

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

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

# GROUP INTERIM FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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#### **REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES**

The Bank achieved a strong performance for the six months ended 30 June 2024 with income grew 9% to HK\$8,208 million.

Interest income rose 6% to HK\$5,476 million benefited from higher interest rates despite sluggish loan demand. Loans and advances to customers edged up to HK\$264 billion while deposits and balances from customers were stable at HK\$390 billion from the end of 2023. Net interest margin increased to 2.41% for the first-half 2024. Non-interest income also grew 16% to HK\$2,732 million led by wealth management.

Expenses for the period rose 10% to HK\$3,152 million largely due to a one-off cost recovery in prior period and higher staff costs for the first-half 2024. Cost to income ratio remained healthy at 38%. Operating profits for the period were HK\$5,056 million, a growth of 8% compared to the same period of last year.

Allowances for credit and other losses were HK\$628 million for the period, mainly attributable to higher general allowances while a write back was reported in prior year. Specific allowances were HK\$225 million, 10% higher comparing with the same period of last year. The allowance reserves amounted to HK\$3,851 million, allowance coverage was maintained at an adequate level of 106%.

Net profit was HK\$3,725 million for the six months ended 30 June 2024. Return on equity was at 15.8%.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (unaudited)

	For the six months ended	
	30 June	30 June
Note	2024	2023
3	10,961	9,376
4	(5,485)	(4,186)
	5,476	5,190
5	2,095	1,738
6	589	541
7	17	43
8	31	34
	8,208	7,546
9	(3,152)	(2,869)
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	5,056	4,677
10	(628)	(185)
	4,428	4,492
11	(703)	(701)
	3,725	3,791
-	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	30 June 2024  3 10,961 4 (5,485)  5,476  5 2,095  6 589 7 17 8 31  8,208 9 (3,152)  10 (628)  11 4,428 11 (703)

## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** (unaudited)

	For the six months ended	
In HK\$ millions	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Profit attributable to shareholders	3,725	3,791
From attributable to shareholders	3,725	3,791
Other comprehensive income:		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to		
income statement:		
Debt instruments classified at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")		
Net valuation taken to equity	33	114
<ul> <li>Transferred to income statement</li> </ul>	(6)	(8)
<ul> <li>Deferred income tax credited to equity</li> </ul>	(5)	(24)
Cash flow hedge		
<ul> <li>Net valuation taken to equity</li> </ul>	(331)	(335)
<ul> <li>Transferred to income statement</li> </ul>	434	274
<ul> <li>Deferred income tax credited to equity</li> </ul>	(17)	10
Items that will not be reclassified to income statement:		
Equity instruments classified at FVOCI		
<ul> <li>Net valuation taken to equity</li> </ul>	182	(11)
Other comprehensive income attributable to		
shareholders, net of tax	290	20
Total comprehensive income attributable to		
shareholders	4,015	3,811

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (unaudited)

In HK\$ millions	Note	As at 30 June 2024	As at 31 December 2023
Assets			
Cash and balances with central banks	13	3,146	1,415
Government securities and treasury bills	14	69,767	63,577
Due from banks	15	90,152	102,247
Derivatives	22	4,250	3,010
Bank and corporate securities	16	35,700	22,169
Loans and advances to customers	17	264,273	262,591
Other assets	18	6,358	8,782
Properties and other fixed assets	19	3,730	3,830
Total assets		477,376	467,621
Liabilities			
Due to banks		12,276	8,560
Deposits and balances from customers	20	390,237	390,599
Derivatives	22	3,853	3,558
Other liabilities		17,965	15,833
Subordinated liability	21	2,342	2,343
Total liabilities		426,673	420,893
Equity			
Share capital		8,995	8,995
Other equity instruments	23	1,400	1,400
Reserves		40,308	36,333
Total equity		50,703	46,728
Total liabilities and equity		477,376	467,621

## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY** (unaudited)

In HK\$ millions	Share capital	Other equity instruments	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance as at 1 January 2024	8,995	1,400	(15)	36,348	46,728
Total comprehensive income	-	-	290	3,725	4,015
Dividends (Note 12)				(40)	(40)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	8,995	1,400	275	40,033	50,703
Balance as at 1 January 2023	8,995	1,400	(1,559)	34,607	43,443
Total comprehensive income	-	-	20	3,791	3,811
Dividends (Note 12)				(40)	(40)
Balance as at 30 June 2023	8,995	1,400	(1,539)	38,358	47,214
Total comprehensive income	-	-	1,524	3,490	5,014
Dividends (Note 12)				(5,500)	(5,500)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	8,995	1,400	(15)	36,348	46,728

As at 30 June 2024, HK\$176 million was earmarked from the retained earnings (31 December 2023: HK\$573 million). The regulatory reserve is maintained to satisfy the provisions of the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance for prudential supervision purposes. Movements in the reserve were made directly through retained earnings and in consultation with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA").

