

## MAJOR MILESTONES

### January - March



- Hang Seng celebrates its 75th anniversary with a programme of special events, culminating in a large-scale cocktail reception at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in March
- Tianhe North Road sub-branch in Guangzhou opens

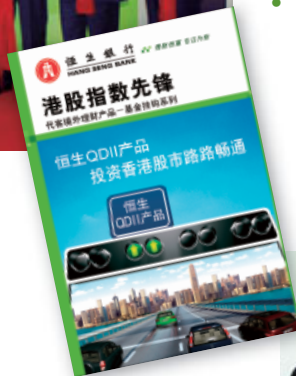


### April - June



- Shenzhen branch relocates to Futian district and original premises in Luohu district becomes a sub-branch
- Futian East Pacific Garden sub-branch in Shenzhen opens
- Hang Seng Mainland China Bond Fund launched, becoming the first Securities and Futures Commission-authorized fund to directly invest in the Mainland bond market through a Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor

- First sub-branch in Nanjing opens
- Dongdan sub-branch in Beijing opens
- Zhaojiabang Road sub-branch in Shanghai opens
- Chang An sub-branch in Dongguan opens



## July - September

- Hang Seng China launches a Qualified Domestic Institutional Investor fund-linked investment product
- Wu Yang Xin Cheng sub-branch in Guangzhou opens
- Hang Seng China launches a partially capital protected structured product



## October - December



- Tianjin branch opens
- Staff training centre in Shenzhen opens
- Kunming branch opens, becoming the first locally incorporated foreign bank branch in Yunnan province



- Hang Seng acquires 20 per cent of the enlarged share capital of Yantai City Commercial Bank in Shandong province for RMB800 million, becoming the bank's largest shareholder