(1) Summary of financial position

			The Group		
	As at	As at		As at	
	30 June	30 June		31 December	
	2001	2000	Variance	2000	Variance
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	%	HK\$'000	%
Loans and advances	33,114,992	30,978,169	6.90	32,798,146	0.97
Loans loss provision	925,989	1,141,276	(18.86)	854,247	8.40
Total assets	59,067,359	49,626,274	19.02	56,657,829	4.25
Total interest earning assets	56,099,341	47,225,096	18.79	53,932,408	4.02
Total deposits	50,198,612	41,860,740	19.92	48,676,445	3.13
Shareholders' funds	6,020,890	5,593,182	7.65	5,843,180	3.04
Financial ratios					
Capital adequacy – unadjusted*	15.12%	18.09%		17.10%	
Capital adequacy – adjusted**	14.69%	18.08%		16.70%	
Average liquidity*	52.21%	37.60%		42.08%	
Loans to deposits	65.97%	74.00%		67.38%	
Loans to total assets	56.06%	62.42%		57.89%	
General provision coverage	1.11%	1.08%		1.10%	
Property lending	47.72%	46.78%		48.28%	
Cost to income	39.67%	37.03%		40.51%	
Return on assets	1.14%	1.07%		1.11%	
Return on shareholders' funds	10.33%	8.42%		9.48%	

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* The capital adequacy ratio and the average liquidity ratio are computed on the consolidated basis covering the Bank and certain of its financial subsidiaries as required by the HKMA for its regulatory purposes, and are in accordance with the Third Schedule and the Fourth Schedule to the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance respectively.

** The adjusted capital adequacy ratio which takes into account market risks as at the balance sheet date is computed in accordance with the Guideline 'Maintenance of Adequate Capital Against Market Risks' issued by the HKMA and on the same consolidated basis as for unadjusted capital adequacy ratio.

(2) Capital base after deductions

	The Group			
	As at	As at		
	30 June	31 December		
	2001	2000		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Core capital				
Paid up ordinary share capital	2,595,311	2,594,861		
Reserves	3,231,563	3,015,839		
Minority interests	90,422	78,710		
Total core capital	5,917,296	5,689,410		
Eligible supplementary capital				
Reserves on revaluation of land and interests in land	11,945	11,945		
General provisions for doubtful debts	362,297	354,271		
Total eligible supplementary capital	374,242	366,216		
Total capital base before deductions	6,291,538	6,055,626		
Deductions from total capital base	(268,224)	(264,018)		
Total capital base after deductions	6,023,314	5,791,608		

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	The Group					
	As at 30 Ju	ne 2001	As at 31 Decer	mber 2000	Variance	
	HK\$'000	%	HK\$'000	%	%	
Loans for use in Hong Kong						
Industrial, commercial and						
financial						
 property development 	547,729	1.67	635,940	1.99	(13.87	
 property investment 	3,427,425	10.45	3,004,415	9.41	14.08	
- financial concerns	2,213,683	6.75	1,970,085	6.17	12.36	
 stockbrokers 	88,850	0.27	384	0.00		
- wholesale and retail trade	2,128,936	6.49	2,367,404	7.42	(10.07	
– manufacturing	2,573,651	7.85	1,957,305	6.13	31.49	
- transport and transport						
equipment	2,584,952	7.88	1,482,624	4.64	74.3	
– others	2,526,549	7.70	3,677,965	11.52	(31.3	
Individuals						
- loans for the purchase of						
flats under the Home						
Ownership Scheme and						
Private Sector						
Participation Scheme	17,776	0.06	20,724	0.06	(14.2	
- loans for the purchase of						
other residential						
properties	11,048,228	33.68	11,099,557	34.77	(0.4	
– others	1,252,701	3.82	966,775	3.03	29.58	
Trade finance	2,228,302	6.79	2,400,267	7.52	(7.10	
Loans for use outside						
Hong Kong	2,161,433	6.59	2,342,391	7.34	(7.7	
TOTAL	32,800,215	100.00	31,925,836	100.00	2.74	

(3) Advances to customers – By industry sectors

(4) Segmental information

(a) By geographical area

	The Group							
	l	As at 30 June 2001		As a	As at 31 December 2000			
	Total	Total	Contingent	Total	Total	Contingent		
	assets	liabilities	liabilities	assets	liabilities	liabilities		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Hong Kong	60,438,985	53,735,696	8,217,410	59,726,664	53,218,941	8,807,979		
Mainland China	1,267	4,120	0	1,129	3,573	0		
United States of America	3,124,665	2,919,720	637,918	3,555,128	3,365,180	579,014		
Less: Intra-group items	(4,497,558)	(3,817,791)	(40,000)	(6,625,092)	(5,955,411)	(102,403)		
	59,067,359	52,841,745	8,815,328	56,657,829	50,632,283	9,284,590		

The above geographical analysis has been classified by the location of the principal operations of the subsidiaries or, in the case of the Bank itself, of the location of the branches responsible for booking the assets or liabilities.