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (unaudited)

		For the six mont	For the six months ended	
		30 June	30 June	
In HK\$ millions	Note	2024	2023	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit before income tax		4,428	4,492	
Adjustments for non-cash items:				
Allowances for credit and other losses		628	185	
Depreciation and amortisation		251	266	
Advances and other assets written off Recoveries of advances and other assets		(263)	(214)	
written off		33	29	
Interest expense for subordinated liability		86	78	
Interest expense on lease liabilities	27(a)	11	9	
Profit before changes in operating assets				
and liabilities		5,174	4,845	
Increase/(decrease) in:				
Due to banks		3,716	(1,005)	
Deposits and balances from customers		(362)	(30,787)	
Other liabilities and derivatives		1,905	8,355	
Certificates of deposit issued		-	(2,098)	
Decrease/(increase) in:				
Due from banks		(7,026)	(1,766)	
Government securities and treasury bills		(1,169)	(8,723)	
Loans and advances to customers		(2,062)	7,621	
Bank and corporate securities		(13,340)	758 (700)	
Other assets and derivatives		1,217	(788)	
Net cash used in operating activities before				
income tax		(11,947)	(23,588)	
Hong Kong profits tax paid		_	(221)	
Overseas tax paid			(1)	
Net cash used in operating activities		(11,947)	(23,810)	

## **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT** (unaudited)

		For the six months ended	
		30 June	30 June
In HK\$ millions	Note	2024	2023
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets		(166)	(88)
Net cash used in investing activities		(166)	(88)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Principal element of lease payments	27(a)	(131)	(130)
Interest element of lease payments	27(a)	(11)	(9)
Dividends Paid*	12	(40)	(40)
Interest paid for subordinated liability		(86)	(77)
Net cash used in financing activities		(268)	(256)
Exchange differences and other adjustments		(1)	11
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(12,382)	(24,143)
Cash and cash equivalents as at		07.007	07.450
1 January		87,867	97,450
Cash and cash equivalents as at 30 June	27(b)	75,485	73,307

<sup>\*</sup> includes distributions paid on capital securities classified as equity (2024: HK\$40 million; 2023: HK\$40 million)

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 1 Scope of consolidation

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

For regulatory reporting purposes, the Bank computes key regulatory ratios on a combined basis including the Bank and its overseas branch that is different from the basis of consolidation for accounting purposes. The basis is set out in the Regulatory Disclosure Statements. The disclosures of regulatory capital, liquidity and other disclosures are available in the section of Regulatory Disclosures on our website https://www.dbs.com/hongkong/en/financials/financial-results.page.

#### 2 Basis of preparation

#### 2.1 Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in preparing this condensed consolidated financial statements are in compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, Interim Financial Reporting, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and are the same as those applied in preparing the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 as disclosed in the Annual Report for 2023.

The adoption of new or amendments to HKFRS and interpretations effective from 1 January 2024 do not have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

#### 2.2 Accounting estimates

## Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of interim financial statements requires management to exercise judgements, use estimates and make assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts in the financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ from these estimates. In preparing these condensed consolidated financial statements, critical accounting estimates and assumptions used that are significant to the interim financial statements, and areas involving a higher degree of judgement and complexity were the same as those disclosed in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 2 Basis of preparation (continued)

#### 2.3 Condensed consolidated financial statements and statutory financial statements

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 December 2023 that is included in this Group Interim Financial Disclosures Statements as comparative information does not constitute the Group's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is as follows:

The Bank has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The Group's auditor has reported on those financial statements. The auditor's report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

## 2.4 Compliance with the Banking (Disclosure) Rules

The condensed consolidated financial statements together with Regulatory Disclosure Statements fulfill the disclosure requirements in accordance with the Banking (Disclosure) Rules.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

#### 3 Interest income

	For the six months ended	
In HK\$ millions	<b>30 June 2024</b> 30 June 202	
Cash and balances with central banks and due		
from banks	2,583	1,792
Customer non-trade loans	6,278	5,902
Trade assets	285	307
Securities and others	1,815	1,375
Total interest income	10,961	9,376
Comprising:		
Interest income from financial assets at fair value		
through profit or loss ("FVPL")	172	166
Interest income from financial assets at FVOCI Interest income from financial assets at	1,240	900
amortised cost	9,549	8,310
	10,961	9,376

## 4 Interest expense

In HK\$ millions	For the six months ended 30 June 2024 30 June 2023	
Deposits and balances from customers	5,154	3,821
Interest expense on subordinated liability	86	78
Other interest expense	245	287
Total interest expense	5,485	4,186
Comprising: Interest expense from financial liabilities at FVPL Interest expense from financial liabilities not at	329	134
FVPL <sup>(a)</sup>	5,156	4,052
	5,485	4,186

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes interest expense on lease liabilities of HK\$11 million (2023: HK\$9 million).

