

**Table 1 Hong Kong's Balance of Payments**

HK\$ million

| Standard component                                 | 2013           | 2014            | 2013<br>1st Qtr | 2013<br>2nd Qtr | 2013<br>3rd Qtr | 2013<br>4th Qtr | 2014<br>1st Qtr | 2014<br>2nd Qtr | 2014<br>3rd Qtr | 2014<br>4th Qtr |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Current account<sup>(1)</sup></b>               | <b>32,180</b>  | <b>43,697</b>   | <b>-6,781</b>   | <b>-20,579</b>  | <b>31,414</b>   | <b>28,125</b>   | <b>-4,210</b>   | <b>-9,338</b>   | <b>40,196</b>   | <b>17,049</b>   |
| <i>Credit</i>                                      | 5,930,060      | 6,143,215       | 1,334,567       | 1,491,397       | 1,533,719       | 1,570,376       | 1,384,641       | 1,546,054       | 1,606,269       | 1,606,251       |
| <i>Debit</i>                                       | -5,897,880     | -6,099,518      | -1,341,348      | -1,511,976      | -1,502,305      | -1,542,251      | -1,388,851      | -1,555,392      | -1,566,073      | -1,589,202      |
| Goods                                              | -216,592       | -232,664        | -70,325         | -93,086         | -21,658         | -31,523         | -78,912         | -84,698         | -23,493         | -45,561         |
| <i>Credit</i>                                      | 3,926,059      | 4,028,458       | 885,141         | 940,918         | 1,037,640       | 1,062,360       | 899,748         | 974,133         | 1,069,763       | 1,084,814       |
| <i>Debit</i>                                       | -4,142,651     | -4,261,122      | -955,466        | -1,034,004      | -1,059,298      | -1,093,883      | -978,660        | -1,058,831      | -1,093,256      | -1,130,375      |
| Services                                           | 229,129        | 235,228         | 58,314          | 61,155          | 57,539          | 52,121          | 72,281          | 52,303          | 57,091          | 53,553          |
| <i>Credit</i>                                      | 812,345        | 822,834         | 200,311         | 195,558         | 204,840         | 211,636         | 210,799         | 192,007         | 209,317         | 210,711         |
| <i>Debit</i>                                       | -583,216       | -587,606        | -141,997        | -134,403        | -147,301        | -159,515        | -138,518        | -139,704        | -152,226        | -157,158        |
| Primary income                                     | 40,519         | 60,774          | 10,236          | 16,816          | 852             | 12,615          | 7,290           | 27,822          | 11,663          | 14,000          |
| <i>Credit</i>                                      | 1,183,568      | 1,283,533       | 247,189         | 352,939         | 289,207         | 294,232         | 272,023         | 377,823         | 325,087         | 308,599         |
| <i>Debit</i>                                       | -1,143,049     | -1,222,759      | -236,953        | -336,123        | -288,355        | -281,618        | -264,734        | -350,002        | -313,424        | -294,600        |
| Secondary income                                   | -20,876        | -19,642         | -5,006          | -5,463          | -5,319          | -5,087          | -4,869          | -4,765          | -5,065          | -4,943          |
| <i>Credit</i>                                      | 8,088          | 8,389           | 1,926           | 1,983           | 2,032           | 2,148           | 2,071           | 2,090           | 2,101           | 2,126           |
| <i>Debit</i>                                       | -28,964        | -28,031         | -6,932          | -7,446          | -7,351          | -7,235          | -6,940          | -6,856          | -7,166          | -7,069          |
| <b>Capital and financial account<sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>-86,308</b> | <b>-96,437</b>  | <b>-14,458</b>  | <b>-4,887</b>   | <b>-12,760</b>  | <b>-54,203</b>  | <b>29,922</b>   | <b>-11,997</b>  | <b>-69,064</b>  | <b>-45,297</b>  |
| <b>Capital account</b>                             | <b>-1,609</b>  | <b>-753</b>     | <b>-135</b>     | <b>-116</b>     | <b>-1,282</b>   | <b>-75</b>      | <b>-67</b>      | <b>-168</b>     | <b>-35</b>      | <b>-483</b>     |
| <i>Credit</i>                                      | 4              | 3               | 1               | 1               | 1               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 2               |