	The Group							
		As at 30 June 2001		As	As at 31 December 2000			
			Non-			Non-		
	Advances to	Overdue	performing	Advances to	Overdue	performing		
	customers	loan	loan	customers	loan	loan		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
Hong Kong	24,147,025	1,206,664	813,097	23,012,873	698,788	534,644		
Mainland China	7,146,581	918,110	951,725	7,324,803	950,407	957,552		
United States of America	1,330,267	12,986	37,736	1,395,649	4,847	25,070		
Others	176,342	0	0	192,511	0	0		
	32,800,215	2,137,760	1,802,558	31,925,836	1,654,042	1,517,266		

The above geographical analysis has been classified by the location of the counterparties.

(4) Segmental information (cont'd)

(b) By class of business

	The Group		
	As at	As at	
	30 June	31 December	
	2001	2000	
	Total assets	Total assets	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Commercial banking	61,390,072	59,215,686	
Investment banking	1,767,725	3,697,446	
Securities business	286,548	117,363	
Other business	120,572	252,426	
Less: Intra-group items	(4,497,558)	(6,625,092)	
	59,067,359	56,657,829	

(5) Overdue loans and advances

	The Group					
		As at 30 June 2001				
	Overdue gross advances to customers (net of suspended interest)		Amount of collateral held in respect of Amount overdue of advances to secured customers balance		Amount of unsecured balance	Amount of specific provisions made against overdue advances to customer
	HK\$'000	%*	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Three to six months overdue Six months to one year	349,971	1.07	508,076	286,308	63,662	20,181
overdue	599,812	1.83	438,490	343,732	256,080	52,593
Over one year overdue	1,187,977	3.62	725,959	634,655	553,322	395,502
TOTAL	2,137,760	6.52	1,672,525	1,264,695	873,064	468,276

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		The Group					
		As at 31 December 2000					
			Amount of			Amount of	
			collateral			specific	
			held in			provisions	
	Overdue	e	respect of	Amount	Amount	made against	
	gross adva	nces	overdue	of	of	overdue	
	to customers	to customers (net of		secured	unsecured	advances	
	suspended in	terest)	customers	balance	balance	to customers	
	HK\$'000	%*	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Three to six months							
overdue	301,442	0.94	327,792	268,061	33,381	9,196	
Six months to one year							
overdue	232,717	0.73	364,339	177,243	55,474	33,260	
Over one year overdue	1,119,883	3.51	642,211	556,677	563,206	365,576	
TOTAL	1,654,042	5.18	1,334,342	1,001,981	652,061	408,032	

(5) Overdue loans and advances (cont'd)

* Based on total advances to customers

There were no advances to banks and other financial institutions which were overdue for over 3 months as at 30 June 2001 and 31 December 2000.

(6) Reconciliation of overdue loans and advances to loans on which interest is placed in suspense

	The	Group
	As at	As at
	30 June	31 December
	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$′000
nces to customers overdue for more than 3 months	2,137,760	1,654,042
Amount overdue for more than 3 months and		
on which interest is still being accrued	(494,445)	(250,418)
Amount overdue for 3 months or less and		
on which interest is being placed in suspense		
or on which interest accrual has ceased	40,174	4,926
Rescheduled advances on which interest is being		
placed in suspense or on which interest accrual		
has ceased	101,343	91,469
Amount not ovedue and on which interest is being		
placed in suspense or on which interest accrual		
has ceased	17,726	17,247
nces to customers on which interest is being placed		
suspense or on which interest accrual has ceased	1,802,558	1,517,266
	Amount overdue for more than 3 months and on which interest is still being accrued Amount overdue for 3 months or less and on which interest is being placed in suspense or on which interest accrual has ceased Rescheduled advances on which interest is being placed in suspense or on which interest accrual has ceased Amount not ovedue and on which interest is being placed in suspense or on which interest accrual has ceased mount not ovedue and on which interest accrual has ceased	As at 30 June 2001 HK\$'000 nces to customers overdue for more than 3 months Amount overdue for more than 3 months and on which interest is still being accrued Amount overdue for 3 months or less and on which interest is being placed in suspense or on which interest accrual has ceased Rescheduled advances on which interest is being placed in suspense or on which interest accrual has ceased Amount not ovedue and on which interest is being placed in suspense or on which interest accrual has ceased Amount not ovedue and on which interest accrual Amount not ovedue and on which interest accrual has ceased Amount not ovedue and on which interest accrual has ceased Amount not ovedue and on which interest accrual Amount not ovedue an

(7) Rescheduled loans

	The Group				
	As at 30 June	e 2001	As at 31 December 2000		
	HK\$'000	%*	HK\$'000	%*	
Rescheduled loans	154,912	0.47	238,068	0.75	

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* Based on total advances to customers

There were no advances to banks and other financial institutions which were rescheduled as at 30 June 2001 and 31 December 2000.