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 5 Net fee and commission income

In HK\$ millions	For the six months ended 30 June 2024 30 June 202	
III TIIV IIIIIIOIIS	30 Julie 2024	
Fee and commission income Less: Fee and commission expense	2,451 (356)	2,082 (344)
Net fee and commission income	2,095	1,738
Comprising:  - Wealth management  - Trade and transaction services <sup>(a)</sup> - Cards  - Loan-related	1,297 469 162 167	1,040 411 130 157
	2,095	1,738
(e) Includes trade & remittances, guarantees and deposit-related fees.		
Of which:  Fee and commission income arising from:  - Financial assets or financial liabilities not at  FVPL  - Trust or other fiduciary activities	693 42	614 39
Fee and commission expense arising from:  - Financial assets or financial liabilities not at FVPL	279	258

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 6 Net trading income

For the six mo	onths ended
30 June 2024	30 June 2023
520	508
17	(47)
537	461
52	80
589	541
	520 17 537

## 7 Net income from investment securities

	For the six mo	nths ended
In HK\$ millions	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
Debt securities at:		
– FVOCI	9	8
<ul><li>Amortised cost</li></ul>	2	20
Equity securities at FVOCI	6	15
Total	17	43
Of which:		
Dividend income from:		
<ul><li>Unlisted investments</li></ul>	6	15
Total	6	15

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

#### 8 Other income

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		For the six months ended			
In HK\$ millions	30 June 2024	30 June 2023			
Rental income	11	10			
Others	20	24			
Total	31	34			
Total expenses					
	For the six mo				
In HK\$ millions	30 June 2024	30 June 2023			
Employee benefits					
<ul> <li>Salaries and other short-term employee</li> </ul>					
benefits	2,036	1,862			
<ul><li>Pensions</li></ul>	116	108			
<ul> <li>Share-based compensation</li> </ul>	50	50			
Premises and equipment expenses excluding					
depreciation					
<ul> <li>Expenses relating to short-term leases and</li> </ul>					
low-value assets	3	2			
<ul><li>Others</li></ul>	107	87			
Depreciation expenses					
<ul> <li>Owned properties and other fixed assets</li> </ul>	121	137			
<ul> <li>Leased properties and other fixed assets</li> </ul>	130	129			
Auditor's remuneration	5	5			
Computerisation expenses	177	160			
Other operating expenses	407	329			
Total	3,152	2,869			

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

#### 10 Allowances for credit and other losses

In HK\$ millions		For the six months ended 30 June 2024 30 June 2023			
Specific allowances	005	004			
Loans and advances to customers Off-balance sheet credit exposures and other assets	225	204			
General allowances  Loans and advances to customers  Off-balance sheet credit exposures and other	386	(3)			
assets	17	(17)			
Total	<u>628</u>	185			

#### 11 Income tax expense

	For the six months ended			
In HK\$ millions	30 June 2024	30 June 2023		
Hong Kong profits tax	759	661		
Overseas tax	1	3		
Current income tax	760	664		
Deferred income tax	(57)	37		
		701		

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at 16.5% (first half of 2023: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period. Taxation for an overseas branch is charged at the appropriate current rate of taxation ruling in the jurisdiction in which it operates.

#### 12 Dividends

The distributions paid on Perpetual Capital Securities ("PCS") were HK\$40 million during 2024.

Interim dividend of HK\$5,500 million for ordinary shareholders and distributions of HK\$40 million for holder of PCS were paid during 2023.

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 13 Cash and balances with central banks

		As at	As at
		30 June	31 December
<u>Ir</u>	n HK\$ millions	2024	2023
С	Cash in hand	591	631
В	Balances with central banks	2,555	784
		3,146	1,415
14 G	Sovernment securities and treasury bills		
		As at	As at
		30 June	31 December
lr —	n HK\$ millions	2024	2023
N	Mandatorily at FVPL	6,561	2,950
F	VOCI	53,271	50,460
Α	mortised cost	9,935	10,168
		69,767	63,578
A	Illowances for credit and other losses		(1)

As at 30 June 2024, there were no impaired, overdue or rescheduled FVOCI and amortised cost financial assets (31 December 2023: Nil).