| <i>Debit</i>                                       | -1,613         | -756            | -137            | -117            | -1,283          | -77             | -67             | -168            | -35             | -485            |
| <b>Financial account</b>                           | <b>-84,699</b> | <b>-95,684</b>  | <b>-14,322</b>  | <b>-4,771</b>   | <b>-11,478</b>  | <b>-54,128</b>  | <b>29,989</b>   | <b>-11,829</b>  | <b>-69,029</b>  | <b>-44,814</b>  |
| <b>Financial non-reserve assets<sup>(2)</sup></b>  | <b>-26,810</b> | <b>43,405</b>   | <b>2,082</b>    | <b>20,661</b>   | <b>-40,200</b>  | <b>-9,352</b>   | <b>62,173</b>   | <b>392</b>      | <b>-1,008</b>   | <b>-18,152</b>  |
| Direct investment                                  | -50,250        | -305,870        | -92,370         | -60,194         | 43,027          | 59,287          | -82,302         | 83,000          | -230,273        | -76,296         |
| <i>Assets</i>                                      | -646,336       | -1,205,238      | -246,130        | -174,241        | -157,901        | -68,065         | -371,999        | -106,760        | -441,346        | -285,132        |
| <i>Liabilities</i>                                 | 596,086        | 899,368         | 153,760         | 114,047         | 200,927         | 127,352         | 289,697         | 189,761         | 211,074         | 208,837         |
| Portfolio investment                               | -386,077       | 157,089         | -82,057         | -38,161         | -124,771        | -141,088        | -11,476         | -53,545         | 245,436         | -23,327         |
| <i>Assets</i>                                      | -514,650       | -37,698         | -124,938        | -37,018         | -167,773        | -184,921        | -12,393         | -89,649         | 73,231          | -8,888          |
| <i>Liabilities</i>                                 | 128,573        | 194,787         | 42,880          | -1,143          | 43,003          | 43,833          | 916             | 36,104          | 172,205         | -14,439         |
| Financial derivatives                              | 54,661         | 103,939         | 17,125          | 9,755           | 18,128          | 9,653           | 18,052          | 23,815          | 12,597          | 49,475          |
| <i>Assets</i>                                      | 424,894        | 449,577         | 121,725         | 91,001          | 101,365         | 110,804         | 89,999          | 130,204         | 72,668          | 156,705         |
| <i>Liabilities</i>                                 | -370,232       | -345,638        | -104,599        | -81,246         | -83,236         | -101,151        | -71,947         | -106,390        | -60,071         | -107,230        |
| Other investment                                   | 354,856        | 88,247          | 159,384         | 109,261         | 23,416          | 62,795          | 137,899         | -52,878         | -28,769         | 31,995          |
| <i>Assets</i>                                      | -639,171       | -872,885        | 129,169         | -55,066         | -321,868        | -391,407        | -340,651        | -375,025        | -22,897         | -134,312        |
| <i>Liabilities</i>                                 | 994,027        | 961,132         | 30,214          | 164,327         | 345,284         | 454,202         | 478,550         | 322,146         | -5,872          | 166,307         |
| <b>Reserve assets<sup>(2)</sup></b>                | <b>-57,890</b> | <b>-139,089</b> | <b>-16,404</b>  | <b>-25,432</b>  | <b>28,722</b>   | <b>-44,775</b>  | <b>-32,185</b>  | <b>-12,221</b>  | <b>-68,021</b>  | <b>-26,662</b>  |
| <b>Net errors and omissions<sup>(3)</sup></b>      | <b>54,128</b>  | <b>52,740</b>   | <b>21,239</b>   | <b>25,465</b>   | <b>-18,654</b>  | <b>26,078</b>   | <b>-25,712</b>  | <b>21,336</b>   | <b>28,868</b>   | <b>28,249</b>   |
| <b>Overall Balance of Payments</b>                 | <b>57,890</b>  | <b>139,089</b>  | <b>16,404</b>   | <b>25,432</b>   | <b>-28,722</b>  | <b>44,775</b>   | <b>32,185</b>   | <b>12,221</b>   | <b>68,021</b>   | <b>26,662</b>   |
|                                                    | (surplus)      | (surplus)       | (surplus)       | (surplus)       | (deficit)       | (surplus)       | (surplus)       | (surplus)       | (surplus)       | (surplus)       |

