional CET1 buffer requirements (as a percentage of RWA)						
8	Capital conservation buffer requirement (%)	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%	2.500%
9	Countercyclical capital buffer requirement (%)	0.305%	0.498%	0.486%	0.484%	0.477%
10	Higher loss absorbency requirements (%) (applicable only to G-SIBs or D-SIBs)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	Total AI-specific CET1 buffer requirements (%)	2.805%	2.998%	2.986%	2.984%	2.977%
12	CET1 available after meeting the AI's minimum capital requirements (%)	12.69%	13.24%	12.65%	13.57%	12.81%
Basel III leverage ratio						
13	Total leverage ratio (LR) exposure measure	928,662	923,080	916,589	896,328	907,840
14	LR (%)	9.78%	9.93%	10.30%	10.64%	10.32%
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)						
15	Total high quality liquid assets (HQLA)	102,108	91,560	87,458	89,677	82,045
16	Total net cash outflows	50,696	37,915	32,463	43,593	41,066
17	LCR (%)	204.62%	247.00%	271.03%	213.12%	201.55%
Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR)						
18	Total available stable funding	594,979	598,191	596,245	589,173	589,018
19	Total required stable funding	471,563	476,368	474,640	466,581	469,180
20	NSFR (%)	126.17%	125.57%	125.62%	126.27%	125.54%

The movement of total high quality liquid assets (HQLA) between the periods was mainly contributed by the fluctuation in the average holding of central bank reserve and exchange funds bills and notes in level 1 HQLA.

Template OV1: Overview of RWA

The following table provides an overview of capital requirements in terms of a detailed breakdown of RWAs for various risks as at 31 December 2024 and 30 September 2024 respectively:

(HK\$ million)		(a)	(b)	(c)
		RWA ¹		Minimum capital requirements ¹
		31 Dec 2024	30 Sep 2024	31 Dec 2024
1	Credit risk for non-securitization exposures	371,689	376,731	31,389
2	Of which STC approach	27,121	29,347	2,170
2a	Of which BSC approach	0	0	0
3	Of which foundation IRB approach	325,027	327,970	27,562
4	Of which supervisory slotting criteria approach	19,541	19,414	1,657
5	Of which advanced IRB approach	0	0	0
6	Counterparty default risk and default fund contributions	6,416	5,484	537
7	Of which SA-CCR approach	5,807	5,129	488
7a	Of which CEM	0	0	0
8	Of which IMM(CCR) approach	0	0	0
8a	Of which counterparty default risk to CCPs in respect of derivative contracts	210	149	17
9	Of which others	399	206	32
10	CVA risk	2,103	2,259	168
11	Equity positions in banking book under the simple risk-weight method and internal models method	13,728	13,816	1,164
12	Collective investment scheme ("CIS") exposures – LTA	2,076	2,104	176
13	CIS exposures – MBA	304	306	26
14	CIS exposures – FBA	133	133	11
14a	CIS exposures – combination of approaches	0	0	0
15	Settlement risk	0	0	0
16	Securitization exposures in banking book	0	0	0
17	Of which SEC-IRBA	0	0	0
18	Of which SEC-ERBA (including IAA)	0	0	0
19	Of which SEC-SA	0	0	0
19a	Of which SEC-FBA	0	0	0
20	Market risk	4,878	6,171	390
21	Of which STM approach	205	1,430	16
22	Of which IMM approach	4,673	4,741	374
23	Capital charge for switch between exposures in trading book and banking book (not applicable before the revised market risk framework takes effect)	N/A	N/A	N/A
24	Operational risk	40,572	38,958	3,246
24a	Sovereign concentration risk	0	0	0
25	Amounts below the thresholds for deduction (subject to 250% RW)	12,031	12,747	1,020
26	Capital floor adjustment	12,180	9,840	974
26a	Deduction to RWA	2,767	2,801	221
26b	Of which portion of regulatory reserve for general banking risks and collective provisions which is not included in Tier 2 Capital	0	0	0
26c	Of which portion of cumulative fair value gains arising from the revaluation of land and buildings which is not included in Tier 2 Capital	2,767	2,801	221
27	Total	463,343	465,748	38,880

1. In this table, RWAs for credit risk which are calculated under the IRB approach and form part of item 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 25 are before the application of the 1.06 scaling factor. Minimum capital requirement represents the amount of capital required to be held for that risk based on its RWAs after any applicable scaling factor multiplied by 8%.

Template PV1: Prudent valuation adjustments

The following table shows a detailed breakdown of the constituent elements of valuation adjustment that have not been taken into account in the calculation of the amount of the Group's retained earnings or other disclosed reserves as at 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
		Equity	Interest rates	FX	Credit	Commodities	Total	Of which: In the trading book	Of which: In the banking book
1	Close-out uncertainty, of which:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	<i>Mid-market value</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	<i>Close-out costs</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	<i>Concentration</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Early termination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Model risk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Operational risks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Investing and funding costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Unearned credit spreads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Future administrative costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Other adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Total adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Valuation adjustments are made for assets measured at fair value either through marked to market or marked to model, including non-derivative and derivative instruments. The Group has taken the following elements of valuation adjustment into consideration and makes adjustments, if any, in accordance with the Group's valuation process:

- Mid-market value – covering bid-offer adjustment on equity derivatives, interest rate swap and credit derivatives
- Close-out costs – covering bid-offer adjustment on futures contracts and foreign exchange contracts
- Concentration – covering liquidity valuation adjustment on equities, bonds and credit derivatives
- Model risk – covering valuation adjustment on structured products

Currently, the elements other than those mentioned above are not considered in the valuation process in the view that the risk and financial impact involved are considered to be insignificant when compared to the market valuation adjustments mentioned above.

Template LI1: Differences between accounting and regulatory scopes of consolidation and mapping of financial statement categories with regulatory risk categories

The following table shows the differences between the carrying values as reported in the Group's financial statements following the scope of accounting consolidation and the carrying values under the scope of regulatory consolidation, with a breakdown into regulatory risk categories of every item of the assets and liabilities reported in financial statements based on the scope of accounting consolidation.

(HK\$ million)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Carrying values as reported in published financial statements	Carrying values under scope of regulatory consolidation	Carrying values of items at 31 December 2024:				
			subject to credit risk framework	subject to counterparty credit risk framework	subject to the securitization framework	subject to market risk framework	not subject to capital requirements or subject to deduction from capital
Assets							
Cash and balances with banks	41,304	41,274	41,274	-	-	-	-
Placements with and advances to banks (Note 1)	37,705	37,684	37,684	9,044	-	-	-
Trade bills	1,456	1,456	1,456	-	-	-	-
Trading assets	207	207	-	-	-	207	-
Derivative assets (Note 2)	6,227	6,227	-	6,227	-	5,949	-
Loans and advances to customers	527,829	527,601	527,601	-	-	-	-
Investment securities (Note 1)	190,783	190,673	190,673	23,070	-	-	-
Investments in subsidiaries	-	2,523	2,523	-	-	-	-
Investments in associates and joint ventures	8,448	4,630	4,630	-	-	-	-
Fixed assets							
- Investment properties	4,979	4,483	4,483	-	-	-	-
- Other properties and equipment	7,298	7,185	7,185	-	-	-	-
- Right-of-use assets	694	702	702	-	-	-	-
Goodwill and intangible assets	1,836	1,469	-	-	-	-	1,469
Deferred tax assets	1,600	1,600	-	-	-	-	1,600

Template LI1: Differences between accounting and regulatory scopes of consolidation and mapping of financial statement categories with regulatory risk categories (continued)

(HK\$ million)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Carrying values as reported in published financial statements	Carrying values under scope of regulatory consolidation	Carrying values of items at 31 December 2024:				
			subject to credit risk framework	subject to counterparty credit risk framework	subject to the securitization framework	subject to market risk framework	not subject to capital requirements or subject to deduction from capital
Other assets							
- Assets held for sale	15	15	15	-	-	-	-
- Others	47,378	46,976	46,867	109	-	-	-
Total Assets	877,759	874,705	865,093	38,450	-	6,156	3,069
Liabilities							
Deposits and balances of banks (Note 1)	24,157	24,157	-	14,690	-	-	9,467
Deposits from customers	643,093	643,093	-	-	-	-	643,093
Trading liabilities	66	66	-	-	-	-	66
Derivatives liabilities (Note 2)	5,796	5,796	-	5,796	-	5,672	-
Certificates of deposit issued	21,578	21,578	-	-	-	-	21,578
Current taxation	1,870	1,866	-	-	-	-	1,866
Debt securities issued	387	387	-	-	-	-	387
Deferred tax liabilities	685	633	-	-	-	-	633
Other liabilities							
- Liabilities held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Others	51,299	52,527	-	-	-	-	52,527
Loan capital - at amortised cost	23,089	23,089	-	-	-	-	23,089
Total Liabilities	772,020	773,192	-	20,486	-	5,672	752,706

Note 1: As the SFTs create both on-balance and off-balance exposures which are subject to both credit risk and counterparty credit risk frameworks, the amount shown in column (b) does not equal to the sum of the amounts shown in columns (c) and (d).

Note 2: As the assets / liabilities arising from derivative contracts under the trading book are marked to market and subject to the risk that the counterparty may default its contractual obligations, the assets / liabilities are subject to both the market risk capital charge and the counterparty credit risk capital charge. Therefore, the amount shown in column (b) does not equal to the sum of the amounts shown in columns (d) and (f).

Template LI2: Main sources of differences between regulatory exposure amounts and carrying values in financial statements

The following table shows the main sources of differences between the carrying values in financial statements and the exposure amounts used for the calculation of regulatory capital in respect of the assets and liabilities based on the scope of regulatory consolidation:

At 31 December 2024:

		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
		Total	Items subject to:			
			credit risk framework	securitization framework	counterparty credit risk framework	market risk framework
1	(HK\$ million) Asset carrying value amount under scope of regulatory consolidation (as per template LI1)	871,636	865,093	-	38,450	6,156
2	- Liabilities carrying value amount under regulatory scope of consolidation (as per template LI1)	20,486	-	-	20,486	5,672
3	Total net amount under regulatory scope of consolidation	851,150	865,093	-	17,964	484
4	Off-balance sheet amounts	327,523	56,704	-	-	-
5	Differences due to consideration of provisions		5,864	-	-	-
6	Differences due to credit risk mitigation		(8,731)	-	-	-
7	Differences due to potential exposures for counterparty credit risk		-	-	23,188	-
8	Exposure amounts considered for regulatory purposes	960,566	918,930	-	41,152	484

Template LIA: Explanations of differences between accounting and regulatory exposure amounts

The following table describes the sources of differences from financial statements amounts to regulatory exposure amounts, as displayed in templates LI1 and LI2:

(a) Differences between the amounts in columns (a) and (b) in template LI1	The basis of consolidation for regulatory purposes is different from the basis of consolidation for accounting purposes. Subsidiaries included in consolidation for regulatory purposes are specified in a notice from the HKMA in accordance with Section 3C of the Capital Rules. Subsidiaries not included in consolidation for regulatory purposes are non-financial companies and the securities and insurance companies that are authorised and supervised by a regulator and are subject to supervisory arrangements regarding the maintenance of adequate capital to support business activities comparable to those prescribed for authorized institutions under the Capital Rules and the Banking Ordinance.
(b) The main drivers for the differences between accounting values and amounts considered for regulatory purposes shown in template LI2	The differences are mainly attributable to the following factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The carrying values reported in the financial statements are after deduction of impairment allowances while the exposure amounts for regulatory purposes are before deducting impairment allowances (except for exposures under Standardised Approach of credit risk from which impairment allowances at Stage 3 made against the exposures are deducted); - The exposure amounts for regulatory purposes are after the adjustment for the capital effect of recognized credit risk mitigation on the principal amounts; - Counterparty credit risk exposures for regulatory purposes consist of both the current exposures and the potential exposures which are derived by applying the credit conversion factor (CCF) to the notional principal of the transactions or contracts.
(c) Systems and controls applied to assets valuation	In order to ensure that the valuation estimates are prudent and reliable, the Group has implemented the following valuation processes and methodologies: <p><u>Independent Price Verification</u></p> As part of the control process, market prices or model inputs used in the valuation process are either determined or validated by an independent function. Fair values of financial instruments are determined with reference to external quoted market prices or observable model inputs and validated against secondary sources when appropriate. For fair values that are determined through valuation models, the control process may include validation of the logics, inputs, and outputs by an independent function, and evaluation of any adjustments required on top of the valuation models. Fair value estimates are generally subjective in nature, and are made as of a specific point in time based on the characteristics of the financial instruments and relevant market information. The Group measures fair values using the following hierarchy of methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 – Quoted market price in an active market for an identical instrument. Level 2 – Valuation techniques based on observable input. This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data. Level 3 – Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs could have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

Template LIA: Explanations of differences between accounting and regulatory exposure amounts (continued)

	<p><u>Valuation adjustments</u></p> <p>Valuation adjustment will be applied on instruments that are subject to fair value measurement with residual market risk, where significant valuation uncertainty and financial impact may arise. The Bank considers that the following valuation adjustments are relevant.</p> <p>(i) Bid offer adjustment:</p> <p>For the fixed income, credit derivatives and interest rate derivatives portfolio, two types of instruments, namely interest rate futures and credit default swap, would be adjusted to the prudent side of the bid offer close-out price. Regarding other types of instruments such as interest rate swap and cross currency swap which have no specific hedging purpose, the adjustment would be derived from the duration.</p> <p>For the equities and equity derivatives portfolio, bid offer adjustment would be applied to volatility dependent derivatives instruments based on the outstanding Vega position. Adjustments are made per underlying equity, based on the bid offer spread of implied volatility observed from the listed derivatives market. Bid offer adjustment is not performed for cash equity instruments in the dynamic hedging portfolio that are being marked at the exchange closing price given the generally insignificant net Delta position per underlying equity. Adjustment is not required for other cash equity instruments held, as they are already being marked at the market bid price.</p> <p>For the currency option portfolio, bid offer adjustment is not being performed due to the insignificant outstanding position. Delta and Vega position will be periodically reviewed to determine whether adjustment is required.</p> <p>In general, bid offer adjustment would not be required if the position is marked to the more prudent side of the bid offer rate or price, such as foreign exchange spot, forward, currency futures and cash equities.</p> <p>(ii) Liquidity valuation adjustment:</p> <p>Liquidity valuation adjustment would be applied to level 2 and level 3 financial instruments only.</p> <p>For the fixed income, credit derivatives and interest rate derivatives portfolio, liquidity valuation adjustment is being performed for less liquid position based on the product specific nature. Adjustment for interest rate swap and cross currency swap would be derived from the duration if the interest rate yield curve has wide bid-ask spread. Adjustment for debt securities would be derived from bid-offer spread if significant position of an illiquid instrument is held by the Bank. For credit default swap and credit linked note, adjustment would be derived from bid offer spread of its reference obligation if the counterparty or its reference obligation does not have an investment grade credit rating as instruments linked with a non-investment grade counterparty or reference obligation usually are not liquid in the market. For convertible asset swap, adjustment would not be required as the instrument is expected to be held until maturity and not expected to be sold in the secondary market. For interest rate futures, the adjustment is determined by the price difference between the day high and day low if significant position is held relative to open interest of the futures.</p> <p>For the equity derivatives portfolio, liquidity valuation adjustment is not being performed for level 2 and 3 equity derivatives instruments considering that the outstanding positions largely originate from dynamic hedging of callable bull / bear contracts and warrants issued and the Bank is the market maker for such products. For other customer derivatives products such as equity linked deposit, since customers are normally not allowed or expected to early terminate the contracts, thus the associated hedging positions would be held to expiration by the Bank at the same time. Moreover, the Bank has established progressively stringent individual position limits according to the underlying equity's average turnover and market capitalization. As a result, any residual positions would be insignificant relative to market liquidity and would not cause any material adverse impact to the overall valuation.</p>
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Template LIA: Explanations of differences between accounting and regulatory exposure amounts (continued)

	<p>For the foreign exchange portfolio, liquidity valuation adjustment of spot and forward is not being performed due to the highly liquid market and insignificant positions on minor currencies. Liquidity valuation adjustment for currency futures would be applied if significant position is held relative to open interest of the futures, and would be determined by the price difference between the day high and day low.</p> <p>For the currency option portfolio, liquidity valuation adjustment is not being performed due to insignificant position. Delta and Vega position will be periodically reviewed to determine whether adjustment is required.</p> <p>(iii) Model risk adjustment:</p> <p>Model risk adjustment would be considered for structured products that are priced by simulation technique. The adjustment would be based on the alternate model if there is a significant variance between the original valuation and the price derived from alternate model.</p> <p>(iv) Credit valuation adjustment:</p> <p>Credit value adjustment would be considered for both positive exposure and negative exposure on derivatives. The adjustment for positive exposure on derivatives (i.e. credit valuation adjustment) would be based on the positive fair value of derivatives and the counterparties' probability of default and loss given default and the adjustment for negative exposure on derivatives (i.e. debit valuation adjustment) would be based on the negative fair value of derivatives and the Bank's credit spread.</p>
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Template CC1: Composition of regulatory capital

At 31 December 2024		Amount (HK\$ million)	Source based on reference numbers/letters of the balance sheet under the regulatory scope of consolidation
CET1 capital: instruments and reserves			
1	Directly issued qualifying CET1 capital instruments plus any related share premium	42,060	(10) + (14)
2	Retained earnings	34,758	(11)
3	Disclosed reserves	19,674	(15) + (16) + (17)
4	<i>Directly issued capital subject to phase-out arrangements from CET1 (only applicable to non-joint stock companies)</i>	Not applicable	Not applicable
5	Minority interests arising from CET1 capital instruments issued by consolidated bank subsidiaries and held by third parties (amount allowed in CET1 capital of the consolidation group)	-	
6	CET1 capital before regulatory adjustments	96,492	
CET1 capital: regulatory deductions			
7	Valuation adjustments	-	
8	Goodwill (net of associated deferred tax liabilities)	1,460	(4)
9	Other intangible assets (net of associated deferred tax liabilities)	9	(5)
10	Deferred tax assets (net of associated deferred tax liabilities)	1,600	(6)
11	Cash flow hedge reserve	(20)	(18)
12	Excess of total EL amount over total eligible provisions under the IRB approach	-	
13	Credit-enhancing interest-only strip, and any gain-on-sale and other increase in the CET1 capital arising from securitization transactions	-	
14	Gains and losses due to changes in own credit risk on fair valued liabilities	(1)	(7) + (8)
15	Defined benefit pension fund net assets (net of associated deferred tax liabilities)	-	
16	Investments in own CET1 capital instruments (if not already netted off paid-in capital on reported balance sheet)	-	
17	Reciprocal cross-holdings in CET1 capital instruments	-	
18	Insignificant LAC investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount above 10% threshold)	-	
19	Significant LAC investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount above 10% threshold)	-	
20	Mortgage servicing rights (net of associated deferred tax liabilities)	Not applicable	Not applicable
21	Deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences (net of associated deferred tax liabilities)	Not applicable	Not applicable
22	Amount exceeding the 15% threshold	Not applicable	Not applicable

Template CC1: Composition of regulatory capital (continued)

At 31 December 2024

		Amount (HK\$ million)	Source based on reference numbers/letters of the balance sheet under the regulatory scope of consolidation
23	of which: significant investments in the ordinary share of financial sector entities	Not applicable	Not applicable
24	of which: mortgage servicing rights	Not applicable	Not applicable
25	of which: deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences	Not applicable	Not applicable
26	National specific regulatory adjustments applied to CET1 capital	7,616	
26a	Cumulative fair value gains arising from the revaluation of land and buildings (own-use and investment properties)	5,030	(2) + (3)
26b	Regulatory reserve for general banking risks	2,586	(12)
26c	Securitization exposures specified in a notice given by the MA	-	
26d	Cumulative losses below depreciated cost arising from the institution's holdings of land and buildings	-	
26e	Capital shortfall of regulated non-bank subsidiaries	-	
26f	Capital investment in a connected company which is a commercial entity (amount above 15% of the reporting institution's capital base)	-	
27	Regulatory deductions applied to CET1 capital due to insufficient AT1 capital and Tier 2 capital to cover deductions	-	
28	Total regulatory deductions to CET1 capital	10,664	
29	CET1 capital	85,828	
AT1 capital: instruments			
30	Qualifying AT1 capital instruments plus any related share premium	5,021	(19)
31	of which: classified as equity under applicable accounting standards	5,021	
32	of which: classified as liabilities under applicable accounting standards	-	
33	<i>Capital instruments subject to phase-out arrangements from AT1 capital</i>	-	
34	AT1 capital instruments issued by consolidated bank subsidiaries and held by third parties (amount allowed in AT1 capital of the consolidation group)	-	
35	<i>of which: AT1 capital instruments issued by subsidiaries subject to phase-out arrangements</i>	-	
36	AT1 capital before regulatory deductions	5,021	
AT1 capital: regulatory deductions			
37	Investments in own AT1 capital instruments	-	
38	Reciprocal cross-holdings in AT1 capital instruments	-	
39	Insignificant LAC investments in AT1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount above 10% threshold)	-	

Template CC1: Composition of regulatory capital (continued)

At 31 December 2024

		Amount (HK\$ million)	Source based on reference numbers/letters of the balance sheet under the regulatory scope of consolidation
40	Significant LAC investments in AT1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation	-	
41	National specific regulatory adjustments applied to AT1 capital	-	
42	Regulatory deductions applied to AT1 capital due to insufficient Tier 2 capital to cover deductions	-	
43	Total regulatory deductions to AT1 capital	-	
44	AT1 capital	5,021	
45	Tier 1 capital (T1 = CET1 + AT1)	90,849	
Tier 2 capital: instruments and provisions			
46	Qualifying Tier 2 capital instruments plus any related share premium	13,543	(9)
47	<i>Capital instruments subject to phase-out arrangements from Tier 2 capital</i>	-	
48	Tier 2 capital instruments issued by consolidated bank subsidiaries and held by third parties (amount allowed in Tier 2 capital of the consolidation group)	-	
49	<i>of which: capital instruments issued by subsidiaries subject to phase-out arrangements</i>	-	
50	Collective provisions and regulatory reserve for general banking risks eligible for inclusion in Tier 2 capital	1,716	(13) - (1)
51	Tier 2 capital before regulatory deductions	15,259	
Tier 2 capital: regulatory deductions			
52	Investments in own Tier 2 capital instruments	-	
53	Reciprocal cross-holdings in Tier 2 capital instruments and non-capital LAC liabilities	-	
54	Insignificant LAC investments in Tier 2 capital instruments issued by, and non-capital LAC liabilities of, financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount above 10% threshold and, where applicable, 5% threshold)	-	
54a	Insignificant LAC investments in non-capital LAC liabilities of financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount formerly designated for the 5% threshold but no longer meets the conditions) (for institutions defined as "section 2 institution" under §2(1) of Schedule 4F to BCR only)	-	
55	Significant LAC investments in Tier 2 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (net of eligible short positions)	-	
55a	Significant LAC investments in non-capital LAC liabilities of financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (net of eligible short positions)	-	
56	National specific regulatory adjustments applied to Tier 2 capital	(2,264)	
56a	Add back of cumulative fair value gains arising from the revaluation of land and buildings (own-use and investment properties) eligible for inclusion in Tier 2 capital	(2,264)	[(2) + (3)] X 45%

Template CC1: Composition of regulatory capital (continued)