As at 30 June 2024, the fair value of the above debt securities classified as amortised cost was HK\$9,741 million (31 December 2023: HK\$10,037 million).

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

#### 15 Due from banks

In HK\$ millions	As at 30 June 2024	As at 31 December 2023
Balances with banks	6,626	7,342
Placements with and advances to banks	83,527	94,906
Gross amount due from banks Allowances for credit and other losses	90,153 (1)	102,248 (1)
Net amount due from banks	90,152	102,247

As at 30 June 2024, there were no impaired, overdue or rescheduled placements with and advances to banks (31 December 2023: Nil).

## 16 Bank and corporate securities

In HK\$ millions	As at 30 June 2024	As at 31 December 2023
Mandatorily at FVPL FVOCI Amortised cost	9,316 14,095 12,293	793 11,802 9,575
Allowances for credit and other losses	35,704 (4)	22,170 (1)
	35,700	22,169

As at 30 June 2024, there were no impaired, overdue or rescheduled FVOCI and amortised cost financial assets (31 December 2023: Nil).

As at 30 June 2024, the fair value of the above debt securities classified as amortised cost was HK\$12,141 million (31 December 2023: HK\$9,494 million).

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 17 Loans and advances to customers

In HK\$ millions	As at 30 June 2024	As at 31 December 2023
Gross loans and advances to customers Reverse repurchase agreements	267,842 119	265,880 —
Less: Allowances for credit and other losses  – Specific allowances  – General allowances	(1,253) (2,435)	(1,240) (2,049)
	264,273	262,591
Comprising:  - Trade bills  - Loans  - Reverse repurchase agreements	4,325 259,829 119	1,374 261,217 
	264,273	262,591

## Impaired advances

		% of gross loans and advances to	As at 31 Dec	ember 2023 % of gross loans and advances to
	HK\$ millions	customers	HK\$ millions	customers
Gross impaired advances Specific allowances	3,493 (1,253)	1.30	2,938 (1,240)	1.11
	2,240		1,698	
Impaired advances covered by collateral	1,971		1,357	

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

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 17 Loans and advances to customers (continued)

The table below shows the movements in specific and general allowances during the period.

In HK\$ millions	Balance at 1 January	Charge to income statement	Recoveries	Write-off	Exchange and other movements	Balance at 30 June
2024						
Specific allowances						
Loans and advances to customers	1,240	225	33	(263)	18	1,253
Others <sup>(a)</sup>	7				1	8
Total specific allowances	1,247	225	33	(263)	19	1,261
General allowances						
Loans and advances to customers	2,049	386	-	-	-	2,435
Others <sup>(a)</sup>	138	17				155
Total general allowances	2,187	403				2,590
Total allowances for credit and other						
losses	3,434	628	33	(263)	19	3,851

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 17 Loans and advances to customers (continued)

In HK\$ millions	Balance at 1 January	Charge to income statement	Recoveries	Write-off	Exchange and other movements	Balance at 30 June
2023						
Specific allowances						
Loans and advances to customers	1,459	204	29	(214)	28	1,506
Others <sup>(a)</sup>	8	1				9
Total specific allowances	1,467	205	29	(214)	28	1,515
General allowances						
Loans and advances to customers	2,005	(3)	-	_	_	2,002
Others <sup>(a)</sup>	156	(17)				139
Total general allowances	2,161	(20)				2,141
Total allowances for credit and other	2 620	405	20	(244)	20	0.050
losses	3,628	185 		(214)	28	3,656

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes allowances for off-balance sheet exposures, other assets, government securities and treasury bills, bank and corporate securities and due from banks.

#### 18 Other assets

The balance as at 30 June 2024 included allowances for credit and other losses of HK\$11 million (31 December 2023: HK\$9 million).

## 19 Properties and other fixed assets

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
In HK\$ millions	2024	2023
Owned properties and other fixed assets (a)	2,167	2,122
Leased properties and other fixed assets (b)	1,563	1,708
	3,730	3,830

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 19 Properties and other fixed assets (continued)

## (a) Owned properties and other fixed assets

			Furniture,			
	Freehold		fixtures			
	land and	Land and	and		Investment	
In HK\$ millions	building	buildings	equipment	Subtotal	properties	Total
Cost						
As at 1 January 2024	23	2,335	2,848	5,206	33	5,239
Additions	_	2	164	166	_	166
Disposals/written off		(4)	(30)	(34)		(34)
As at 30 June 2024	23	2,333	2,982	5,338	33	5,371
Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
As at 1 January 2024	17	977	2,102	3,096	21	3,117
Charge for the period	_	7	114	121	_	121
Disposals/written off		(4)	(30)	(34)		(34)
As at 30 June 2024	17	980	2,186	3,183	21	3,204
Net book value						
As at 30 June 2024	6	1,353	796	2,155	12	2,167

## NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 19 Properties and other fixed assets (continued)

## (a) Owned properties and other fixed assets (continued)

	Freehold	Landand	Furniture,		lare started	
In HK\$ millions	land and building	buildings	fixtures and equipment	Subtotal	Investment properties	Total
·		<b>_</b>			F - F	
Cost						
As at 1 January 2023	23	2,350	2,643	5,016	33	5,049
Additions	_	25	247	272	_	272
Disposals/written off		(40)	(42)	(82)		(82)
As at 31 December 2023	23	2,335	2,848	5,206	33	5,239
Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
As at 1 January 2023	17	997	1,895	2,909	21	2,930
Charge for the year	_	20	248	268	_	268
Disposals/written off		(40)	(41)	(81)		(81)
As at 31 December 2023	17	977	2,102	3,096	21	3,117
Net book value						
As at 31 December 2023	6	1,358	746	2,110	12	2,122

## (b) Leased properties and other fixed assets

		Other fixed	
In HK\$ millions	Properties	assets	Total
As at 1 January 2024 Additions of right-of-use assets during	1,586	122	1,708
the period	5	_	5
Changes of lease terms	(20)	_	(20)
Depreciation charge for the period	(120)	(10)	(130)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	1,451	112	1,563

#### NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

## 19 Properties and other fixed assets (continued)

## (b) Leased properties and other fixed assets (continued)

		Other fixed	
In HK\$ millions	Properties	assets	Total
As at 1 January 2023 Additions of right-of-use assets during	1,602	141	1,743
the year	186	_	186
Changes of lease terms	43	_	43
Depreciation charge for the year	(245)	(19)	(264)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	1,586	122	1,708

The Group's leases comprise primarily office premises, branches and data centres.

#### 20 Deposits and balances from customers

In HK\$ millions	As at 30 June 2024	As at 31 December 2023
Deposits from customers at amortised cost Structured investment deposits classified as	382,037	381,519
financial liabilities designated at FVPL	8,200	9,080
	390,237	390,599
Analysed by:  - Demand deposits and current accounts	45,423	49,561
Savings deposits	140,046	140,563
<ul> <li>Time, call and notice deposits</li> </ul>	204,768	200,475
	390,237	390,599

## 21 Subordinated liability

On 13 December 2022, the Bank issued a new subordinated loan (the "Loan") of US\$300 million to DBS Group Holdings Ltd ("DBSH"). Interest on the Loan is payable quarterly at USD 3-month Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") plus 1.87% per annum. The Loan has a repayment date of 13 December 2032 and may be prepaid on 13 December 2027 or any date thereafter. The terms require the Loan to be written off if and when the HKMA notifies the Bank that a write-off, or a public sector injection of capital (or equivalent support), is necessary, without which the Bank would become non-viable. In addition, the lender of the Loan is subject to the exercise of the Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power by the relevant Hong Kong Resolution Authority. The Loan qualifies as Tier 2 capital of the Bank under the Banking (Capital) Rules made by the HKMA.

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## 22 Derivatives

The following is a summary of each significant type of derivatives:

In HK\$ millions	Contract/ notional amount	Positive fair values	Negative fair values
As at 30 June 2024			
Interest rate derivatives  – Interest rate swaps	81,921	835	2,556
Sub-total	81,921	835	2,556
Foreign exchange (FX) derivatives  – FX contracts  – Currency swaps  – Currency options	78,195 26,476 46,408	454 2,391 455	393 337 455
Sub-total	151,079	3,300	1,185
Equity derivative contracts Credit derivative contracts Commodity derivative contracts	4,025 4,474 186	101 5 9	101 2 9
Gross total derivatives	241,685	4,250	3,853
Included in the above are derivatives held for:			
Fair value hedges  – Interest rate swaps	165		1
Sub-total	165		1
Cash flow hedges  - Interest rate swaps  - FX contracts  - Currency swaps	30,300 2,679 9,291	22 2,054	1,792 _ 
Sub-total	42,270	2,076	1,792
Total derivatives held for hedging	42,435	2,076	1,793

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## 22 Derivatives (continued)