Notes : (1) In accordance with the accounting rules adopted in compiling Balance of Payments, a positive value for the balance figure in the current account represents a surplus whereas a negative value represents a deficit. In the capital and financial account, a positive value indicates a net financial inflow while a negative value indicates a net outflow. As increases in external assets are debit entries and decreases are credit entries, a negative value for the reserve assets represents a net increase while a positive value represents a net decrease.

(2) The estimates of reserve and non-reserve assets under the Balance of Payments framework are transaction figures. Effects of valuation changes (including price changes and exchange rate changes) and reclassifications are not taken into account.

(3) In principle, the net sum of credit entries and debit entries is zero. In practice, discrepancies between the credit and debit entries may occur for various reasons as the relevant data are collected from many sources. Equality between the sum of credit entries and that of debit entries is brought about by the inclusion of a balancing item which reflects net errors and omissions.

**Table 2 Hong Kong's Balance of Payments: Current account**

| HK\$ million                                           |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Standard component                                     | 2013              | 2014              | 2013<br>1st Qtr   | 2013<br>2nd Qtr   | 2013<br>3rd Qtr   | 2013<br>4th Qtr   | 2014<br>1st Qtr   | 2014<br>2nd Qtr   | 2014<br>3rd Qtr   | 2014<br>4th Qtr   |
| <b>Current account<sup>(1)</sup></b>                   | <b>32,180</b>     | <b>43,697</b>     | <b>-6,781</b>     | <b>-20,579</b>    | <b>31,414</b>     | <b>28,125</b>     | <b>-4,210</b>     | <b>-9,338</b>     | <b>40,196</b>     | <b>17,049</b>     |
| <i>Credit<sup>(2)</sup></i>                            | <i>5,930,060</i>  | <i>6,143,215</i>  | <i>1,334,567</i>  | <i>1,491,397</i>  | <i>1,533,719</i>  | <i>1,570,376</i>  | <i>1,384,641</i>  | <i>1,546,054</i>  | <i>1,606,269</i>  | <i>1,606,251</i>  |
| <i>Debit<sup>(2)</sup></i>                             | <i>-5,897,880</i> | <i>-6,099,518</i> | <i>-1,341,348</i> | <i>-1,511,976</i> | <i>-1,502,305</i> | <i>-1,542,251</i> | <i>-1,388,851</i> | <i>-1,555,392</i> | <i>-1,566,073</i> | <i>-1,589,202</i> |
| <b>Goods</b>                                           | <b>-216,592</b>   | <b>-232,664</b>   | <b>-70,325</b>    | <b>-93,086</b>    | <b>-21,658</b>    | <b>-31,523</b>    | <b>-78,912</b>    | <b>-84,698</b>    | <b>-23,493</b>    | <b>-45,561</b>    |
| <i>Credit</i>                                          | <i>3,926,059</i>  | <i>4,028,458</i>  | <i>885,141</i>    | <i>940,918</i>    | <i>1,037,640</i>  | <i>1,062,360</i>  | <i>899,748</i>    | <i>974,133</i>    | <i>1,069,763</i>  | <i>1,084,814</i>  |
| Of which : Net exports of<br>goods under merchandising | 220,868           | n.y.a.            | 48,971            | 45,991            | 58,693            | 67,213            | 49,891            | 47,838            | 63,010            | n.y.a.            |
| <i>Debit</i>                                           | <i>-4,142,651</i> | <i>-4,261,122</i> | <i>-955,466</i>   | <i>-1,034,004</i> | <i>-1,059,298</i> | <i>-1,093,883</i> | <i>-978,660</i>   | <i>-1,058,831</i> | <i>-1,093,256</i> | <i>-1,130,375</i> |
| <b>Services</b>                                        | <b>229,129</b>    | <b>235,228</b>    | <b>58,314</b>     | <b>61,155</b>     | <b>57,539</b>     | <b>52,121</b>     | <b>72,281</b>     | <b>52,303</b>     | <b>57,091</b>     | <b>53,553</b>     |
| <i>Credit</i>                                          | <i>812,345</i>    | <i>822,834</i>    | <i>200,311</i>    | <i>195,558</i>    | <i>204,840</i>    | <i>211,636</i>    | <i>210,799</i>    | <i>192,007</i>    | <i>209,317</i>    | <i>210,711</i>    |
| Transport services                                     | 242,398           | 245,631           | 57,715            | 61,590            | 63,800            | 59,293            | 57,835            | 63,339            | 65,685            | 58,772            |
| Travel services                                        | 301,969           | 297,603           | 70,947            | 74,967            | 73,816            | 82,239            | 78,212            | 68,164            | 71,521            | 79,706            |
| Insurance and pension services                         | 7,913             | 8,958             | 1,795             | 1,927             | 1,991             | 2,200             | 2,088             | 2,158             | 2,290             | 2,422             |
| Financial services                                     | 127,777           | 132,722           | 36,380            | 26,818            | 32,463            | 32,116            | 37,960            | 26,716            | 35,240            | 32,806            |
| Other services                                         | 132,288           | 137,920           | 33,474            | 30,256            | 32,770            | 35,788            | 34,704            | 31,630            | 34,581            | 37,005            |
| <i>Debit</i>                                           | <i>-583,216</i>   | <i>-587,606</i>   | <i>-141,997</i>   | <i>-134,403</i>   | <i>-147,301</i>   | <i>-159,515</i>   | <i>-138,518</i>   | <i>-139,704</i>   | <i>-152,226</i>   | <i>-157,158</i>   |
| Transport services                                     | -140,573          | -143,048          | -33,314           | -34,670           | -36,471           | -36,118           | -33,222           | -36,488           | -37,820           | -35,518           |
