

China Construction Bank (Asia) Announces Consolidated Net Profit after Tax of HKD3,330 Million for 2021

Hong Kong – April 29, 2022 – China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited ["CCB (Asia)"] today announced its consolidated net profit after tax to reach HKD3,330 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, a decrease of HKD419 million or 11.2%, as compared with 2020. Set out below are the highlights:

- Total operating income of CCB (Asia) for the year of 2021 amounted to HKD7,886 million, a decrease of 4.4% as compared with that of 2020. If including the interest income of trading advances to customers and trade bills of HKD46 million and foreign currency swap amortization income of HKD135 million, net interest income amounted to HKD5,399 million, a decrease of 6.0% as compared with that of 2020. Non-interest income after excluding the aforesaid interest income and swap amortization income was HKD2,487 million, representing a decrease of 0.7% as compared with that of 2020, mainly attributable to the increase in net trading income (after exclusion of interest income of trading advances to customers and trade bills and foreign currency swap amortization income) by HKD139 million but offset by the decrease in net gains from disposal of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income by HKD153 million.
- Total operating expenses decreased by 2.7% to HKD3,261 million and the cost-to-income ratio increased by 0.73 percentage point to 41.4%. In 2021, the amount of impairment allowance charges increased by 70.9% to HKD745 million, mainly due to the consideration of the expected upcoming adverse economic situation incurred by the impact of the 5th wave of the COVID19 in Hong Kong and lower impairment charge in 2020 resulting from write-back of impairment allowances, leading to the increase in the overall impairment allowance in the year of 2021.
- Taxation decreased by 20.9% to HKD610 million as compared with that of 2020, mainly driven by the decrease in profit before tax in 2021 and the reversal of tax provision due to the increase in deductible expenses agreed by the tax authority.
- As at December 31, 2021, total consolidated assets stood at HKD497.2 billion, an increase of 4.8% from HKD474.5 billion versus that at end of 2020. The gross advances to customers and trade bills increased by 6.6% to HKD303.3 billion, which was in turn mainly driven by the increase in bilateral loans, residential property loans and personal overdraft. As at December 31, 2021, the impaired loan ratio was 0.64%, decreased by 0.51 percentage point.

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- The financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income increased by 40.2% to HKD91.8 billion, while the financial assets at amortized costs decreased by 32.2% to HKD9.7 billion. As a whole, the net aggregate balances of these two types of financial assets increased by 27.2%, mainly due to the increase in scale of high-quality debt securities issued by corporates and non-bank financial institutions and the increase in high quality liquidity debt securities to meet the liquidity requirements resulted from the business development for the year of 2021. On the other hand, the financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss decreased by 40.7% to HKD5.4 billion, mainly due to the decrease in commercial loans held for trading purpose. Cash and balances with banks and central banks, placement with banks decreased by 5.8% to HKD79.4 billion, mainly due to better deployment of funds.
- The total liabilities increased by 5.1% to HKD417.6 billion when compared to that at end of 2020, of which the deposits and balances of banks increased by 96.9% to HKD31.7 billion to support asset growth during the year of 2021. Despite the increase, the wholesales funding continued to account for a small proportion to total liabilities. Deposit from customers increased by 2.1% to HKD377.2 billion versus last year end.
- The Total Capital Ratio, Leverage Ratio and Net Stable Funding Ratio as at December 31, 2021 were 21.2%, 14.7% and 130.0% respectively. The annual average Liquidity Coverage Ratio for the year of 2021 was 145.1%. All the aforementioned ratios were maintained at sound levels and well above regulatory requirements.

About China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited

China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited ["CCB (Asia)"] is the comprehensive and integrated commercial banking business platform of China Construction Bank Corporation in Hong Kong. Currently, CCB (Asia) has offered a wide array of banking products and services to customers, including consumer banking services, commercial banking services, corporate banking services, private banking services, treasury business and cross-border financial services, etc.

For more information about CCB (Asia), please visit <u>www.asia.ccb.com</u>.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Interest income Interest expense | 7,371,956 (2,154,410) | 10,268,385 (4,877,622) |
| Net interest income | 5,217,546 | 5,390,763 |
| Fees and commission income Fees and commission expense | 2,067,403 (172,980) | 2,013,935 (113,236) |
| Net fees and commission income | 1,894,423 | 1,900,699 |
| Net trading income Net gains from financial instruments designated | 454,853 | 488,618 |
| at fair value through profit or loss Net gains from disposal of financial assets measured | 33,040 | 22,697 |
| at fair value through other comprehensive income | 227,087 | 380,538 |
| Other operating income | 59,372 | 65,939 |
| Total operating income | 7,886,321 | 8,249,254 |
| Operating expenses | (3,261,312) | (3,350,981) |
| Operating profit before impairment losses | 4,625,009 | 4,898,273 |
| Net charge on expected credit losses | (745,163) | (435,492) |
| Net charge on impairment on other assets | <u> </u> | (1,195) |
| Operating profit | 3,879,846 | 4,461,586 |
| (Losses) / Gains on disposal of fixed assets | (1,284) | 1,454 |
| Share of profit of joint venture | 61,306 | 56,995 |
| Profit before taxation | 3,939,868 | 4,520,035 |
| Taxation | (610,139) | (770,674) |
| Profit for the year | 3,329,729 | 3,749,361 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|---|--|
| Profit for the year | 3,329,729 | 3,749,361 |
| Other comprehensive income Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: | | |
| Debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income: Changes in fair value recognised during the year Reclassification adjustments for amounts transferred to profit or loss Expected credit losses recognised in profit or loss Tax effect | (80,861) (150,302) 79,240 39,436 | 10,061 (79,606) (34,165) 11,388 |
| Item that may not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: | | |
| Equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income: Changes in fair value recognised during the year | (145,792) | 119,340 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | (258,279) | 27,018 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | 3,071,450 | 3,776,379 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021

| ASSETS | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Cash and balances with banks and central banks | 46,771,963 | 54,039,149 |
| Placements with banks | 32,615,687 | 30,213,346 |
| Advances to customers and trade bills | 300,234,658 | 281,464,455 |
| Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss | 5,426,820 | 9,108,802 |
| Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income | 91,812,256 | 65,510,224 |
| Other assets measured at amortised cost | 9,712,527 | 14,317,688 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 898,617 | 1,916,804 |
| Interest in a joint venture | 1,902,166 | 1,900,860 |
| Deferred tax assets | 612,011 | 424,473 |
| Fixed assets | 2,445,555 | 2,527,817 |
| Right-of-use assets | 1,753,365 | 2,014,852 |
| Other assets | 3,104,592 | 11,066,968 |
| Total assets | 497,290,217 | 474,505,438 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Deposits and balances with banks | 24,930,501 | 16,077,644 |
| Deposits from customers | 377,196,845 | 369,420,713 |
| Financial assets sold under repurchase agreements | 6,769,447 | - |
| Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss | 515,253 | 418,299 |
| Other debt securities issued | 736,578 | 1,912,429 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 755,073 | 2,222,274 |
| Lease liabilities | 1,298,508 | 1,552,237 |
| Current tax payable | 385,068 | 143,498 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 18,875 | 19,677 |
| Other liabilities | 4,944,987 | 5,414,102 |
| Total liabilities | 417,551,135 | 397,180,873 |
| EQUITY | | |
| Share capital | 28,827,843 | 28,827,843 |
| Other equity instruments | 15,589,333 | 15,589,333 |
| Reserves | 35,321,906 | 32,907,389 |
| Total equity | 79,739,082 | 77,324,565 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 497,290,217 | 474,505,438 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

