

**BANKING**

	Amount (\$bn)	% change, yoy, unless otherwise stated									
		Monthly			Quarterly				Yearly		
		9/06	8/06	Q3/06	Q2/06	Q1/06	Q4/05	2005	2004	2003	
HKD M0 (in HKD)	148.6	4.5	3.5	4.5	1.9	-0.3	1.1	1.1	10.1	12.9	
HKD M1 (in HKD)	367.2	4.7	1.6	4.7	-2.1	-7.8	-15.6	-15.6	16.3	36.7	
HKD M2 (in HKD)	2,651.5	16.3	14.5	16.3	13.2	11.4	5.5	5.5	4.8	6.2	
HKD M3 (in HKD)	2,669.1	16.3	14.5	16.3	13.3	11.5	5.7	5.7	4.6	5.9	
Spread (Prime-Hibor1) (pa) (%)	N.A.	4.00	4.11	4.03	3.66	3.85	3.34	3.27	4.77	4.08	
Res. mortg. loans outstanding#											
(before adjusted to reclassification)	N.A.	-2.3	-2.5	-2.3	-3.0	-0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	-2.2	
(after adjusted to reclassification)	526.1	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.	54.9	55.2	55.2	55.6	56.3	57.5	57.6	57.3	60.4	
(HKD)	N.A.	79.1	79.8	79.9	79.5	81.3	84.8	85.3	84.3	86.0	
Foreign Currency Reserves <sup>1</sup> (in US\$bn)	130.3	130.3	128.9	130.3	126.6	125.9	124.3	124.3	123.6	118.4	
<b>Deposits</b>	4,550.5	15.9	14.2	15.9	12.3	9.2	5.2	5.2	8.4	7.5	
HKD Deposits <sup>2</sup>	2,442.0	17.4	15.5	17.4	14.0	12.2	5.6	5.6	4.5	5.8	
FC Deposits <sup>3</sup>	2,108.5	14.2	12.8	14.2	10.4	6.0	4.8	4.8	13.0	9.6	
<b>Loans &amp; Advances</b>	2,498.1	10.1	8.9	10.1	7.1	6.7	7.2	7.2	5.9	-2.0	
Loans in HKD	1,931.8	9.5	8.0	9.5	5.9	5.5	7.8	7.8	6.0	-2.6	
Loans in FC	566.4	12.1	11.9	12.1	11.3	11.0	5.3	5.3	5.8	0.3	
Loans for use in HK <sup>4</sup>	2,169.8	6.8	6.3	6.8	4.4	5.8	7.8	7.8	6.3	-1.4	
Trade Finance	159.6	8.4	7.0	8.4	1.8	3.8	8.9	8.9	30.0	10.2	
Loans for use outside HK <sup>5</sup>	328.3	38.0	30.5	38.0	31.6	14.3	3.2	3.2	3.0	-6.6	
		<b>Q3/06</b>	<b>9/06</b>	<b>8/06</b>	<b>Q3/06</b>	<b>Q2/06</b>	<b>Q1/06</b>	<b>Q4/05</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Loans for use in HK (eop)</b>	2,169.8	N.A.	N.A.	6.6	4.4	5.8	7.8	7.8	6.3	-1.4	
Mortgage Lending (excl. HOS)	531.7	N.A.	N.A.	-2.4	-2.9	-1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	-2.4	
Property Development & Investment	475.3	N.A.	N.A.	13.1	16.1	12.8	16.6	16.6	7.2	-4.9	
Trade Finance <sup>4</sup>	159.6	N.A.	N.A.	8.4	1.8	3.8	8.9	8.9	30.0	10.2	
Financial Concerns	193.3	N.A.	N.A.	10.0	5.1	9.2	6.6	6.6	14.2	17.1	
Wholesale & Retail Trade	105.1	N.A.	N.A.	3.1	-0.1	4.1	1.5	1.5	5.9	-6.7	
Manufacturing	109.4	N.A.	N.A.	-7.2	-0.2	6.9	20.0	20.0	23.9	13.4	
Credit Card	58.2	N.A.	N.A.	8.3	11.6	9.0	19.4	19.4	5.0	-3.7	
Private Purposes	104.9	N.A.	N.A.	14.6	13.7	10.2	11.3	11.3	14.5	-3.6	