At 31 December 2024

		Amount (HK\$ million)	Source based on reference numbers/letters of the balance sheet under the regulatory scope of consolidation
56b	Regulatory deductions applied to Tier 2 capital to cover the required deductions falling within §48(1)(g) of BCR	-	
57	Total regulatory adjustments to Tier 2 capital	(2,264)	
58	Tier 2 capital (T2)	17,523	
59	Total regulatory capital (TC = T1 + T2)	108,372	
60	Total RWA	486,099	
Capital ratios (as a percentage of RWA)			
61	CET1 capital ratio	17.66%	
62	Tier 1 capital ratio	18.69%	
63	Total capital ratio	22.29%	
64	Institution-specific buffer requirement (capital conservation buffer plus countercyclical capital buffer plus higher loss absorbency requirements)	2.805%	
65	of which: capital conservation buffer requirement	2.500%	
66	of which: bank specific countercyclical capital buffer requirement	0.305%	
67	of which: higher loss absorbency requirement	Not applicable	
68	CET1 (as a percentage of RWA) available after meeting minimum capital requirements	12.69%	
National minima (if different from Basel 3 minimum)			
69	National CET1 minimum ratio	Not applicable	Not applicable
70	National Tier 1 minimum ratio	Not applicable	Not applicable
71	National Total capital minimum ratio	Not applicable	Not applicable
Amounts below the thresholds for deduction (before risk weighting)			
72	Insignificant LAC investments in CET1, AT1 and Tier 2 capital instruments issued by, and non-capital LAC liabilities of, financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation	2,241	
73	Significant LAC investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation	4,812	
74	Mortgage servicing rights (net of associated deferred tax liabilities)	Not applicable	Not applicable
75	Deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences (net of associated deferred tax liabilities)	Not applicable	Not applicable
Applicable caps on the inclusion of provisions in Tier 2 capital			
76	Provisions eligible for inclusion in Tier 2 in respect of exposures subject to the BSC approach, or the STC approach and SEC-ERBA, SEC-SA and SEC-FBA (prior to application of cap)	264	
77	Cap on inclusion of provisions in Tier 2 under the BSC approach, or the STC approach, and SEC-ERBA, SEC-SA and SEC-FBA	356	

Template CC1: Composition of regulatory capital (continued)

At 31 December 2024

		Amount (HK\$ million)	Source based on reference numbers/letters of the balance sheet under the regulatory scope of consolidation
78	Provisions eligible for inclusion in Tier 2 in respect of exposures subject to the IRB approach and SEC-IRBA (prior to application of cap)	1,452	
79	Cap for inclusion of provisions in Tier 2 under the IRB approach and SEC-IRBA	2,403	
Capital instruments subject to phase-out arrangements (only applicable between 1 Jan 2018 and 1 Jan 2022)			
80	<i>Current cap on CET1 capital instruments subject to phase-out arrangements</i>	Not applicable	Not applicable
81	<i>Amount excluded from CET1 due to cap (excess over cap after redemptions and maturities)</i>	Not applicable	Not applicable
82	<i>Current cap on AT1 capital instruments subject to phase-out arrangements</i>	-	
83	<i>Amount excluded from AT1 capital due to cap (excess over cap after redemptions and maturities)</i>	-	
84	<i>Current cap on Tier 2 capital instruments subject to phase-out arrangements</i>	-	
85	<i>Amount excluded from Tier 2 capital due to cap (excess over cap after redemptions and maturities)</i>	-	

Template CC1: Composition of regulatory capital (continued)

Notes to the Template

Elements where a more conservative definition has been applied in the BCR relative to that set out in Basel III capital standards:

	Description	Hong Kong basis (HK\$ Million)	Basel III basis (HK\$ Million)
9	Other intangible assets (net of associated deferred tax liabilities) <u>Explanation</u> As set out in paragraph 87 of the Basel III text issued by the Basel Committee (December 2010), mortgage servicing rights ("MSRs") may be given limited recognition in CET1 capital (and hence be excluded from deduction from CET1 capital up to the specified threshold). In Hong Kong, an AI is required to follow the accounting treatment of including MSRs as part of intangible assets reported in the AI's financial statements and to deduct MSRs in full from CET1 capital. Therefore, the amount to be deducted as reported in row 9 may be greater than that required under Basel III. The amount reported under the column "Basel III basis" in this box represents the amount reported in row 9 (i.e. the amount reported under the "Hong Kong basis") adjusted by reducing the amount of MSRs to be deducted to the extent not in excess of the 10% threshold set for MSRs and the aggregate 15% threshold set for MSRs, DTAs arising from temporary differences and significant investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities (excluding those that are loans, facilities or other credit exposures to connected companies) under Basel III.	9	9
10	Deferred tax assets (net of associated deferred tax liabilities) <u>Explanation</u> As set out in paragraphs 69 and 87 of the Basel III text issued by the Basel Committee (December 2010), DTAs of the bank to be realized are to be deducted, whereas DTAs which relate to temporary differences may be given limited recognition in CET1 capital (and hence be excluded from deduction from CET1 capital up to the specified threshold). In Hong Kong, an AI is required to deduct all DTAs in full, irrespective of their origin, from CET1 capital. Therefore, the amount to be deducted as reported in row 10 may be greater than that required under Basel III. The amount reported under the column "Basel III basis" in this box represents the amount reported in row 10 (i.e. the amount reported under the "Hong Kong basis") adjusted by reducing the amount of DTAs to be deducted which relate to temporary differences to the extent not in excess of the 10% threshold set for DTAs arising from temporary differences and the aggregate 15% threshold set for MSRs, DTAs arising from temporary differences and significant investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities (excluding those that are loans, facilities or other credit exposures to connected companies) under Basel III.	1,600	15
18	Insignificant LAC investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount above 10% threshold) <u>Explanation</u> For the purpose of determining the total amount of insignificant LAC investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities, an AI is required to aggregate any amount of loans, facilities or other credit exposures provided by it to any of its connected companies, where the connected company is a financial sector entity, as if such loans, facilities or other credit exposures were direct holdings, indirect holdings or synthetic holdings of the AI in the capital instruments of the financial sector entity, except where the AI demonstrates to the satisfaction of the MA that any such loan was made, any such facility was granted, or any such other credit exposure was incurred, in the ordinary course of the AI's business. Therefore, the amount to be deducted as reported in row 18 may be greater than that required under Basel III. The amount reported under the column "Basel III basis" in this box represents the amount reported in row 18 (i.e. the amount reported under the "Hong Kong basis") adjusted by excluding the aggregate amount of loans, facilities or other credit exposures to the AI's connected companies which were subject to deduction under the Hong Kong approach.	-	-

Template CC1: Composition of regulatory capital (continued)

Notes to the Template (continued)

	Description	Hong Kong basis (HK\$ Million)	Basel III basis (HK\$ Million)
19	Significant LAC investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount above 10% threshold)	-	-
	<p><u>Explanation</u> For the purpose of determining the total amount of significant LAC investments in CET1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities, an AI is required to aggregate any amount of loans, facilities or other credit exposures provided by it to any of its connected companies, where the connected company is a financial sector entity, as if such loans, facilities or other credit exposures were direct holdings, indirect holdings or synthetic holdings of the AI in the capital instruments of the financial sector entity, except where the AI demonstrates to the satisfaction of the MA that any such loan was made, any such facility was granted, or any such other credit exposure was incurred, in the ordinary course of the AI's business. Therefore, the amount to be deducted as reported in row 19 may be greater than that required under Basel III. The amount reported under the column "Basel III basis" in this box represents the amount reported in row 19 (i.e. the amount reported under the "Hong Kong basis") adjusted by excluding the aggregate amount of loans, facilities or other credit exposures to the AI's connected companies which were subject to deduction under the Hong Kong approach.</p>		
39	Insignificant LAC investments in AT1 capital instruments issued by financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount above 10% threshold)	-	-
	<p><u>Explanation</u> The effect of treating loans, facilities or other credit exposures to connected companies which are financial sector entities as CET1 capital instruments for the purpose of considering deductions to be made in calculating the capital base (see note re row 18 to the template above) will mean the headroom within the threshold available for the exemption from capital deduction of other insignificant LAC investments in AT1 capital instruments may be smaller. Therefore, the amount to be deducted as reported in row 39 may be greater than that required under Basel III. The amount reported under the column "Basel III basis" in this box represents the amount reported in row 39 (i.e. the amount reported under the "Hong Kong basis") adjusted by excluding the aggregate amount of loans, facilities or other credit exposures to the AI's connected companies which were subject to deduction under the Hong Kong approach.</p>		
54	Insignificant LAC investments in Tier 2 capital instruments issued by, and non-capital LAC liabilities of, financial sector entities that are outside the scope of regulatory consolidation (amount above 10% threshold and, where applicable, 5% threshold)	-	-
	<p><u>Explanation</u> The effect of treating loans, facilities or other credit exposures to connected companies which are financial sector entities as CET1 capital instruments for the purpose of considering deductions to be made in calculating the capital base (see note re row 18 to the template above) will mean the headroom within the threshold available for the exemption from capital deduction of other insignificant LAC investments in Tier 2 capital instruments and noncapital LAC liabilities may be smaller. Therefore, the amount to be deducted as reported in row 54 may be greater than that required under Basel III. The amount reported under the column "Basel III basis" in this box represents the amount reported in row 54 (i.e. the amount reported under the "Hong Kong basis") adjusted by excluding the aggregate amount of loans, facilities or other credit exposures to the AI's connected companies which were subject to deduction under the Hong Kong approach.</p>		
<p>Remarks: The amount of the 10% threshold and 5% threshold mentioned above is calculated based on the amount of CET1 capital determined in accordance with the deduction methods set out in BCR Schedule 4F. The 15% threshold is referring to paragraph 88 of the Basel III text issued by the Basel Committee (December 2010) and has no effect to the Hong Kong regime.</p>			

Abbreviations:
CET1: Common Equity Tier 1
AT1: Additional Tier 1

Template CC2: Reconciliation of regulatory capital to balance sheet

Balance Sheet Reconciliation	Balance sheet as in published financial statements	Under regulatory scope of consolidation	Cross reference to Definition of Capital Components
	31/12/2024 HK\$ Mn	31/12/2024 HK\$ Mn	
Assets			
Cash and balances with banks	41,304	41,274	
Placements with and advances to banks	37,705	37,684	
Trade bills	1,456	1,456	
Trading assets	207	207	
Derivative assets	6,227	6,227	
Loans and advances to customers	527,829	527,601	
of which: collective impairment allowances reflected in regulatory capital		(1,127)	(1)
Excess of total EL amount over total eligible provisions under the IRB Approach		-	
Investment securities	190,783	190,673	
Investments in subsidiaries	-	2,523	
Investments in associates/joint ventures	8,448	4,630	
Fixed assets			
- Investment properties	4,979	4,483	
of which: Cumulative fair value gains arising from the revaluation of land and buildings		3,092	(2)
- Other property and equipment	7,298	7,185	
of which: Cumulative fair value gains arising from the revaluation of land and buildings		1,938	(3)
ROU assets	694	702	
Goodwill and intangible assets	1,836	1,469	
of which: goodwill		1,460	(4)
other intangible assets		9	(5)
Deferred tax assets	1,600	1,600	
of which: deferred tax assets		1,600	(6)
Other assets			
- Assets held for sale	15	15	
- Others	47,378	46,976	
Total Assets	877,759	874,705	
Liabilities			
Deposits and balances of banks	24,157	24,157	
Deposits from customers	643,093	643,093	
Trading liabilities	66	66	
Derivative liabilities	5,796	5,796	
Certificates of deposit issued			
- Designated at fair value through profit or loss	705	705	
of which: gains and losses due to changes in own credit risk on fair valued liabilities		(1)	(7)
- At amortised cost	20,873	20,873	
Current taxation	1,870	1,866	
Debt securities issued			
- Designated at fair value through profit or loss	232	232	
of which: gains and losses due to changes in own credit risk on fair valued liabilities	-	-	(8)
- At amortised cost	155	155	
Deferred tax liabilities	685	633	
Other liabilities			
- Liabilities held for sale	-	-	
- Others	51,299	52,527	
Loan capital - at amortised cost	23,089	23,089	
of which: portion eligible for Tier 2 capital instruments		13,543	(9)
Total Liabilities	772,020	773,192	
Equity			
Share capital	42,060	42,060	
of which: paid-in share capital		42,060	(10)
Reserves	58,383	54,432	
of which: retained earnings		34,758	(11)
of which: regulatory reserve earmarked		2,586	(12)
regulatory reserve for general banking risks		589	(13)
share premium		-	(14)
accumulated other comprehensive income		4,303	(15)
exchange revaluation reserve		(2,907)	(16)
other reserves		18,278	(17)
of which: cash flow hedge reserve		(20)	(18)
Additional equity instruments	5,021	5,021	(19)
Non-controlling interests	275	-	
of which: portion not eligible for inclusion in regulatory capital	-	-	
Total Equity	105,739	101,513	
Total Equity and Liabilities	877,759	874,705	

Template CCyB1: Geographical distribution of credit exposures used in countercyclical capital buffer (“CCyB”)

The following table presents the geographical breakdown of risk-weighted amounts (RWA) in relation to private sector credit exposures as at 31 December 2024:

		a	c	d	e
	Geographical breakdown by Jurisdiction (J)	Applicable JCCyB ratio in effect	RWA used in computation of CCyB ratio	AI-specific CCyB ratio	CCyB amount
		(%)	(HK\$ million)	(%)	(HK\$ million)
1	Hong Kong SAR	0.500%	141,041		
2	Australia	1.000%	7,716		
3	Belgium	1.000%	9		
4	France	1.000%	232		
5	Germany	0.750%	1,667		
6	Ireland	1.500%	1,450		
7	Luxembourg	0.500%	230		
8	Netherlands	2.000%	1,198		
9	South Korea	1.000%	584		
10	Sweden	2.000%	644		
11	United Kingdom	2.000%	15,073		
	Sum of above		169,844		
	Total (including those exposures in jurisdictions with zero JCCyB ratio)		382,355	0.305%	1,480

The geographical locations of exposures to private sector obligors are determined on an ultimate risk basis according to the residency or registered offices of the obligors in general. To the extent that credit risk has been mitigated by means of a guarantee or credit derivative contract recognized for capital adequacy ratio calculation purposes, the exposure will be allocated to the location of the credit protection provider under the recognized guarantee or the recognized credit derivative contract. If the location of the obligor cannot be determined without disproportionate effort, the credit exposure should be allocated to the jurisdiction where it is booked.

Template LR1: Summary comparison of accounting assets against leverage ratio exposure measure

At 31 Dec 2024

	Item	Value under Leverage Ratio framework (HK\$ million)
1	Total consolidated assets as per published financial statements	877,759
2	Adjustment for investments in banking, financial, insurance or commercial entities that are consolidated for accounting purposes but outside the scope of regulatory consolidation	(3,054)
2a	Adjustment for securitised exposures that meet the operational requirements for the recognition of risk transference	-
3	Adjustment for fiduciary assets recognised on the balance sheet pursuant to the applicable accounting standard but excluded from the LR exposure measure	-
3a	Adjustments for eligible cash pooling transactions	-
4	Adjustments for derivative contracts	14,059
5	Adjustment for SFTs (i.e. repos and similar secured lending)	526
6	Adjustment for off-balance sheet ("OBS") items (i.e. conversion to credit equivalent amounts of OBS exposures)	50,168
6a	Adjustments for prudent valuation adjustments and specific and collective provisions that are allowed to be excluded from exposure measure	(131)
7	Other adjustments	(10,665)
8	Leverage ratio exposure measure	928,662

Template LR2: Leverage ratio (“LR”)

		(HK\$ million)	
		At 31 Dec 2024	At 30 Sep 2024
On-balance sheet exposures			
1	On-balance sheet exposures (excluding those arising from derivative contracts and SFTs, but including collateral)	842,794	858,340
2	Less: Asset amounts deducted in determining Tier 1 capital	(10,665)	(10,738)
3	Total on-balance sheet exposures (excluding derivative contracts and SFTs)	832,129	847,602
Exposures arising from derivative contracts			
4	Replacement cost associated with all derivative contracts (where applicable net of eligible cash variation margin and/or with bilateral netting)	8,718	5,896
5	Add-on amounts for PFE associated with all derivative contracts	11,568	11,022
6	Gross-up for collateral provided in respect of derivative contracts where deducted from the balance sheet assets pursuant to the applicable accounting framework	-	-
7	Less: Deductions of receivables assets for cash variation margin provided under derivative contracts	-	-
8	Less: Exempted CCP leg of client-cleared trade exposures	-	-
9	Adjusted effective notional amount of written credit-related derivative contracts	-	-
10	Less: Adjusted effective notional offsets and add-on deductions for written credit-related derivative contracts	-	-
11	Total exposures arising from derivative contracts	20,286	16,918
Exposures arising from SFTs			
12	Gross SFT assets (with no recognition of netting), after adjusting for sale accounting transactions	32,200	14,742
13	Less: Netted amounts of cash payables and cash receivables of gross SFT assets	-	-
14	CCR exposure for SFT assets	526	732
15	Agent transaction exposures	-	-
16	Total exposures arising from SFTs	32,726	15,474
Other off-balance sheet exposures			
17	Off-balance sheet exposure at gross notional amount	327,523	325,224
18	Less: Adjustments for conversion to credit equivalent amounts	(277,355)	(275,385)
19	Off-balance sheet items	50,168	49,839
Capital and total exposures			
20	Tier 1 capital	90,849	91,701
20a	Total exposures before adjustments for specific and collective provisions	935,309	929,833
20b	Adjustments for specific and collective provisions	(6,647)	(6,753)
21	Total exposures after adjustments for specific and collective provisions	928,662	923,080
Leverage ratio			
22	Leverage ratio	9.78%	9.93%

Table LIQA: Liquidity risk management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group may not be able to meet its obligations as they come due because of an inability to obtain adequate funding (funding liquidity risk); or that the Group cannot easily liquidate assets quickly without significantly lowering market prices because of inadequate market depth or market disruptions (market liquidity risk).

The purpose of liquidity risk management is to ensure sufficient cash flows to meet all financial commitments and to capitalise on opportunities for business expansion. This includes the Group's ability to meet deposit withdrawals either on demand or at contractual maturity, to repay borrowings as they mature, to make new loans and investments as opportunities arise and last but not least, to comply with all the statutory requirements for liquidity risk management, including Liquidity Coverage Ratio ("LCR") and Net Stable Funding Ratio ("NSFR").

The Group reviews the risk profile through regular assessments of both qualitative and quantitative risk factors to determine its tolerance of prevailing risk levels against applicable risk appetites statement for liquidity risk annually approved by the Board. The Asset and Liability Management Committee is delegated by the Board to oversee the Group's liquidity risk management. The Asset and Liability Management Committee is composed of balanced representation of senior staff from various business units, Treasury, Risk Management and Finance to jointly formulate adequate funding strategies. The Asset and Liability Management Committee sets the strategy, policy, and limits for managing liquidity risk and the means for ensuring that such strategy and policy are implemented. Regular meetings are held to review the compliance status of the monitoring matrix established and the need for any change in strategy and policy. Liquidity is managed daily by the Capital Markets & Liquidity Management Department under the Treasury Markets Division of the Group within the set limits. Market & Liquidity Risk Management Department under the Risk Management Division of the Group is responsible for monitoring the activities relating to liquidity risk. The Internal Audit Division performs periodic reviews to ensure that the liquidity risk management functions are carried out effectively.

The implementation of LCR and NSFR imposes a more stringent regulatory regime for liquidity risk management on the Group. To ensure compliance with the enhanced regulatory requirement, internal targets for LCR and NSFR have been set above regulatory required levels, making reference to the Group's liquidity risk appetite. In addition, material changes in the LCR and NSFR will be reviewed regularly by the Asset and Liability Management Committee together with proposed mitigation actions to cope with adverse changes arising from, but not limited to, composition of the deposit base and remaining tenor to maturity, lending activities with respect to different maturity tenors, and the Group's asset and liability mix strategy. In planning the asset and liability mix strategy, the Group assesses the impact of asset growth and funding structure on the LCR and NSFR with support from relevant business units for the Asset and Liability Management Committee's review and decision.

In 2024, the Group is required to calculate LCR and NSFR in accordance with the regulatory requirements, and to maintain these ratios not less than 100% for both LCR and NSFR on a consolidated basis. As at 31 December, 2024, the ratios are reported as follows:

	As at 31 December 2024
Liquidity Coverage Ratio	205.0%
Net Stable Funding Ratio	126.2%

As part of Group efforts to manage the LCR and NSFR effectively, emphasis is placed on strengthening the deposit base by retaining loyal customers and maintaining customer relationships. The Group balances funding among retail, small business, and wholesale funding to avoid concentration in any one source. The Group also diversifies its tenors of funding over various time horizons to avoid significant maturity mismatch in any time bucket. Professional markets are accessed through the issuance of certificates of deposit, medium-term notes, subordinated debt, money market placement and other borrowings for the purposes of providing additional funding, maintaining a presence in local money markets, and optimising asset and liability maturities.

Table LIQA: Liquidity risk management (continued)

The table below shows the Group's concentration of sources of funding as at 31 December, 2024. The ratio of deposit from top single non-bank customer / total deposits of Group level was 1.31%.

	As a percentage of Total Available Stable Funding (exclude Capital)
Deposits from Retail Customers	48.5%
Deposits from Small Business Customers	4.9%
Deposits from Corporate Customers	28.8%
Funding provided by Financial Institutions	10.5%
Debt securities or prescribed instruments issued	4.4%
Other liabilities excluding capital instruments and certain non-funding sources	2.9%
Total	100%

The Group manages liquidity risk of the branches in Macau, Taiwan and overseas and significant subsidiary in a holistic approach. The liquidity risk management policies of the Group are abided by all of the overseas, Macau and Taiwan branches and significant subsidiary, while supplementing their respective local practices and statutory requirements. Reporting to the Group Chief Risk Officer, the Risk Management Unit of each of the overseas, Macau and Taiwan branches and significant subsidiary reports and escalates liquidity risk related matter to the liquidity risk management team at Head Office. The respective local Asset and Liability Management Committee or respective local authorities are also established for overseeing liquidity risk in accordance with the local regulatory requirements and limits approved.

In addition to observing the statutory LCR and NSFR, the Group has established different liquidity metrics – including but not limited to the loan-to-deposit ratio, cumulative maturity mismatch ratio, funding concentration ratio, intra-group exposure threshold, and cross currency funding ratio – to measure and analyse the Group's liquidity risks. As at 31 December 2024, the loan-to-deposit ratio of the Group was 80.2%. The Group maintains sufficient high quality liquid assets ("HQLAs") as a liquidity cushion that can be accessed in times of stress. The HQLAs for fulfilling the LCR consist of cash, exchange fund bills and notes, high quality government debt securities and other equivalent liquid marketable assets.

The composition of the Group's HQLAs is shown as below table. The majority of HQLAs are denominated in Hong Kong dollars. Contingent funding sources are maintained to provide strategic liquidity to meet unexpected and material cash outflows. As of 31 December 2024, the Group's holdings of level 2 assets by industry (except Sovereign, Central Banks and Public Sector Entities) were less than 10% of the total HQLAs amount.