| Travel services                                        | -164,545          | -171,494          | -39,605           | -38,842           | -42,396           | -43,702           | -38,553           | -43,800           | -45,024           | -44,117           |
| Insurance and pension services                         | -10,406           | -10,889           | -2,443            | -2,502            | -2,698            | -2,763            | -2,566            | -2,637            | -2,821            | -2,865            |
| Financial services                                     | -32,694           | -34,074           | -9,541            | -6,069            | -8,041            | -9,043            | -9,777            | -6,385            | -8,667            | -9,245            |
| Other services                                         | -234,998          | -228,101          | -57,094           | -52,320           | -57,695           | -67,889           | -54,400           | -50,394           | -57,894           | -65,413           |
| Of which : Manufacturing<br>services                   | -116,002          | n.y.a.            | -27,758           | -27,098           | -29,235           | -31,911           | -24,096           | -24,155           | -28,530           | n.y.a.            |
| <b>Primary income</b>                                  | <b>40,519</b>     | <b>60,774</b>     | <b>10,236</b>     | <b>16,816</b>     | <b>852</b>        | <b>12,615</b>     | <b>7,290</b>      | <b>27,822</b>     | <b>11,663</b>     | <b>14,000</b>     |
| <i>Credit</i>                                          | <i>1,183,568</i>  | <i>1,283,533</i>  | <i>247,189</i>    | <i>352,939</i>    | <i>289,207</i>    | <i>294,232</i>    | <i>272,023</i>    | <i>377,823</i>    | <i>325,087</i>    | <i>308,599</i>    |
| Investment income                                      | 1,180,773         | 1,280,651         | 246,499           | 352,240           | 288,507           | 293,527           | 271,302           | 377,108           | 324,362           | 307,880           |
| Direct investment income                               | 908,725           | 963,204           | 198,177           | 242,037           | 226,039           | 242,471           | 219,697           | 262,934           | 231,780           | 248,793           |
| Portfolio investment income                            | 196,561           | 229,001           | 30,806            | 90,843            | 43,878            | 31,033            | 31,161            | 91,400            | 70,774            | 35,667            |
| Other investment income                                | 47,836            | 61,221            | 10,346            | 11,454            | 12,042            | 13,994            | 14,103            | 15,426            | 15,013            | 16,679            |
| Income on reserve assets                               | 27,651            | 27,224            | 7,170             | 7,906             | 6,548             | 6,028             | 6,340             | 7,348             | 6,795             | 6,741             |
| Compensation of employees                              | 2,795             | 2,883             | 690               | 699               | 700               | 705               | 722               | 716               | 726               | 720               |
| <i>Debit</i>                                           | <i>-1,143,049</i> | <i>-1,222,759</i> | <i>-236,953</i>   | <i>-336,123</i>   | <i>-288,355</i>   | <i>-281,618</i>   | <i>-264,734</i>   | <i>-350,002</i>   | <i>-313,424</i>   | <i>-294,600</i>   |
| Investment income                                      | -1,137,959        | -1,217,240        | -235,728          | -334,863          | -287,058          | -280,310          | -263,378          | -348,642          | -312,037          | -293,183          |
| Direct investment income                               | -996,107          | -1,060,830        | -219,178          | -273,714          | -245,643          | -257,572          | -243,373          | -281,003          | -266,672          | -269,783          |
| Portfolio investment income                            | -104,802          | -109,917          | -7,428            | -51,677           | -31,649           | -14,047           | -7,858            | -56,748           | -33,894           | -11,416           |
| Other investment income                                | -37,049           | -46,493           | -9,122            | -9,472            | -9,765            | -8,691            | -12,147           | -10,891           | -11,471           | -11,984           |
| Compensation of employees                              | -5,090            | -5,519            | -1,225            | -1,260            | -1,298            | -1,308            | -1,355            | -1,359            | -1,388            | -1,417            |
| <b>Secondary income</b>                                | <b>-20,876</b>    | <b>-19,642</b>    | <b>-5,006</b>     | <b>-5,463</b>     | <b>-5,319</b>     | <b>-5,087</b>     | <b>-4,869</b>     | <b>-4,765</b>     | <b>-5,065</b>     | <b>-4,943</b>     |
| <i>Credit</i>                                          | <i>8,088</i>      | <i>8,389</i>      | <i>1,926</i>      | <i>1,983</i>      | <i>2,032</i>      | <i>2,148</i>      | <i>2,071</i>      | <i>2,090</i>      | <i>2,101</i>      | <i>2,126</i>      |
| <i>Debit</i>                                           | <i>-28,964</i>    | <i>-28,031</i>    | <i>-6,932</i>     | <i>-7,446</i>     | <i>-7,351</i>     | <i>-7,235</i>     | <i>-6,940</i>     | <i>-6,856</i>     | <i>-7,166</i>     | <i>-7,069</i>     |