In HK\$ millions	Contract/ notional amount	Positive fair values	Negative fair values
As at 31 December 2023			
Interest rate derivatives  – Interest rate swaps	76,073	849	2,663
Sub-total	76,073	849	2,663
Foreign exchange (FX) derivatives  - FX contracts  - Currency swaps  - Currency options  Sub-total  Equity derivative contracts Credit derivative contracts Commodity derivative contracts Gross total derivatives	88,798 18,005 42,935 149,738 1,444 172 227,427	2,118 40 - 3 3,010	516 186 150 852 40 - 3 3,558
Included in the above are derivatives held for:			
Fair value hedges  – Interest rate swaps			
Sub-total			
Cash flow hedges  - Interest rate swaps  - FX contracts  - Currency swaps	30,600 - 9,387	_ _ 1,207	1,882 - 65
Sub-total	39,987	1,207	1,947
Total derivatives held for hedging	39,987	1,207	1,947

The amounts are shown on a gross basis and do not take into account the effect of bilateral netting arrangements. The contract or notional amounts of these instruments indicate the volume of transactions outstanding as at the end of the reporting period; they do not represent amounts at risk.

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## 23 Other equity instruments

On 13 January 2022, the Bank issued Perpetual Capital Securities ("PCS") of HK\$1,400 million to its parent holding company, DBSH. Distributions are payable annually at the rate of 2.86% per annum at the discretion of the Bank. The PCS are redeemable on 13 January 2027 or any date thereafter. The terms require the PCS to be written off if and when the HKMA notifies the Bank that a write-off, or a public sector injection of capital (or equivalent support), is necessary, without which the Bank would become non-viable. In addition, the holder of the PCS is subject to the exercise of the Hong Kong Resolution Authority Power by the relevant Hong Kong Resolution Authority. The PCS qualify as Additional Tier 1 capital of the Bank under the Banking (Capital) Rules made by the HKMA.

## 24 Contingent liabilities and commitments

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

	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
In HK\$ millions	2024	2023
Direct credit substitutes	139	151
Transaction-related contingencies	5,243	5,327
Trade-related contingencies	5,831	6,145
Forward forward deposits placed	1,562	_
Other commitments with an original maturity of		
not more than one year	7,012	4,754
Other commitments with an original maturity of		
more than one year	24,143	25,718
Other commitments which are unconditionally	·	
cancellable	189,188	199,441
	233,118	241,536
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Credit risk-weighted amount	26,626	25,138

The information is prepared with reference to the Banking (Capital) Rules.

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#### 25 Fair Value of financial instruments

## (a) Valuation process

The valuation processes within the Group are governed by the Valuation Policy and Supporting Standards. These policy and standards apply to financial assets and liabilities where mark-to-market or model valuation is required. The overall framework is endorsed by Group Market and Liquidity Risk Committee and Risk Executive Committee before approval by the Board Risk Management Committee.

The Valuation policy and Supporting Standards govern the revaluation of all financial assets and liabilities that are fair value measured, covering both market prices as well as model inputs. Financial assets and liabilities are marked directly using reliable and independent market prices or by using reliable and independent market parameters (as model inputs) in conjunction with a valuation model. Products with a liquid market or those traded via an exchange will fall under the former while most over-the-counter ("OTC") products will form the latter. Market parameters include interest rate yield curves, credit spreads, exchange prices, dividend yields, option volatilities and foreign exchange rates.

Valuation models go through an assurance process carried out by the Risk Management Group, independent of the model developers. This assurance process would review the underlying methodology including its logic and conceptual soundness together with the model inputs and outputs. Model assurances are conducted prior to implementation and subject to regular review or when there are significant changes arising from market or portfolio changes. Where necessary, the Group also imposes model reserves and other adjustments in determining fair value. Models are approved by the Group Market and Liquidity Risk Committee.

The majority of OTC derivatives are traded in active markets. Valuations are determined using generally accepted models (discounted cash flows, Black-Scholes model, interpolation techniques) based on quoted market prices for similar instruments or underlying instruments or market parameters.

A process of independent price verification ("IPV") is in place to establish the accuracy of the market parameters used when the marking is performed by the Front Office. The IPV process entails independent checks to compare traders' marks to independent sources such as broker/dealer sources or market consensus providers. The results of the IPV are reviewed by independent control functions on a monthly basis.

For illiquid financial instruments where mark-to-market is not possible, the Group will value these products using an approved valuation model. Prices and parameters used as inputs to the model or to any intermediate technique involving a transformation process must be derived using approved market reliable sources. Where possible, the inputs must be checked against multiple sources for reliability and accuracy. Reliance will be placed on the model assurance process established by Risk Management Group for assurance of valuation models as fit for purpose.

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#### **25** Fair Value of financial instruments (continued)

#### (a) Valuation process (continued)

The Group uses various market accepted benchmark interest rates such as SOFR and Swap Offer Rates to determine the fair value of the financial instruments.