	As a percentage of total HQLA (unweighted)
- Level 1	
Cash and Withdrawable Central Bank Reserves	16.4%
Exchange fund bills and notes	13.3%
Marketable debt securities:-	
Issued by Sovereigns or Governments	20.3%
Issued by Central Banks	5.0%
Issued by Multilateral Development Banks	0.0%
- Level 2A	
Marketable debt securities:-	
Issued by Sovereigns or Governments	3.7%
Issued by Corporates	1.5%
Others	0.3%
- Level 2B	
Marketable debt securities:-	
Issued by Corporates	39.5%
Others	0.0%
Total	100%

Table LIQA: Liquidity risk management (continued)

Internally, intra-group funding transactions are carried out at arm's length and treated in a manner in line with other third party transactions, with regular monitoring and appropriate control. Head Office is a net funding provider to overseas, Macau and Taiwan branches and subsidiary. As at 31 December 2024, funding needs arising from respective overseas, Macau and Taiwan branches and subsidiary are shown as follows:

(HK\$ million)	As at 31 December 2024
The Bank of East Asia (China) Limited	8,512
Branches in Macau, Taiwan and overseas	
- Los Angeles	7,722
- Macau	4,213
- New York	5,880
- Singapore	8,204
- Taipei	3,148
- London	10,522

As a majority of the Group's liquidity risk arises from the maturity mismatch gap between the Group's asset and liability portfolios. The Group manages liquidity risk by conducting regular cash flow analysis and projections through the use of the Bank's management information system so as to facilitate the identification of funding needs arising from on and off-balance sheet items over a set of time horizons.

The Group's analysis of on- and off-balance sheet items by remaining maturity and the resultant liquidity gaps as at 31 December 2024 is shown as follows:

(HK\$ million)	Repayable on demand	Within 1 month	3 months or less but over 1 month	1 year or less but over 3 months	5 years or less but over 1 year	Over 5 years	Undated or overdue
Currency notes and coins	1,436	-	-	-	-	-	-
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	39,868	29,822	526	527	-	-	7,488
Advances to customers, acceptances and bills of exchange held	9,758	62,585	66,047	152,198	135,595	114,012	15,594
Debt securities, prescribed instruments and structured financial instruments held	165,322	7,916	8,290	10,663	280	5	-
Other assets	14,241	26,012	23,062	63,676	23,007	4,410	19,974
Total on-balance sheet assets	230,625	126,335	97,925	227,064	158,882	118,427	43,056
Total off-balance sheet claims	-	-	-	-	-	-	640
Deposits and balance of banks and other financial institutions	2,293	2,978	2,800	534	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	217,787	101,468	211,924	102,021	16,532	-	-
Debt securities, prescribed instruments and structured financial instruments issued	39	7,416	15,185	25,042	11,941	-	-
Other liabilities and capital	20,969	15,559	28,304	78,313	27,926	2,658	95,316
Total on-balance sheet liabilities	241,088	127,421	258,213	205,910	56,399	2,658	95,316
Total off-balance sheet obligations	14,406	15,451	3,539	4,831	8,025	1,638	2,472
Contractual maturity mismatch	(24,869)	(16,537)	(163,827)	16,323	94,458	114,131	(54,092)
Cumulative contractual maturity mismatch	(24,869)	(41,406)	(205,233)	(188,910)	(94,452)	19,679	(34,413)

Table LIQA: Liquidity risk management (continued)

The Group also conducts stress testing regularly to analyse liquidity risk. Both on and off-balance sheet items and their impact on cash flow are considered, together with applicable hypothetical and historical assumptions. The assessment and review of market liquidity risk are included in the various control processes, including investment/ trading strategy, market risk monitoring, valuation, and portfolio review.

Three stress scenarios – namely an institution-specific crisis, a general market crisis, and a crisis involving a combination of the two – are adopted with minimum survival period defined according to the HKMA's Supervisory Policy Manual LM-2, "Sound Systems and Controls for Liquidity Risk Management".

With reference to the stress-testing results, the Group identifies potential vulnerabilities within the Group, establishes internal limits, and formulates a contingency funding plan that sets out the Group's strategy for dealing with any liquidity problem and the procedures for making up cash flow deficits in emergency situations.

The contingency funding plan is designed to be pro-active and pre-emptive, and stipulates the following three stages:

1. The Group utilises early warning indicators, which cover both qualitative and quantitative measures, and monitors both internal and external factors. Should there be any early signs of significant impact on the Group's liquidity position, the Asset and Liability Management Committee is informed. The Asset and Liability Management Committee will consider appropriate remedial actions and will consider employing crisis management if the situation warrants.
2. A Crisis Management Committee, which is chaired by the Co-Chief Executives, is formed to handle the crisis. Strategy and procedures for obtaining contingency funding, as well as roles and responsibilities of the parties concerned, are clearly stated.
3. In the final stage, a post-crisis review is carried out to recommend necessary improvements to avoid incidents of a similar nature in the future.

An annual drill test is conducted and the contingency funding plan is subject to regular review in order to accommodate any changes in the business environment. Any significant changes to the contingency funding plan are approved by the Board.

Template LIQ1: Liquidity Coverage Ratio (“LCR”)

(HK\$ million)		Quarter ending on 31 December 2024		Quarter ending on 30 September 2024	
Number of data points used in calculating the average value of the LCR and related components set out in this template		75		76	
Basis of disclosure: consolidated		Unweighted value (average)	Weighted value (average)	Unweighted value (average)	Weighted value (average)
A. High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA)					
1	Total HQLA		117,021		107,059
B. Cash Outflows					
2	Retail deposits and small business funding, of which:	359,777	25,152	356,057	25,484
3	<i>Stable retail deposits and stable small business funding</i>	55,069	1,687	46,489	1,430
4	<i>Less stable retail deposits and less stable small business funding</i>	164,603	16,460	171,521	17,152
4a	<i>Retail term deposits and small business term funding</i>	140,105	7,005	138,047	6,902
5	Unsecured wholesale funding (other than small business funding), and debt securities and prescribed instruments issued by the institution, of which:	126,251	66,563	119,711	65,765
6	<i>Operational deposits</i>	-	-	-	-
7	<i>Unsecured wholesale funding (other than small business funding) not covered in row 6</i>	122,795	63,107	115,546	61,600
8	<i>Debt securities and prescribed instruments issued by the institution and redeemable within the LCR period</i>	3,456	3,456	4,165	4,165
9	Secured funding transactions (including securities swap transactions)		548		815
10	Additional requirements, of which:	120,928	18,067	114,528	17,169
11	<i>Cash outflows arising from derivative contracts and other transactions, and additional liquidity needs arising from related collateral requirements</i>	5,202	5,202	5,007	5,007
12	<i>Cash outflows arising from obligations under structured financing transactions and repayment of funding obtained from such transactions</i>	-	-	-	-
13	<i>Potential drawdown of undrawn committed facilities (including committed credit facilities and committed liquidity facilities)</i>	115,726	12,865	109,521	12,162
14	Contractual lending obligations (not otherwise covered in Section B) and other contractual cash outflows	9,492	9,492	12,298	12,298
15	Other contingent funding obligations (whether contractual or non-contractual)	164,465	2,459	159,321	2,393
16	Total Cash Outflows		122,281		123,924
C. Cash Inflows					
17	Secured lending transactions (including securities swap transactions)	8,415	7,004	5,755	4,090
18	Secured and unsecured loans (other than secured lending transactions covered in row 17) and operational deposits placed at other financial institutions	103,152	58,109	123,221	77,735
19	Other cash inflows	6,790	6,472	4,810	4,499
20	Total Cash Inflows	118,357	71,585	133,786	86,324
D. Liquidity Coverage Ratio			Adjusted value		Adjusted value
21	Total HQLA		102,108		91,560
22	Total Net Cash Outflows		50,696		37,915
23	LCR (%)		204.62%		247.00%

This is the standard disclosure template that a category 1 institution must use for the purposes of making its liquidity information disclosures under section 16FK or 103A (where applicable) of the Banking (Disclosure) Rules.

Template LIQ1: Liquidity Coverage Ratio (“LCR”) (continued)

Main drivers of LCR results

The Liquidity Coverage Ratio (“LCR”), which came into effect on 1st January, 2015, promotes the short-term resilience of the Group’s liquidity risk by requiring that the Group holds sufficient high quality liquid assets (“HQLAs”) to survive under a pre-defined stress scenario over a period of 30 days. It is expressed as a percentage, of the amount of a category 1 institution’s HQLAs to the amount of the institution’s “total net cash outflows” over 30 calendar days. The Banking (Liquidity) Rules require that Group meets the minimum LCR of not less than 100% starting from 1st January, 2019.

The total net cash outflows is the total cash outflows offset by the total cash inflows. Total cash outflows mainly consist of customer deposits which are the Group’s main source of stable funding. Total cash inflows mainly come from maturing assets such as money market placements, loans and securities within 30 calendar days.

The Group’s LCR is well above the regulatory limit of 100% throughout the forth quarter of 2024. The average LCR decreased from 247% for the third quarter of 2024 to 205% for the forth quarter of 2024 mainly resulted from comparably higher average net cash outflow than the increase in average holding of high quality liquid assets. Overall, there was no material adverse fluctuation in the average LCR across the last five quarters

Composition of HQLA

The HQLAs for fulfilling the LCR consist of cash, exchange fund bills and notes, high quality government debt securities and other equivalent liquid marketable assets. The majority of HQLAs are denominated in Hong Kong dollars. The classification of HQLAs among level 1, 2A or 2B is based on the credit rating of securities and a number of market factors in determining the degree of readiness of monetizing the assets in short period of time. The Group’s liquid assets are predominately classified as level 1 assets.

Concentration of Funding Sources

The Group has strengthened the deposit base by retaining loyal customers and maintaining customer relationships. The Group balances funding among retail, small business, and wholesale funding to avoid concentration in any one source. Professional markets are accessed through the issuance of certificates of deposit, medium-term notes, subordinated debt, money market placement, and borrowing for the purposes of providing additional funding, maintaining a presence in local money markets, and optimizing asset and liability maturities.

Currency mismatch in the LCR

Majority of the Group’s customer deposits are denominated in HKD, USD and RMB. The Bank held an amount of HKD-denominated level 1 assets that was not less than 20% of its HKD-denominated total net cash outflows. The Group manages the composition of its HQLA by currency through funding swaps. There is no significant currency mismatch in the Bank’s LCR at respective levels of consolidation.

Degree of centralization of liquidity management

The Asset and Liability Management Committee is delegated by the Board to oversee the Group’s liquidity risk management. The Asset and Liability Management Committee sets the strategy, policy, and limits for managing liquidity risk and the means for ensuring that such strategy and policy are implemented. Regular meetings are held to review the compliance status of the monitoring matrix established and the need for any change in strategy and policy. Liquidity is managed daily by the Capital Markets & Liquidity Management Department under the Treasury Markets Division of the Group within the set limits. The Market & Liquidity Risk Management Department under the Risk Management Division of the Group is responsible for monitoring the activities relating to liquidity risk. The Internal Audit Division performs periodic reviews to ensure that the liquidity risk management functions are carried out effectively.

Template LIQ2: Net Stable Funding Ratio (“NSFR”)

(HK\$ million)		Quarter ended 31 Dec 2024				
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Basis of disclosure: consolidated		Unweighted value by residual maturity				Weighted amount
		No specified term to maturity	<6 months or repayable on demand	6 months to < 12 months	12 months or more	
A. Available stable funding (“ASF”) item						
1	Capital:	102,835	4,726	-	8,757	111,592
2	<i>Regulatory capital</i>	102,835	4,726	-	8,757	111,592
2a	<i>Minority interests not covered by row 2</i>	-	-	-	-	-
3	<i>Other capital instruments</i>	-	-	-	-	-
4	Retail deposits and small business funding:		375,453	11,462	85	352,215
5	<i>Stable deposits</i>		77,152	978	5	74,229
6	<i>Less stable deposits</i>		298,301	10,484	80	277,986
7	Wholesale funding:		255,489	15,043	16,857	117,164
8	<i>Operational deposits</i>		-	-	-	-
9	<i>Other wholesale funding</i>	-	255,489	15,043	16,857	117,164
10	Liabilities with matching interdependent assets	-	-	-	-	-
11	Other liabilities:	44,330	23,091	4,650	11,683	14,008
12	<i>Net derivative liabilities</i>	-	-	-	-	-
13	<i>All other funding and liabilities not included in the above categories</i>	44,330	23,091	4,650	11,683	14,008
14	Total ASF					594,979
B. Required stable funding (“RSF”) item						
15	Total HQLA for NSFR purposes		178,730			35,705
16	Deposits held at other financial institutions for operational purposes	-	-	-	-	-
17	Performing loans and securities:	6,119	233,672	74,141	306,711	373,444
18	<i>Performing loans to financial institutions secured by Level 1 HQLA</i>	-	11,423	-	-	1,142
19	<i>Performing loans to financial institutions secured by non-Level 1 HQLA and unsecured performing loans to financial institutions</i>	1	79,313	5,916	12,565	27,421
20	<i>Performing loans, other than performing residential mortgage, to non-financial corporate clients, retail and small business customers, sovereigns, the Monetary Authority for the account of the Exchange Fund, central banks and PSEs, of which:</i>	5,926	133,887	61,323	139,695	221,553
21	<i>With a risk-weight of less than or equal to 35% under the STC approach</i>	-	594	-	-	297
22	<i>Performing residential mortgages, of which:</i>	-	3,864	3,273	117,773	87,581
23	<i>With a risk-weight of less than or equal to 35% under the STC approach</i>	-	2,960	2,340	80,512	54,983
24	<i>Securities that are not in default and do not qualify as HQLA, including exchange-traded equities</i>	192	5,185	3,629	36,678	35,747
25	Assets with matching interdependent liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
26	Other assets:	45,404	34,541	1,357	2	56,620
27	<i>Physical traded commodities, including gold</i>	-				-
28	<i>Assets posted as initial margin for derivative contracts and contributions to default funds of CCPs</i>	2,779				2,470
29	<i>Net derivative assets</i>	646				646
30	<i>Total derivative liabilities before adjustments for deduction of variation margin posted</i>	6,656				333
31	<i>All other assets not included in the above categories</i>	35,323	34,541	1,357	2	53,171
32	Off-balance sheet items			301,757		5,794
33	Total RSF					471,563
34	Net Stable Funding Ratio (%)					126.17%

Template LIQ2: Net Stable Funding Ratio (“NSFR”) (continued)

(HK\$ million)		Quarter ended 30 Sep 2024				
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Basis of disclosure: consolidated		Unweighted value by residual maturity				Weighted amount
		No specified term to maturity	<6 months or repayable on demand	6 months to < 12 months	12 months or more	
A. Available stable funding (“ASF”) item						
1	Capital:	103,816	236	4,680	8,979	115,135
2	<i>Regulatory capital</i>	103,816	236	4,680	8,979	115,135
2a	<i>Minority interests not covered by row 2</i>	-	-	-	-	-
3	<i>Other capital instruments</i>	-	-	-	-	-
4	Retail deposits and small business funding:		366,974	17,620	723	350,713
5	<i>Stable deposits</i>		77,096	6	-	73,247
6	<i>Less stable deposits</i>		289,878	17,614	723	277,466
7	Wholesale funding:		241,533	22,254	18,334	118,417
8	<i>Operational deposits</i>		-	-	-	-
9	<i>Other wholesale funding</i>	-	241,533	22,254	18,334	118,417
10	Liabilities with matching interdependent assets	-	-	-	-	-
11	Other liabilities:	46,715	23,712	5,521	11,166	13,926
12	<i>Net derivative liabilities</i>	-				
13	<i>All other funding and liabilities not included in the above categories</i>	46,715	23,712	5,521	11,166	13,926
14	Total ASF					598,191
B. Required stable funding (“RSF”) item						
15	Total HQLA for NSFR purposes		169,459			36,432
16	Deposits held at other financial institutions for operational purposes	-	-	-	-	-
17	Performing loans and securities:	5,915	218,556	85,036	313,449	375,766
18	<i>Performing loans to financial institutions secured by Level 1 HQLA</i>	-	5,108	-	-	511
19	<i>Performing loans to financial institutions secured by non-Level 1 HQLA and unsecured performing loans to financial institutions</i>	-	88,350	7,897	12,339	29,541
20	<i>Performing loans, other than performing residential mortgage, to non-financial corporate clients, retail and small business customers, sovereigns, the Monetary Authority for the account of the Exchange Fund, central banks and PSEs, of which:</i>	5,668	117,056	68,831	143,196	219,668
21	<i>With a risk-weight of less than or equal to 35% under the STC approach</i>	-	194	-	-	97
22	<i>Performing residential mortgages, of which:</i>	-	3,627	3,261	120,029	88,904
23	<i>With a risk-weight of less than or equal to 35% under the STC approach</i>	-	2,787	2,342	82,861	56,425
24	<i>Securities that are not in default and do not qualify as HQLA, including exchange-traded equities</i>	247	4,415	5,047	37,885	37,142
25	Assets with matching interdependent liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
26	Other assets:	43,959	37,081	3,084	-	58,280
27	<i>Physical traded commodities, including gold</i>	-				-
28	<i>Assets posted as initial margin for derivative contracts and contributions to default funds of CCPs</i>	3,078				2,655
29	<i>Net derivative assets</i>	1,272				1,272
30	<i>Total derivative liabilities before adjustments for deduction of variation margin posted</i>	4,563				228
31	<i>All other assets not included in the above categories</i>	35,046	37,081	3,084	-	54,125
32	Off-balance sheet items			299,203		5,890
33	Total RSF					476,368
34	Net Stable Funding Ratio (%)					125.57%

Table IRRBBA: Interest rate risk in banking book – risk management objectives and policies

The Group defines interest rate risk in the banking book (“IRRBB”) per requirement of Hong Kong Monetary Authority (“HKMA”) Supervisory Policy Manual IR-1. IRRBB refers to the risk of the Group’s financial condition resulting from adverse movements in interest rates that affect the Group’s banking book interest rate sensitive positions and off-balance sheet items.

The Group has established risk governance management framework to oversee and monitor IRRBB. The framework is built around a structure that enables the Board to discharge the responsibility for on-going IRRBB management to the Risk Committee, the Risk Management Committee (“RMC”) and the Asset and Liability Management Committee (“ALCO”). The ALCO deals with all IRRBB issues of the Group. It is also responsible for conducting a regular review of interest rate trends, outcome analysis in terms of risk profile, stress testing results and deciding the corresponding hedging strategy.

The Group has implemented Enterprise Risk Management framework for identifying and managing potential risks of the Group. Under such framework, three lines of defence are adopted for interest rate risk management. The first line of defence comprises risk owners at business units. They are primarily responsible for the day-to-day interest rate risk management. The second line of defence refers to the risk controller of interest rate risk, who is designated as the Head of Market & Liquidity Risk Management Department (“MLMD”) and the third line of defence refers to the Internal Audit Division.

Risk appetite has been defined in accordance with the Group’s business strategies and objectives to govern the IRRBB activities in order to optimize risk and return. Risk limits and/ or management action triggers (“MAT”) are established for on-going monitoring of impact to economic value of equity (“EVE”) and net interest income (“NII”) resulting from future interest rate change.

For monitoring of IRRBB, risk reports are compiled and monitored on a daily basis. Besides, risk reports are prepared for different level of governance on a regular basis.

Derivatives, such as interest rate swaps and interest rate futures are used to manage IRRBB exposure. Hedging is entered either against individual transactions or on portfolio basis. Hedge accounting treatment under Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard is actively applied to avoid fluctuation of profit and loss arising from mark-to-market of the hedging derivatives.

In response to the prevailing changing interest rate environment, the Group has formulated various balance sheet strategies in order to neutralize the impact on NII. As market interest rate has reached the peak and its downturn has started, the Group has optimized its balance sheet mix by managing the tenors of liabilities and assets. Besides, IRS has been arranged to hedge against floating rate assets due to downward movement of interest rate.

The Group also conducts stress-testing to measure the vulnerability to loss in stressed market conditions and consider those results when reviewing policy, limits and capital adequacy. The stress testing includes the six HKMA standardised interest rate shock scenarios and internal scenarios set with historical / hypothetical / forward looking assumptions. Changes in economic value and in earnings are measured and assessed.

The Group applied below key assumptions that required by HKMA IR-1.

1. Non-maturity deposits (“NMD”)

NMD here refers to current and savings deposits, the deposits types without maturity of the Group. The average repricing maturity of NMDs are determined per historical re-pricing and run off behavior with consideration of relationship between market interest rate and the interest rate offered by the Group. Geographical factors are also considered.

Average behavioural maturity of NMDs is calculated based on the weighted average of each time buckets using the behavioural weights. The Group’s average and longest behavioural maturity of NMDs are 0.56 year and 5 years respectively.

2. Cash flow of retail fixed rate loans and retail time deposits with optionality

Prepayment on retail fixed rate loans would cause the loans being paid back on an earlier date than the contractual maturity. Retail time deposits subject to early redemption risk are time deposits that can be withdrawn early at the discretion of the customer. Except there is significant penalty that the customers might not early uplift or breaking the deposits contract due to interest rate change.

According to the characteristic of different products, various statistical methods with reference to macroeconomic factors and historical data are applied to forecast prepayment rates on retail fixed rate loans and early withdrawal rates on retail time deposits to adequately assess the impact on earnings and economic value.

Table IRRBBA: Interest rate risk in banking book – risk management objectives and policies (continued)

3. Treatment of commercial margins and spread

In measurement of economic value of equity, the commercial margins and spread components have been included in the cash flows used in the computation and discount rate used.

4. Aggregation method

Significant currencies are defined that account for 5% or more of the Group's total on-balance sheet interest rate sensitive position in all currencies. The total position in non-reported currencies could not exceed 10% of the same. Adverse currency impact would be aggregated for significant currencies. For prudent sake, no netting is adopted among currencies.

5. Constant balance sheet under earnings perspective

Under earnings perspective approach, the Group assesses the impact on earnings over the next 12 months based on the two standard interest rate shock assuming constant balance sheet, where maturing or repricing cash flows are replaced by new cash flows with identical features with regard to the amount, repricing period and spread components. It measures the impact on the Group's NII when interest rates change in parallel up and down movement.

There were no significant differences in the assumptions applied in internal monitoring and regulatory reporting.

Other than those regulatory provided assumptions, other assumptions are validated and reported to ALCO on annual basis or as required during the year.

Template IRRBB1: Quantitative information on interest rate risk in banking book

This table provides information on the change in economic value of equity (“EVE”) and also the change in net interest income (“NII”) over next 12 months under each of the prescribed interest rate shock scenario in respect of the Group’s interest rate exposures arising from banking book positions for the annual reporting dates at 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023.

(in HK\$ million)		Adverse impact on EVE		Adverse impact on NII	
	Period	31 December 2024	31 December 2023	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
1	Parallel up	2,973	704	193	-
2	Parallel down	1,496	1,839	2,300	2,674
3	Steeper	1,553	892		
4	Flattener	360	327		
5	Short rate up	1,132	323		
6	Short rate down	1,264	1,565		
7	Maximum	2,973	1,839	2,300	2,674
	Period	31 December 2024		31 December 2023	
8	Tier 1 capital	90,849		93,680	

In order to produce quantitative estimation on IRRBB, the Group has assumed shock scenarios to interest rate yield curves which allow changes in economic value and earnings to be computed with consideration of optionality and behavioural assumptions. These scenarios are applied to IRRBB exposures in each currency for which the Group has material positions.

