

BANKING

	Amount (\$bn)	% change, yoy, unless otherwise stated								
		Monthly			Quarterly				Yearly	
		3/03	3/03	2/03	Q1/03	Q4/02	Q3/02	Q2/02	2002	2001
HKD M0 (in HKD)	118.5	9.9	8.7	9.9	11.4	11.2	13.7	11.4	10.8	-7.8
HKD M1 (in HKD)	260.4	13.4	10.6	13.4	12.9	14.5	16.4	12.9	12.8	-0.7
HKD M2 (in HKD)	1,969.1	-0.5	0.0	-0.5	-0.7	-0.9	0.8	-0.7	0.5	3.9
HKD M3 (in HKD)	1,988.0	-0.5	0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8	0.9	-0.6	0.7	4.0
Spread (Prime-Hibor1) (pa) (%)	N.A.	3.72	3.68	3.69	3.40	3.43	3.40	3.37	3.40	3.26
Res. mortg. loans outstanding#										
(before adjusted to reclassification)	N.A.	-0.8	-0.2	-0.8	1.0	2.4	3.6	1.0	1.6	N.A.
(after adjusted to reclassification)	528.6	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Loans-to-Deposits Ratio (pa) (%)										
(Total)	N.A.	62.8	62.8	62.8	62.7	64.3	65.3	64.7	67.5	79.1
(HKD)	N.A.	89.3	89.1	89.3	88.4	89.4	89.6	89.6	90.1	92.0
Foreign Currency Reserves ¹ (in US\$bn)	113.6	113.6	113.7	113.6	111.9	111.2	112.4	111.9	111.2	107.5
Deposits	3,282.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-2.6	-5.3	-4.3	-2.6	-3.6	9.6
HKD Deposits ²	1,802.8	-1.5	-0.7	-1.5	-1.6	-1.7	-0.1	-1.6	0.2	5.0
FC Deposits ³	1,479.5	1.6	1.0	1.6	-3.8	-9.5	-9.2	-3.8	-7.8	15.3
Loans & Advances	2,059.7	-4.5	-4.2	-4.5	-4.9	-6.6	-7.3	-4.9	-11.2	-12.5
Loans in HKD	1,609.8	-3.0	-2.5	-3.0	-1.9	-1.4	-1.6	-1.9	-0.3	2.8
Loans in FC	449.9	-9.7	-9.9	-9.7	-14.2	-21.1	-22.2	-14.2	-33.6	-32.8
Loans for use in HK ⁴	1,825.4	-2.9	-2.4	-2.9	-2.4	-3.4	-3.5	-2.4	-4.3	1.7
Loans for use outside HK ⁵	234.3	-15.4	-16.1	-15.4	-20.7	-24.9	-27.2	-20.7	-38.6	-43.6
Loans for use in HK (eop) – Q1/2003	1,825.4	-2.9	N.A.	-2.9	-2.4	-3.4	-3.5	-2.4	-4.4	1.6
Mortgage Lending	633.2	-2.1	N.A.	-2.1	-0.8	0.6	2.1	-0.8	3.3	2.9
Property Development & Investment	378.0	-2.3	N.A.	-2.3	-2.6	-3.8	-3.8	-2.6	-2.4	3.7
Trade Finances ⁴	92.9	7.6	N.A.	7.6	2.6	-3.0	-8.7	2.6	-14.6	-8.6
Financial Concerns	125.5	-11.9	N.A.	-11.9	-11.6	-13.0	-16.4	-11.6	-16.4	-10.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	102.7	0.1	N.A.	0.1	-0.8	-6.8	-11.3	-0.8	-15.8	-16.6
Manufacturing	71.7	-0.5	N.A.	-0.5	-0.8	-3.1	-4.2	-0.8	-3.4	-8.0
Credit Card	47.4	-10.9	N.A.	-10.9	-6.1	-2.6	2.9	-6.1	12.8	30.1
Private Purposes	79.1	-7.0	N.A.	-7.0	-2.4	-3.1	-1.7	-2.4	-2.4	3.4