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(2) In a Balance of Payments account, every external transaction is recorded by two entries, a credit and a debit. In the current account, exports of goods and services, primary income inflows and secondary income inflows are all credit entries, while imports of goods and services, primary income outflows and secondary income outflows are debit entries.

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**Table 3 Hong Kong's Balance of Payments: Capital and financial account**

| HK\$ million                                 |          |            |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Standard component                           | 2013     | 2014       | 2013<br>1st Qtr | 2013<br>2nd Qtr | 2013<br>3rd Qtr | 2013<br>4th Qtr | 2014<br>1st Qtr | 2014<br>2nd Qtr | 2014<br>3rd Qtr | 2014<br>4th Qtr |
| Capital and financial account <sup>(1)</sup> | -86,308  | -96,437    | -14,458         | -4,887          | -12,760         | -54,203         | 29,922          | -11,997         | -69,064         | -45,297         |
| Capital account                              | -1,609   | -753       | -135            | -116            | -1,282          | -75             | -67             | -168            | -35             | -483            |
| Credit                                       | 4        | 3          | 1               | 1               | 1               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 2               |
| Debit                                        | -1,613   | -756       | -137            | -117            | -1,283          | -77             | -67             | -168            | -35             | -485            |
| Financial account                            | -84,699  | -95,684    | -14,322         | -4,771          | -11,478         | -54,128         | 29,989          | -11,829         | -69,029         | -44,814         |
| Financial non-reserve assets <sup>(2)</sup>  | -26,810  | 43,405     | 2,082           | 20,661          | -40,200         | -9,352          | 62,173          | 392             | -1,008          | -18,152         |
| Direct investment                            | -50,250  | -305,870   | -92,370         | -60,194         | 43,027          | 59,287          | -82,302         | 83,000          | -230,273        | -76,296         |
| Assets                                       | -646,336 | -1,205,238 | -246,130        | -174,241        | -157,901        | -68,065         | -371,999        | -106,760        | -441,346        | -285,132        |
| Equity and investment fund shares            | -638,860 | -983,667   | -185,675        | -156,019        | -133,694        | -163,472        | -248,464        | -102,331        | -404,698        | -228,174        |
| Debt instruments                             | -7,476   | -221,571   | -60,454         | -18,222         | -24,207         | 95,408          | -123,535        | -4,429          | -36,648         | -56,959         |
| Liabilities                                  | 596,086  | 899,368    | 153,760         | 114,047         | 200,927         | 127,352         | 289,697         | 189,761         | 211,074         | 208,837         |
| Equity and investment fund shares            | 605,746  | 981,272    | 164,725         | 137,995         | 149,200         | 153,827         | 216,697         | 161,108         | 404,423         | 199,044         |
| Debt instruments                             | -9,660   | -81,904    | -10,966         | -23,947         | 51,728          | -26,475         | 73,000          | 28,653          | -193,350        | 9,793           |
| Portfolio investment                         | -386,077 | 157,089    | -82,057         | -38,161         | -124,771        | -141,088        | -11,476         | -53,545         | 245,436         | -23,327         |
| Assets                                       | -514,650 | -37,698    | -124,938        | -37,018         | -167,773        | -184,921        | -12,393         | -89,649         | 73,231          | -8,888          |
| Equity and investment fund shares            | -179,415 | -109,403   | 30,509          | -146,710        | 40,469          | -103,683        | -75,662         | 10,670          | 32,906          | -77,317         |
| Debt securities                              | -335,235 | 71,705     | -155,446        | 109,692         | -208,242        | -81,238         | 63,270          | -100,319        | 40,325          | 68,429          |
| Short-term                                   | -410,111 | 204,720    | -145,482        | -47,195         | -181,205        | -36,229         | 41,090          | -63,607         | 94,020          | 133,218         |
| Long-term                                    | 74,876   | -133,015   | -9,965          | 156,887         | -27,037         | -45,009         | 22,180          | -36,712         | -53,695         | -64,788         |
| Liabilities                                  | 128,573  | 194,787    | 42,880          | -1,143          | 43,003          | 43,833          | 916             | 36,104          | 172,205         | -14,439         |
| Equity and investment fund shares            | 67,554   | 136,868    | 56,860          | -30,050         | 27,911          | 12,833          | -8,525          | 24,666          | 160,322         | -39,594         |
| Debt securities                              | 61,019   | 57,919     | -13,980         | 28,906          | 15,092          | 31,001          | 9,442           | 11,438          | 11,884          | 25,156          |
| Short-term                                   | 40,232   | -20,649    | -3,405          | 17,734          | 9,541           | 16,362          | 1,070           | -10,655         | -5,144          | -5,921          |
| Long-term                                    | 20,787   | 78,568     | -10,575         | 11,172          | 5,551           | 14,639          | 8,371           | 22,093          | 17,028          | 31,077          |
| Financial derivatives                        | 54,661   | 103,939    | 17,125          | 9,755           | 18,128          | 9,653           | 18,052          | 23,815          | 12,597          | 49,475          |
| Assets                                       | 424,894  | 449,577    | 121,725         | 91,001          | 101,365         | 110,804         | 89,999          | 130,204         | 72,668          | 156,705         |
| Liabilities                                  | -370,232 | -345,638   | -104,599        | -81,246         | -83,236         | -101,151        | -71,947         | -106,390        | -60,071         | -107,230        |
| Other investment                             | 354,856  | 88,247     | 159,384         | 109,261         | 23,416          | 62,795          | 137,899         | -52,878         | -28,769         | 31,995          |
| Assets                                       | -639,171 | -872,885   | 129,169         | -55,066         | -321,868        | -391,407        | -340,651        | -375,025        | -22,897         | -134,312        |
| Currency and deposits                        | -292,630 | -579,617   | 307,852         | 9,952           | -272,714        | -337,720        | -183,835        | -200,206        | -40,653         | -154,923        |
| Loans                                        | -312,254 | -282,894   | -167,530        | -24,422         | -43,878         | -76,425         | -157,924        | -116,248        | 734             | -9,456          |
| Trade credit and advances                    | -11,334  | -1,294     | 16,868          | -11,015         | -15,820         | -1,368          | 24,748          | -15,942         | -11,716         | 1,617           |
| Other assets                                 | -22,952  | -9,079     | -28,020         | -29,581         | 10,544          | 24,105          | -23,640         | -42,629         | 28,739          | 28,450          |
| Liabilities                                  | 994,027  | 961,132    | 30,214          | 164,327         | 345,284         | 454,202         | 478,550         | 322,146         | -5,872          | 166,307         |
| Currency and deposits                        | 755,385  | 596,287    | -123,914        | 117,218         | 310,145         | 451,936         | 452,773         | 204,599         | -101,246        | 40,160          |
| Loans                                        | 198,552  | 328,798    | 135,141         | 39,677          | 6,767           | 16,968          | 23,077          | 72,339          | 86,871          | 146,511         |
| Trade credit and advances                    | 31,831   | 24,457     | -9,838          | 11,901          | 24,818          | 4,950           | -18,523         | 32,623          | 5,856           | 4,501           |
| Other liabilities                            | 8,258    | 11,589     | 28,826          | -4,469          | 3,553           | -19,652         | 21,223          | 12,585          | 2,646           | -24,865         |
| Reserve assets <sup>(2)</sup>                | -57,890  | -139,089   | -16,404         | -25,432         | 28,722          | -44,775         | -32,185         | -12,221         | -68,021         | -26,662         |

Notes : (1) In accordance with the accounting rules adopted in compiling Balance of Payments, a positive value for the balance figure in the capital and financial account indicates a net financial inflow while a negative value indicates a net outflow. As increases in external assets are debit entries and decreases are credit entries, a negative value for the reserve assets represents a net increase while a positive value represents a net decrease.

(2) The estimates of reserve and non-reserve assets under the Balance of Payments framework are transaction figures. Effects of valuation changes (including price changes and exchange rate changes) and reclassifications are not taken into account.