The prescribed interest rate shock scenarios are provided by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority in their Supervisory Policy Manual IR-1, Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book and are generally described as follows:

1. Parallel up: A constant parallel shock up across all time buckets
2. Parallel down: A constant parallel shock down across all time buckets
3. Steeper: Short rates down and long rates up
4. Flattener: Short rates up and long rates down
5. Short rate up: Rates up are greatest at shortest time bucket and diminish towards current rates in longer time buckets
6. Short rate down: Rates down are greatest at shortest time bucket and diminish towards current rates in longer time buckets

As of 31 December 2024, the worst scenario on net interest income (“NII”) remained the parallel down scenario. In response to the prevailing changing interest rate environment, the Group has optimized its balance sheet mix by managing the tenors of assets and liabilities. As a result, the worst scenario on economic value of equity (“EVE”) has been changed to parallel up scenario as of 31 December 2024. The net gap position was the key contributor to the movement of both NII and EVE impacts. The extended repricing tenor of assets was the major factor to reduce the NII impact but had increased EVE impact for year 2024.

Table REMA: Remuneration policy

Disclosure of Remuneration Policy

In accordance with the latest “Guideline on a Sound Remuneration System” (the “Guideline”) issued by the HKMA in July 2021, the Bank has reviewed and revised its Remuneration Policy for employees of the Group, including its branches in Macau, Taiwan and overseas and subsidiaries. The Remuneration Policy covers all categories of employees, including those described in paragraph 2.1.1 of the Guideline. The Remuneration Committee (“RemCo”), Group Chief Risk Officer and Group Chief Compliance Officer annually review the Bank’s Remuneration Policy, including a reassessment of the principles applied in determining remuneration packages, as well as the structure and amount of compensation ultimately awarded.

The Remuneration Policy was reviewed and endorsed by RemCo in 2024. The major changes included factoring in climate-related considerations in non-financial measures and refining the definition of other Material Risk Takers.

General Principles

The Remuneration Policy of the Group promotes effective risk management, and is designed to encourage employee behaviour that supports the Group’s business objectives, long-term financial soundness, risk tolerance, risk management framework and corporate values.

Remuneration Structure

Employee remuneration packages may consist of a combination of fixed and variable remuneration. The appropriate proportion of fixed and variable remuneration shall vary according to an employee’s seniority, role, responsibilities, and activities within the Group, among other things.

Fixed remuneration refers to an employee’s annual salary (including year-end pay, if any), while variable remuneration – comprising cash bonus payments and/or share options – is awarded based on the employee’s performance with a view to better aligning incentives with risk and longer-term value creation. Variable remuneration, which is awarded in the form of cash bonus payments and/or share options, is determined taking into account an employee’s seniority, role and responsibilities, and the actual or potential risks that the employee’s activities may create for the Group and the extent to which they may affect its overall performance. In general, share options will be granted to staff at General Manager grade or above only.

Separate bonus schemes apply to risk control personnel, whose awards are not linked to the performances of the business units that they oversee.

Employees’ Performance Measurements and the Award of Variable Remuneration

The RemCo determines the measures and the corresponding target levels of the Group’s performance with reference to corporate goals and objectives at the beginning of each financial year and when necessary.

The performance of business units will be assessed by a combination of financial and non-financial factors which are determined by senior management with reference to the relevant corporate goals and the functional responsibilities of the business units.

The award of variable remuneration is determined by taking into account a combination of corporate and/or business results as well as the assessment of individual employee’s performance against the pre-set financial/quantitative measures and non-financial /qualitative measures for the year which include adherence to risk management policies, compliance with legal, regulatory and ethical standards, results of internal audit reviews as well as adherence to corporate values.

Table REMA: Remuneration policy (continued)

To ensure that there is balance between financial factors and non-financial factors in the assessment of performance of both business units and individual employees, the overall weighting on financial factors is limited to avoid over reliance on financial measures and to align with HKMA's expectation on Bank Culture Reform. Performance is therefore judged, not only on what is achieved over the short and long-term, but also on how it is achieved. Performance in relation to non-financial factors, including risk, compliance and adherence to corporate values, forms a significant part of the overall employee performance measurement and promotes proper employee conduct and behaviour, given that poor performance in these areas can be indicative of significant risks to the Group. Adverse performance in non-financial/ qualitative factors will override outstanding financial/quantitative achievements and be reflected by a reduction in, or elimination of, any variable remuneration.

To help ensure a balanced evaluation, a series of compliance and risk management factors are also taken into account. The major types of risks covered are market, credit, interest rate, liquidity and operational risks. Other risks including legal, reputation, technology, strategic and compliance are closely monitored at Bank level by various Management Committees and adjustment will be made to an individual's variable remuneration when appropriate.

To embed a values-led, high performance culture, the variable remuneration plans are designed to recognise and reward positive behaviours. Meanwhile, the Bank Group carries out regular review to assess instances of non-compliance with risk control procedures and/or regulatory requirements. Instances of non-compliance are escalated for consideration in remuneration decision, including adjustment of variable remuneration within the year, malus of the unvested awards granted in prior year(s) and clawback of vested awards.

In 2024, in accordance with the Accountability Framework Implementation Guidelines of the Bank, regular accountability review meetings were held by Senior Management, Group Chief Risk Officer, Group Chief Compliance Officer, Group Chief Auditor, Group Head of People & Sustainability Division, and Group Head of Legal & Secretarial Division to ensure that risk and compliance performance of department were taken into due consideration in the determination of variable remuneration funding and individual performance and reward so as to foster proper risk culture and business conduct. To enhance openness and transparency, if a formal accountability review of a significant incident is required, the Accountability Work Group will determine whether any staff member should be held accountable individually or collectively, or any department should be subject to risk and compliance modification on variable remuneration funding for the incident.

Senior Executive Compensation

The RemCo annually reviews the remuneration packages of the Senior Management (including the Executive Chairman, Co-Chief Executives and Deputy Chief Executives of the Bank), and Key Personnel (including 14 General Managers, the Head of Capital Markets & Liquidity Management Department). In determining the remuneration packages of the Senior Management and Key Personnel, the RemCo takes into account individual performances, performances of respective divisions and departments, and the Group's overall business goals and objectives. The Bank has engaged an external consultant to review and refine the scheme rules of the proposed Restricted Share Unit Scheme and associated trust deed to ensure its alignment with regulatory requirements.

The aggregate payouts for these senior executives for 2024 are shown in the table below in accordance with the disclosure requirement 3.3 of the Guideline.

Deferral Arrangements

The award of variable remuneration to the Senior Management and Key Personnel is subject to deferment in such a manner as determined by the RemCo. In general, the proportion of variable remuneration which is subject to deferment will increase progressively in line with the seniority, scope of responsibilities, and other relevant factors pertinent to the Senior Management and Key Personnel.

For employees other than Senior Management and Key Personnel, the Bank adopts a materiality-based deferral arrangement of variable remuneration, where the total amount of variable remuneration, including cash bonus and any kind of incentive, will be subject to deferment when certain thresholds of total variable remunerations determined by the Board of Directors are met. The portion of variable remuneration to be deferred will increase by reference to the total amount of variable remuneration.

Table REMA: Remuneration policy (continued)

The award of deferred remuneration is subject to a minimum vesting period and pre-defined vesting conditions as determined by the RemCo and communicated to all relevant employees. Deferred remuneration is awarded in such a manner so as to align employees' incentive awards with long-term value creation and the time horizons of risk. The future performance (both financial and non-financial) of the Group, relevant business units, and individual employees, as well as the creation of value for our shareholders, are taken into consideration when determining vesting conditions. Vesting and payment of deferred remuneration will be made gradually over a period of 3 years and no faster than on a pro-rata basis.

In circumstances where it is later established that decisions or actions made by an employee and/or business unit in a particular year had a severe negative impact on the Bank Group's overall profitability, any unvested portions (i.e. both cash bonus and/or share option tranche(s) which have yet to be vested) of deferred variable remuneration (relating to that particular year) should be forgone, either in part or in whole, as determined by the RemCo.

In circumstances where it is later established that any performance measurement for a particular year was based on data that is later proven to have been manifestly misstated, or it is later established that the relevant employee has committed fraud, malfeasance, or a violation of internal control policies, any unvested portions (i.e. both cash bonuses and/or share option tranches that have yet to be vested) of deferred variable remuneration (relating to that particular year in question) should be forgone, either in part or in whole, as determined by the RemCo. In certain circumstances, clawback of vested portion of the deferred variable remuneration of that particular year may apply.

Template REM1: Remuneration awarded during financial year

Total value of remuneration in 2024

	2024		2023	
	Non-deferred (HK\$)	Deferred (HK\$)	Non-deferred (HK\$)	Deferred (HK\$)
Total value of remuneration awards for the current financial year				
(i) Senior Management				
Number of employees	6		5	
<i>Fixed remuneration</i>				
• Cash-based	39,186,124	0	38,135,330	0
<i>Variable remuneration</i>				
• Cash-based	18,957,760	6,862,240	19,011,920	6,925,080
• Share Options	0	18,221,960	0	18,400,260
(ii) Key Personnel				
Number of employees	18		19	
<i>Fixed remuneration</i>				
• Cash-based	53,942,264	0	54,468,171	0
<i>Variable remuneration</i>				
• Cash-based	22,935,900	4,255,900	21,775,213	10,314,660
• Share Options	0	0	0	4,431,115
• Share-linked Instruments	0	11,298,200	0	0
Total Remuneration	135,022,048	40,638,300	133,390,634	40,071,115

Remarks:

- (i) For 2024, the value of share options or share-linked instruments is linked to variable remuneration. For 2023, the value of share options (for indication purpose only) is calculated based on the fair value of the Bank's shares on 16 January 2024.
- (ii) The remuneration of Senior Management and Key Personnel for 2024 included the remuneration of three Key Personnel who retired from / left the Group on 2 May 2024, 15 July 2024 and 1 December 2024 respectively, one senior management who joined the Group on 5 December 2024 and two Key Personnel was appointed on 1 July 2024 and 1 December 2024 respectively. The remuneration of Senior Management and Key Personnel for 2023 included the remuneration of three Key Personnel who retired from / left the Group on 1 July 2023, 1 December 2023 and 1 January 2024 respectively, and two Key Personnel who joined the Group on 21 August 2023 and was appointed on 1 December 2023 respectively.



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Template REM2: Special payments

In 2024, the aggregate amount of HK\$1,264,532 sign-on payment was made to three Key Personnel of the Group (2023: HK\$955,554 was made to three Key Personnel of the Group), while no guaranteed bonus or severance payment was made to the Group's Senior Management or Key Personnel (2023: nil).

Template REM3: Deferred remuneration

Total outstanding deferred remuneration in 2024

Outstanding deferred remuneration	Vested portion during the year 2024 (HK\$)	Unvested portion as at the end of 2024 (HK\$)	Performance adjustments to Vested portion during the year 2024 (HK\$)	Performance adjustments to Unvested portion as at the end of 2024 (HK\$)
(i) Senior Management				
• Cash-based	6,154,439	13,600,616	0	0
• Share Options	16,666,794	35,287,370	0	0
(ii) Key Personnel				
• Cash-based	10,426,376	21,903,461	0	0
• Share Options	6,764,073	9,450,668	0	0

Remarks:

- (i) The values of share options are calculated based on the fair value on the respective Grant Dates.
- (ii) The vested cash bonuses and share options relate to the 2020 variable remuneration award granted in 2021 and vested in 2024, the 2021 variable remuneration award granted in 2022 and vested in 2024 and the 2022 variable remuneration award granted in 2023 and vested in 2024. The total number of share options granted in 2021, 2022 and 2023 are 4,336,553 shares, 16,118,590 shares and 11,724,923 shares respectively.
- (iii) The unvested cash bonuses and share options relate to the 2021, 2022 and 2023 variable remunerations.
- (iv) The outstanding deferred remuneration of Key Personnel in 2024 included the vested and unvested cash bonuses and share options of fourteen Key Personnel who retired from / left the Group 1 September 2020, 1 March 2021, 1 October 2021, 1 January 2022, 11 March 2022, 21 July 2022, 1 October 2022, 1 January 2023, 1 July 2023, 1 December 2023, 1 January 2024, 2 May 2024, 15 July 2024 and 1 December 2024 respectively.

Total outstanding deferred remuneration in 2023

Outstanding deferred remuneration	Vested portion during the year 2023 (HK\$)	Unvested portion as at the end of 2023 (HK\$)	Performance adjustments to Vested portion during the year 2023 (HK\$)	Performance adjustments to Unvested portion as at the end of 2023 (HK\$)
(i) Senior Management				
• Cash-based	5,312,711	12,829,975	0	0
• Share Options	15,109,350	33,553,904	0	0
(ii) Key Personnel				
• Cash-based	10,111,353	22,315,583	0	0
• Share Options	6,649,306	11,282,948	0	0

Remarks:

- (i) The values of share options are calculated based on the fair value on the respective Grant Dates.
- (ii) The vested cash bonuses and share options relate to the 2019 variable remuneration award granted in 2020 and vested in 2023, the 2020 variable remuneration award granted in 2021 and vested in 2023 and the 2021 variable remuneration award granted in 2022 and vested in 2023. The total number of share options granted in 2020, 2021 and 2022 are 5,381,829 shares, 4,336,553 shares and 16,118,590 shares respectively.
- (iii) The unvested cash bonuses and share options relate to the 2020, 2021 and 2022 variable remunerations.
- (iv) The outstanding deferred remuneration of Key Personnel in 2023 included the vested and unvested cash bonuses and share options of thirteen Key Personnel who retired from/left the Group on 1 August 2019, 1 September 2019, 1 April 2020, 1 September 2020, 1 March 2021, 1 October 2021, 1 January 2022, 11 March 2022, 21 July 2022, 1 October 2022, 1 January 2023, 1 July 2023 and 1 December 2023 respectively.

Table CRA: General information about credit risk

Overview

Credit risk is the risk of loss arising from a borrower or counterparty failing to meet its obligations. Credit risk exists in the trading book and banking book, as well as from on- and off-balance sheet transactions of the Group. It arises principally from lending, trade finance and treasury businesses.

For the purpose of this document, any reference to exposures related to “credit risk” is referring to the same scope (i.e. non-securitization exposures excluding counterparty credit risk) unless otherwise specified.

The Group has established policies, procedures, risk profile and rating systems to identify, measure, monitor, control, and report on credit risk. In this connection, guidelines for management of credit risk have been laid down in the Group’s Credit Risk Management Manual which is in line with the business strategy and risk appetite and above all, the regulatory guidelines and statutory requirements. These guidelines stipulate delegated lending authorities, credit underwriting criteria, credit monitoring processes, an internal rating structure, credit recovery procedures and a provisioning policy. They are reviewed and enhanced on an ongoing basis to cater for market changes, statutory requirements, and best practices in risk management processes.

Also, credit risk control limits are set for different levels. Risk, return, and market situation are considered when setting all limits. Active limit monitoring is undertaken.

Credit Risk Management

Pursuant to the establishment of the framework of Enterprise Risk Management (“ERM”), a “Three Lines of Defence” risk management model has been adopted by the Group as follows:

- The first line of defence: Risk Owners;
- The second line of defence: Risk Controllers; and
- The third line of defence: Internal Audit Division (“IAD”).

Credit risk is one of the major risk types identified by the Group under the ERM framework. The Head of Credit Risk Management Department (“CRMD”) under Risk Management Division (“RMD”) is the Risk Controller of Credit Risk who is responsible for setting out a credit risk management governance framework, monitoring credit risk independently, and supporting the Credit Committee in managing all credit risk-related issues of the Group. Credit Committee receives a variety of reports on the credit risk exposures including asset quality and loan impairment charges, total exposures and RWAs, as well as updates on specific loan portfolios that are considered to have heightened credit risk.

As a prudent measure for the credit environment, CRMD has reviewed its roles, functions and organization structure, in particular, to ensure that under ERM framework, the first line of defence holds frontline positions in identification, assessment, management and reporting of risk exposures, having regard to the Group’s risk appetite, policies, procedures and controls.

Being the third line of defence, IAD is responsible for providing assurance on the effectiveness of the Group’s risk management framework including risk governance arrangements.

Template CR1: Credit quality of exposures

The table below provides an overview of the credit quality of on- and off-balance sheet exposures as at 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
		Gross carrying amounts of		Allowances / impairments	Of which ECL accounting provisions for credit losses on STC approach exposures		Of which ECL accounting provisions for credit losses on IRB approach exposures	Net values (a+b-c)
		Defaulted exposures	Non-defaulted exposures		Allocated in regulatory category of specific provisions	Allocated in regulatory category of collective provisions		
1	Loans	14,493	597,191	5,104	546	307	4,251	606,580
2	Debt securities	1,107	188,831	927	-	2	925	189,011
3	Off-balance sheet exposures	154	47,180	133	-	31	102	47,201
4	Total	15,754	833,202	6,164	546	340	5,278	842,792

Definition of default

A credit exposure is defined as defaulted if borrower is displaying a definable weakness which is likely to jeopardize repayment, including but not limiting to:

- past due status has been over 90 days;
- borrower is put under receivership by other financial institutions;
- borrower is petitioned for winding-up or bankruptcy; or
- other significant deficiencies of borrower business are present which threaten the borrower's cash flow and payment capability.

Definition of specific provisions and collective provisions

The categorisation of Expected Credit Loss ('ECL') accounting provisions into the regulatory categories of specific and collective provisions follows the treatment specified in the completion instructions of the HKMA Capital Adequacy Ratio – MA(BS)3 return. According to the completion instructions, the ECL accounting provisions classified into Stage 1 and Stage 2 are treated as collective provisions, while those classified under Stage 3 are treated as specific provisions

Template CR2: Changes in defaulted loans and debt securities

The table below provides information on the changes in defaulted loans and debt securities, including any changes in the amount of defaulted exposures, movements between non-defaulted and defaulted exposures, and reductions in the defaulted exposures due to write-offs for the period from 30 June 2024 to 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)
		Amount
1	Defaulted loans and debt securities at end of the previous reporting period (30 June 2024)	15,099
2	Loans and debt securities that have defaulted since the last reporting period	4,590
3	Returned to non-defaulted status	(117)
4	Amounts written off	(2,025)
5	Other changes*	(1,947)
6	Defaulted loans and debt securities at end of the current reporting period (31 December 2024)	15,600

* Other changes include loan repayment, disposal of the impaired loans and exchange rate difference

Table CRB: Additional disclosure related to credit quality of exposures

The Group adopts a forward-looking “expected credit loss” model for measuring and recognising impairment loss to meet the requirement of HKFRS9. Impairment allowance was measured for 12-month or lifetime expected credit losses (“ECL”) using a 3-stage approach as follows:-

Stage	Description	Impairment Loss	HKMA’s 5-Grade Asset	
1	Performing	12-month ECL	Pass	General (i.e. do not meet the Bank’s criteria of “Significant Increase of Credit Risk”)
2	Performing but with credit risk increased significantly at reporting date since its initial recognition	Lifetime ECL	Pass	Meet the Bank’s criteria of “Significant Increase of Credit Risk”
			Special Mention	
3	Non-Performing	Lifetime ECL	Substandard	
			Doubtful	
			Loss	

- 12-month ECL are the portion of ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date.
- Lifetime ECL are the expected losses that result from all possible default events over the expected life of financial instrument.

The key inputs into the measurement of ECL are the term structure of the following variables:-

- Probability of default (PD);
- Loss given default (LGD); and
- Exposure of default (EAD)

For the portfolios without PD, references of peer bank PD estimates of similar portfolios and the long-run average default rate of the portfolios are used. The PD term structure estimation is referenced to forecast of economic index relevant to the portfolio.

LGD is the magnitude of the likely loss if there is a default. For the portfolios with insufficient historical loss and recovery data, either reference of peer bank LGD estimates of the similar portfolios or external data source are used for deriving the LGD estimates.

For the portfolio with individual assessment of credit risk mitigation measures, collateral values are projected for different economic scenario so as to reflect LGD estimates under different economic scenarios.

A financial asset is ‘credit-impaired’ when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Loans and advances with a specific repayment date are classified as overdue when the principal or interest is overdue and remains unpaid at the period-end. Loans repayable by regular instalments are treated as overdue when an instalment payment is overdue and remains unpaid at period-end. Loans repayable on demand are classified as overdue either when a demand for repayment has been served on the borrower but repayment has not been made in accordance with the demand notice, and/or when the loans have remained continuously outside the approved limit advised to the borrower for more than the overdue period in question. In addition, a loan that is overdue for 90 days or more is considered impaired. There were no loans and advances that are past due for more than 90 days but are not impaired as at 31 December, 2024.

Loan will be regarded as “rescheduled loan” when it has been restructured or renegotiated due to financial difficulty of the borrower and the revised repayment terms are non-commercial to the Bank.

Table CRB: Additional disclosure related to credit quality of exposures (continued)

The quality of loans and advances to customers can be analysed as follows:-

Total Advances to Customers (HK\$ million)	12-month ECL	Lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired
Pass	493,362	13,182	-
Special Mention	-	11,667	-
Substandard	-	-	5,864
Doubtful	-	-	4,091
Loss	-	-	4,538
Total	493,362	24,849	14,493

(i) Exposure by geographical area

(HK\$ million)	Total Advances to Customers	Advances Overdue for Over Three Months	Impaired Advances to Customers	Impairment Provision for Stage 3	Write-off
Hong Kong	239,044	3,180	6,824	1,834	3,017
Chinese Mainland	188,653	3,163	6,938	1,964	1,973
Other Asian Countries & Regions	34,585	221	272	135	6
Others	70,422	245	459	21	24
Total	532,704	6,809	14,493	3,954	5,020

(ii) Exposure by industry sector

Industry Sector (HK\$ million)	Total Advances to Customers	Impaired Advances to Customers	Impairment Provision for Stage 3	Write-off
Property investment	72,212	3,464	582	426
Property development	48,088	8,424	2,206	2,841
Loans for purchase of other residential properties	110,059	453	9	1
Financial Concern	71,695	229	128	249
Others	230,650	1,923	1,029	1,503
Total	532,704	14,493	3,954	5,020

(iii) Breakdown of exposures by remaining maturity

Total Advances to Customers	(HK\$ million)
Repayable on demand	2,562
Within 1 month	71,762
3 months or less but over 1 month	46,419
1 year or less but over 3 months	128,623
5 years or less but over 1 year	157,867
Over 5 year	114,247
Undated or overdue	11,224
Total	532,704

Table CRB: Additional disclosure related to credit quality of exposures (continued)

(iv) The aging analysis of loans and advances to customers that are past due:-

Gross advances overdue for	(HK\$ million)
- 6 months or less but over 3 months	873
- 1 year or less but over 6 months	1,866
- Over 1 year	4,070
Total	6,809

(v) Rescheduled exposure

Rescheduled exposure	(HK\$ million)
Impaired Exposure	1,996
Not Impaired Exposure	28
Total	2,024

Table CRC: Qualitative disclosures related to credit risk mitigation**Process of managing and recognising credit risk mitigation**

In evaluating the credit risk associated with an individual customer or counterparty, financial strength and repayment ability are always the primary considerations. Credit risk may be mitigated by obtaining recognised collateral, netting agreements and guarantees from the customer or counterparty.

The relevant policies and processes relating to the use of credit risk mitigation are established and approved by Credit Committee, in which guidelines and collateral valuation parameters are subject to regular reviews to ensure their effectiveness over credit risk management.