| | Share capital | Other equity instruments | General reserve | Investment revaluation reserve | Regulatory reserve | Other reserve | Merger reserve | Retained earnings | Total |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Balance as at January 1, 2021 | 28,827,843 | 15,589,333 | 750,956 | 423,621 | 656,248 | 15,913 | 62,262 | 30,998,389 | 77,324,565 |
| Changes in equity for 2021: | | | | | | | | | |
| Profit for the year Other comprehensive income, net of tax | | - - | - - | - (258,279) | <u> </u> | - | - | 3,329,729 | 3,329,729 (258,279) |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | - | | (258,279) | | | | 3,329,729 | 3,071,450 |
| Coupon paid for other equity instruments | | - | - | | - | - | - | (656,933) | (656,933) |
| Regulatory reserve | | | | | (275,396) | • | - | 275,396 | |
| Balance as at December 31, 2021 | 28,827,843 | 15,589,333 | 750,956 | 165,342 | 380,852 | 15,913 | 62,262 | 33,946,581 | 79,739,082 |
| Balance as at January 1, 2020 | 28,827,843 | 11,712,840 | 750,956 | 396,603 | 649,984 | 15,913 | 62,262 | 27,848,243 | 70,264,644 |
| Changes in equity for 2020: Profit for the year Other comprehensive income, net of tax | - | - | - | - 27,018 | - | - | - | 3,749,361 | 3,749,361 27,018 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | - | - | 27,018 | - | - | - | 3,749,361 | 3,776,379 |
| Issuance of other equity instruments | | 3,876,493 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3,876,493 |
| Coupon paid for other equity instruments | <u> </u> | <u>-</u> | - | - | - | - | - | (592,951) | (592,951) |
| Regulatory reserve | | | | | 6,264 | | | (6,264) | - |
| Balance as at December 31, 2020 | 28,827,843 | 15,589,333 | 750,956 | 423,621 | 656,248 | 15,913 | 62,262 | 30,998,389 | 77,324,565 |

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Statutory financial statements

The information in this announcement does not constitute statutory financial statements. Certain financial information in this announcement is extracted from the statutory financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 which will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA"). The auditors expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements in their report dated March 25, 2022.

2 Basis of preparation

The Group presents its consolidated statement of financial position in order of liquidity based on the Group's intention and perceived ability to recover/settle the majority of assets/liabilities of the corresponding financial statement line item. The Group uses the calendar year as the accounting year, which is from January 1 to December 31.

(a) Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, as the directors are satisfied that the Group and parent company have the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. In making this assessment, the directors have considered a wide range of information relating to present and future conditions, including future projections of profitability, cash flows and capital resources.

(b) Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except that: (i) financial instrument measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") are measured at fair value; (ii) financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") are measured at fair value; (iii) derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value; (iv) the carrying values of recognised assets and liabilities that are hedged items in fair value hedges, and otherwise carried at amortised cost, are adjusted to record changes in fair value attributable to the risks that are being hedged; (v) certain non-financial assets are measured at its cost.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Hong Kong Dollars, unless otherwise stated, rounded to the nearest thousand, which is the functional currency of the Group.

(d) Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and associated assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

(e) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are generally reported gross in the consolidated statement of financial position except when Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") netting criteria are met.

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2 Basis of preparation (continued)

(f) Local regulatory reporting

In preparing the capital adequacy ratios of the Group, they are prepared according to the basis of consolidation for regulatory purposes. The main difference between the consolidation basis for accounting and regulatory purposes is that the former includes the Bank and all its subsidiaries and a joint venture whereas the latter excludes CCB Securities Limited ("CCBS"), CCB Nominees Limited ("CCBN") and CCB (Asia) Trustee Company Limited ("CCBT") which conduct non-banking related business.

Details of the subsidiaries which are not included in consolidation for regulatory purposes are as follows:

| | | Total as | ssets | Total e | quity |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Name of company | Principal activities | December 31, 2021 | December 31, 2020 | December 31, 2021 | December 31, 2020 |
| CCBS | Securities brokerage business | 907,085 | 1,352,694 | 624,889 | 629,785 |
| CCBN | Custodian and nominees services | 40,545 | 39,952 | 39,768 | 39,804 |
| CCBT | Trustee and custodian business | 107,226 | 83,610 | 92,338 | 75,780 |

3 Significant accounting policies

Except as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation adopted by the Group for this announcement are consistent with those described on pages 61 to 110 of the statutory financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020.

(a) Amendment to HKFRS 16 COVID-19 related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021

Amendment to HKFRS 16 provides a practical expedient for lessees to elect not to apply lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. In March 2021, the International Accounting Standards Board amended IFRS 16 to extend the availability of the practical expedient by one year (2021 amendment). The practical expedient applies only to rent concessions occurring as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and only if (i) the change in lease payments results in revised consideration for the lease that is substantially the same as, or less than, the consideration for the lease immediately preceding the change; (ii) any reduction in lease payments affects only payments originally due on or before June 30, 2022; and (iii) there is no substantive change to other terms and conditions of the lease. The amendment retrospectively applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after April 1, 2021.

The Group has early adopted the amendment on January 1, 2021 and elected not to apply lease modification accounting for all rent concessions granted by the lessors as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic for the year ended December 31, 2021.

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3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Phase 2 amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16

Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Phase 2 Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16 ("the Phase 2 Amendments") was issued in August 2020. The Phase 2 Amendments provide the following changes in respect of financial instruments that are directly required by the Reform:

- A practical expedient when accounting for changes in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of financial assets and liabilities, to require the effective interest rate to be adjusted;
- Reliefs from discontinuing hedge relationships;
- Temporary relief from having to meet the separately identifiable requirement when a risk-free rates ("RFR")
 instrument is designated as a hedge of a risk component; and
- Additional HKFRS 7 disclosures.