**Table 4    Hong Kong's International Investment Position**  
**(position as at end of period)**

| HK\$ million                                                |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Broad component                                             | 2013              | 2014              | 2013<br>1st Qtr   | 2013<br>2nd Qtr   | 2013<br>3rd Qtr   | 2013<br>4th Qtr   | 2014<br>1st Qtr   | 2014<br>2nd Qtr   | 2014<br>3rd Qtr   | 2014<br>4th Qtr   |
| <b>Assets</b>                                               | <b>29,124,790</b> | <b>32,341,618</b> | <b>27,109,130</b> | <b>27,014,978</b> | <b>28,206,819</b> | <b>29,124,790</b> | <b>29,414,810</b> | <b>30,588,636</b> | <b>31,845,589</b> | <b>32,341,618</b> |
| <i>Direct investment</i>                                    | <i>10,483,476</i> | <i>12,381,763</i> | <i>9,988,163</i>  | <i>10,146,259</i> | <i>10,507,784</i> | <i>10,483,476</i> | <i>10,488,544</i> | <i>10,975,411</i> | <i>12,183,489</i> | <i>12,381,763</i> |
| Equity and investment fund shares                           | 8,492,826         | 10,029,478        | 7,927,398         | 8,069,058         | 8,403,877         | 8,492,826         | 8,381,026         | 8,768,888         | 9,918,566         | 10,029,478        |
| Debt instruments                                            | 1,990,650         | 2,352,285         | 2,060,764         | 2,077,201         | 2,103,907         | 1,990,650         | 2,107,518         | 2,206,523         | 2,264,923         | 2,352,285         |
| <i>Portfolio investment</i>                                 | <i>8,693,567</i>  | <i>9,065,183</i>  | <i>7,949,195</i>  | <i>7,677,969</i>  | <i>8,218,474</i>  | <i>8,693,567</i>  | <i>8,620,201</i>  | <i>8,935,149</i>  | <i>8,965,319</i>  | <i>9,065,183</i>  |
| Equity and investment fund shares                           | 5,379,364         | 5,762,582         | 4,814,237         | 4,657,079         | 4,986,843         | 5,379,364         | 5,265,257         | 5,492,306         | 5,540,908         | 5,762,582         |
| Debt securities                                             | 3,314,203         | 3,302,601         | 3,134,958         | 3,020,890         | 3,231,632         | 3,314,203         | 3,354,944         | 3,442,843         | 3,424,411         | 3,302,601         |
| Short-term                                                  | 1,592,324         | 1,311,599         | 1,300,419         | 1,353,492         | 1,536,614         | 1,592,324         | 1,578,444         | 1,596,997         | 1,494,989         | 1,311,599         |
| Long-term                                                   | 1,721,878         | 1,991,002         | 1,834,539         | 1,667,398         | 1,695,018         | 1,721,878         | 1,776,500         | 1,845,846         | 1,929,422         | 1,991,002         |
| <i>Financial derivatives</i>                                | <i>568,018</i>    | <i>623,389</i>    | <i>614,195</i>    | <i>590,986</i>    | <i>548,497</i>    | <i>568,018</i>    | <i>602,316</i>    | <i>602,124</i>    | <i>551,085</i>    | <i>623,389</i>    |
| <i>Other investment</i>                                     | <i>6,966,882</i>  | <i>7,723,733</i>  | <i>6,199,315</i>  | <i>6,245,072</i>  | <i>6,578,357</i>  | <i>6,966,882</i>  | <i>7,245,795</i>  | <i>7,588,603</i>  | <i>7,616,122</i>  | <i>7,723,733</i>  |
| Currency and deposits                                       | 4,784,512         | 5,624,236         | 4,183,056         | 4,165,904         | 4,448,613         | 4,784,512         | 5,011,394         | 5,383,036         | 5,442,840         | 5,624,236         |
| Loans                                                       | 1,900,135         | 1,798,287         | 1,756,920         | 1,779,333         | 1,824,455         | 1,900,135         | 1,960,981         | 1,885,468         | 1,860,686         | 1,798,287         |
| Trade credit and advances                                   | 164,457           | 166,216           | 136,459           | 147,419           | 163,120           | 164,457           | 139,826           | 155,644           | 167,681           | 166,216           |
| Other assets                                                | 117,779           | 134,994           | 122,881           | 152,415           | 142,169           | 117,779           | 133,594           | 164,455           | 144,916           | 134,994           |
| <i>Reserve assets</i>                                       | <i>2,412,847</i>  | <i>2,547,549</i>  | <i>2,358,263</i>  | <i>2,354,692</i>  | <i>2,353,708</i>  | <i>2,412,847</i>  | <i>2,457,953</i>  | <i>2,487,349</i>  | <i>2,529,574</i>  | <i>2,547,549</i>  |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                          | <b>23,247,802</b> | <b>25,942,852</b> | <b>21,648,744</b> | <b>21,529,666</b> | <b>22,759,371</b> | <b>23,247,802</b> | <b>22,950,888</b> | <b>24,480,538</b> | <b>25,667,437</b> | <b>25,942,852</b> |