The Group applies safe custodian of collaterals, concentration limit and loan-to-value ratio controls, regular re-valuation and close monitoring. In particular, the Group monitors the value of the collateral on a sufficiently frequent basis with respect to the nature of the underlying credit, type of collateral and market practice, and at least annually. Marketable securities (i.e. equity share) are marked-to-market on a daily basis whilst valuations on properties are reviewed periodically.

The most common method of mitigating credit risk is to lend against eligible collateral. The extent of collateral coverage over the Group's loans and advances to customer depends on the type of customers and the product offered. Types of collateral include residential properties (in the form of mortgages over property), other properties, other registered securities over assets, cash deposits, standby letters of credit and guarantees. The Group has established guidelines and limits to control and monitor the credit risk arising from collateral concentration, and such guidelines and limits are subject to regular review. While on-going monitoring has been in place, the exposures which pledged with properties and shares are within the pre-set limit as at 31 December 2024.

Template CR3: Overview of recognised credit risk mitigation

The following table presents the extent of credit risk exposures covered by different types of recognised CRM as at 31 December 2024:

		(a)	(b1)	(b)	(d)	(f)
(HK\$ million)		Exposures unsecured: carrying amount	Exposures to be secured	Exposures secured by recognised collateral	Exposures secured by recognised guarantees	Exposures secured by recognised credit derivative contracts
1	Loans	326,360	280,220	223,006	57,214	0
2	Debt securities	187,288	1,723	0	1,723	0
3	Total	513,648	281,943	223,006	58,937	0
4	Of which defaulted	5,148	5,585	5,585	0	0

Table CRD: Qualitative disclosures on use of ECAI ratings under STC approach

The Group adopts the Standardised approach, which mainly features the risk-weighting of credit risk exposures according to credit ratings provided by External Credit Assessment Institutions (“ECAIs”) recognised by the HKMA, in assessing the capital adequacy of credit risk exposures which do not qualify for or are exempted from the use of an IRB approach.

Credit ratings from Moody’s Investors Service and Standard and Poor’s Ratings Services are used in the Group for risk-weighting credit risk exposures under the following exposure classes:

- Sovereign;
- Public sector entity;
- Bank;
- Securities firm; and
- Corporate.

In accordance with the requirements prescribed in Part 4 of the Banking (Capital) Rules in respect of the application of ECAI ratings, for an exposure falling under any of the exposure classes listed above that consists of a debt obligation issued or undertaken by the obligor which has one or more than one ECAI issue specific rating, the Group would apply the issue specific rating(s) directly in risk-weighting the exposure; while for an exposure falling under one of the exposure classes listed above which does not have an ECAI issue specific rating and the obligor of which has an ECAI issuer rating but does not have a long-term ECAI issue specific rating assigned to a debt obligation issued or undertaken by the obligor, the Group would use the ECAI issuer rating in risk-weighting the exposure under any of the following circumstances:

- The use of the ECAI issuer rating would result in the allocation of a risk weight to the exposure that would be equal to, or higher than, the risk weight allocated to the exposure on the basis that the obligor has neither an ECAI issuer rating nor an ECAI issue specific rating assigned to a debt obligation issued or undertaken by the obligor; the ECAI issuer rating is only applicable to unsecured exposures to the obligor as an issuer that are not subordinated to other exposures to that obligor; and the exposure to the obligor ranks equally with, or is subordinated to, the unsecured exposures referred to above.
- The use of the ECAI issuer rating would result in the allocation of a risk weight to the exposure that would be lower than the risk weight allocated to the exposure on the basis that the obligor has neither an ECAI issuer rating nor an ECAI issue specific rating assigned to a debt obligation issued or undertaken by the obligor; the ECAI issuer rating is only applicable to unsecured exposures to the obligor as an issuer that are not subordinated to other exposures to that obligor; and the exposure to the obligor is not subordinated to other exposures to the obligor as an issuer.

Template CR4: Credit risk exposures and effects of recognised credit risk mitigation – for STC approach

The following table illustrates the effect of any recognised CRM (including recognised collateral under both comprehensive and simple approaches) on the calculation of credit risk capital requirements under STC approach as at 31 December 2024:

	Exposure Classes	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		Exposures pre-CCF and pre-CRM		Exposures post-CCF and post-CRM		RWA and RWA density	
		On-balance sheet amount (HK\$ Mn)	Off-balance sheet amount (HK\$ Mn)	On-balance sheet amount (HK\$ Mn)	Off-balance sheet amount (HK\$ Mn)	RWA (HK\$ Mn)	RWA density
1	Sovereign exposures	96,364	0	96,364	0	458	0.48%
2	PSE exposures	1,583	300	1,880	257	400	18.70%
2a	Of which: domestic PSEs	1,442	300	1,739	257	399	20.01%
2b	Of which: foreign PSEs	141	0	141	0	1	0.11%
3	Multilateral development bank exposures	0	0	0	0	0	-
4	Bank exposures	307	0	307	0	153	49.77%
5	Securities firm exposures	3,459	2,332	2,411	12	1,212	50.00%
6	Corporate exposures	4,159	2,101	3,340	108	3,312	96.05%
7	CIS exposures	0	0	0	0	0	-
8	Cash items	0	0	0	0	0	-
9	Exposures in respect of failed delivery on transactions entered into on a basis other than a delivery-versus-payment basis	0	0	0	0	0	-
10	Regulatory retail exposures	22,775	26,352	22,161	1	16,621	75.00%
11	Residential mortgage loans	3,916	401	3,588	24	1,367	37.85%
12	Other exposures which are not past due exposures	9,313	1,172	3,445	0	3,445	100.00%
13	Past due exposures	123	0	123	0	153	124.68%
14	Significant exposures to commercial entities	0	0	0	0	0	-
15	Total	141,999	32,658	133,619	402	27,121	20.24%

Template CR5: Credit risk exposures by asset classes and by risk weights – for STC approach

The following table presents a breakdown of credit risk exposures under STC approach by asset classes and by risk weights as at 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(ha)	(i)	(j)
Risk Weight												
Exposure Class		0%	10%	20%	35%	50%	75%	100%	150%	250%	Others	Total credit risk exposures amount (post CCF and post CRM)
1	Sovereign exposures	94,073	0	2,291	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96,364
2	PSE exposures	140	0	1,996	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2,137
2a	Of which: domestic PSEs	0	0	1,995	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1,996
2b	Of which: foreign PSEs	140	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	141
3	Multilateral development bank exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Bank exposures	0	0	2	0	305	0	0	0	0	0	307
5	Securities firm exposures	0	0	0	0	2,423	0	0	0	0	0	2,423
6	Corporate exposures	0	0	24	0	234	0	3,190	0	0	0	3,448
7	CIS exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Cash items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Exposures in respect of failed delivery on transactions entered into on a basis other than a delivery-versus-payment basis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Regulatory retail exposures	0	0	0	0	0	22,162	0	0	0	0	22,162
11	Residential mortgage loans	0	0	0	3,392	0	160	60	0	0	0	3,612
12	Other exposures which are not past due exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,445	0	0	0	3,445
13	Past due exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	61	0	0	123
14	Significant exposures to commercial entities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	Total	94,213	0	4,313	3,392	2,963	22,322	6,757	61	0	0	134,021

Table CRE: Qualitative disclosures related to internal models for measuring credit risk under IRB approach

The Group mainly adopts the IRB approach and relies on its own internal rating models for assessments of the Group's capital adequacy in relation to credit risk exposures.

Overview of the Group's Application of IRB Approach

The Group has been approved by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority pursuant to the Banking (Capital) Rules to use the respective IRB approaches to calculate its credit risk for non-securitisation exposures falling under the following exposure classes:

Exposure class	Description	IRB approach
Corporate	Specialised lending and exposures to small-and-medium sized corporates and other corporates which have sufficient financial information for PD estimation	<u>Specialised lending:</u> Supervisory slotting criteria approach <u>Other than specialised lending:</u> Foundation IRB approach
Bank	Exposures to banks which have sufficient financial information for PD estimation	Foundation IRB approach
Retail	Qualifying revolving retail exposures, small business retail exposures and other retail exposures to individuals in Hong Kong, and mortgages to individuals and property holding shell companies in Hong Kong and Chinese Mainland	Retail IRB approach
Equity	All direct and indirect equity interests in publicly-traded and private companies	Market-based approach
Other	All cash items and other items	Specific risk-weighting approach

The table below indicates the portion of EAD within the Group covered by the Standardised approach and the respective IRB approaches for each of the exposure classes as at 31 December 2024:

Exposure class	Standardised approach	IRB approaches					
		Foundation IRB approach	Supervisory slotting criteria approach	Retail IRB approach	Market-based approach	Specific risk-weighting approach	Other
Sovereign	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Corporate	0.68%	93.69%	5.63%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Bank	6.11%	93.89%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Retail	15.99%	0.00%	0.00%	84.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Equity	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	38.51%	0.00%	61.49%
Other	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%

Control Mechanisms for Internal Models

Risk Analytics & Governance Department under the Risk Management Division is responsible for the initial design and development, ongoing enhancement and monitoring of the Group's credit risk internal rating models. To ensure that the internal rating models fit for purpose, they should be reviewed by functions independent from the function in charge of development. For this purpose, the Independent Validation Section has been established within Risk Management Division to validate the internal rating models independently while Internal Audit Division is responsible for reviewing the validation process and estimation of the risk components of the internal rating models. All credit risk internal rating models are subject to the review and approval by the Credit Committee, which has been delegated by the Board of Directors to deal with all credit risk related issues of the Group.

Table CRE: Qualitative disclosures related to internal models for measuring credit risk under IRB approach (continued)

To ensure that the Credit Committee has sufficient information to execute the review and approval of the internal rating models, reports with the following information should be submitted by Risk Analytics & Governance Department to the Credit Committee regularly:

- risk profile by grade;
- risk rating migration across grades;
- estimation of relevant parameters per grade;
- comparison of realised default rates (LGDs and EADs where applicable) against expectation;
- changes in regulatory capital due to model enhancement;
- results of credit risk stress-testing; and
- material changes or exceptions from established policies that will materially impact the operations of the internal rating models.

Main Characteristics of Internal Models

The Group has developed internal models for estimation of the probability of default (“PD”) of obligors in the bank, corporate and retail exposure classes. In addition, internal models for estimation of the loss given default (“LGD”) and exposure at default (“EAD”) have also been developed for retail exposures. As at 31 December 2024, approximately 83% of the Group’s exposures under IRB approach (measured in terms of RWA) are covered by internal models.

Internal Models for non-Retail Portfolios

The scope of application of different PD models is determined according to the nature of counterparties. The Bank PD model is applied to exposures to bank obligors while the Corporate PD model is applied to exposures to obligors that are corporates.

The Bank PD model relies on financial information as the base rating and expert qualitative assessment as rating adjustment. As internal default data is not available for this low default portfolio, the PDs are estimated with reference to the external credit ratings of the obligors and calibrated to the long-run default rates associated with respective external credit ratings published by ECAs.

The Corporate PD model relies heavily on the statistical analysis of quantitative financial information and expert qualitative assessment of individual obligors. As there are sufficient internal default data for this portfolio, the PDs are estimated with reference to the historical internal default data and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group’s internal data.

Under the Foundation IRB approach, the Group applies the supervisory estimates in determining the LGD and EAD for non-retail portfolios.

Internal Models for Retail Portfolio

The retail portfolio has been segmented into various sub-portfolios according to product characteristics with one PD model developed for each of the sub-portfolios. As more sufficient sample is available for retail exposures, the retail PD models are built on a pool basis with reference to the historical internal default data and the PD estimates are calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group’s internal data.

Under the Retail IRB approach, the Group also generates its own LGD and EAD estimates for retail portfolios with the use of internal models.

The retail LGD models are developed according to the historical data collected during the recovery processes. In determining the time lapse between default event and closure of the exposure in LGD estimation, an exposure is considered to be closed when there is no reasonable prospect of further recovery. All LGD models are calibrated to an economic downturn. For secured retail portfolios, downturn LGDs are estimated by adjusting the LGDs with reference to the highest drop in the corresponding macroeconomic index associated with respective collateral types; whilst for unsecured retail portfolios, downturn LGDs are estimated by adjusting the LGDs with reference to the market figures of downturn period.

EAD is calculated as the sum of on-balance sheet amount and credit equivalent amount of off-balance sheet items. For the Hong Kong credit card portfolio, EAD model for the estimation of the credit equivalent amount has been developed taking into consideration the different behaviours of accounts. The credit equivalent amount is calculated as the product of utilisation ratio and credit limit.

Table CRE: Qualitative disclosures related to internal models for measuring credit risk under IRB approach (continued)

For retail portfolios other than Hong Kong Credit Card portfolio, credit equivalent amounts for performing accounts are estimated with a credit conversion factor of 100% and those for non-performing accounts with a credit conversion factor of 0%.

The main characteristics of individual component models are summarised in the table below:

Portfolio	Component	Number of Material Model(s)	Model Description and Methodology	Regulatory Floor
Bank	PD	1	Statistical model built on financial information as the base rating and expert qualitative assessment as rating adjustment, and calibrated to the long-run default rates associated with respective external credit ratings published by ECAs.	0.03%
Corporate	PD	2	Statistical models built by combining financial information and expert qualitative assessment, and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data. The 2 models are for borrowers operating in Chinese Mainland and for borrowers operating outside Chinese Mainland, respectively.	0.03%
Retail – Hong Kong Credit Card	PD	1	Statistical model built on internal and bureau data, and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data.	0.03%
	LGD	1	Statistical model built on internal loss and recovery data, with the downturn LGD estimated by adjusting the LGD with reference to the market figures of downturn period.	–
	EAD	1	Statistical model built on internal data to derive a credit limit utilisation by segment to estimate the credit equivalent amount.	–
Retail – Hong Kong Unsecured Overdraft	PD	1	Statistical model built on internal and bureau data, and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data.	0.03%
	LGD	1	Statistical model built on internal loss and recovery data, with the downturn LGD estimated by adjusting the LGD with reference to the market figures of downturn period.	–
	EAD	1	In estimating the credit equivalent amount and hence the EAD, a credit conversion factor of 100% is applied to performing accounts and a credit conversion factor of 0% to non-performing accounts.	–

Table CRE: Qualitative disclosures related to internal models for measuring credit risk under IRB approach (continued)

Portfolio	Component	Number of Material Model(s)	Model Description and Methodology	Regulatory Floor
Retail – Hong Kong Revolving Loan	PD	1	Statistical model built on internal and bureau data, and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data.	0.03%
	LGD	1	Statistical model built on internal loss and recovery data, with the downturn LGD estimated by adjusting the LGD with reference to the market figures of downturn period.	–
	EAD	1	In estimating the credit equivalent amount and hence the EAD, a credit conversion factor of 100% is applied to performing accounts and a credit conversion factor of 0% to non-performing accounts.	–
Retail – Hong Kong Unsecured Instalment Loan	PD	1	Statistical model built on internal and bureau data, and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data.	0.03%
	LGD	1	Statistical model built on internal loss and recovery data, with the downturn LGD estimated by adjusting the LGD with reference to the market figures of downturn period.	–
	EAD	1	In estimating the credit equivalent amount and hence the EAD, a credit conversion factor of 100% is applied to performing accounts and a credit conversion factor of 0% to non-performing accounts.	–
Retail – Hong Kong Residential Mortgage	PD	1	Statistical model built on historical default data with consideration of mortgage scheme type, borrower type and delinquency status, and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data.	0.03%
	LGD	1	Statistical model built on internal loss and recovery data, with the downturn LGD estimated by adjusting the LGD with reference to the historical highest drop in Hong Kong Private Domestic Price Index.	10%
	EAD	1	In estimating the credit equivalent amount and hence the EAD, a credit conversion factor of 100% is applied to performing accounts and a credit conversion factor of 0% to non-performing accounts.	–
Retail – Hong Kong Non-residential Mortgage	PD	1	Statistical model built on historical default data and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data.	0.03%
	LGD	1	Statistical model built on internal loss and recovery data, with the downturn LGD estimated by adjusting the LGD with reference to the historical highest drop in Hong Kong Private Office Price Index.	–
	EAD	1	In estimating the credit equivalent amount and hence the EAD, a credit conversion factor of 100% is applied to performing accounts and a credit conversion factor of 0% to non-performing accounts.	–

Table CRE: Qualitative disclosures related to internal models for measuring credit risk under IRB approach (continued)

Portfolio	Component	Number of Material Model(s)	Model Description and Methodology	Regulatory Floor
Retail – Hong Kong Other Secured Loan	PD	1	Statistical model built on historical default data with consideration of collateral type and delinquency status, and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data.	0.03%
	LGD	1	Statistical model built on internal loss and recovery data, with the downturn LGD estimated by adjusting the LGD with reference to the historical highest drop in License Fee of Urban Taxi.	–
	EAD	1	In estimating the credit equivalent amount and hence the EAD, a credit conversion factor of 100% is applied to performing accounts and a credit conversion factor of 0% to non-performing accounts.	–
Retail – Chinese Mainland Mortgage Loan	PD	1	Statistical model built on historical default data with consideration of delinquency status, and calibrated to the long-run default rates from the Group's internal data.	0.03%
	LGD	1	Statistical model built on internal loss and recovery data, with the downturn LGD estimated by adjusting the LGD with reference to the historical highest drop in China Property Price Index.	–
	EAD	1	In estimating the credit equivalent amount and hence the EAD, a credit conversion factor of 100% is applied to performing accounts and a credit conversion factor of 0% to non-performing accounts.	–

Comparison of Actual Default Rate against Estimated Probability of Default

The following tables present a comparison of the actual percentage of default during the last three reporting periods and the corresponding 1-year probability of default estimated as at the end of the previous financial year-ends.

2024

Exposure class	Actual percentage of default for the year ended 31 December, 2024	Estimated 1-year probability of default at 31 December, 2023
Bank	0.00%	0.19%
Corporate	1.18%	1.35%
Retail – QRRE	0.25%	0.52%
Retail – Residential mortgage exposures	0.23%	0.58%
Retail – Small business retail exposures	0.22%	1.51%
Other retail exposures to individuals	1.30%	6.04%

Table CRE: Qualitative disclosures related to internal models for measuring credit risk under IRB approach (continued)

2023

Exposure class	Actual percentage of default for the year ended 31 December, 2023	Estimated 1-year probability of default at 31 December, 2022
Bank	0.00%	0.17%
Corporate	1.02%	2.16%
Retail – QRRE	0.33%	0.51%
Retail – Residential mortgage exposures	0.16%	0.58%
Retail – Small business retail exposures	0.63%	1.66%
Other retail exposures to individuals	1.21%	6.44%

2022

Exposure class	Actual percentage of default for the year ended 31 December, 2022	Estimated 1-year probability of default at 31 December, 2021
Bank	0.00%	0.26%
Corporate	1.15%	1.94%
Retail – QRRE	0.24%	0.50%
Retail – Residential mortgage exposures	0.16%	0.51%
Retail – Small business retail exposures	0.43%	1.59%
Other retail exposures to individuals	1.27%	4.67%

An actual default rate for a particular financial year is “point-in-time” in nature and, as the economy moves above or below cyclical norms, may differ from the corresponding PD estimate which is measured on a “through-the-cycle” basis.

As shown in the above tables, the actual default rates have been lower than the corresponding PD estimates in the last three reporting periods.

Template CR6: Credit risk exposures by portfolio and PD ranges – for IRB approach

The following tables present the main parameters of internal models used for the calculation of credit risk capital requirements under the foundation and retail IRB approaches respectively at 31 December 2024:

Foundation IRB Approach

		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
	PD Scale	Original on-balance sheet gross exposure (HK\$ Mn)	Off-balance sheet exposure pre-CCF (HK\$ Mn)	Average CCF	EAD post-CRM and post-CCF (HK\$ Mn)	Average PD	Number of obligors	Average LGD	Average maturity (Year)	RWA (HK\$ Mn)	RWA density	EL (HK\$ Mn)	Provisions (HK\$ Mn)
Bank	0.00 to <0.15	51,106	6	75.07%	51,144	0.06%	161	45.77%	2.5	15,092	29.51%	14	
	0.15 to <0.25	10,606	248	3.34%	10,433	0.17%	39	45.00%	2.5	5,600	53.68%	8	
	0.25 to <0.50	6,871	5	20.00%	6,779	0.37%	37	45.00%	2.5	5,128	75.65%	11	
	0.50 to <0.75	125	303	74.44%	351	0.71%	8	45.00%	2.5	342	97.36%	1	
	0.75 to <2.50	3,727	0	0.00%	3,727	1.46%	14	45.00%	2.5	4,491	120.48%	25	
	2.50 to <10.00	153	0	0.00%	153	6.96%	1	0.00%	2.5	305	199.58%	5	
	10.00 to <100.00	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.0	0	0.00%	0	
	100.00 (Default)	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%		0	0.00%	0	
	Sub-total	72,588	562	42.55%	72,587	0.19%	260	45.55%	2.5	30,958	42.65%	64	8
Corporate – small-and-medium sized corporates	0.00 to <0.15	433	1,194	6.75%	1,361	0.10%	49	41.31%	2.5	294	21.63%	1	
	0.15 to <0.25	4,426	1,911	15.23%	4,257	0.19%	60	37.49%	2.5	1,294	30.39%	3	
	0.25 to <0.50	5,574	1,902	43.54%	6,478	0.31%	116	36.12%	2.5	2,405	37.12%	7	
	0.50 to <0.75	13,486	2,283	25.28%	14,289	0.54%	144	34.96%	2.5	6,537	45.75%	27	
	0.75 to <2.50	20,537	3,194	2.19%	20,235	1.38%	479	32.67%	2.5	11,868	58.65%	92	
	2.50 to <10.00	3,907	2,791	0.28%	3,222	4.39%	211	31.36%	2.5	2,484	77.07%	40	
	10.00 to <100.00	884	11	0.00%	867	34.91%	38	34.56%	2.5	1,182	136.28%	101	
	100.00 (Default)	2,015	0	0.00%	2,015	100.00%	320	38.68%		3,387	168.09%	546	
	Sub-total	51,262	13,286	13.96%	52,724	5.40%	1,417	34.51%	2.5	29,451	55.86%	817	919

Template CR6: Credit risk exposures by portfolio and PD ranges – for IRB approach (continued)

Foundation IRB Approach (continued)

		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
	PD Scale	Original on-balance sheet gross exposure (HK\$ Mn)	Off-balance sheet exposure pre-CCF (HK\$ Mn)	Average CCF	EAD post-CRM and post-CCF (HK\$ Mn)	Average PD	Number of obligors	Average LGD	Average maturity (Year)	RWA (HK\$ Mn)	RWA density	EL (HK\$ Mn)	Provisions (HK\$ Mn)
Corporate – other (including purchased corporate receivables)	0.00 to <0.15	140,847	65,656	18.52%	160,508	0.07%	615	44.29%	2.5	39,704	24.74%	51	
	0.15 to <0.25	56,265	43,279	8.43%	61,053	0.18%	428	42.89%	2.5	25,123	41.15%	47	
	0.25 to <0.50	92,458	57,982	10.78%	105,117	0.32%	638	40.39%	2.5	55,032	52.35%	135	
	0.50 to <0.75	40,740	33,147	5.90%	39,281	0.54%	374	38.92%	2.5	25,433	64.75%	83	
	0.75 to <2.50	43,047	34,917	4.45%	35,923	1.29%	487	34.41%	2.5	27,558	76.71%	152	
	2.50 to <10.00	6,522	10,786	3.70%	6,035	4.06%	135	23.05%	2.5	4,316	71.52%	57	
	10.00 to <100.00	7,903	341	57.05%	7,373	23.46%	34	32.96%	2.5	12,489	169.40%	581	
	100.00 (Default)	12,535	154	100.00%	12,689	100.00%	140	42.06%		32,795	258.44%	4,005	
	Sub-total	400,317	246,262	10.69%	427,979	3.72%	2,851	41.25%	2.5	222,450	51.98%	5,111	6,155
Total (sum of all portfolios)		524,167	260,110	10.92%	553,290	3.41%	4,528	41.17%	2.5	282,859	51.12%	5,992	7,082