IBOR transition

Despite the wide application of Interbank Offered Rate ("IBOR") in the financial contracts, the current mechanism of determining interbank offered rates has long been criticized as inadequate and inherently subject to subjectivity due to its heavy reliance on "expert judgement" during the submission of the quotes by the panel banks.

Over the past few years, the Financial Stability Board ("FSB") has been working with authorities and standardsetting bodies to develop reform proposals to enhance the robustness of interest rate benchmarks. In July 2017, the UK's Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") preliminarily announced that it will no longer persuade or require panel banks to submit rates for the London interbank offered rate ("LIBOR") after 2021. In March 2021, FCA decided to postpone the dates that panel bank submissions for some of USD LIBOR settings will cease, and finally announced that all LIBOR settings will either cease to be provided by any administrator or no longer be representative as below:

- December 31, 2021 for all Sterling ("GBP"), Euro ("EUR"), Swiss Franc ("CHF") and Japanese Yen ("JPY") settings, and the 1-week and 2-month US Dollar ("USD") settings; and
- June 30, 2023 for the remaining USD settings (i.e. USD overnight, 1-month, 3-month, 6-month and 12-month)

To ensure smooth transition from IBORs, the Group has established a working group to oversee and drive the IBOR transition to alternative reference rates ("ARRs"). The working group is led by Deputy Chief Executive and is comprised of representatives from the business divisions, Treasury Division, Finance Division, Risk Management Division and other related divisions. The Group has outlined a transition strategy planning with well specified timeline. By schedule, the Group has completed IBOR transition impact assessment and backbook migration plan, and made a good progress in many areas, including but not limited to system enhancement, client outreach and contract remediation.

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3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Phase 2 amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16

Risks arising from IBOR transition

The transition from IBORs to ARRs creates uncertainty in terms of changes in fair value of financial instruments. The asymmetric adoption of ARRs across assets and liabilities also creates basis risk that needs to be managed proactively. In response, the Group has established effective risk control and management frameworks in order to monitor and manage the risks arising out of the IBOR transition.

In addition to the financial risks resulting from the transition to ARRs, the Group has also been actively managing the legal and conduct risks that arise from the selling activities of new ARR benchmark products and amendments of existing LIBOR contracts that are potentially subject to cessation risks.

The Group has organized an extensive series of trainings covering up-to-date IBOR transition information, new product selling, client communication, backbook exposure and contract remediation management tactics to frontline staff, and has a range of tools and playbooks in place to facilitate the smooth engagement, communication with clients, and to help increase clients' awareness on transition actions and risks. Substantial efforts have also been put into the negotiation and modification of the outstanding LIBOR contracts with the clients to include adequate, effective provisions to protect against the cessation of the LIBOR benchmark rate.

The Group is dedicated to facilitate the orderly transition from IBOR to the new ARRs and to uphold our clients, market counterparties' interests throughout the transition process. The Group will continue to press ahead on the remediation of in-scope contracts and exposures in the Group's portfolio, proactively manage and mitigate the associated risk of the transition in 2021 and onwards.

Financial instruments impacted by IBOR reform

Amendments to HKFRSs issued in October 2020 (Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Phase 2) represents the second phase of the project on the effects of interest rate benchmark reform, addressing issues affecting financial statements when changes are made to contractual cash flows and hedging relationships as a result of reform.

Under these amendments, changes made to a financial instrument that are economically equivalent and required by interest rate benchmark reform do not result in the derecognition or a change in the carrying amount of the financial instrument, but instead require the effective interest rate to be updated to reflect the change in the interest rate benchmark. In addition, hedge accounting will not be discontinued solely because of the replacement of the interest rate benchmark if the hedge meets other hedge accounting criteria.

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4 Net interest income

| Interest income | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|---|---|
| Interest income calculated using the effective interest rate Placements and advances to banks Advances to customers and trade bills Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income Other assets measured at amortised cost | 656,004 5,288,687 1,308,431 118,834 | 1,250,001 7,311,947 1,424,406 282,031 |
| Total interest income | 7,371,956 | 10,268,385 |
| Interest expense | | |
| Interest expense arising from financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss Deposits and balances with banks Deposits from customers Other debt securities issued | (103,253) (1,936,199) (72,300) (2,111,752) | (134,229) (4,605,478) (80,654) (4,820,361) |
| Interest expense arising from lease liabilities | (42,658) | (57,261) |
| Total interest expense | (2,154,410) | (4,877,622) |
| Net interest income | 5,217,546 | 5,390,763 |

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5 Net fees and commission income

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Fees and commission income | | |
| Investment services | 282,445 | 236,144 |
| Securities broking and related services | 180,704 | 157,031 |
| Insurance | 309,682 | 239,801 |
| Remittance, settlement and account management fees | 156,452 | 143,959 |
| Fees received from intermediate holding company | 477,057 | 606,472 |
| Trade finance | 35,776 | 33,593 |
| Cards | 146,726 | 133,622 |
| Credit facilities | 477,217 | 462,045 |
| Others | 1,344 | 1,268 |
| Total fees and commission income | 2,067,403 | 2,013,935 |
| Fees and commission expense | | |
| Cards | (88,002) | (46,700) |
| Brokerage | (7,956) | (7,471) |
| Fees paid to intermediate holding company and fellow subsidiaries | (13,385) | (12,504) |
| Settlement accounts | (14,245) | (12,477) |
| Others | (49,392) | (34,084) |
| Total fees and commission expense | (172,980) | (113,236) |
| Net fees and commission income | 1,894,423 | 1,900,699 |

The fees and commission income above includes income of \$645,859 (2020: \$629,369) and expenses of \$165,024 (2020: \$105,765) relating to financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

6 Net trading income

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Net gains/(losses) from trading activities | | |
| Foreign exchange | 588,171 | 414,088 |
| Interest rate derivatives | (189,376) | (102,330) |
| Other debt instruments | 54,952 | 171,351 |
| Other trading | (240) | 5,929 |
| | 453,507 | 489,038 |
| Other trading income | | |
| Hedge ineffectiveness on fair value hedge | 1,346 | (420) |
| Net trading income | 454,853 | 488,618 |

There was no net trading income relating to other assets measured at amortised cost in the current year (2020: a net income of \$2,855).