(8) Foreign currency exposures

The information concerning the foreign currency exposures of the Group arising from trading, nontrading and structural positions are disclosed as follows. The net options position reported are calculated in accordance with the methods set out in the return 'Foreign Currency Position' (MA(BS)6) submitted to the HKMA.

		The Group						
	A	As at 30 June 2001			As at 31 December 2000			
Equivalent in HK\$'000	US dollars	Renminbi	Total	US dollars	Renminbi	Total		
Spot assets	40,313,604	336,492	40,650,096	25,898,004	184,954	26,082,958		
Spot liabilities	(42,601,449)	(44,676)	(42,646,125)	(22,033,592)	(27,386)	(22,060,978)		
Forward purchases	127,749,282	0	127,749,282	25,200,257	0	25,200,257		
Forward sales	(124,715,464)	0	(124,715,464)	(28,730,228)	0	(28,730,228)		
Net long position	745,973	291,816	1,037,789	334,441	157,568	492,009		

(9) Management of risks

The Group has established policies and procedures for the control and monitoring of credit risk, liquidity, capital and market risk, which are reviewed regularly by the Board of Directors. The internal auditors also perform regular audits to ensure compliance with the policies and procedures.

(a) Credit risk management

Credit risk arises from the possibility that the counterparty in a transaction may default. It arises from the lending, trade finance, treasury, derivatives and other activities undertaken by the Group.

The Group's credit policy defines the credit extension criteria, the credit approval and monitoring processes, the loan classification system and provisioning policy. It also takes into account the requirements of the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance and the guidelines issued by the HKMA with respect to large exposures and provisioning requirements.

The Group manages its credit risk within a conservative framework by evaluating the creditworthiness of counterparties, setting credit limits for counterparties and industry sectors, and obtaining collateral where appropriate. Actual credit exposures and limits and asset quality are regularly monitored and controlled by management. The Group's policy is not to have significant unwarranted concentrations of exposure to individual counterparties.

(9) Management of risks (cont'd)

(a) Credit risk management (cont'd)

An analysis of advances to customers by industry sectors is disclosed in note 3 above.

Unlike on-balance sheet instruments, where the credit risk is generally represented by the principal value, the credit risk for derivatives is the positive replacement cost. The credit risk exposure for derivatives is disclosed in note 18.

(b) Liquidity management

The Group manages the liquidity structure of its assets, liabilities and commitments so as to ensure that all Group operations can meet their funding needs and that the statutory liquidity ratio is complied with. As disclosed in note 1 above, the Group's average liquidity ratio of 52.21% for the six months ended 30 June 2001 is well above the statutory minimum ratio of 25%.

The Board of Directors reviews the current and prospective funding requirements for all operations through daily monitoring of the liquidity ratio and the maturity mismatch profile. The liquidity risk is managed by holding sufficient liquid assets (e.g. cash and short-term funds and securities) of appropriate quality to ensure that short-term funding requirements are covered within prudent limits.

Current, fixed, savings and other customer deposits form a significant part of the Group's overall funding. Its composition has remained relatively diversified and stable. In order to lengthen the duration of the funding, the Bank periodically issues certificates of deposit with maturities of between one to six years. Short-term funds are also borrowed from the interbank market.

(c) Capital management

The Group's policy is to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the Group's business and to meet the statutory capital adequacy ratio. As disclosed in note 1 above, the Group's adjusted capital adequacy ratio incorporating market risk of 14.69% and unadjusted capital adequacy ratio of 15.12% as at 30 June 2001 are well above the statutory minimum ratio.

Capital is allocated to the various activities of the Bank depending on the risk taken by each business division. Certain financial subsidiaries, as specified by the HKMA, are subject to the HKMA's capital requirements for its regulatory supervision purposes.

(9) Management of risks (cont'd)

(d) Market risk management

The Group continues to exercise discipline in managing its trading portfolios with the objective of averting excessive exposures resulting from any potentially adverse market development. While scrupulously enforcing the internal guidelines on exposures, we regularly review policies pertinent to market risk management. Besides time analyses, reporting and control of exposures, we adopt a forward looking strategy of performing proactive simulation of various possible scenarios and recommend feasible hedging measures accordingly.

In addition, the Group is developing new risk management and control systems, including the Value at Risk ('VaR') system for monitoring the Group's risk exposures. The Group believes that these systems and policies will enable it to monitor and control more effectively risks inherent in its banking operations.