

Abbreviations Used in this Report

ALCO	– Asset and Liability Committee	new HKFRSs	– new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and Hong Kong Accounting Standards
Authorized Institutions	– Authorized Institutions authorized under the Banking Ordinance of Hong Kong	NIP	– Note Issuance Programme
Bauhinia MBS Programme	– US\$3 Billion Mortgage-Backed Securitisation Programme	OPB	– outstanding principal balance
CAR	– capital-to-assets ratio	PDPI	– Private Domestic Price Index
DIP	– Debt Issuance Programme	RBIP	– Retail Bond Issuance Programme
FARM	– Fixed Adjustable Rate Mortgage	S&P	– Standard & Poor's
FSI	– Financial Secretary Incorporated	SAR	– Special Administrative Region
GDP	– Gross Domestic Product	SARS	– Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
HIBOR	– Hong Kong Interbank Offer Rate	SCHLS	– Sandwich Class Housing Loan Scheme
HKMC	– Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation	SFC	– Securities and Futures Commission
HKMA	– Hong Kong Monetary Authority	SPE	– special purpose entity
HSLS	– Home Starter Loan Scheme	TLC	– Transferable Loan Certificates
ICO	– Insurance Companies Ordinance		
IIDS	– Integrated Information Delivery System		
IRS	– Interest rate swap		
IT	– Information Technology		
LTV	– Loan-to-value		
MBS	– Mortgage-Backed Securities		
MBS Pass-Through Programme	– Guaranteed Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Securitisation Programme		
MIP	– Mortgage Insurance Programme		
MIPS	– Mortgage Insurance Programme System		
Moody's	– Moody's Investor Service, Inc.		