Where unobservable inputs are used in these models resulting in Level 3 classification, valuation adjustments or reserves will be taken for the purpose of adjusting for uncertainty in valuations. Valuation adjustment or reserve methodologies are used to substantiate the unobservable inputs and attempt to quantify the level of uncertainty in valuations. Such methodologies are governed by the Valuation Policy and Supporting Standards and require approval by the Group Market and Liquidity Risk Committee.

The main valuation adjustments and reserves are described below:

#### Model and Parameter Uncertainty Adjustments

Valuation uncertainties may occur during fair value measurement either due to uncertainties in the required input parameters or uncertainties in the modelling methods used in the valuation process. In such situations, adjustments may be necessary to take these factors into account.

For example, where market data such as prices or rates for an instrument are no longer observable after an extended period of time, these inputs used to value the financial instruments may no longer be relevant in the current market conditions. In such situations, adjustments may be necessary to address the pricing uncertainty arising from the use of stale market data inputs.

#### Credit Valuation Adjustments

Credit valuation adjustments are taken to reflect the impact on fair value of counterparty credit risk. Credit valuation adjustments are based upon the creditworthiness of the counterparties, magnitude of the current or potential exposure on the underlying transactions, netting and collateral arrangements, and the maturity of the underlying transactions.

#### Day 1 Profit or Loss (P&L) Reserve

In situations where the market for an instrument is not active and its fair value is established using a valuation model based on significant unobservable market parameters, Day 1 P&L reserve is utilised to defer the P&L arising from the difference between the transaction price and the model value. A market parameter is defined as being significant when its impact on the Day 1 P&L is greater than an internally determined threshold. The Day 1 P&L reserve is released to profit or loss as the parameters become observable or the transaction closed out or amortised over the duration of the transaction. As at 30 June 2024, there was no Day 1 P&L reserve (31 December 2023: Nil).

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#### **25** Fair Value of financial instruments (continued)

## (a) Valuation process (continued)

## Bid Offer Adjustments

The Group often holds, at varying points in time, both long or short positions in financial instruments which are valued using mid market levels. Bid-offer adjustments are then made to account for close-out costs.

#### (b) Fair value hierarchy

The fair value hierarchy accords the highest level to observable inputs such as unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest level to unobservable inputs. The fair value measurement of each financial instrument is categorised in accordance to the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the input with the lowest level that is significant to the entire measurement. If unobservable inputs are deemed as significant, the financial instrument will be categorised as Level 3.

Financial instruments that are valued using quoted prices in active markets are classified as Level 1 within the fair value hierarchy. These would include government and sovereign securities, listed equities and corporate debt securities which are actively traded. Derivatives contracts which are traded in an active exchange market are also classified as Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Where fair value is determined using quoted market prices in less active markets or quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities, such instruments are generally classified as Level 2. In cases where quoted prices are generally not available, the Group will determine the fair value based on valuation techniques that use market parameters as inputs including but not limited to yield curves, volatilities and foreign exchange rates. The majority of valuation techniques employ only observable market data and so reliability of the fair value measurement is high. These would include corporate debt securities, repurchase, reverse repurchase agreements and most of the Group's over-the-counter derivatives.

The Group classifies financial instruments as Level 3 when there is reliance on unobservable market parameters whether used directly to value a financial asset or liability, or used as inputs to a valuation model, attributing to a significant contribution to the instrument value. These would include all input parameters which are derived from historical data, for example, asset correlations or certain volatilities. Level 3 instruments also include unquoted equity securities which are measured based on the net asset value of the investments, instruments valued using other approximations and stale quoted security prices.

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## 25 Fair Value of financial instruments (continued)

## (b) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured at fair value, classified by level of the fair value hierarchies:

In HK\$ millions	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
As at 30 June 2024				
Assets				
Financial assets at FVPL				
<ul> <li>Government securities and</li> </ul>				
treasury bills	6,561	_	_	6,561
<ul> <li>Bank and corporate securities</li> </ul>	_	9,316	_	9,316
<ul> <li>Loans and advances to customers</li> </ul>	_	119	_	119
FVOCI financial assets				
<ul> <li>Government securities and</li> </ul>				
treasury bills	53,271	_	_	53,271
<ul> <li>Bank and corporate securities</li> </ul>	8,069	4,699	1,327	14,095
Derivatives	-	4,250	-	4,250
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at FVPL				
<ul> <li>Payable in respect of short sale</li> </ul>				
of securities	3,724	_	_	3,724
<ul> <li>Deposits and balances from</li> </ul>				
customers	_	8,200	_	8,200
<ul><li>– Due to banks</li></ul>	_	4,052	_	4,052
Derivatives		3,853	<u>-</u> _	3,853