"Foreign exchange" under "Net trading income" includes a net gain of \$326,585 (2020: a net gain of \$190,460) arising from gains and losses from spot and forward contracts, options, and the income and costs from foreign exchange swaps contracts which were used for economically hedging the assets and liabilities of the Group and net translation gains and losses on foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

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7 Net gains from financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Net gains from structured deposits | 33,040 | 22,697 |
| Other operating income | | |
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| Dividend income Unlisted | 3,250 | 4,354 |
| Listed | 1,056 | 1,158 |
| | 4,306 | 5,512 |
| Operating leases income | 30,492 | 31,873 |
| Others | 24,574 | 28,554 |
| Total | 59,372 | 65,939 |
| Operating expenses | | |
| | 2021 | 2020 |
| Staff costs | | |
| Salaries and other benefits | 1,866,739 | 1,927,822 |
| Pension and provident fund costs | 89,735 | 95,299 |
| | 1,956,474 | 2,023,121 |
| General and administrative expenses | | |
| Rental expenses | 92,754 | 105,502 |
| Other premises and equipment | 136,367 | 127,076 |
| Marketing expenses | 168,760 | 201,387 |
| Auditors' remuneration | 6,440 | 6,109 |
| Professional fees | 74,099 | 69,493 |
| Other operating expenses | 250,530 | 249,838 |
| | 728,950 | 759,405 |
| Depreciation | | |
| Fixed assets | 292,813 | 283,664 |
| Right-of-use assets | 283,075 | 284,791 |
| | 575,888 | 568,455 |
| Total | 3,261,312 | 3,350,981 |

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10 Net charge on expected credit losses

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------|----------|
| New allowances charged, net of allowance releases | 779,096 | 461,695 |
| Recoveries of amounts previously written off | (33,933) | (26,203) |
| Net charge on expected credit losses | 745,163 | 435,492 |
| Attributable to: | | |
| Balances with banks and central banks and placements with banks | (1,103) | (3,811) |
| Advances to customers and trade bills | 637,549 | 418,498 |
| Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income | 79,686 | (34,363) |
| Other assets measured at amortised cost | (3,565) | (12,686) |
| Other assets | 310 | (413) |
| Loan and other credit related commitments | 32,286 | 68,267 |
| Net charge on expected credit losses | 745,163 | 435,492 |

11 Taxation

Taxation in the consolidated statement of profit or loss represents:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|-----------|---------|
| Current tax – Hong Kong Profits Tax | | |
| Provision for the year | 748,284 | 693,431 |
| Under-provision in respect of prior years | 49,183 | 194 |
| | 797,467 | 693,625 |
| Current tax – Overseas | | |
| Provision for the year | 49 | 104 |
| Withholding tax for the year | 2,913 | 2,737 |
| | 2,962 | 2,841 |
| Deferred tax | | |
| Origination and reversal of temporary differences | (190,290) | 74,208 |
| | 610,139 | 770,674 |

The provision of Hong Kong Profits Tax for 2021 is calculated at 16.5% (2020: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the year. Taxation for overseas transactions are charged at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the countries in which the transactions took place.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the effective income tax rate was 15.49% (2020: 17.05%).

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Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss 12

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Fund investments issued by non-bank financial institutions | 42,468 | 92,633 |
| Certificates of deposit issued by banks | 2,170,429 | 471,417 |
| Other debt securities issued by banks and other financial intuitions | 276,142 | - |
| Other debt securities issued by corporates | 33,867 | - |
| Trading loans | 2,903,914 | 8,544,752 |
| | 5,426,820 | 9,108,802 |
| Analysed by place of listing: | | |
| Listed in Hong Kong | | |
| Certificates of deposit | 2,170,429 | 471,417 |
| Other debt securities | 151,805 | - |
| | 2,322,234 | 471,417 |
| Listed outside Hong Kong | | |
| Fund investments | - | 27,572 |
| Other debt securities | 158,204 | - |
| | 158,204 | 27,572 |
| Unlisted | | |
| Fund investments | 42,468 | 65,061 |
| Trading loans | 2,903,914 | 8,544,752 |
| | 2,946,382 | 8,609,813 |
| | 5,426,820 | 9,108,802 |

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13 Advances to customers and trade bills

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Advances to customers | | |
| Gross advances to corporate customers | 242,837,588 | 232,888,557 |
| Gross advances to personal customers | 60,304,944 | 51,492,817 |
| Gross advances to customers | 303,142,532 | 284,381,374 |
| Less: Expected credit loss allowances | | |
| Stage 1: 12-month ECL | (1,273,348) | (1,063,287) |
| Stage 2: Lifetime ECL but not credit-impaired | (887,923) | (713,775) |
| Stage 3: Lifetime ECL and credit-impaired | (901,400) | (1,171,579) |
| Net advances to customers | 300,079,861 | 281,432,733 |
| Trade bills | | |
| Gross trade bills | 154,819 | 31,723 |
| Less: Expected credit loss allowances | | |
| Stage 1: 12-month ECL | (16) | (1) |
| Stage 2: Lifetime ECL but not credit-impaired | (6) | - |
| Net trade bills | 154,797 | 31,722 |
| Net advances to customers and trade bills | 300,234,658 | 281,464,455 |

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13 Advances to customers and trade bills (continued)

(a) Movement in gross carrying amount and expected credit loss allowances on advances to customers and trade bills

Reconciliation of changes in gross carrying amount and expected credit loss allowances on advances to customers and trade bills for the year ended December 31, 2021.

| | Non-credit impaired | | | Credit im | paired | | | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | Stag | Stage 1 | | tage 2 Stage 3 | | | Total | |
| | Gross carrying amount | ECL allowance | Gross carrying amount | ECL allowance | Gross carrying amount | ECL allowance | Gross carrying amount | ECL allowance |
| Balance as at January 1, 2021 Transfer to stage 1: 12-month ECL Transfer to stage 2: lifetime ECL | 259,271,091 4,777,242 | 1,063,288 176,392 | 21,859,008 (4,777,122) | 713,775 (176,302) | 3,282,998 (120) | 1,171,579 (90) | 284,413,097 - | 2,948,642 - |
| not credit-impaired Transfer to stage 3: lifetime ECL | (2,129,128) | (23,917) | 2,796,864 | 72,161 | (667,736) | (48,244) | - | - |
| credit-impaired New financial assets originated or | (139,348) | (7,095) | (14,307) | (9,387) | 153,655 | 16,482 | - | - |
| purchased* Financial assets that have been | 92,208,697 | 362,106 | 7,818,598 | 355,764 | 123,378 | 10,880 | 100,150,673 | 728,750 |
| derecognised Write-offs | (72,464,608) - | (269,475) - | (7,850,360) - | (212,478) - | (394,015) (557,436) | (58,602) (557,436) | (80,708,983) (557,436) | (540,555) (557,436) |
| Recoveries of amounts previously written-offs | - | - | - | - | - | 33,933 | - | 33,933 |
| Net remeasurements (Including changes in risk parameters) Foreign exchange and other | - | (24,789) | - | 144,414 | - | 332,883 | - | 452,508 |
| movements | - | (3,146) | <u> </u> | (18) | | 15 | - | (3,149) |
| Balance as at December 31, 2021 | 281,523,946 | 1,273,364 | 19,832,681 | 887,929 | 1,940,724 | 901,400 | 303,297,351 | 3,062,693 |

* During the period, all advances to customers and trade bills were initially classified in Stage 1 and were not considered as credit-impaired at the time of origination or purchase. Some were subsequently transferred into Stage 2 or Stage 3 based on the result of credit assessments.