| <i>Direct investment</i>                                    | <i>11,346,667</i> | <i>13,078,993</i> | <i>10,807,481</i> | <i>10,795,127</i> | <i>11,389,416</i> | <i>11,346,667</i> | <i>10,757,133</i> | <i>11,809,906</i> | <i>13,027,528</i> | <i>13,078,993</i> |
| Equity and investment fund shares                           | 9,952,394         | 11,593,222        | 9,412,886         | 9,433,734         | 9,979,564         | 9,952,394         | 9,303,988         | 10,287,193        | 11,616,091        | 11,593,222        |
| Debt instruments                                            | 1,394,272         | 1,485,771         | 1,394,596         | 1,361,393         | 1,409,853         | 1,394,272         | 1,453,144         | 1,522,713         | 1,411,437         | 1,485,771         |
| <i>Portfolio investment</i>                                 | <i>4,045,845</i>  | <i>4,060,716</i>  | <i>3,861,294</i>  | <i>3,645,379</i>  | <i>3,970,327</i>  | <i>4,045,845</i>  | <i>3,833,511</i>  | <i>3,981,820</i>  | <i>4,037,209</i>  | <i>4,060,716</i>  |
| Equity and investment fund shares                           | 3,783,558         | 3,777,511         | 3,639,386         | 3,408,524         | 3,725,344         | 3,783,558         | 3,577,442         | 3,728,014         | 3,768,176         | 3,777,511         |
| Debt securities                                             | 262,287           | 283,205           | 221,908           | 236,854           | 244,982           | 262,287           | 256,069           | 253,806           | 269,033           | 283,205           |
| Short-term                                                  | 124,699           | 111,572           | 83,001            | 100,681           | 110,493           | 124,699           | 131,740           | 115,254           | 120,938           | 111,572           |
| Long-term                                                   | 137,589           | 171,633           | 138,906           | 136,173           | 134,489           | 137,589           | 124,329           | 138,552           | 148,095           | 171,633           |
| <i>Financial derivatives</i>                                | <i>512,067</i>    | <i>564,147</i>    | <i>590,277</i>    | <i>547,403</i>    | <i>502,164</i>    | <i>512,067</i>    | <i>519,396</i>    | <i>522,632</i>    | <i>481,609</i>    | <i>564,147</i>    |
| <i>Other investment</i>                                     | <i>7,343,223</i>  | <i>8,238,997</i>  | <i>6,389,692</i>  | <i>6,541,757</i>  | <i>6,897,464</i>  | <i>7,343,223</i>  | <i>7,840,849</i>  | <i>8,166,181</i>  | <i>8,121,091</i>  | <i>8,238,997</i>  |
| Currency and deposits                                       | 6,072,882         | 6,645,705         | 5,200,938         | 5,306,200         | 5,624,678         | 6,072,882         | 6,559,052         | 6,763,488         | 6,632,822         | 6,645,705         |
| Loans                                                       | 992,537           | 1,279,056         | 935,498           | 971,771           | 980,605           | 992,537           | 999,583           | 1,073,664         | 1,148,691         | 1,279,056         |
| Trade credit and advances                                   | 181,176           | 206,556           | 139,646           | 151,525           | 176,201           | 181,176           | 162,803           | 195,275           | 201,666           | 206,556           |
| Other liabilities                                           | 96,628            | 107,681           | 113,609           | 112,260           | 115,979           | 96,628            | 119,411           | 133,755           | 137,912           | 107,681           |
| <b>Net International Investment Position <sup>(1)</sup></b> | <b>5,876,988</b>  | <b>6,398,765</b>  | <b>5,460,386</b>  | <b>5,485,312</b>  | <b>5,447,449</b>  | <b>5,876,988</b>  | <b>6,463,921</b>  | <b>6,108,097</b>  | <b>6,178,152</b>  | <b>6,398,765</b>  |
| <b>Additional items related to reserve assets:</b>          |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| <i>Reserve-related liabilities</i>                          | <i>320</i>        | <i>286</i>        | <i>281</i>        | <i>253</i>        | <i>251</i>        | <i>320</i>        | <i>494</i>        | <i>250</i>        | <i>547</i>        | <i>286</i>        |
| <i>Foreign currency deposits with resident banks</i>        | <i>145,349</i>    | <i>121,089</i>    | <i>142,057</i>    | <i>134,388</i>    | <i>168,721</i>    | <i>145,349</i>    | <i>114,169</i>    | <i>140,667</i>    | <i>147,661</i>    | <i>121,089</i>    |