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## 25 Fair value of financial instruments (continued)

## (b) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

In HK\$ millions	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
As at 31 December 2023				
Assets				
Financial assets at FVPL				
<ul> <li>Government securities and</li> </ul>				
treasury bills	2,950	_	_	2,950
<ul> <li>Bank and corporate securities</li> </ul>	_	793	_	793
<ul> <li>Loans and advances to customers</li> </ul>	_	_	_	_
FVOCI financial assets				
<ul> <li>Government securities and</li> </ul>				
treasury bills	50,460	_	_	50,460
<ul> <li>Bank and corporate securities</li> </ul>	8,143	3,295	364	11,802
Derivatives	-	3,010	-	3,010
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at FVPL				
<ul> <li>Payable in respect of short sale</li> </ul>				
of securities	1,793	_	_	1,793
<ul> <li>Deposits and balances from</li> </ul>				
customers	_	9,080	_	9,080
<ul><li>– Due to banks</li></ul>	_	2,733	_	2,733
Derivatives		3,558		3,558

During the period, there was transfer of financial assets of HK\$781 million from Level 2 to Level 3 due to no active market quote in the past 90 days (31 December 2023: Nil).

## (c) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities not carried at fair value

For financial assets and liabilities not carried at fair value in the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group has ascertained that their fair values were not materially different from their carrying amounts at period-end as shown below. The bases of arriving at their fair values are as follows:

#### (i) Due from banks

The estimated fair value of placements with and advances to banks is based on the discounted cash flows using the prevailing money market interest rates for placements and advances with similar remaining maturity.

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#### **25** Fair Value of financial instruments (continued)

#### (c) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities not carried at fair value (continued)

#### (ii) Loans and advances to customers

The fair value approximates their carrying amount as majority of the loans and advances to customers are on floating rate terms.

#### (iii) Bank and corporate securities - amortised cost

The fair values are determined based on independent market quotes, where available. Where market prices are not available, fair values are estimated using discounted cash flow method. The fair value is set out in Note 16.

#### (iv) Due to banks and Deposits and balances from customers

The estimated fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, which includes non-interest-bearing deposits, is the amount repayable on demand. The estimated fair value of deposits and other borrowings with fixed interest rates is based on discounted cash flows using prevailing interest rates with similar remaining maturity.

#### (v) Subordinated liability

The fair value of subordinated liability approximates its carrying amount as it is on floating rate term and bears interest at prevailing market interest rate.

#### 26 Material related party transactions

During the period ended 30 June 2024, the Group acquired a portfolio of loans and advances to customers of HK\$1.3 billion (financial year ended 31 December 2023: HK\$12.2 billion) and undrawn commitment of HK\$0.2 billion (financial year ended 31 December 2023: HK\$1.0 billion) from DBS Bank Ltd., HK Branch through funded risk participation (financial year ended 31 December 2023: direct purchase or funded risk participation). These transactions were conducted on an arm's length basis.

Apart from the foregoing, there were no changes in the related party transaction described in 2023 Annual Report that have had a material impact on the financial position or performance of the Group in the six months ended 30 June 2024.

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## 27 Notes to the condensed consolidated cash flow statement

## a. Analysis of changes in financing activities during the period

	Lease	liabilities
In HK\$ millions	2024	2023
Balance as at 1 January	1,790	1,823
Cash outflow from financing activities	(142)	(139
Interest element of lease liabilities	11	9
Net changes due to addition and changes of		
lease terms	(15)	
Balance as at 30 June	1,644	1,693
Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equ	uivalents	
	As at	
	30 June	30 June
In HK\$ millions	210 010	As at 30 June 2023
Cash and balances with central banks	30 June	30 June 2023
	30 June 2024 3,146	30 June 2023 2,583
Cash and balances with central banks Due from banks	30 June 2024	30 June 2023 2,583
Cash and balances with central banks Due from banks - Balances with banks	30 June 2024 3,146	30 June 2023 2,583
Cash and balances with central banks Due from banks  - Balances with banks  - Placements with and advances to banks	30 June 2024 3,146	30 June 2023 2,583 5,694
Cash and balances with central banks Due from banks  - Balances with banks  - Placements with and advances to banks repayable with original maturity within	30 June 2024 3,146 6,626	30 June 2023 2,583 5,694
Cash and balances with central banks  Due from banks  – Balances with banks  – Placements with and advances to banks  repayable with original maturity within  three months	30 June 2024 3,146 6,626	30 June