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13 Advances to customers and trade bills (continued)

(a) Movement in gross carrying amount and expected credit loss allowances on advances to customers and trade bills (continued)

Reconciliation of changes in gross carrying amount and expected credit loss allowances on advances to customers and trade bills for the year ended December 31, 2020.

| | Non-credit impaired | | | Credit impa | aired | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Stage | 1 | Stage | 2 | Stage 3 | | Total | |
| | Gross carrying amount | ECL allowance | Gross carrying amount | ECL allowance | Gross carrying amount | ECL allowance | Gross carrying amount | ECL allowance |
| Balance as at January 1, 2020 Transfer to stage 1: 12-month ECL Transfer to stage 2: lifetime ECL | 284,757,413 61,087 | 1,299,588 22,828 | 7,343,338 (56,728) | 905,420 (18,401) | 855,989 (4,359) | 502,175 (4,427) | 292,956,740 - | 2,707,183 |
| not credit-impaired Transfer to stage 3: lifetime ECL | (8,746,853) | (58,106) | 8,746,932 | 58,321 | (79) | (215) | - | - |
| credit-impaired New financial assets originated or | (2,813,367) | (136,308) | (75,019) | (34,094) | 2,888,386 | 170,402 | - | - |
| purchased* Financial assets that have been | 138,129,003 | 279,684 | 11,806,672 | 217,033 | 29,818 | 8,876 | 149,965,493 | 505,593 |
| derecognised Write-offs | (152,116,192) - | (386,602) | (5,906,187) - | (842,385) - | (283,515) (203,242) | (76,674) (203,242) | (158,305,894) (203,242) | (1,305,661) (203,242) |
| Recoveries of amounts previously written-offs Net remeasurements (Including | - | - | - | - | - | 26,203 | - | 26,203 |
| changes in risk parameters) Foreign exchange and other | - | 36,617 | - | 427,964 | - | 748,532 | - | 1,213,113 |
| movements | | 5,587 | | (83) | - | (51) | - | 5,453 |
| Balance as at December 31, 2020 | 259,271,091 | 1,063,288 | 21,859,008 | 713,775 | 3,282,998 | 1,171,579 | 284,413,097 | 2,948,642 |

* During the period, all advances to customers and trade bills were initially classified in Stage 1 and were not considered as credit-impaired at the time of origination or purchase. Some were subsequently transferred into Stage 2 or Stage 3 based on the result of credit assessments.

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13 Advances to customers and trade bills (continued)

(a) Movement in gross carrying amount and expected credit loss allowances on advances to customers and trade bills (continued)

As at December 31, 2021, the retail and wholesale portfolios represented \$883,107 and \$2,179,586 or 29% and 71% (2020: \$980,229 and \$1,968,413 or 33% and 67%), respectively, of the total expected credit loss allowances on advances to customers and trade bills as at December 31, 2021. The measurement of expected credit loss allowances for retail and wholesale portfolios is under the same modelling framework by applying different risk parameters.

During the year the movement of the retail portfolio is mainly driven by the consideration of countercyclical measures in the economic environment. The movement of the wholesale portfolio is driven by the change in risk parameters from considering the countercyclical measures in the economic environment, the newly originated assets and the assets that have been derecognised during the year.

(b) Gross advances to customers by industry sectors (unaudited)

| | 2021 | | 2020 | |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| | Outstanding balance | % of advances covered by collateral | Outstanding balance | % of advances covered by collateral |
| Advances for use in Hong Kong Industrial, commercial and financial Property development Property investment | 19,366,960 27,023,353 | 90.06 92.24 | 16,637,039 26,025,290 | 89.37 89.38 |
| Financial concerns Stockbrokers Wholesale and retail trade Manufacturing Transport and transport equipment | 36,069,234 1,620,000 5,506,145 6,583,844 10,542,598 | 22.22 37.04 86.52 77.10 64.16 | 38,265,535 1,695,339 4,633,315 7,785,393 6,906,945 | 29.22 29.49 86.85 77.76 74.92 |
| Recreational activities Information technology Others | 1,836,934 3,961,728 17,737,014 130,247,810 | 0.63 72.45 75.14 | 14,021 5,196,353 17,907,185 125,066,415 | 100.00 56.22 76.42 |
| Individuals Loans for the purchase of flats in the Home Ownership Scheme, Private Sector Participation Scheme and Tenants Purchase Scheme | 1,457 | 100.00 | 2,230 | 100.00 |
| Loans for the purchase of other residential properties Credit card advances Others | 35,334,745 3,599,555 15,423,053 54,358,810 | 100.00 0.00 27.00 | 26,697,270 3,880,087 14,959,019 45,538,606 | 99.98 0.00 26.39 |
| Trade finance | 3,116,180 | 78.10 | 3,069,805 | 77.31 |
| Advances for use outside Hong Kong | 115,235,121 | 53.82 | 110,364,506 | 58.84 |
| Accrued interest receivables | 339,430 | | 373,765 | |
| Gross advances to customers | 303,297,351 | | 284,413,097 | |

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13 Advances to customers and trade bills (continued)

(c) Gross advances to customers, advances to banks and trade bill overdue for more than three months (unaudited)

| | As at December 31, 2021 | | As at Decembe | er 31, 2020 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | | % on total | | % on total |
| | | advances to | | advances to |
| | | customers | | customers |
| Six months or less but over three months | 9,766 | 0.00 | 532,808 | 0.19 |
| One year or less but over six months | 264,226 | 0.09 | 41,692 | 0.01 |
| Over one year | 469,139 | 0.15 | 118,176 | 0.04 |
| Total gross amount of advances overdue | | | | |
| for more than three months | 743,131 | 0.24 | 692,676 | 0.24 |
| Expected credit loss allowances made in respect of the above overdue advances | 702,654 | - | 412,890 | |
| Net realisable value of collateral held against the overdue advances | 118,678 | | 161,187 | |
| Covered portion of overdue advances | 118,678 | | 161,187 521,480 | |
| Uncovered portion of overdue advances | 624,453 | - | 531,489 | |
| | 743,131 | - | 692,676 | |

As at December 31, 2021, collaterals held with respect of overdue advances to customers are mainly commercial properties and residential properties (2020: industrial and commercial properties and residential properties).

As at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, there were no trade bill overdue for more than three months.