**PRIVATE CONSUMPTION**

	Amount	% change, yoy, unless otherwise stated								
		Monthly			Quarterly				Yearly	
		9/06	8/06	Q3/06	Q2/06	Q1/06	Q4/05	2005	2004	2003
Retail Sales (Value)	\$16.9 bn	7.5	8.4	7.7	6.7	5.8	5.2	6.8	10.8	-2.3
(Volume)	N.A.	5.8	6.4	5.8	5.3	5.6	5.1	6.1	9.1	-0.6
Restaurant Receipts (Value)	\$14.9 bn (06 Q2)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	11.1	8.8	7.0	6.0	10.1	-9.7
(Volume)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	9.7	7.9	5.8	5.2	9.9	-8.5
Department Store (Value)	\$1.7 bn	10.4	10.9	10.9	12.2	2.0	6.4	8.2	12.3	-2.9
(Volume)	N.A.	9.7	11.4	11.0	13.0	4.1	6.6	7.9	10.1	-2.8
Visitors Arrivals	1.83 mn	2.4	11.2	6.7	8.4	13.8	5.8	7.1	40.4	-6.2

## PROPERTY

Private Residential	Amount	% Change mom		% Change qoq				% Change yoy		
		Monthly		Quarterly				Yearly		
	9/06	9/06	8/06	Q3/06	Q2/06	Q1/06	Q4/05	2005	2004	2003
<b>Price and Rental Indices</b>										
Rental (official) : period average	N.A.	N.A.	-0.3	N.A.	1.9	-0.7	1.8	11.3	5.7	-11.8
Price (official) : period average	N.A.	N.A.	0.5	N.A.	1.8	1.5	-3.7	18.0	26.7	-12.0
: eop	N.A.	N.A.	0.5	N.A.	-0.6	2.8	-4.1	8.2	27.4	0.9
HK (\$/sf): eop	4,078	4,078	4,108	4,078	4,062	4,078	3,970	3,970	3,686	2,734
KL (\$/sf): eop	3,716	3,716	3,703	3,716	3,660	3,834	3,646	3,646	3,253	2,446
NT (\$/sf): eop	2,779	2,779	2,873	2,779	2,861	2,821	2,751	2,751	2,611	1,799
Rental yield (%) : HK	3.92	3.92	3.91	3.91	3.92	3.94	3.79	3.73	3.95	4.83
KL	3.99	3.99	4.02	3.99	3.99	3.85	3.87	3.88	4.31	5.20
NT	3.87	3.87	3.77	3.87	3.84	3.77	3.82	3.77	4.09	4.74
<b>Sales &amp; purchase agreements</b>										
Value	\$34.1 bn	36.2	44.3	-27.9	88.8	-28.5	-5.5	12.4	85.7	2.2
Number	11,206	29.8	29.6	0.2	23.1	-8.1	-11.8	0.2	41.4	1.6
<b>New res. mortg. approved of 23 AIs#</b>										
Number, during the period	6,780	-7.6	27.5	-10.1	29.7	2.9	-12.9	-4.0	46.0	-18.3
Value per loan, during the period	\$1.70 mn	-1.7	2.4	-0.8	5.5	3.8	0.2	4.2	26.4	-4.1

## MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Amount (\$bn)	% change, yoy unless otherwise stated								
		Monthly			Quarterly				Yearly	
	9/06	9/06	8/06	Q3/06	Q2/06	Q1/06	Q4/05	2005	2004	2003
GDP	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	5.2	8.0	7.5	7.3	8.6	3.2
Composite CPI	N.A.	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.6	1.3	1.0	-0.4	-2.6
<b>Labour</b>										
Unemployment Rate (%)	N.A.	4.7	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.3	5.6	6.8	7.9
Unemployed ('000 people)	N.A.	180.4	188.9	180.4	179.0	180.5	182.0	200.7	242.5	277.2
<b>External Trade (Nominal)</b>										
Total Exports	220.1	-2.7	9.9	-2.7	5.4	12.1	10.0	11.4	15.9	11.7
Domestic Exports	11.0	-15.5	-8.4	-15.5	19.9	38.7	25.2	8.0	3.5	-7.1
Re-exports	209.1	-1.9	11.2	-1.9	4.6	10.7	9.0	11.7	16.8	13.4
Total Imports	231.8	-1.6	12.3	-1.6	8.1	13.8	11.3	10.3	16.9	11.5
Trade Balance (in \$bn)	-11.7	-11.7	-9.4	-26.2	-43.2	-36.9	-17.1	-79.3	-92.0	-63.3

## FORECASTS FOR REAL GDP & CPI

	2006F (Gov)	2006F (BEA)	2005	2004	2003
GDP	4.5	5.8	7.3	8.6	3.2
Private Consumption	N.A.	5.0	3.4	7.3	-0.9
Government	N.A.	1.6	-3.1	0.7	1.9
Capital Formation	N.A.	4.4	4.1	3.0	0.9
Domestic Exports	N.A.	21.9	7.6	2.4	-7.3
Re-exports	N.A.	9.7	11.4	16.3	16.3
Total Exports	N.A.	9.6	11.2	15.3	14.2
Imports of Goods	N.A.	9.9	8.6	14.1	13.1
Visible Trade (HK\$ billion)	N.A.	-19.6	-11.4	-61.0	-72.8
Exports of Services	N.A.	8.3	8.7	17.9	7.9
Imports of Services	N.A.	5.1	2.9	14.6	-2.1
Invisible Trade (HK\$ billion)	N.A.	309.6	278.7	244.2	201.4
CPI (Composite)	2.0	2.3	1.0	-0.4	-2.6

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

<sup>1</sup> Foreign Currency Reserves in Land Fund were not included before June 30, 1997

<sup>2</sup> Adjusted to include swap deposits

<sup>3</sup> Adjusted to exclude swap deposits

<sup>4</sup> Loans to finance merchandising trade not touching HK are included in trade finance & loans for use in HK

<sup>5</sup> Others loans where the place of use is not known are included in loans for use outside HK

# The number of authorized institutions participating in the HKMA Residential Mortgage Survey has been reduced from 24 to 23 starting from November 2005

## KEY INTERNATIONAL INDICATORS FOR MAJOR ECONOMIES

(Update: 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006)

Country/Region	Unemployment Rate	Inflation Rate	GDP**	Money Supply (M1) Growth	Prime Rate
Australia	4.8% (Sep.)	3.9% (Q3)	1.9% (Q2)	10.2% (Aug.)	6.00% #
Canada	6.4% (Sep.)	0.7% (Sep.)	2.0% (Q2)**	13.6% (Aug.)	6.00%
China	4.1% *	1.5% (Sep.)	10.4% (Q3)	15.7% (Sep.)	6.12%
Euro area	7.9% (Aug.)	1.6% (Oct.)	2.7% (Q2)	7.2% (Aug.)	4.25%
Hong Kong	4.7% (Jul.-Sep.)	2.1% (Sep.)	5.2% (Q2)	4.7% (Sep.)	8.25%
Japan	4.1% (Aug.)	0.6% (Sep.)	1.0% (Q2)**	1.5% (Sep.)	1.625%
UK	5.5% (Aug.)	2.4% (Sep.)	2.8% (Q3)	5.1% (Sep.)	4.75%
US	4.6% (Sep.)	2.1% (Sep.)	1.6% (Q3)**	-1.1% (Sep.)	8.25%

\* Figure as at end-September, 2006

\*\* GDP figures are yoy except Canada, Japan, and US where they are quarterly annualized rates.

# RBA Cash Rate

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