Template CR6: Credit risk exposures by portfolio and PD ranges – for IRB approach (continued)

Retail IRB Approach

	PD Scale	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
		Original on-balance sheet gross exposure (HK\$ Mn)	Off-balance sheet exposure pre-CCF (HK\$ Mn)	Average CCF	EAD post-CRM and post-CCF (HK\$ Mn)	Average PD	Number of obligors	Average LGD	Average maturity (Year)	RWA (HK\$ Mn)	RWA density	EL (HK\$ Mn)	Provisions (HK\$ Mn)
Retail – QRRE	0.00 to <0.15	34	10,151	87.23%	8,889	0.14%	409,078	91.87%		650	7.31%	11	
	0.15 to <0.25	42	291	80.48%	276	0.24%	8,733	91.84%		32	11.55%	1	
	0.25 to <0.50	2,242	16,894	73.13%	14,596	0.35%	325,515	91.87%		2,266	15.53%	47	
	0.50 to <0.75	121	1,368	93.40%	1,399	0.61%	63,527	90.79%		330	23.58%	8	
	0.75 to <2.50	308	2,128	86.19%	2,142	1.19%	77,058	90.92%		833	38.88%	23	
	2.50 to <10.00	900	727	104.05%	1,656	5.48%	30,184	91.33%		1,910	115.32%	83	
	10.00 to <100.00	6	4	100.53%	10	39.46%	199	90.87%		23	230.46%	4	
	100.00 (Default)	49	0	0.00%	49	100.00%	40,913	91.20%		218	445.43%	27	
	Sub-total	3,702	31,563	80.21%	29,017	0.84%	955,207	91.72%		6,262	21.58%	204	101
Retail – Residential mortgage exposures (including both to individuals and to property-holding shell companies)	0.00 to <0.15	25,666	106	100.00%	25,772	0.11%	5,149	54.12%		3,521	13.66%	15	
	0.15 to <0.25	20,681	404	100.00%	21,085	0.23%	11,719	25.57%		2,418	11.47%	13	
	0.25 to <0.50	69,613	40	100.00%	69,653	0.34%	22,281	21.19%		8,775	12.60%	51	
	0.50 to <0.75	8	0	0.00%	8	0.54%	2	30.07%		2	24.88%	0	
	0.75 to <2.50	1,457	266	100.00%	1,723	1.06%	1,457	11.34%		264	15.31%	2	
	2.50 to <10.00	298	0	100.00%	298	7.02%	358	30.58%		355	119.04%	6	
	10.00 to <100.00	606	0	0.00%	606	26.55%	313	20.35%		624	103.01%	34	
	100.00 (Default)	508	0	0.00%	508	100.00%	302	25.93%		1,500	295.66%	12	
	Sub-total	118,837	816	100.00%	119,653	0.85%	41,581	28.95%		17,459	14.59%	133	889

Template CR6: Credit risk exposures by portfolio and PD ranges – for IRB approach (continued)

Retail IRB Approach (continued)

		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
	PD Scale	Original on-balance sheet gross exposure (HK\$ Mn)	Off-balance sheet exposure pre-CCF (HK\$ Mn)	Average CCF	EAD post-CRM and post-CCF (HK\$ Mn)	Average PD	Number of obligors	Average LGD	Average maturity (Year)	RWA (HK\$ Mn)	RWA density	EL (HK\$ Mn)	Provisions (HK\$ Mn)
Retail – small business retail exposures	0.00 to <0.15	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%		0	0.00%	0	
	0.15 to <0.25	0	0	0.00%	0	0.25%	1	30.07%		0	14.01%	0	
	0.25 to <0.50	40	0	0.00%	40	0.34%	27	12.42%		3	7.13%	0	
	0.50 to <0.75	7	7	100.00%	14	0.55%	28	89.94%		10	68.32%	0	
	0.75 to <2.50	549	13	100.00%	562	1.42%	302	19.61%		125	22.30%	2	
	2.50 to <10.00	38	1	100.00%	39	4.18%	21	59.53%		33	86.12%	1	
	10.00 to <100.00	0	0	0.00%	0	65.62%	1	17.03%		0	36.87%	0	
	100.00 (Default)	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%		0	0.00%	0	
Sub-total	634	21	100.00%	655	1.51%	380	23.06%		171	26.13%	3	5	
Other retail exposures to individuals	0.00 to <0.15	1	23	90.05%	21	0.14%	48	91.87%		6	29.05%	0	
	0.15 to <0.25	25	3	91.84%	28	0.24%	203	36.49%		5	16.68%	0	
	0.25 to <0.50	52	218	71.13%	208	0.35%	318	91.87%		112	53.83%	1	
	0.50 to <0.75	1,268	23	102.26%	1,292	0.52%	374	70.40%		668	51.76%	5	
	0.75 to <2.50	2,198	11	107.22%	2,209	1.71%	5,932	44.82%		1,222	55.29%	18	
	2.50 to <10.00	633	9	153.37%	647	5.27%	2,626	61.69%		594	91.83%	22	
	10.00 to <100.00	190	1	167.19%	191	53.05%	451	47.64%		199	104.21%	43	
	100.00 (Default)	107	0	0.00%	107	100.00%	746	64.06%		140	130.94%	61	
Sub-total	4,474	288	79.49%	4,703	6.12%	10,698	56.96%		2,946	62.65%	150	93	
Total (sum of all portfolios)	127,647	32,688	80.71%	154,028	1.01%	1,007,866	41.61%		26,838	17.42%	490	1,088	

Template CR7: Effects on RWA of recognised credit derivative contracts used as recognised credit risk mitigation – for IRB approach

The following table presents the effect of recognised credit derivative contracts on the calculation of credit risk capital requirements under the IRB approach as at 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)	(b)
		Pre-credit derivatives RWA	Actual RWA
1	Corporate – Specialised lending under supervisory slotting criteria approach (project finance)	265	265
2	Corporate – Specialised lending under supervisory slotting criteria approach (object finance)	480	480
3	Corporate – Specialised lending under supervisory slotting criteria approach (commodities finance)	0	0
4	Corporate – Specialised lending under supervisory slotting criteria approach (income-producing real estate)	18,796	18,796
5	Corporate – Specialised lending (high-volatility commercial real estate)	0	0
6	Corporate – Small-and-medium sized corporates	29,451	29,451
7	Corporate – Other corporates	222,450	222,450
8	Sovereigns	0	0
9	Sovereign foreign public sector entities	0	0
10	Multilateral development banks	0	0
11	Bank exposures – Banks	30,958	30,958
12	Bank exposures – Securities firms	0	0
13	Bank exposures – Public sector entities (excluding sovereign foreign public sector entities)	0	0
14	Retail – Small business retail exposures	171	171
15	Retail – Residential mortgages to individuals	17,070	17,070
16	Retail – Residential mortgages to property-holding shell companies	389	389
17	Retail – Qualifying revolving retail exposures (QRRE)	6,262	6,262
18	Retail – Other retail exposures to individuals	2,946	2,946
19	Equity – Equity exposures under market-based approach (simple risk-weight method)	13,728	13,728
20	Equity – Equity exposures under market-based approach (internal models method)	0	0
21	Equity – Equity exposures under PD/LGD approach (publicly traded equity exposures held for long-term investment)	0	0
22	Equity – Equity exposures under PD/LGD approach (privately owned equity exposures held for long-term investment)	0	0
23	Equity – Equity exposures under PD/LGD approach (other publicly traded equity exposures)	0	0
24	Equity – Equity exposures under PD/LGD approach (other equity exposures)	0	0
25	Equity – Equity exposures associated with equity investments in funds (CIS exposures)	2,513	2,513
25a	Equity – Specified equity exposures to financial sector entities and commercial entities	12,031	12,031
26	Other – Cash items	373	373
27	Other – Other items	14,957	14,957
28	Total	372,840	372,840

Template CR8: RWA flow statements of credit risk exposures under IRB approach

The following table presents a flow statement explaining variations in the RWA for credit risk determined under the IRB approach for the period from 30 September 2024 to 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)
		Amount
1	RWA as at end of previous reporting period	373,947
2	Asset size	(3,817)
3	Asset quality	11,807
4	Model updates	0
5	Methodology and policy	(4,305)
6	Acquisitions and disposals	0
7	Foreign exchange movements	(7,305)
8	Other	0
9	RWA as at end of reporting period	370,327

Template CR9: Back-testing of PD per portfolio – for IRB approach

The following table provides back-testing data as at 31 December 2024 to validate the reliability of PD calculations, including a comparison of the PD used to calculate capital requirements with the effective default rates of obligors under the IRB approach:

(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)		(g)	(h)	(i)
Portfolio	PD Range	External Rating Equivalent		Weighted Average PD	Arithmetic average PD by obligors	Number of obligors		Defaulted obligors in the year	Of which: new defaulted obligors in the year	Average historical annual default rate
		Moody's	Standard & Poor's			Beginning of the year	End of the year			
Bank	0.00 to <0.15	Aaa to Baa1	AAA to BBB+	0.06%	0.07%	234	356	0	0	0.00%
	0.15 to <0.25	Baa1 to Baa2	BBB+ to BBB	0.20%	0.20%	9	41	0	0	0.00%
	0.25 to <0.50	Baa2 to Ba1	BBB to BB+	0.33%	0.34%	33	107	0	0	0.00%
	0.50 to <0.75	Ba1 to Ba2	BB+ to BB	0.73%	0.73%	6	27	0	0	0.00%
	0.75 to <2.50	Ba2 to B2	BB to B	1.87%	1.73%	8	30	0	0	0.00%
	2.50 to <10.00	B2 to Caa1	B to CCC+	3.09%	3.09%	2	2	0	0	0.00%
	10.00 to <100.00	Caa1 to C	CCC+ to C	-	-	0	0	0	0	-
Corporate - small-and-medium sized corporates	0.00 to <0.15	Aaa to Baa1	AAA to BBB+	0.09%	0.09%	52	62	0	0	0.67%
	0.15 to <0.25	Baa1 to Baa2	BBB+ to BBB	0.19%	0.18%	52	65	0	0	0.00%
	0.25 to <0.50	Baa2 to Ba1	BBB to BB+	0.32%	0.32%	132	153	0	0	0.28%
	0.50 to <0.75	Ba1 to Ba2	BB+ to BB	0.54%	0.54%	154	175	0	0	0.00%
	0.75 to <2.50	Ba2 to B2	BB to B	1.36%	1.45%	409	471	6	1	0.77%
	2.50 to <10.00	B2 to Caa1	B to CCC+	3.89%	4.48%	183	224	4	1	1.18%
	10.00 to <100.00	Caa1 to C	CCC+ to C	41.50%	32.53%	18	19	9	0	15.89%
Corporate - other (including purchased corporate receivables)	0.00 to <0.15	Aaa to Baa1	AAA to BBB+	0.07%	0.08%	519	704	3	0	0.43%
	0.15 to <0.25	Baa1 to Baa2	BBB+ to BBB	0.18%	0.18%	352	487	1	0	0.68%
	0.25 to <0.50	Baa2 to Ba1	BBB to BB+	0.32%	0.32%	524	746	0	0	0.69%
	0.50 to <0.75	Ba1 to Ba2	BB+ to BB	0.54%	0.54%	277	417	1	0	0.77%
	0.75 to <2.50	Ba2 to B2	BB to B	1.35%	1.43%	324	514	3	0	0.47%
	2.50 to <10.00	B2 to Caa1	B to CCC+	4.48%	4.17%	116	177	1	0	1.37%
	10.00 to <100.00	Caa1 to C	CCC+ to C	23.99%	22.57%	33	36	9	0	19.75%

Template CR9: Back-testing of PD per portfolio – for IRB approach (continued)

(a) Portfolio	(b) PD Range	(c) External Rating Equivalent		(d) Weighted Average PD	(e) Arithmetic average PD by obligors	(f) Number of obligors		(g) Defaulted obligors in the year	(h) Of which: new defaulted obligors in the year	(i) Average historical annual default rate
		Moody's	Standard & Poor's			Beginning of the year	End of the year			
Retail – QRRE	0.00 to <0.15			0.14%	0.14%	426,912	426,972	97	0	0.03%
	0.15 to <0.25			0.25%	0.25%	8,260	8,281	4	0	0.06%
	0.25 to <0.50			0.35%	0.35%	323,146	333,346	841	6	0.28%
	0.50 to <0.75			0.60%	0.67%	82,226	88,156	103	22	0.16%
	0.75 to <2.50			1.32%	1.18%	87,891	135,263	579	15	0.67%
	2.50 to <10.00			5.13%	5.31%	28,753	29,136	751	7	2.52%
	10.00 to <100.00			37.63%	53.74%	162	162	31	0	27.40%
Retail – Residential mortgage exposures (including both to individuals and to property-holding shell companies)	0.00 to <0.15			0.11%	0.11%	4,735	5,991	1	0	0.04%
	0.15 to <0.25			0.23%	0.24%	14,188	16,938	18	1	0.10%
	0.25 to <0.50			0.34%	0.34%	23,178	23,178	21	0	0.05%
	0.50 to <0.75			0.62%	0.63%	16	16	0	0	0.06%
	0.75 to <2.50			1.24%	0.95%	1,474	1,663	3	0	0.23%
	2.50 to <10.00			7.02%	7.00%	386	386	14	0	2.54%
	10.00 to <100.00			23.91%	26.44%	374	375	45	0	10.67%
Retail – small business retail exposures	0.00 to <0.15			-	-	0	0	0	0	-
	0.15 to <0.25			0.25%	0.25%	2	2	0	0	0.00%
	0.25 to <0.50			0.34%	0.34%	44	44	0	0	0.00%
	0.50 to <0.75			0.55%	0.55%	28	49	1	0	1.38%
	0.75 to <2.50			1.42%	1.32%	359	365	0	0	0.27%
	2.50 to <10.00			3.24%	3.18%	12	24	0	0	1.18%
	10.00 to <100.00			65.62%	65.62%	2	2	0	0	2.50%

Template CR9: Back-testing of PD per portfolio – for IRB approach (continued)

(a)	(b)	(c)		(d)	(e)	(f)		(g)	(h)	(i)
Portfolio	PD Range	External Rating Equivalent		Weighted Average PD	Arithmetic average PD by obligors	Number of obligors		Defaulted obligors in the year	Of which: new defaulted obligors in the year	Average historical annual default rate
		Moody's	Standard & Poor's			Beginning of the year	End of the year			
Other retail exposures to individuals	0.00 to <0.15			0.11%	0.14%	35	35	0	0	0.00%
	0.15 to <0.25			0.25%	0.25%	275	276	0	0	0.00%
	0.25 to <0.50			0.35%	0.35%	282	282	5	0	0.84%
	0.50 to <0.75			0.52%	0.53%	497	498	2	0	0.24%
	0.75 to <2.50			1.60%	1.90%	9,994	12,704	97	23	0.62%
	2.50 to <10.00			5.18%	6.26%	3,012	3,689	49	5	2.51%
	10.00 to <100.00			53.52%	60.46%	860	1,042	70	0	10.10%

As at 31 December 2024, approximately 83% of the Group's exposures under IRB approach (in terms of RWA) are covered by internal models whose back-testing results are shown in the above table.

Template CR10: Specialised lending under supervisory slotting criteria approach and equities under simple risk-weight method – for IRB approach

I. Specialised Lending under supervisory slotting criteria approach – HVCRE

The following table presents quantitative information in respect of specialised lending – HVCRE under the supervisory slotting criteria approach as at 31 December 2024:

Supervisory Rating Grade	Remaining Maturity	(a) On-balance sheet exposure amount (HK\$ Mn)	(b) Off-balance sheet exposure amount (HK\$ Mn)	(c) SRW	(d) EAD amount (HK\$ Mn)	(e) RWA (HK\$ Mn)	(f) Expected loss amount (HK\$ Mn)
Strong ^	Less than 2.5 years	0	0	70%	0	0	0
Strong	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	0	0	95%	0	0	0
Good ^	Less than 2.5 years	0	0	95%	0	0	0
Good	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	0	0	120%	0	0	0
Satisfactory		0	0	140%	0	0	0
Weak		0	0	250%	0	0	0
Default		0	0	0%	0	0	0
Total		0	0		0	0	0

^ Use of preferential risk-weights.

Template CR10: Specialised lending under supervisory slotting criteria approach and equities under simple risk-weight method – for IRB approach (continued)

II. Specialised Lending under supervisory slotting criteria approach – Other than HVCRE

The following table presents quantitative information in respect of specialised lending – other than HVCRE under the supervisory slotting criteria approach as at 31 December 2024:

Supervisory Rating Grade	Remaining Maturity	(a) On-balance sheet exposure amount (HK\$ Mn)	(b) Off-balance sheet exposure amount (HK\$ Mn)	(c) SRW	(d) EAD amount (HK\$ Mn)					(e) RWA (HK\$ Mn)	(f) Expected loss amount (HK\$ Mn)
					(d)(i) PF	(d)(ii) OF	(d)(iii) CF	(d)(iv) IPRE	(d)(v) Total		
					Strong ^	Less than 2.5 years	16,985	1,143	50%		
Strong	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	4,996	303	70%	301	50	0	4,872	5,223	3,656	21
Good ^	Less than 2.5 years	2,479	501	70%	0	32	0	2,516	2,548	1,783	10
Good	Equal to or more than 2.5 years	784	0	90%	0	464	0	320	784	706	6
Satisfactory		369	0	115%	0	0	0	369	369	425	10
Weak		1,925	120	250%	0	0	0	1,632	1,632	4,081	131
Default		551	0	0%	0	0	0	551	551	0	276
Total		28,089	2,067		409	556	0	27,922	28,887	19,541	454

^ Use of preferential risk-weights.

III. Equity exposures under the simple risk-weight method

The following table presents quantitative information in respect of equity exposures under the simple risk-weight method as at 31 December 2024:

Categories	(a) On-balance sheet exposure amount (HK\$ Mn)	(b) Off-balance sheet exposure amount (HK\$ Mn)	(c) SRW	(d) EAD amount (HK\$ Mn)	(e) RWA (HK\$ Mn)
Publicly traded equity exposures	1	0	300%	1	3
All other equity exposures	3,431	0	400%	3,431	13,725
Total	3,432	0		3,432	13,728

Table CCRA: Qualitative disclosures related to counterparty credit risk (including those arising from clearing through CCPs)

Counterparty Credit Risk Management

The Group has adopted the Standardised Approach for Counterparty Credit Risk (SA-CCR) for regulatory capital calculation of its counterparty credit risk (“CCR”) arising from derivative contracts booked in the banking book and trading book.

The Group has in place a set of policies and a comprehensive framework to effectively manage such counterparty credit risk.

Under this management framework, the Group establishes credit limit through formal credit approval procedures to control the pre-settlement and settlement credit risk arising from derivative transactions. In this connection, distinct credit limits for counterparty credit exposure for individual counterparties and each group of related counterparties are determined based on the credit standing of the counterparties, collateral value, contract nature, actual needs, etc.

From a risk management perspective, the Group monitors the risk exposure due to fluctuations in the market by using the current exposure and the potential exposure value of the transactions.

All credit facilities granted to a counterparty, including general credit facilities as well as pre-settlement limit for derivative and FX products will be subject to review on an annual basis, in order to assess the latest information together with credit standing of the counterparties, and decide whether any adjustment of the credit package is required. Similar to the Group’s general credit risk management, a number of credit risk mitigating measures, such as collateral, margining and netting arrangements may be adopted.

Wrong-way risk occurs when counterparty’s risk exposures are adversely correlated with its credit quality. It is further classified into specific wrong-way risk and general wrong-way risk. The Group has set out in its internal policies a process for identification of wrong-way risk for individual counterparties.

To monitor and control wrong-way risk, any wrong-way risk will be identified and evaluated at the time of credit application, in which the analysis and mitigation measures are documented in the credit proposal for approver’s consideration. The wrong-way risk will be monitored during the tenor of relevant transaction, and cases with wrong-way risk are reported. Besides, regular stress-testing is conducted to assess the potential impact of wrong-way risk on the Group’s capital adequacy and profitability.

Credit ratings downgrade

A credit rating downgrade clause in International Swaps and Derivatives Association (“ISDA”) Master Agreement or a credit rating downgrade threshold clause in a Credit Support Annexes (“CSA”) is designed to trigger an action if the credit rating of the affected party falls below a specified level. These actions may include the requirement to pay or increase collateral, the termination of transactions by the non-affected party or the assignment of transactions by the affected party.

As at 31 December, 2024, the potential value of the additional collateral pertaining to ISDA and CSA downgrade thresholds that the Group would need to post with counterparties in the event of a one-notch downgrade and a two-notch downgrade of the Group’s rating was HK\$0 and HK\$0 respectively.

Template CCR1: Analysis of counterparty default risk exposures (other than those to CCPs) by approaches

The following table presents a comprehensive breakdown of counterparty default risk exposures (other than those to CCPs), RWAs, and, where applicable, main parameters under the approaches used to calculate default risk exposures in respect of derivative contracts and SFTs as at 31 December 2024:

		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		Replacement cost (RC) (HK\$ Mn)	PFE (HK\$ Mn)	Effective EPE (HK\$ Mn)	Alpha (α) used for computing default risk exposure	Default risk exposure after CRM (HK\$ Mn)	RWA (HK\$ Mn)
1	SA-CCR approach (for derivative contracts)	2,141	7,216		1.4	13,100	5,807
1a	CEM (for derivative contracts)	0	0		1.4	0	0
2	IMM (CCR) Approach			0	N/A	0	0
3	Simple Approach (for SFTs)					0	0
4	Comprehensive Approach (for SFTs)					17,424	388
5	VaR (for SFTs)					0	0
6	Total						6,195

Template CCR2: CVA capital charge

The following table presents information on portfolios subject to the CVA capital charge and the CVA calculations based on standardised CVA method and advanced CVA method as at 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)	(b)
		EAD post CRM	RWA
	Netting sets for which CVA capital charge is calculated by the advanced CVA method	0	0
1	(i) VaR (after application of multiplication factor if applicable)		0
2	(ii) Stressed VaR (after application of multiplication factor if applicable)		0
3	Netting sets for which CVA capital charge is calculated by the standardised CVA method	13,099	2,103
4	Total	13,099	2,103

Template CCR3: Counterparty default risk exposures (other than those to CCPs) by asset classes and by risk weights – for STC approach

The following table presents a breakdown of default risk exposures as at 31 December 2024, other than those to CCPs, in respect of derivative contracts and SFTs that are subject to the STC approach, by asset classes and risk-weights, irrespective of the approach used to determine the amount of default risk exposures:

(HK\$ million)		(a)	(b)	(c)	(ca)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(ga)	(h)	(i)
Exposure Class	Risk Weight	0%	10%	20%	35%	50%	75%	100%	150%	250%	Others	Total default risk exposure after CRM
1	Sovereign exposures	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2	PSE exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2a	Of which: domestic PSEs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2b	Of which: foreign PSEs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Multilateral development bank exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Bank exposures	0	0	437	0	678	0	0	0	0	0	1,115
5	Securities firm exposures	0	0	0	0	92	0	0	0	0	0	92
6	Corporate exposures	0	0	0	0	65	0	122	0	0	0	187
7	CIS exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Regulatory retail exposures	0	0	0	0	0	264	0	0	0	0	264
9	Residential mortgage loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Other exposures which are not past due exposures	0	0	0	0	0	0	522	0	0	0	522
11	Significant exposures to commercial entities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Total	2	0	437	0	835	264	644	0	0	0	2,182

Template CCR4: Counterparty default risk exposures (other than those to CCPs) by portfolio and PD range – for IRB approach

The Bank applies internal rating models for estimating the obligor PD of its entire counterparty default risk portfolio under the foundation IRB approach, with the bank model applied to bank obligors, and two corporate models applied to corporate obligors operating in Chinese Mainland and those outside Chinese Mainland at the group level.