(d) Rescheduled advances to customers, advances to banks and trade bill (unaudited)

| | 2021 | | 2020 | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------|--------------------------|------|--|
| | % on total advances to customers | | | | |
| | | | advances to customers | | |
| Rescheduled advances to customers | 60,912 | 0.02 | 69,290 | 0.02 | |

Rescheduled advances are those advances which have been restructured or renegotiated because of deterioration in the financial position of the borrower, or the inability of the borrower to meet the original repayment schedule and for which the revised payment terms are non-commercial to the Bank. The rescheduled advances are stated net of any advances that have subsequently become overdue for over three months and reported as overdue advances as above.

As at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, there were no rescheduled advances to banks and trade bills.

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14 Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income

| 2021 | 2020 |
|--|------------|
| Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income | |
| Debt investments | |
| Treasury bills/ bonds issued by central banks/governments 40,937,851 | 28,313,493 |
| Certificates of deposit issued by banks 1,379,398 | 4,017,378 |
| Other debt securities issued by | |
| Banks and non-bank financial institutions 32,759,857 | 25,368,010 |
| Corporates 16,606,512 | 7,536,913 |
| 91,683,618 | 65,235,794 |
| Financial assets designated at fair value through other comprehensive income | |
| Equity investments | |
| Equity shares issued by corporates 128,638 | 274,430 |
| 91,812,256 | 65,510,224 |
| Analysed by place of listing: | |
| Listed in Hong Kong | |
| Debt investments 50,060,248 | 28,500,556 |
| Listed outside Hong Kong | |
| Debt investments 10,505,848 | 8,613,694 |
| Equity investments 46,686 | 46,809 |
| 10,552,534 | 8,660,503 |
| Unlisted | |
| Debt investments 31,117,522 | 28,121,544 |
| Equity investments 81,952 | 227,621 |
| 31,199,474 | 28,349,165 |
| 91,812,256 | 65,510,224 |

Under the Group's business strategy, the equity investments are made for being members of the electronic payment system in Hong Kong and are held for long term purpose. These investments are designated at FVOCI. Management had no intention to dispose of these investments as at December 31, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, there was no gross balance of financial assets measured at FVOCI transfer from Level 1 to Level 2 that resulted in significant changes to the ECL allowances (2020: \$1,582,616).

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15 Other assets measured at amortised cost

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Treasury bills issued by central banks | 5,882,095 | 6,199,472 |
| Other debt securities issued by | | |
| Banks and non-bank financial institutions | 3,480,091 | 6,145,073 |
| Corporates | 359,147 | 1,985,514 |
| | 9,721,333 | 14,330,059 |
| Less: Expected credit loss allowances | | |
| Stage 1: 12-month ECL | (8,685) | (11,884) |
| Stage 2: Lifetime ECL but not credit-impaired | (121) | (487) |
| | 9,712,527 | 14,317,688 |
| Analysed by place of listing: | | |
| Listed in Hong Kong | 3,525,747 | 3,857,639 |
| Listed outside Hong Kong | - | 473,823 |
| Unlisted | 6,195,586 | 9,998,597 |
| | 9,721,333 | 14,330,059 |
| Market value: | | |
| Listed | 3,540,384 | 4,380,154 |
| Unlisted | 6,194,577 | 10,012,088 |
| | 9,734,961 | 14,392,242 |

The fair value of other assets measured at amortised cost is based on quoted market bid prices. The following tables show the fair value hierarchy for other assets measured at amortised cost with fair values, which measured using fair value hierarchy method:

| As at December 31, 2021 | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|-----------|------------|---------|------------|
| Other assets measured at amortised cost | 6,696,713 | 3,038,248 | - | 9,734,961 |
| As at December 31, 2020 | | | | |
| Other assets measured at amortised cost | 4,140,124 | 10,252,118 | | 14,392,242 |

There were no overdue financial investments as at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 for the Group. The Group did not hold any asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities and collateralised debt obligations.

For the year ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, there were no significant movements in the gross balances of other assets measured at amortised cost that resulted in significant changes to the expected credit loss allowances.

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16 Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives include forward, swap and option transactions undertaken by the Group in the foreign exchange, interest rate and equity markets. The Group uses derivatives for trading activities and sale to customers as risk management products. These positions are actively managed through entering into offsetting deals with external parties to ensure the Group's net exposures are within acceptable risk levels. No significant proprietary positions were maintained by the Group as at the reporting date. The Group also uses these derivatives in the management of its own asset and liability portfolios and structural positions.

The following table provides an analysis of the notional amounts, carrying amounts and credit risk weighted amounts of derivatives of the Group as at the reporting date.

| | | December 31, 2021 | | | December 31, 2021 | | | December | 31, 2020 | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--|
| | Notional amount | Fair value assets | Fair value liabilities | Credit risk weighted amount | Notional amount | Fair value assets | Fair value liabilities | Credit risk weighted amount | | |
| Exchange rate contracts Forwards Options purchased Options written | 153,481,644 1,176 385,771 | 766,029 1 - | 518,173 - 915 | 1,016,831 - 234 | 118,818,571 9 305 | 1,780,639 10,514 - | 1,693,429 - 11,182 | 587,027 1,314 792 | | |
| Interest rate swaps | 17,908,209 | 115,086 | 202,772 | 188,419 | 17,659,70 | 51,517 | 441,029 | 60,433 | | |
| Currency swaps | 3,681,483 | 16,949 | 15,459 | 83,449 | 3,174,7 | 72,921 | 66,305 | 98,275 | | |
| Equity swaps | 166,200 | 552 | 17,754 | 7,417 | 217 | 1,213 | 10,329 | 1,621 | | |
| | 175,624,483 | 898,617 | 755,073 | 1,296,350 | 140,266,774 | 1,916,804 | 2,222,274 | 749,462 | | |

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17 Hedge accounting

Fair value hedge

The Group uses interest rate swaps to hedge against change in fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities arising from movements in market interest rates.

As at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the amounts relating to items designated as hedging instruments are as follows:

| | 2021 | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Carrying Amount | | |
| Devisetius financial instrumente | Notional amount | Assets Liabilitie | |
| Derivative financial instruments | | | |
| Interest rate swaps | 11,312,254 | 91,368 | 179,464 |
| | | 2020 | |
| | Carrying Amount | | Amount |
| | Notional amount | Assets | Liabilities |
| Derivative financial instruments | | | |
| Interest rate swaps | 10,902,287 | 1,464 | 386,098 |

As at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the amounts relating to hedged items are as follows:

| | 202 | 2021 | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|
| | Carrying amount | Accumulate amount of fai value hec adjustn included in the carrying amount | | |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Financial assets measured at FVOCI | 15,139,476 | | | |
| | 202 | 20 | | |
| | Carrying amount | Accumulated amount of fair value hedge adjustment included in the carrying amount | | |
| Assets: | | can yn ig antourit | | |
| Financial assets measured at FVOCI | 11,288,322 | 334,646 | | |

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17 Hedge accounting (continued)

Fair value hedge (continued)