PRIVATE CONSUMPTION

	Amount	% change, yoy, unless otherwise stated								
		Monthly			Quarterly				Yearly	
		3/03	3/03	2/03	Q1/03	Q4/02	Q3/02	Q2/02	2002	2001
Retail Sales (Value)	\$14.2 bn	-6.0	-12.6	-2.9	-2.5	-4.3	-5.8	-4.1	-1.2	3.8
(Volume)	N.A.	-3.7	-11.3	-1.1	-1.1	-3.0	-4.5	-2.6	1.2	8.3
Restaurant Receipts (Value)	\$13.2 bn (02 Q4)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	-6.1	-4.5	-6.0	-5.5	-2.5	2.1
(Volume)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	-4.6	-3.0	-4.8	-4.3	-2.3	3.1
Department Store (Value)	\$1.2 bn	-13.3	-20.8	-4.7	-0.2	2.3	-4.2	0.7	3.0	-1.0
(Volume)	N.A.	-12.7	-21.1	-4.4	1.1	0.0	-4.1	0.8	6.3	3.9
Visitors Arrivals	1.35 mn	3.9	26.2	19.7	33.9	22.1	13.2	20.7	5.1	15.3

PROPERTY

Private Residential	Amount	% Change mom		% Change qoq			% Change yoy			
		Monthly		Quarterly			Yearly			
	3/03	3/03	2/03	Q1/03	Q4/02	Q3/02	Q2/02	2002	2001	2000
Price and Rental Indices										
Rental (official) : period average	N.A.	N.A.	-0.6	N.A.	-4.1	-2.8	-2.9	-12.5	-2.8	-1.9
Price (official) : period average	N.A.	N.A.	-1.1	N.A.	-5.7	-4.9	-2.1	-11.2	-12.2	-10.4
: eop	N.A.	N.A.	-1.1	N.A.	-3.7	-7.2	-1.9	-13.0	-9.8	-14.5
HK (\$/sf): eop	2,620	2,620	2,717	2,620	2,765	2,840	3,006	2,765	3,066	3,438
KL (\$/sf): eop	2,322	2,322	2,419	2,322	2,432	2,543	2,599	2,432	2,761	3,083
NT (\$/sf): eop	1,936	1,936	1,998	1,936	2,024	2,118	2,224	2,024	2,216	2,544
Rental yield (%) : HK	4.78	4.78	4.65	4.69	4.77	4.84	4.91	4.91	5.22	4.49
KL	5.23	5.23	5.18	5.20	5.03	4.86	5.14	5.09	5.44	4.92
NT	4.61	4.61	4.65	4.62	4.61	4.46	4.42	4.51	4.56	4.22
Sales & purchase agreements										
Value	\$14.3 bn	79.3	-45.6	0	-16.5	-22.0	18.9	-3.8	-13.4	-13.3
Number	5,800	25.5	-36.6	-5.4	-3.5	-23.1	11.9	-2.6	2.9	-12.9
New res. mortg. approved of 28 AIs#										
Number, during the period	5,191	42.7	-30.5	-15.5	-15.2	-22.8	16.6	-7.8	-4.9	N.A.
Value per loan, during the period	\$1.32 mn	15.8	-4.2	-3.4	3.6	-5.2	-7.7	-4.9	-5.2	N.A.
Supply										
No. of private flats completed	11,198	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11,198	12,751	5,903	32,746	23,986	26,274
	02 Q4									
No. of private flats with consent to start work	3,880	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	3,880	4,378	6,848	18,271	27,274	31,366
	02 Q4									

MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Amount (\$bn)	% change, yoy unless otherwise stated								
		Monthly		Quarterly			Yearly			
	3/03	3/03	2/03	Q1/03	Q4/02	Q3/02	Q2/02	2002	2001	2000
GDP	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	5.0	3.3	0.8	2.3	0.6	10.2
Composite CPI	N.A.	-2.1	-2.0	-1.9	-2.9	-3.5	-3.2	-3.0	-1.6	-3.8
Labour										
Unemployment Rate (%)	N.A.	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.3	5.1	4.9
Unemployed ('000 people)	N.A.	260.0	255.9	260.0	252.6	267.2	263.4	255.5	174.8	166.9
External Trade (Nominal)										
Total Exports	143.1	15.4	10.4	17.6	15.5	8.5	2.8	5.4	-5.8	16.6
Domestic Exports	9.3	-8.4	-17.2	-10.4	-13.6	-10.4	-17.8	-14.7	-15.2	6.1
Re-exports	133.8	17.5	13.1	20.3	18.8	10.6	5.3	7.7	-4.6	18.1
Total Imports	154.2	14.6	18.3	17.8	14.9	6.5	0.4	3.3	-5.4	19.0
Trade Balance (in \$bn)	-11.1	-11.1	-10.8	-20.1	-10.7	-10.9	-20.8	-58.9	-87.2	-85.3

FORECASTS FOR REAL GDP & CPI

	2003F (Gov)	2003F (BEA)	2002	2001	2000
GDP	3.0	1.6	2.3	0.6	10.2
Private Consumption	0	-1.2	-1.6	1.4	5.9
Government	2.5	1.5	2.4	6.0	2.0
Capital Formation	0.9	-1.0	-4.4	2.9	11.0
Domestic Exports	-8.0	-8.0	-11.2	-10.2	7.5
Re-exports	8.0	8.5	11.0	-2.4	18.5
Total Exports	6.6	7.1	8.6	-3.3	17.1
Imports of Goods	6.3	6.7	7.9	-1.9	18.2
Visible Trade (HK\$ billion)	-81.3	-80.6	-81.1	-85.0	-64.0
Exports of Services	8.0	7.0	12.1	5.9	12.9
Imports of Services	1.5	1.0	-0.8	-0.2	4.2
Invisible Trade (HK\$ billion)	214.8	212.0	187.5	145.1	126.0
CPI (Composite)	-1.5	-2.5	-3.0	-1.6	-3.8

Unit: %

Note: *pa*: Period averages; *eop*: End-of-period; *N.A.*: Not applicable
mom: Month-on-month; *qoq*: Quarter-on-quarter; *yoy*: Year-on-year
Gov: HKSAR Government; *BEA*: The Bank of East Asia

¹ Foreign Currency Reserves in Land Fund are not included before June 30, 1997

² Adjusted to include swap deposits

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⁴ Loans to finance merchandising trade not touching HK would be included in trade finance & loans for use in HK

⁵ Others loans where the place of use is not known would be included in loans for use outside HK

The number of authorized institutions participating in the HKMA Residential Mortgage Survey is reduced from 29 to 28 starting from end-April 2002

KEY INTERNATIONAL INDICATORS FOR MAJOR ECONOMIES

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Country/Region	Unemployment rate	CPI inflation	Real GDP/GNP growth rate	Money supply (M1) growth	Prime lending rate
Australia	6.2% (Mar.)	3.4% (Q1)	3.0% (Q4)	-10.0% (Mar.)	8.75%
Canada	7.3% (Mar.)	4.3% (Mar.)	3.9% (Q4)	7.0% (Mar.)	5.0%
China	4.0%*	0.9% (Mar.)	8.1% (Q4)	20.1% (Mar.)	5.31%
Euro area	8.7% (Feb.)	2.1% (Apr.)	1.3% (Q4)	11.6% (Mar.)	3.5%
Hong Kong	7.5% (Jan. – Mar.)	-2.1% (Mar.)	5.0% (Q4)	13.4% (Mar.)	5.0%
Japan	5.4% (Mar.)	-0.1% (Mar.)	2.8% (Q4)	14.4% (Mar.)	1.375%
UK	5.1% (Feb.)	3.1% (Mar.)	2.3% (Q1)	6.5% (Mar.)	3.75%
US	6.0% (Apr.)	3.0% (Mar.)	2.1% (Q1)	3.9% (Mar.)	4.25%

* Year-end figure for 2002

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