The following table presents all the relevant parameters used for the calculation of counterparty default risk capital requirements for exposures subject to the foundation IRB approach (other than those to CCPs) as at 31 December 2024:

Foundation IRB Approach

	PD Scale	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
		EAD post-CRM (HK\$ Mn)	Average PD	Number of obligors	Average LGD	Average maturity (Year)	RWA (HK\$ Mn)	RWA density
Bank	0.00 to <0.15	25,732	0.06%	68	17.26%	1.2	2,955	11.49%
	0.15 to <0.25	531	0.17%	9	45.00%	2.5	284	53.42%
	0.25 to <0.50	945	0.38%	17	45.00%	2.4	716	75.77%
	0.50 to <0.75	49	0.71%	3	45.00%	2.5	51	104.56%
	0.75 to <2.50	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.0	0	0.00%
	2.50 to <10.00	4	6.02%	2	45.00%	2.5	8	189.56%
	10.00 to <100.00	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.0	0	0.00%
	100.00 (Default)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%		0	0.00%
	Sub-total	27,261	0.08%	99	18.82%	1.2	4,014	14.72%
Corporate	0.00 to <0.15	85	0.09%	9	45.00%	2.5	23	27.25%
	0.15 to <0.25	22	0.19%	20	45.00%	2.5	9	42.78%
	0.25 to <0.50	177	0.34%	34	45.00%	2.5	103	58.05%
	0.50 to <0.75	331	0.54%	39	45.00%	2.5	261	78.66%
	0.75 to <2.50	459	1.04%	41	45.00%	2.5	427	92.79%
	2.50 to <10.00	4	4.64%	12	45.00%	2.5	5	134.65%
	10.00 to <100.00	1	19.80%	2	45.00%	2.5	2	237.73%
	100.00 (Default)	1	100.00%	1	45.00%		4	562.50%
	Sub-total	1,080	0.78%	158	45.00%	2.5	834	77.21%
Total (sum of all portfolios)		28,341	0.10%	257	19.81%	1.3	4,848	17.11%

Template CCR5: Composition of collateral for counterparty default risk exposures (including those for contracts or transactions cleared through CCPs)

The following table presents a breakdown of all types of collateral posted or recognised collateral received to support or reduce the exposures to counterparty default risk exposures as at 31 December 2024 in respect of derivative contracts or SFTs entered into, including contracts or transactions cleared through a CCP:

(HK\$ million)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
	Derivative contracts				SFTs	
	Fair value of recognised collateral received		Fair value of posted collateral		Fair value of recognised collateral received	Fair value of posted collateral
	Segregated	Unsegregated	Segregated	Unsegregated		
Cash – domestic currency	0	6,550	0	131	0	7,247
Cash – other currencies	0	50,579	0	1,752	15,388	8,853
Debt securities	0	101	0	0	15,341	16,014
Equity securities	0	577	0	0	137	0
Other collateral	0	11	0	17	0	0
Total	0	57,818	0	1,900	30,866	32,114

Template CCR6: Credit-related derivatives contracts

The following table presents the amount of credit-related derivative contracts as at 31 December 2024, broken down into credit protection bought and credit protection sold:

(HK\$ million)	(a)	(b)
	Protection bought	Protection sold
Notional amounts		
Credit default swaps	0	0
Total return swaps	0	0
Other credit-related derivative contracts	0	0
Total notional amounts	0	0
Fair values		
Positive fair value (asset)	0	0
Negative fair value (liability)	0	0

Template CCR8: Exposures to CCPs

The following table provides a comprehensive breakdown of exposures to both qualifying and non-qualifying CCPs and the respective RWAs as at 31 December 2024, covering all types of credit risk exposures (including default risk exposures to the CCPs, credit risk exposures arising from initial margins posted, and default fund contributions made, to the CCPs):

		(a)	(b)
		Exposure after CRM	RWA
(HK\$ million)			
1	Exposures of the AI as clearing member or clearing client to qualifying CCPs (total)		219
2	Default risk exposures to qualifying CCPs (excluding items disclosed in rows 7 to 10), of which:	10,519	210
3	(i) OTC derivative transactions	9,214	184
4	(ii) Exchange-traded derivative contracts	1,305	26
5	(iii) Securities financing transactions	0	0
6	(iv) Netting sets subject to valid cross-product netting agreements	0	0
7	Segregated initial margin	0	
8	Unsegregated initial margin	0	0
9	Funded default fund contributions	109	9
10	Unfunded default fund contributions	0	0
11	Exposures of the AI as clearing member or clearing client to non-qualifying CCPs (total)		0
12	Default risk exposures to non-qualifying CCPs (excluding items disclosed in rows 17 to 20), of which:	0	0
13	(i) OTC derivative transactions	0	0
14	(ii) Exchange-traded derivative contracts	0	0
15	(iii) Securities financing transactions	0	0
16	(iv) Netting sets subject to valid cross-product netting agreements	0	0
17	Segregated initial margin	0	
18	Unsegregated initial margin	0	0
19	Funded default fund contributions	0	0
20	Unfunded default fund contributions	0	0

Table MRA: Qualitative disclosures related to market risk

Market risk is the risk of potential losses for the Group arising from adverse movements in market rates and prices such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices and commodity prices. The Group's market risk exposure in the trading book originates from the positions which are held either with trading intent or for the purpose of hedging other elements of the trading book. Risk appetite has been defined in accordance with the Group's business strategies and objectives to govern the trading book activities in order to optimize risk and return. Hedging is allowed and monitored per market risk management framework.

The Group has established risk governance and management framework to oversee and manage market risk. This framework is built around a structure that enables the Board to discharge the responsibility for on-going market risk management to the Risk Committee, the Risk Management Committee and the Asset and Liability Management Committee. The Asset and Liability Management Committee deals with all market risk-related issues of the Group. It is also responsible for conducting a regular review of market risk trends and deciding the corresponding strategy.

Besides, the Group has implemented Enterprise Risk Management framework for identifying and managing potential risks of the Group. Under such framework, "Three Lines of Defence" are adopted for market risk management. The first line of defence comprises Risk Owners at business units. They are primarily responsible for the day-to-day market risk management. The second line of defence refers to the Risk Controller of market risk, who is designated as the Head of Market & Liquidity Risk Management Department under the Risk Management Division, and the third line of defence refers to the Internal Audit Division.

The Group Chief Risk Officer coordinates market risk management related matters of the Group, works closely with the Head of Market & Liquidity Risk Management Department on the formulation of market risk management policies. Moreover, on a daily basis, the Group Chief Risk Officer is responsible for overseeing the Group's risk management issues which include, but are not limited to, the risk management infrastructure, strategies, appetites, culture, and resources.

The Group has formulated the market risk management policy to identify, measure, monitor, control, and report on the market risk, where appropriate, to allocate adequate capital to cover those risks. The Board approves the core control limits and has delegated the authority to set detailed control limits to the Asset and Liability Management Committee. The market risk management policy and control limits are regularly reviewed to align with market changes, statutory requirements, and best practices in risk management processes.

For measuring and monitoring of market risk, market risk analysis is conducted on different dimensions, such as by risk factors, by regions, by currencies in the form of potential loss and impact to capital adequacy. Risk limits and management action triggers are set at varying levels with reference to the nature, volume of transaction and risk appetite of the Bank. Multiple systems are employed to facilitate the calculation, measurement and analysis of market risk.

For reporting of market risk, risk reporting for trading book positions is compiled and monitored on a daily basis. Besides, risk reports are prepared for different level of governance on a regular basis.

Table MRB: Additional qualitative disclosures for AI using IMM approach

The calculation of market risk capital charge adopted by the Group is divided into two parts: market risk capital charge for general market risk and market risk capital charge for specific risk. General market risk arising from debt securities, interest rates, equities and FX trading activities of the Bank Group under scope of capital adequacy consolidation is covered by the VaR and stressed VaR models, while specific risk from debt securities and equities of trading book is separately captured in market risk capital charge via standardised approach.

The Group estimates VaR and stressed VaR for the trading portfolio by historical simulation approach, where the VaR and stressed VaR are calculated by revaluing the portfolio (through full revaluation approach) for each of the market movement scenarios obtained from the historical observation period.

This methodology uses movements in market rates and prices over a one-day holding period (for daily risk management purpose) or ten-day holding period from directly modeled ten-day historical returns (for regulatory purpose) with a 99% confidence level, where the market rates and prices are updated on daily basis in the model.

Two-year equally weighted observations are adopted for VaR, and one-year equally weighted observations from 2008 to 2009 financial tsunami historical scenario are adopted for stressed VaR. The scenario was chosen according to the assessment of the Group with reference to the severity of different historical scenario and was approved by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

Mixed approach is adopted for simulating potential movements in risk factors; where relative return is assumed for FX, equities and implied volatilities risk factors, and absolute return is assumed for interest rate risk factors.

In order to validate the accuracy and internal consistency of data and parameters used for the internal models and modelling processes, back-testing is conducted to compare daily actual / hypothetical profit & loss with VaR results on the trading portfolio. The VaR model is deemed satisfactory if the number of back-testing exceptions does not exceed four times in the last 250 trading days, given a 99% confidence level.

Template MR1: Market risk under Standardised (market risk) approach (STM approach)

The table below provides the components of the market risk capital requirements calculated using the STM approach exposures as at 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)	RWA
Outright product exposures	
Interest rate exposures (general and specific risk)	-
Equity exposures (general and specific risk)	205
Option exposures	-
Securitization exposures	-
Total	205

Template MR2: RWA flow statements of market risk exposures under IMM approach

The table below presents a flow statement explaining variations in the RWA for market risk determined under the IMM approach for the period from 30 September 2024 to 31 December 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		VaR	Stressed VaR	IRC	CRC	Other	Total RWA
1	RWA as at end of previous reporting period	1,330	3,411	0	0	0	4,741
1a	Regulatory adjustment	931	2,433	0	0	0	3,364
1b	RWA as at day-end of previous reporting period	399	978	0	0	0	1,377
2	Movement in risk levels	47	22	0	0	0	69
3	Model updates/changes	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Methodology and policy	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Acquisitions and disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Foreign exchange movements	(44)	(59)	0	0	0	(103)
7	Other	(13)	(21)	0	0	0	(34)
7a	RWA as at day-end of reporting period	389	920	0	0	0	1,309
7b	Regulatory adjustment	811	2,553	0	0	0	3,364
8	RWA as at end of reporting period	1,200	3,473	0	0	0	4,673

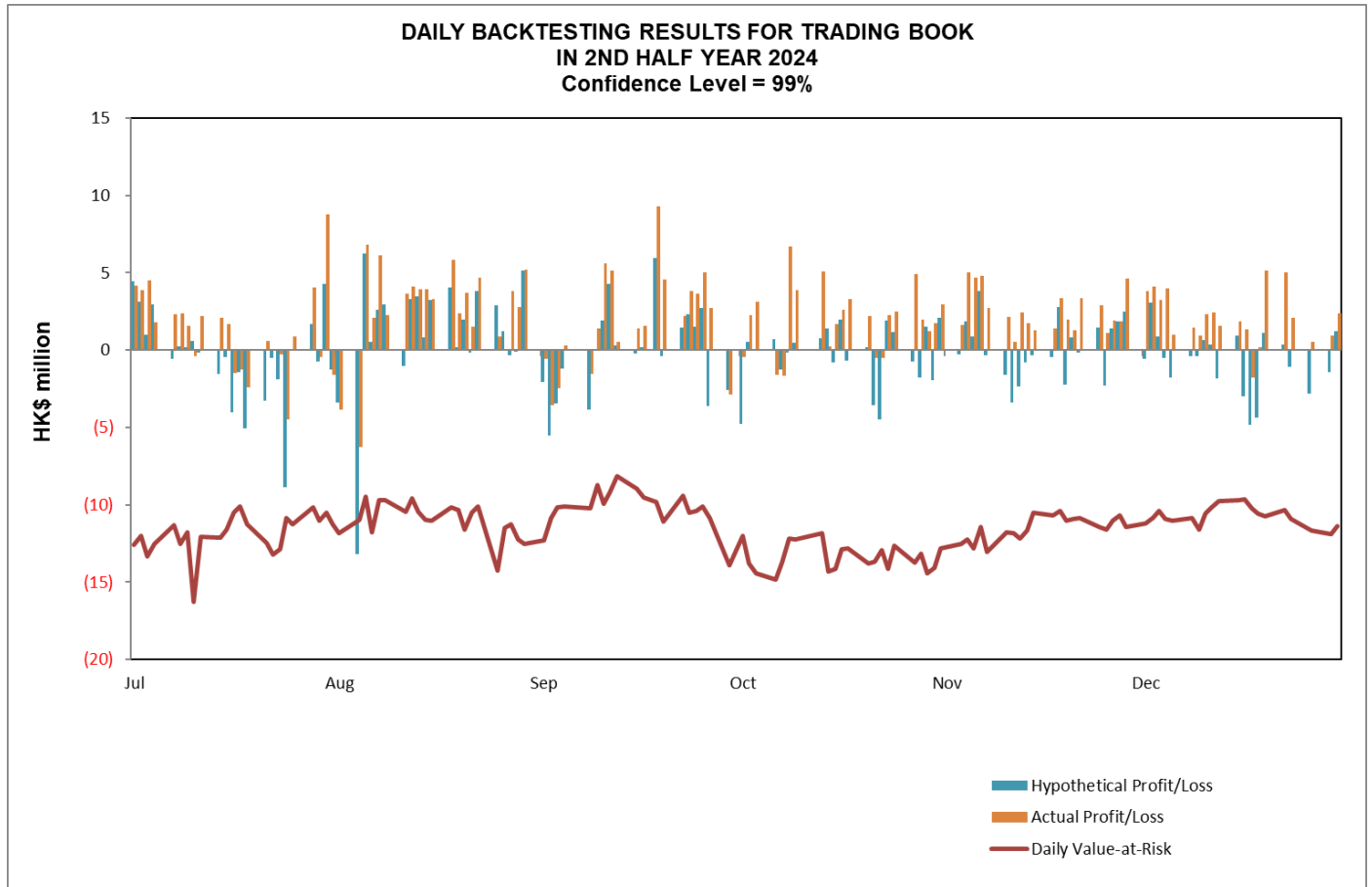
Template MR3: IMM approach values for market risk exposures

The table below discloses the values resulting from the different types of models used for computing the regulatory market risk capital requirement at the group-wide level, before any additional capital charge is applied in the 2nd half year of 2024:

(HK\$ million)		(a)
		Value
VaR (10 days – one-tailed 99% confidence interval)		
1	Maximum Value	55
2	Average Value	34
3	Minimum Value	23
4	Period End	31
Stressed VaR (10 days – one-tailed 99% confidence interval)		
5	Maximum Value	116
6	Average Value	91
7	Minimum Value	71
8	Period End	74
Incremental risk charge (IRC) (99.9% confidence interval)		
9	Maximum Value	0
10	Average Value	0
11	Minimum Value	0
12	Period End	0
Comprehensive risk charge (CRC) (99.9% confidence interval)		
13	Maximum Value	0
14	Average Value	0
15	Minimum Value	0
16	Period End	0
17	Floor	0

Template MR4: Comparison of VaR estimates with gains or losses

The graph below presents a comparison of the results of estimates from the key VaR model for calculating market risk capital requirements with both hypothetical and actual trading outcomes:



One exception is noted in VaR Back-testing against hypothetical P/L on 5 Aug 2024 with excess amount HKD 2.2 mil.

Above-mentioned exception was mainly driven by unanticipated market movements in foreign exchange and global stock markets.

The actual P/L is the P/L arising from trading activities in the trading book, which excludes reserves, commissions and fees. The hypothetical P/L is calculated by the change of trading book portfolio value assuming the end of day position remains unchanged.

Template KM2: Key metrics – LAC requirements for resolution entities (at LAC consolidation group level)

(HK\$ million)		31 Dec 2024	30 Sep 2024	30 Jun 2024	31 Mar 2024	31 Dec 2023
Of the resolution entity at LAC consolidation group level						
1	External loss-absorbing capacity available	118,046	118,914	121,941	117,580	112,197
2	Risk-weighted amount under the LAC Rules	486,099	488,569	491,847	471,911	482,857
3	External LAC risk-weighted ratio	24.28%	24.34%	24.79%	24.92%	23.24%
4	Exposure measure under the LAC Rules	928,662	923,080	916,589	896,328	907,840
5	External LAC leverage ratio	12.71%	12.88%	13.30%	13.12%	12.36%
6a	Does the subordination exemption in the antepenultimate paragraph of Section 11 of the FSB TLAC Term Sheet apply? ¹	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6b	Does the subordination exemption in the penultimate paragraph of Section 11 of the FSB TLAC Term Sheet apply? ¹	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6c	If the capped subordination exemption applies, the amount of funding issued that ranks pari passu with excluded liabilities and that is recognised as external loss-absorbing capacity, divided by funding issued that ranks pari passu with excluded liabilities and that would be recognised as external loss-absorbing capacity if no cap was applied ¹	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Footnote:

1 The subordination exemptions under Section 11 of the FSB TLAC Term Sheet do not apply in Hong Kong under the LAC Rules.

Template TLAC1: LAC composition of resolution entity (at LAC consolidation group level)

		(a)
At 31 December 2024		Amount (HK\$ Million)
	Regulatory capital elements of external loss-absorbing capacity and adjustments	
1	Common Equity Tier 1 (“CET1”) capital	85,828
2	Additional Tier 1 (“AT1”) capital before LAC adjustments	5,021
3	AT1 capital instruments ineligible as external loss-absorbing capacity as issued by a member of the resolution entity’s LAC consolidation group other than the resolution entity	-
4	Other adjustments	-
5	AT1 capital eligible under the LAC Rules	5,021
6	Tier 2 (“T2”) capital before LAC adjustments	17,523
7	Amortized portion of T2 capital instruments that are external LAC debt instruments issued by the resolution entity	-
8	T2 capital instruments ineligible as external loss-absorbing capacity as issued by a member of the resolution entity’s LAC consolidation group other than the resolution entity	-
9	Other adjustments	-
10	T2 capital eligible under the LAC Rules	17,523
11	External loss-absorbing capacity arising from regulatory capital	108,372
	Non-regulatory capital elements of external loss-absorbing capacity	
12	External non-capital LAC debt instruments issued directly by the resolution entity and that meet subordination requirements set out in the LAC Rules	9,674
17	External loss-absorbing capacity arising from non-capital LAC debt instruments before adjustments	-
	Non-regulatory capital elements of external loss-absorbing capacity: adjustments	
18	External loss-absorbing capacity before deductions	118,046
19	Deductions of exposures between the resolution entity’s LAC consolidation group and group companies outside that group that correspond to non-capital items eligible for external loss-absorbing capacity	-
20	Deduction of holdings of its own non-capital LAC liabilities	-
21	Other adjustments to external loss-absorbing capacity	-
22	External loss-absorbing capacity after deductions	118,046
	Risk-weighted amount and exposure measure under the LAC Rules for external loss-absorbing capacity purposes	
23	Risk-weighted amount under the LAC Rules	486,099
24	Exposure measure under the LAC Rules	928,662
	External LAC ratios and buffers	
25	External LAC risk-weighted ratio	24.28%

Template TLAC1: LAC composition of resolution entity (at LAC consolidation group level) (continued)

At 31 December 2024		(a)
		Amount (HK\$ Million)
26	External LAC leverage ratio	12.71%
27	CET1 capital (as a percentage of RWA under the Banking (Capital) Rules (“BCR”)) available after meeting the LAC consolidation group’s minimum capital and LAC requirements	12.69%
28	Institution-specific buffer requirement (capital conservation buffer plus countercyclical capital buffer requirements plus higher loss absorbency requirement, expressed as a percentage of RWA under the BCR)	2.805%
29	Of which: capital conservation buffer requirement	2.500%
30	Of which: institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer requirement	0.305%
31	Of which: higher loss absorbency requirement	N/A

Template TLAC3: Resolution entity – creditor ranking at legal entity level

At 31 December 2024		Creditor ranking				Sum of values in columns 1 to 4
		1 (Most junior)	2	3	4 (most senior)	
	(HK\$ million)					
1	Description of creditor ranking	Ordinary Shares	AT1 instruments	T2 instruments	Non-preferred loss absorbing notes	
2	Total capital and liabilities net of credit risk mitigation	42,060	5,021	13,543	9,674	70,298
3	Subset of row 2 that are excluded liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
4	Total capital and liabilities less excluded liabilities	42,060	5,021	13,543	9,674	70,298
5	Subset of row 4 that are eligible as external loss-absorbing capacity	42,060	5,021	13,543	9,674	70,298
6	Subset of row 5 with 1 year ≤ residual maturity < 2 years	-	-	-	-	-
7	Subset of row 5 with 2 years ≤ residual maturity < 5 years	-	-	-	9,674	9,674
8	Subset of row 5 with 5 years ≤ residual maturity < 10 years	-	-	13,543	-	13,543
9	Subset of row 5 with residual maturity ≥ 10 years, but excluding perpetual securities	-	-	-	-	-
10	Subset of row 5 that is perpetual securities	42,060	5,021	-	-	47,081

Template CCA(A): Main features of regulatory capital instruments and non-capital LAC debt instruments