The below table sets out the changes in the fair value of the hedged items and hedging instruments for the year ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, used as the basis for recognising ineffectiveness:

| | | Gains/(losses) a the hedg | Hedge | |
|--|---------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Hedged items | Hedging instruments | Hedged items | Hedging instruments | |
| Fair value hedge relationship | | | | |
| Assets Financial assets measured at FVOCI | Interest rate swaps | (310,633) | 311,979 | 1,346 |
| Net gains/(losses) from hedging activities | | (310,633) | 311,979 | 1,346 |
| | | | 2020 | |
| | | Gains/(losses) attributable to the hedged risk | | Hedge ineffectiveness |
| Hedged items | Hedging instruments | Hedged items | Hedging instruments | |
| Fair value hedge relationship | | | | |
| Assets Financial assets measured at FVOCI | Interest rate swaps | 213,943 | (214,363) | (420) |
| Net gains/(losses) from hedging activities | | 213,943 | (214,363) | (420) |

The table below summarises the notional amounts of the hedging instruments by remaining contractual maturity:

| | 1 month or less | 3 months or less but over 1 month | 1 year or less but over 3 months | 5 years or less but over 1 vear | Over 5 years | Total |
|---|--------------------|--|---|--|-----------------|------------|
| As at December 31, 2021 Derivative financial instruments Interest rate swaps | 389,826 | 4,038,587 | 441,048 | 3,819,271 | 2,623,522 | 11,312,254 |
| As at December 31, 2020 Derivative financial instruments Interest rate swaps | | 116,277 | 4,027,060 | 5,185,334 | 1,573,616 | 10,902,287 |

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18 Other assets

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Settlement accounts | 1,272,242 | 1,099,401 |
| Customer liability under acceptances | 221,736 | 242,648 |
| Money market trade date receivables | - | 8,000,000 |
| Accounts receivables | 571,347 | 605,935 |
| Repossessed assets | - | 1,801 |
| Refundable deposits | 744,498 | 842,504 |
| Prepaid expenses | 139,194 | 85,133 |
| Others | 155,575 | 189,546 |
| | 3,104,592 | 11,066,968 |

The fair value of other assets approximately equals their carrying amounts.

For the year ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, there were no significant movements in the gross balances of other assets that resulted in significant changes to the expected credit loss allowances.

19 Deposits from customers

Other debt securities issued at amortised cost

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--|--|
| Demand deposits and current accounts Savings deposits Time and call deposits | 32,945,883 101,312,218 242,420,180 | 29,256,487 105,643,877 233,381,001 |
| Other deposits | <u>518,564</u> 377,196,845 | 1,139,348 369,420,713 |
| Other debt securities issued | | |
| | 2021 | 2020 |

As at December 31, 2021, the fair values of other debt securities issued at amortised cost were \$757,427 (2020: \$1,957,513).

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1,912,429

21 Other liabilities

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| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Settlement accounts | 293.641 | 737,952 |
| Accounts payables | 468,153 | 410,568 |
| Acceptances outstanding | 221,736 | 242,648 |
| Accrued salaries and welfare | 673,925 | 560,861 |
| Amounts due to intermediate holding companies | 2,652,794 | 2,746,069 |
| Debt securities trade date payables | 36,547 | - |
| Accrued expenses | 30,289 | 15,926 |
| Cash collateral received | 82,175 | 255,267 |
| Expected credit loss allowances on loan and other credit related | , | , |
| commitments | 351,726 | 319,440 |
| Others | 134,001 | 125,371 |
| | 4,944,987 | 5,414,102 |

The fair value of other liabilities, except for expected credit loss allowances on loan commitments, approximately equals to their carrying amount.

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22 Contingent liabilities, commitments and leasing arrangement

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

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Direct credit substitutes | 101,818 | 371,050 |
| Transaction-related contingencies | 4,531,319 | 5,097,298 |
| Trade-related contingencies | 1,251,725 | 1,614,033 |
| Other commitments | | |
| which are unconditionally cancellable or automatically cancellable due | | |
| to the deterioration in the credit worthiness of the borrower | 56,675,692 | 55,023,274 |
| with an original maturity under one year | 1,741,383 | 2,306,442 |
| with an original maturity over one year | 41,900,422 | 41,398,215 |
| | 106,202,359 | 105,810,312 |

Contingent liabilities and commitments are credit-related instruments which include letters of credit, guarantees and commitments to extend credit. The risk involved is essentially the same as the credit risk involved in extending loan facilities to customers. These transactions are, therefore, subject to the same credit application, portfolio maintenance and collateral requirements as for customers applying for the loans. The contractual amounts represent the amounts at risk should the contract be fully drawn upon and the client defaults. As the facilities may expire without being drawn upon, the contract amounts do not represent expected future cash flows.

Operating leases – Group as lessor

The Group has entered into operating leases, as a lessor, on the usage of the Group's office premises rental. These leases have terms of between 1 and 3 years. Rental income recognised by the Group for the year ended December 31, 2021 was \$46,970 (2020: \$31,873).

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as at December 31 were, as follows:

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|--------|--------|
| Within one year | 26,839 | 18,445 |
| After one year but within two years, inclusive | 15,924 | - |
| After two years but within three years, inclusive | 4,865 | - |
| | 47,628 | 18,445 |

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23 Segmental information

(a) Reportable segments

The Group manages its businesses by divisions, which are organised by products services and customer types. In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, the Group has presented the following four reportable segments.

(i) Corporate, institutional and commercial banking

This segment mainly represents the provision of a range of financial products and services to corporations, financial institutions and small and medium sized enterprises. The products and services mainly include commercial loans, syndicated loans, commercial mortgages, trade financing, foreign exchange and deposit-taking activities.

(ii) Consumer banking

This segment mainly represents the provision of a range of financial products and services to individual customers. The products and services mainly comprise residential mortgages, personal loans, credit cards, auto-financing, deposit-taking activities, foreign exchange, wealth management, insurance and securities agency services.

(iii) Treasury & management pool

This segment covers the Bank's treasury operations and management of shareholders' funds. The Treasury Division enters into inter-bank money market transactions and invests in debt instruments. It also trades in debt instruments, derivatives and foreign currency for its own account and carries out customer driven derivatives such as foreign currency transactions. Its function also includes the management of the Group's overall liquidity position, including the issuance of certificates of deposit.

(iv) Others

This segment mainly represents investments in premises, subsidiaries and others.

Segment assets and liabilities are mainly composed of placement with banks, advances to banks and customers, investment securities, derivatives financial instruments, deposits and balances with banks, deposits from customers and other debt securities issued.

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to interest income and fee and commission income generated by these segments and the expenses incurred by these segments or which otherwise arise from the depreciation or amortisation of assets attributable to these segments.

The primary revenue stream of the Group is derived from net interest income and net fees and commission income. The executive management relies to a large extent on net interest income and net fees and commission income in managing its business. Hence, net interest income and net fees and commission income for all reportable segments are presented under segmental information.

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23 Segmental information (continued)

(a) Reportable segments (continued)

| | 2021 | | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| | Corporate, institutional and commercial banking | Consumer banking | Treasury & management pool | Others | Inter-segment elimination | Total | | |
| Net interest income | 2,575,741 | 1,492,360 | 1,152,934 | (3,489) | - | 5,217,546 | | |
| Net fees and commission income | 681,681 | 694,852 | (16,288) | 534,178 | - | 1,894,423 | | |
| Total operating income — External — Inter-segment | 4,978,296 (1,484,183) | 517,232 1,763,224 | 1,799,899 (279,024) | 590,894 (17) | | 7,886,321 | | |
| Total operating income | 3,494,113 | 2,280,456 | 1,520,875 | 590,877 | - | 7,886,321 | | |
| Depreciation | (108,127) | (352,729) | (22,439) | (92,593) | - | (575,888) | | |
| Total operating expenses | (894,084) | (1,648,943) | (232,025) | (486,260) | - | (3,261,312) | | |
| Operating profit before impairment losses (Charge on)/release of expected credit | 2,600,029 | 631,513 | 1,288,850 | 104,617 | | 4,625,009 | | |
| losses and other impairment | (690,256) | (53,422) | (1,185) | (300) | - | (745,163) | | |
| Non-operating income/(losses) | | (411) | | 60,433 | <u> </u> | 60,022 | | |
| Profit before taxation | 1,909,773 | 577,680 | 1,287,665 | 164,750 | - | 3,939,868 | | |
| As at December 31, 2021 | | | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 275,485,726 | 58,825,099 | 154,748,345 | 9,122,483 | (891,436) | 497,290,217 | | |
| Total liabilities | 176,540,895 | 208,883,414 | 29,186,961 | 3,831,301 | (891,436) | 417,551,135 | | |

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23 Segmental information (continued)

(a) Reportable segments (continued)

| | 2020 | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Corporate, institutional and commercial banking | Consumer banking | Treasury & management pool | Others | Inter-segment elimination | | |
| Net interest income | 2,561,418 | 1,649,351 | 1,184,678 | (4,684) | - | 5,390,763 | |
| Net fees and commission income | 627,250 | 624,491 | (10,047) | 659,005 | - | 1,900,699 | |
| Total operating income — External — Inter-segment | 6,123,821 (2,499,729) | (1,301,981) 3,681,502 | 2,705,385 (1,177,680) | 722,029 (4,093) | - | 8,249,254 | |
| Total operating income | 3,624,092 | 2,379,521 | 1,527,705 | 717,936 | | 8,249,254 | |
| Depreciation | (100,216) | (338,101) | (17,084) | (113,054) | - | (568,455) | |
| Total operating expenses | (861,482) | (1,718,520) | (164,571) | (606,408) | - | (3,350,981) | |
| Operating profit before impairment losses (Charge on)/release of expected credit | 2,762,610 | 661,001 | 1,363,134 | 111,528 | - | 4,898,273 | |
| losses and other impairment Non-operating income/(losses) | 71,434 (330) | (546,358) (853) | 38,937 | (700) 59,632 | - | (436,687) 58,449 | |
| Profit before taxation | 2,833,714 | 113,790 | 1,402,071 | 170,460 | - | 4,520,035 | |
| As at December 31, 2020 | | | | | | | |
| Total assets | 254,616,898 | 50,515,763 | 161,806,511 | 8,365,027 | (798,761) | 474,505,438 | |
| Total liabilities | 152,399,368 | 222,385,383 | 18,333,997 | 4,860,886 | (798,761) | 397,180,873 | |

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23 Segmental information (continued)

(b) Geographical information

The following table sets out information about the geographical location of the Group's total operating income, profit before taxation, total assets, total liabilities, specified non-current assets, contingent liabilities and commitments. The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the services were provided. Segment assets or liabilities are based on the geographical location of the asset or liabilities. Specified non-current assets comprise fixed assets, right-of-use assets and interest in a joint venture and the geographical location is based on the physical location of the asset for fixed assets, and the location of the operation to which they are allocated for intangible assets, interest in a joint venture.

| | Total operating | Profit before taxation | Total assets | Total liabilities | Specified non-current assets | Contingent liabilities and commitments |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| As at December 31, 2021 | | | | | | |
| Hong Kong (place of domicile) | 7,886,321 | 3,939,868 | 497,290,217 | 417,551,135 | 6,101,086 | 106,202,359 |
| | Total operating income | Profit before taxation | Total assets | Total liabilities | Specified non-current assets | Contingent liabilities and commitments |
| As at December 31, 2020 | | | | | | |
| Hong Kong (place of domicile) | 8,249,254 | 4,520,035 | 474,505,438 | 397,180,873 | 6,443,529 | 105,810,312 |

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24 Immediate parent and ultimate controlling party

At December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Bank's immediate parent is CCB Overseas Holdings Limited ("CCBOHL"), a company incorporated in Hong Kong. CCBOHL is controlled by CCBC. Central Huijin Investment Ltd. is the controlling party of CCBC, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Investment Corporation which is a wholly stateowned investment and management company. The Group's intermediate parent, CCBC, which is a listed bank incorporated in the Mainland China, produces financial statements available for public use.

25 Events after the reporting period

There are no significant events after the reporting period.

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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1 Corporate governance principles and practices

The Group is committed to maintaining and upholding high standards of corporate governance with a view to safeguarding the interests of shareholders, customers, employees and other stakeholders. The Group has followed the module on "Corporate Governance of Locally Incorporated Authorised Institutions" under the Supervisory Policy Manual issued by the HKMA. The Group constantly reviews and enhances its corporate governance framework, by making reference to market trend as well as guidelines and requirements issued by regulatory authorities, to ensure that it is in line with international and local corporate governance best practices. The Audit Committee of the Group has reviewed the results of the Group for the year ended December 31, 2021.

2 Announcement and statutory financial statements

This announcement is published on the Group's website (<u>http://www.asia.ccb.com/hongkong</u>) by April 29, 2022. The statutory financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 will be published on the aforesaid website by the end of June 2022.

3 Other financial information

To comply with the Banking (Disclosure) Rules, the Group has set up a "Regulatory Disclosures" section on its website (<u>http://www.asia.ccb.com/hongkong</u>) to house the information related to the disclosure requirements in a document "Regulatory Disclosure Statement" required by the Banking (Disclosure) Rules. The Regulatory Disclosure Statement, together with the disclosures in the Group's statutory financial statements, contained all the disclosures required by the Banking (Disclosure) Rules issued by the HKMA.