Section (i) Both regulatory capital and LAC requirements

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Ordinary Shares	US\$650 million Additional Tier 1 issued in 2020	US\$600 million Tier 2 due 2030	US\$500 million Tier 2 due 2032	US\$650 million Tier 2 due 2034
1	Issuer	BEA	BEA	BEA	BEA	BEA
2	Unique identifier - ISIN	HK0023000190	XS2222027364	XS2168040744	XS2423359459	XS2813323685
3	Governing law(s) of the instrument	Hong Kong	England (Subordination, set-off, non-viability loss absorption and Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power governed by Hong Kong laws)	England (Subordination, set-off, non-viability loss absorption and Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power governed by Hong Kong laws)	England (Subordination, set-off, non-viability loss absorption and Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power governed by Hong Kong laws)	England (Subordination, set-off, non-viability loss absorption and Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power governed by Hong Kong laws)
3a	Means by which enforceability requirement of Section 13 of the TLAC Term Sheet is achieved (for non-capital LAC debt instruments governed by non-Hong Kong law)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<i>Regulatory treatment</i>						
4	Transitional Basel III rules#	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
5	Post-transitional Basel III rules+	Common Equity Tier 1	Additional Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 2	Tier 2
6	Eligible at solo*/group/solo and group (for regulatory capital purposes)	Solo and group	Solo and group	Solo and group	Solo and group	Solo and group
6a	Eligible at solo* / LAC consolidation group / solo and LAC consolidation group (for LAC purposes)	Solo and LAC consolidation group	Solo and LAC consolidation group	Solo and LAC consolidation group	Solo and LAC consolidation group	Solo and LAC consolidation group
7	Instrument type	Ordinary shares	Perpetual non-cumulative Additional Tier 1 capital securities	Tier 2 notes	Tier 2 notes	Tier 2 notes
8	Amount recognised in regulatory capital (at 31/12/2024)	HK\$42,060 Mn	HK\$5,021 Mn	HK\$4,656 Mn	HK\$3,873 Mn	HK\$5,014 Mn
8a	Amount recognised in loss-absorbing capacity (at 31/12/2024)	HK\$42,060 Mn	HK\$5,021 Mn	HK\$4,656 Mn	HK\$3,873 Mn	HK\$5,014 Mn
9	Par value of instrument	N.A.	Issue price: US\$650 million : 100%	Issue price : US\$600 million: 99.592%	Issue price : US\$500 million: 99.846%	Issue price : US\$650 million: 99.616%
10	Accounting classification	Equity	Equity	Liability – amortised cost	Liability – amortised cost	Liability – amortised cost
11	Original date of issuance	Since incorporation	21st October, 2020	29th May, 2020	22nd April, 2022	27th June 2024
12	Perpetual or dated	N.A.	Perpetual	Dated	Dated	Dated
13	Original maturity date	N.A.	No maturity	29th May, 2030	22nd April, 2032	27th June, 2034
14	Issuer call subject to prior supervisory approval	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Optional call date, contingent call dates and redemption price	N.A.	First call date : 21st October, 2025 Included tax and regulatory call options Redemptions in whole at 100% with accrued dividends, final amount subject to adjustment following occurrence of a Non-Viability Event or the exercise of Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power	One-off call date: 29th May, 2025 Included tax and regulatory call options Redemptions in whole at 100% with accrued interests, final amount subject to adjustment following occurrence of a Non-Viability Event or the exercise of Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power	One-off call date: 22nd April, 2027 Included tax and regulatory call options Redemptions in whole at 100% with accrued interests, final amount subject to adjustment following occurrence of a Non-Viability Event or the exercise of Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power	One-off call date: 27th June, 2029 Included tax and regulatory call options Redemptions in whole at 100% with accrued interests, final amount subject to adjustment following occurrence of a Non-Viability Event or the exercise of Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power
16	Subsequent call dates, if applicable	N.A.	Any payment dates thereafter first call date	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<i>Coupons / dividends</i>						
17	Fixed or floating dividend/coupon	N.A.	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed
18	Coupon rate and any related index	N.A.	Up to 21st October, 2025 : 5.825% p.a. Thereafter and every 5 years thereafter reset at : 5-year U.S. Treasury + 5.527%	Up to 29th May, 2025: 4% p.a. Thereafter reset at 5-year U.S. Treasury + 3.75%	Up to 22nd April, 2027: 4.875% p.a. Thereafter reset at 5-year U.S. Treasury + 2.30%	Up to 27th June, 2029: 6.75% p.a. Thereafter reset at 5-year U.S. Treasury + 2.55%

Template CCA(A): Main features of regulatory capital instruments and non-capital LAC debt instruments (continued)

Section (i) Both regulatory capital and LAC requirements (continued)

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Ordinary Shares	US\$650 million Additional Tier 1 issued in 2020	US\$600 million Tier 2 due 2030	US\$500 million Tier 2 due 2032	US\$650 million Tier 2 due 2034
19	Existence of a dividend stopper	No	Yes	No	No	No
20	Fully discretionary, partially discretionary or mandatory	N.A.	Fully discretionary	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
21	Existence of step up or other incentive to redeem	No	No	No	No	No
22	Noncumulative or cumulative	Non-cumulative	Non-cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative
23	Convertible or non-convertible	Non-convertible	Non-convertible ^a	Non-convertible ^a	Non-convertible ^a	Non-convertible ^a
24	If convertible, conversion trigger (s)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
25	If convertible, fully or partially	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
26	If convertible, conversion rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
27	If convertible, mandatory or optional conversion	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
28	If convertible, specify instrument type convertible into	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
29	If convertible, specify issuer of instrument it converts into	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
30	Write-down feature	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
31	If write-down, write-down trigger(s)	N.A.	1) Occurrence of a "Non-Viability Event", which means the earlier of: (i) the HKMA notifying BEA in writing that the HKMA is of the opinion that a write-off or conversion is necessary, without which BEA would become non-viable; and (ii) the HKMA notifying BEA in writing that a decision has been made by the government body, a government officer or other relevant regulatory body with the authority to make such a decision, that a public sector injection of capital or equivalent support is necessary, without which BEA would become non-viable. 2) Subject to Hong Kong Resolution Authority bail-in power	1) Occurrence of a "Non-Viability Event", which means the earlier of: (i) the HKMA notifying BEA in writing that the HKMA is of the opinion that a write-off or conversion is necessary, without which BEA would become non-viable; and (ii) the HKMA notifying BEA in writing that a decision has been made by the government body, a government officer or other relevant regulatory body with the authority to make such a decision, that a public sector injection of capital or equivalent support is necessary, without which BEA would become non-viable. 2) Subject to Hong Kong Resolution Authority bail-in power	1) Occurrence of a "Non-Viability Event", which means the earlier of: (i) the HKMA notifying BEA in writing that the HKMA is of the opinion that a write-off or conversion is necessary, without which BEA would become non-viable; and (ii) the HKMA notifying BEA in writing that a decision has been made by the government body, a government officer or other relevant regulatory body with the authority to make such a decision, that a public sector injection of capital or equivalent support is necessary, without which BEA would become non-viable. 2) Subject to Hong Kong Resolution Authority bail-in power	1) Occurrence of a "Non-Viability Event", which means the earlier of: (i) the HKMA notifying BEA in writing that the HKMA is of the opinion that a write-off or conversion is necessary, without which BEA would become non-viable; and (ii) the HKMA notifying BEA in writing that a decision has been made by the government body, a government officer or other relevant regulatory body with the authority to make such a decision, that a public sector injection of capital or equivalent support is necessary, without which BEA would become non-viable. 2) Subject to Hong Kong Resolution Authority bail-in power
32	If write-down, full or partial	N.A.	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial
33	If write-down, permanent or temporary	N.A.	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent
34	If temporary write-down, description of write-up mechanism	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
34a	Type of subordination	Contractual	Contractual	Contractual	Contractual	Contractual
35	Position in subordination hierarchy in liquidation (specify instrument type immediately senior to instrument in the insolvency creditor hierarchy of the legal entity concerned).	N.A.	Immediately subordinated to unsecured senior notes / indebtedness, non-preferred loss absorbing notes / indebtedness and subordinated Tier 2 notes / indebtedness	Immediately subordinated to unsecured senior notes / indebtedness and non-preferred loss absorbing notes / indebtedness	Immediately subordinated to unsecured senior notes / indebtedness and non-preferred loss absorbing notes / indebtedness	Immediately subordinated to unsecured senior notes / indebtedness and non-preferred loss absorbing notes / indebtedness
36	Non-compliant transitioned features	No	No	No	No	No
37	If yes, specify non-compliant features	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Footnotes:

- # Regulatory treatment of capital instruments subject to transitional arrangements provided for in Schedule 4H of the Banking (Capital) Rules
+ Regulatory treatment of capital instruments not subject to transitional arrangements provided for in Schedule 4H of the Banking (Capital) Rules
* Include solo-consolidated
^ Subject to Financial Institutions (Resolution) Ordinance

Template CCA(A): Main features of regulatory capital instruments and non-capital LAC debt instruments (continued)

Section (ii) Only LAC (but not regulatory capital) requirements

		(6)	(7)	(8)
		US\$250 million LAC due 2028	US\$500 million LAC due 2027	US\$500 million LAC due 2027
1	Issuer	BEA	BEA	BEA
2	Unique identifier - ISIN	XS2381248835	XS2592797398	XS2775732451
3	Governing law(s) of the instrument	England (Subordination, set-off, non-viability loss absorption and Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power governed by Hong Kong laws)	England (Subordination, set-off, non-viability loss absorption and Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power governed by Hong Kong laws)	England (Subordination, set-off, non-viability loss absorption and Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power governed by Hong Kong laws)
3a	Means by which enforceability requirement of Section 13 of the TLAC Term Sheet is achieved (for non-capital LAC debt instruments governed by non-Hong Kong law)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<i>Regulatory treatment</i>				
4	Transitional Basel III rules#	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
5	Post-transitional Basel III rules+	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
6	Eligible at solo*/group/solo and group (for regulatory capital purposes)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
6a	Eligible at solo* / LAC consolidation group / solo and LAC consolidation group (for LAC purposes)	Solo and LAC consolidation group	Solo and LAC consolidation group	Solo and LAC consolidation group
7	Instrument type	Non-preferred loss absorbing notes	Non-preferred loss absorbing notes	Non-preferred loss absorbing notes
8	Amount recognised in regulatory capital (at 31/12/2024)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8a	Amount recognised in loss-absorbing capacity (at 31/12/2024)	HK\$1,935 Mn	HK\$3,874 Mn	HK\$3,865 Mn
9	Par value of instrument	Issue price : US\$250 million: 99.765%	Issue price : US\$500 million: 99.802%	Issue price : US\$500 million: 99.592%
10	Accounting classification	Liability – amortised cost	Liability – amortised cost	Liability – amortised cost
11	Original date of issuance	7th July, 2022	15th March, 2023	13th March, 2024
12	Perpetual or dated	Dated	Dated	Dated
13	Original maturity date	7th July, 2028	15th March, 2027	13th March, 2027
14	Issuer call subject to prior supervisory approval	Yes	Yes	Yes
15	Optional call date, contingent call dates and redemption price	One-off call date: 7th July, 2027 Included tax and regulatory call options Redemptions in whole at 100% with accrued interests, final amount subject to adjustment following the exercise of Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power	One-off call date: 15th March, 2026 Included tax and regulatory call options Redemptions in whole at 100% with accrued interests, final amount subject to adjustment following the exercise of Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power	One-off call date: 13th March, 2026 Included tax and regulatory call options Redemptions in whole at 100% with accrued interests, final amount subject to adjustment following the exercise of Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power
16	Subsequent call dates, if applicable	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<i>Coupons / dividends</i>				
17	Fixed or floating dividend/coupon	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed
18	Coupon rate and any related index	Up to 7th July, 2027: 5.125% p.a. Thereafter reset at 1-year U.S. Treasury + 1.90%	Up to 15th March, 2026: 6.75% p.a. Thereafter reset at 1-year U.S. Treasury + 2.10%	Up to 13th March, 2026: 6.625% p.a. Thereafter reset at 1-year U.S. Treasury + 2.30%

Template CCA(A): Main features of regulatory capital instruments and non-capital LAC debt instruments (continued)

Section (ii) Only LAC (but not regulatory capital) requirements (continued)

		(6)	(7)	(8)
		US\$250 million LAC due 2028	US\$500 million LAC due 2027	US\$500 million LAC due 2027
19	Existence of a dividend stopper	No	No	No
20	Fully discretionary, partially discretionary or mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory	Mandatory
21	Existence of step up or other incentive to redeem	No	No	No
22	Noncumulative or cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative	Cumulative
23	Convertible or non-convertible	Non-convertible [^]	Non-convertible [^]	Non-convertible [^]
24	If convertible, conversion trigger (s)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
25	If convertible, fully or partially	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
26	If convertible, conversion rate	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
27	If convertible, mandatory or optional conversion	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
28	If convertible, specify instrument type convertible into	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
29	If convertible, specify issuer of instrument it converts into	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
30	Write-down feature	Yes	Yes	Yes
31	If write-down, write-down trigger(s)	Subject to Hong Kong Resolution Authority bail-in power	Subject to Hong Kong Resolution Authority bail-in power	Subject to Hong Kong Resolution Authority bail-in power
32	If write-down, full or partial	Partial	Partial	Partial
33	If write-down, permanent or temporary	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent
34	If temporary write-down, description of write-up mechanism	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
34a	Type of subordination	Contractual	Contractual	Contractual
35	Position in subordination hierarchy in liquidation (specify instrument type immediately senior to instrument in the insolvency creditor hierarchy of the legal entity concerned).	Immediately subordinated to unsecured senior notes / indebtedness	Immediately subordinated to unsecured senior notes / indebtedness	Immediately subordinated to unsecured senior notes / indebtedness
36	Non-compliant transitioned features	No	No	No
37	If yes, specify non-compliant features	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

There is no capital instrument meeting only regulatory capital (but not LAC) requirements.

Footnotes:

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- + Regulatory treatment of capital instruments not subject to transitional arrangements provided for in Schedule 4H of the Banking (Capital) Rules
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International Claims

The information on international claims discloses 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 recognised risk transfer with the use of credit risk mitigants (which include guarantees, collateral and credit derivatives). In general, such transfer of risk takes place if the claims are guaranteed by a party in a country which is different from that of the counterparty or if the claims are on an overseas branch of a bank whose head office is located in another country. Only countries constituting 10% or more of the aggregate international claims after taking into account any recognised risk transfer are disclosed.

(HK\$ million)	31/12/2024					Total claims
	Banks	Official sector	Non-bank private sector		Others	
			Non-bank financial institutions	Non-financial private sector		
<u>Counterparty country/ jurisdiction</u>						
Developed countries	23,828	25,992	19,478	50,468	-	119,766
- of which: United States	4,845	25,924	4,578	15,895	-	51,242
Offshore centres	6,232	2,205	13,917	63,712	-	86,066
- of which: Hong Kong, China	5,044	2,201	10,714	53,802	-	71,761
Developing Asia and Pacific	41,012	3,219	9,431	71,890	-	125,552
- of which: Mainland China	28,277	3,216	8,704	63,431	-	103,628

(HK\$ million)	31/12/2023					Total claims
	Banks	Official sector	Non-bank private sector		Others	
			Non-bank financial institutions	Non-financial private sector		
<u>Counterparty country/ jurisdiction</u>						
Developed countries	33,853	4,077	9,627	41,235	-	88,792
- of which: United States	4,679	4,007	3,488	12,184	-	24,358
Offshore centres	9,501	2,378	15,843	65,277	-	92,999
- of which: Hong Kong, China	5,144	2,374	13,396	55,703	-	76,617
Developing Asia and Pacific	44,629	1,595	11,924	78,122	-	136,270
- of which: Mainland China	31,815	1,343	11,546	70,184	-	114,888

The above figures are computed in accordance with the HKMA's guidelines on the return of international banking statistics and the Banking (Disclosure) Rules in respect of the reporting period on the consolidated basis. The HKMA has revised the return of international banking statistics and the new return template (MA(BS)29) has replaced the existing template (MA(BS)21) starting from the position of end-December 2024. Figures for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 are computed with reference to the completion instruction for MA(BS)29 and MA(BS)21 respectively.

Mainland Activities

The table below summaries the non-bank Mainland China exposure of the Bank's Hong Kong Office and the Bank's Mainland subsidiary bank categorised by types of counterparties:

<u>Type of counterparties</u>	31/12/2024		
	<u>On-balance sheet exposure</u>	<u>Off-balance sheet exposure</u>	<u>Total</u>
	HK\$ Mn	HK\$ Mn	HK\$ Mn
1. Central government, central government owned entities and their subsidiaries and joint ventures	22,993	2,691	25,684
2. Local governments, local government-owned entities and their subsidiaries and joint ventures	25,783	1,954	27,737
3. PRC nationals residing in Mainland China or other entities incorporated in Mainland China and their subsidiaries and joint ventures	166,109	17,645	183,754
4. Other entities of central government not reported in item 1 above	5,221	312	5,533
5. Other entities of local governments not reported in item 2 above	3,921	-	3,921
6. PRC nationals residing outside Mainland China or entities incorporated outside Mainland China where the credit is granted for use in Mainland China	4,366	717	5,083
7. Other counterparties where the exposures are considered by the reporting institution to be non-bank Mainland China exposures	<u>24,002</u>	<u>2,345</u>	<u>26,347</u>
Total	<u>252,395</u>	<u>25,664</u>	<u>278,059</u>
Total assets after provision	<u>814,364</u>		
On-balance sheet exposures as percentage of total assets	<u>31.0%</u>		

Mainland Activities (continued)

	31/12/2023		
	<u>On-balance sheet exposure</u>	<u>Off-balance sheet exposure</u>	<u>Total</u>
	HK\$ Mn	HK\$ Mn	HK\$ Mn
<u>Type of counterparties</u>			
1. Central government, central government-owned entities and their subsidiaries and joint ventures	21,052	2,350	23,402
2. Local governments, local government-owned entities and their subsidiaries and joint ventures	22,774	2,665	25,439
3. PRC nationals residing in Mainland China or other entities incorporated in Mainland China and their subsidiaries and joint ventures	157,031	14,334	171,365
4. Other entities of central government not reported in item 1 above	4,602	74	4,676
5. Other entities of local governments not reported in item 2 above	2,967	-	2,967
6. PRC nationals residing outside Mainland China or entities incorporated outside Mainland China where the credit is granted for use in Mainland China	4,098	1,436	5,534
7. Other counterparties where the exposures are considered by the reporting institution to be non-bank Mainland China exposures	30,374	2,072	32,446
Total	<u>242,898</u>	<u>22,931</u>	<u>265,829</u>
Total assets after provision	<u>789,494</u>		
On-balance sheet exposures as percentage of total assets	<u>30.8%</u>		

The above figures are disclosed in accordance with the return relating to Mainland activities the Bank submitted to the HKMA pursuant to section 63 of the Banking Ordinance in respect of the reporting period, which are computed on a consolidated basis as required by the HKMA for its regulatory purposes.

Currency Concentration

The net non-structural position or net structural position in a particular foreign currency is disclosed when the position in that currency constitutes 10% or more of the total net position or total net structural position in all foreign currencies respectively. The net option position is calculated in the basis of the delta-weighted position of all foreign currency option contracts.

	31/12/2024				
	USD HK\$ Mn	RMB HK\$ Mn	MOP* HK\$ Mn	Other foreign currencies HK\$ Mn	Total HK\$ Mn
Spot assets	258,013	240,967	1,189	103,696	603,865
Spot liabilities	(250,970)	(231,599)	(1,165)	(90,553)	(574,287)
Forward purchases	156,180	101,013	-	24,787	281,980
Forward sales	(154,153)	(113,349)	-	(37,653)	(305,155)
Net options position	(4,275)	4,069	-	(66)	(272)
Net long/(short) non-structural position	<u>4,795</u>	<u>1,101</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>6,131</u>

	31/12/2023				
	USD HK\$ Mn	RMB HK\$ Mn	MOP HK\$ Mn	Other foreign currencies HK\$ Mn	Total HK\$ Mn
Spot assets	242,291	224,078	1,404	98,025	565,798
Spot liabilities	(213,025)	(221,726)	(1,163)	(86,566)	(522,480)
Forward purchases	73,614	51,005	-	14,840	139,459
Forward sales	(101,876)	(52,722)	-	(26,194)	(180,792)
Net options position	18	67	-	22	107
Net long/(short) non-structural position	<u>1,022</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>2,092</u>

* it is disclosed for comparative purpose with the figures at 31/12/2023.

Currency Concentration (continued)

	31/12/2024				
	USD HK\$ Mn	RMB HK\$ Mn	MYR HK\$ Mn	Other foreign currencies HK\$ Mn	Total HK\$ Mn
Net structural position	(4,009)	14,793	2,365	917	14,066

	31/12/2023				
	USD HK\$ Mn	RMB HK\$ Mn	MYR HK\$ Mn	Other foreign currencies HK\$ Mn	Total HK\$ Mn
Net structural position	(9,111)	15,297	2,269	959	9,414

The above figures are disclosed in accordance with the return relating to foreign currency positions the Bank submitted to the HKMA pursuant to section 63 of the Banking Ordinance in respect of the reporting period, which are computed on a consolidated basis as required by the HKMA for its regulatory purposes.

Capital Buffer

Countercyclical Capital Buffer Ratio

	<u>31/12/2024</u>	<u>31/12/2023</u>
	%	%
Countercyclical capital buffer ratio	0.305	0.477

The relevant disclosures pursuant to section 16FG of the Banking (Disclosure) Rules can be found in Template CCyB1 in this Banking Disclosure Statement.

Capital Conservation Buffer Ratio

Under section 3M of the Capital Rules, the capital conservation buffer ratio for calculating the Bank's buffer level is 2.5% from 2019 onwards.

Higher Loss Absorbency Ratio

Not applicable as the HKMA has not designated the Bank as a domestic systematically important authorised institution ("D-SIB") since 1st January 2022.

Glossary

<u>Abbreviations</u>	<u>Descriptions</u>
AI	Authorised Institution
BCR	Banking (Capital) Rules
BSC Approach	Basic Approach
CCF	Credit Conversion Factor
CCP	Central Counterparty
CCR	Counterparty Credit Risk
CEM	Current Exposure Method
CF	Commodities Finance
CIS	Collective Investment Scheme
CRC	Comprehensive Risk Charge
CRM	Credit Risk Mitigation
CVA	Credit Valuation Adjustment
D-SIB	Domestic Systemically Important Authorised Institution
DTA	Deferred Tax Asset
EAD	Exposure at Default
ECL	Expected Credit Loss
EL	Expected Loss
EPE	Expected Positive Exposure
FBA	Fall-back Approach
FSB	Financial Stability Board
FX	Foreign Exchange
G-SIB	Global Systemically Important Authorised Institution
HVCRE	High-Volatility Commercial Real Estate
IAA	Internal Assessment Approach
IMM (CCR) Approach	Internal Models (Counterparty Credit Risk) Approach
IMM Approach	Internal Models Approach
IPRE	Income-Producing Real Estate
IRB Approach	Internal Ratings-Based Approach
IRC	Incremental Risk Charge
LAC	Loss-absorbing Capacity
LAC Rules	Financial Institutions (Resolution) (Loss-absorbing Capacity Requirements –Banking Sector) Rules
LGD	Loss Given Default
LTA	Look-through Approach
MBA	Mandate-based Approach
OF	Object Finance
OTC	Over-the-counter
PD	Probability Of Default
PF	Project Finance
PFE	Potential Future Exposure

Glossary (continued)

<u>Abbreviations</u>	<u>Descriptions</u>
PSE	Public Sector Entity
QRRE	Qualifying Revolving Retail Exposures
RW	Risk Weight
RWA	Risk-Weighted Amount
SA-CCR Approach	Standardised Approach for measuring Counterparty Credit Risk Exposures
SEC-ERBA	Securitisation External Ratings-Based Approach
SEC-FBA	Securitisation Fall-Back Approach
SEC-IRBA	Securitisation Internal Ratings-Based Approach
SEC-SA	Securitisation Standardised Approach
SFT	Securities Financing Transaction
SRW	Supervisory Risk Weight
STC Approach	Standardized (Credit Risk) Approach
STM Approach	Standardized (Market Risk) Approach
TLAC	Total Loss-absorbing Capacity
VaR	Value-at-Risk