Note :    (1)    Net International Investment Position is the difference between total external financial assets and total external financial liabilities.

**Table 5 Hong Kong's External Debt (position as at end of period)**

| HK\$ million                                                         |                  |                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Sector / Standard component                                          | 2013             | 2014              | 2013<br>1st Qtr  | 2013<br>2nd Qtr  | 2013<br>3rd Qtr  | 2013<br>4th Qtr  | 2014<br>1st Qtr  | 2014<br>2nd Qtr  | 2014<br>3rd Qtr  | 2014<br>4th Qtr   |
| <b>General government</b>                                            | <b>10,778</b>    | <b>9,645</b>      | <b>10,677</b>    | <b>10,721</b>    | <b>10,471</b>    | <b>10,778</b>    | <b>11,016</b>    | <b>11,138</b>    | <b>9,609</b>     | <b>9,645</b>      |
| <i>Short-term</i>                                                    | <i>*</i>         | <i>*</i>          | <i>*</i>         | <i>*</i>         | <i>*</i>         | <i>*</i>         | <i>*</i>         | <i>*</i>         | <i>*</i>         | <i>*</i>          |
| Debt securities                                                      | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Loans                                                                | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Currency and deposits                                                | *                | *                 | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                 |
| Other debt liabilities                                               | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| <i>Long-term</i>                                                     | <i>10,778</i>    | <i>9,645</i>      | <i>10,677</i>    | <i>10,721</i>    | <i>10,471</i>    | <i>10,778</i>    | <i>11,016</i>    | <i>11,138</i>    | <i>9,609</i>     | <i>9,645</i>      |
| Debt securities                                                      | 10,778           | 9,645             | 10,677           | 10,721           | 10,471           | 10,778           | 11,016           | 11,138           | 9,609            | 9,645             |
| Loans                                                                | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Other debt liabilities                                               | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| <b>Monetary authority</b>                                            | <b>2,114</b>     | <b>1,983</b>      | <b>2,114</b>     | <b>3,615</b>     | <b>2,092</b>     | <b>2,114</b>     | <b>2,244</b>     | <b>1,996</b>     | <b>2,416</b>     | <b>1,983</b>      |
| <i>Short-term</i>                                                    | <i>328</i>       | <i>293</i>        | <i>287</i>       | <i>258</i>       | <i>257</i>       | <i>328</i>       | <i>500</i>       | <i>257</i>       | <i>554</i>       | <i>293</i>        |
| Debt securities                                                      | *                | *                 | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                 |
| Loans                                                                | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Currency and deposits                                                | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Other debt liabilities                                               | 328              | 293               | 287              | 258              | 257              | 328              | 500              | 257              | 554              | 293               |
| <i>Long-term</i>                                                     | <i>1,787</i>     | <i>1,690</i>      | <i>1,827</i>     | <i>3,356</i>     | <i>1,835</i>     | <i>1,787</i>     | <i>1,744</i>     | <i>1,740</i>     | <i>1,862</i>     | <i>1,690</i>      |
| Debt securities                                                      | 1,787            | 1,690             | 1,827            | 3,356            | 1,835            | 1,787            | 1,744            | 1,740            | 1,862            | 1,690             |
| Loans                                                                | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Other debt liabilities                                               | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| <b>Banks</b>                                                         | <b>6,271,576</b> | <b>6,859,365</b>  | <b>5,381,857</b> | <b>5,488,995</b> | <b>5,819,162</b> | <b>6,271,576</b> | <b>6,791,983</b> | <b>6,994,256</b> | <b>6,864,593</b> | <b>6,859,365</b>  |
| <i>Short-term</i>                                                    | <i>6,184,444</i> | <i>6,683,819</i>  | <i>5,300,891</i> | <i>5,410,219</i> | <i>5,737,812</i> | <i>6,184,444</i> | <i>6,670,343</i> | <i>6,862,142</i> | <i>6,734,831</i> | <i>6,683,819</i>  |
| Debt securities                                                      | 111,964          | 89,688            | 74,335           | 90,022           | 100,407          | 111,964          | 120,106          | 104,832          | 103,031          | 89,688            |
| Loans                                                                | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Currency and deposits                                                | 6,046,255        | 6,574,486         | 5,176,372        | 5,280,958        | 5,594,899        | 6,046,255        | 6,499,033        | 6,708,389        | 6,585,975        | 6,574,486         |
| Other debt liabilities                                               | 26,226           | 19,646            | 50,184           | 39,239           | 42,506           | 26,226           | 51,204           | 48,920           | 45,826           | 19,646            |
| <i>Long-term</i>                                                     | <i>87,131</i>    | <i>175,545</i>    | <i>80,966</i>    | <i>78,776</i>    | <i>81,350</i>    | <i>87,131</i>    | <i>121,640</i>   | <i>132,115</i>   | <i>129,762</i>   | <i>175,545</i>    |
| Debt securities                                                      | 57,782           | 101,342           | 52,751           | 50,833           | 48,838           | 57,782           | 58,878           | 73,925           | 79,664           | 101,342           |
| Loans                                                                | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Currency and deposits                                                | 26,627           | 71,219            | 24,566           | 25,242           | 29,779           | 26,627           | 60,020           | 55,098           | 46,847           | 71,219            |
| Other debt liabilities                                               | 2,722            | 2,984             | 3,649            | 2,701            | 2,733            | 2,722            | 2,743            | 3,091            | 3,252            | 2,984             |
| <b>Other sectors</b>                                                 | <b>1,321,043</b> | <b>1,651,209</b>  | <b>1,216,951</b> | <b>1,275,281</b> | <b>1,310,721</b> | <b>1,321,043</b> | <b>1,291,675</b> | <b>1,412,596</b> | <b>1,513,506</b> | <b>1,651,209</b>  |
| <i>Short-term</i>                                                    | <i>497,027</i>   | <i>550,984</i>    | <i>441,883</i>   | <i>472,184</i>   | <i>502,900</i>   | <i>497,027</i>   | <i>474,894</i>   | <i>535,162</i>   | <i>561,945</i>   | <i>550,984</i>    |
| Debt securities                                                      | 12,735           | 21,885            | 8,667            | 10,659           | 10,087           | 12,735           | 11,633           | 10,422           | 17,907           | 21,885            |
| Loans                                                                | 273,707          | 297,941           | 264,869          | 272,734          | 279,410          | 273,707          | 271,189          | 290,749          | 307,542          | 297,941           |
| Currency and deposits                                                | 0                | 0                 | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                | 0                 |
| Trade credit and advances                                            | 181,176          | 206,556           | 139,646          | 151,525          | 176,201          | 181,176          | 162,803          | 195,275          | 201,666          | 206,556           |
| Other debt liabilities                                               | 29,409           | 24,602            | 28,701           | 37,266           | 37,202           | 29,409           | 29,268           | 38,716           | 34,831           | 24,602            |
| <i>Long-term</i>                                                     | <i>824,015</i>   | <i>1,100,225</i>  | <i>775,068</i>   | <i>803,097</i>   | <i>807,821</i>   | <i>824,015</i>   | <i>816,781</i>   | <i>877,435</i>   | <i>951,561</i>   | <i>1,100,225</i>  |
| Debt securities                                                      | 67,242           | 58,955            | 73,651           | 71,263           | 73,344           | 67,242           | 52,691           | 51,749           | 56,961           | 58,955            |
| Loans                                                                | 718,830          | 981,114           | 670,629          | 699,037          | 701,196          | 718,830          | 728,394          | 782,915          | 841,150          | 981,114           |
| Trade credit and advances                                            | *                | *                 | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                | *                 |
| Other debt liabilities                                               | 37,944           | 60,156            | 30,788           | 32,796           | 33,281           | 37,944           | 35,696           | 42,771           | 53,450           | 60,156            |
| <b>Direct investment:<br/>intercompany lending</b>                   | <b>1,394,272</b> | <b>1,485,771</b>  | <b>1,394,596</b> | <b>1,361,393</b> | <b>1,409,853</b> | <b>1,394,272</b> | <b>1,453,144</b> | <b>1,522,713</b> | <b>1,411,437</b> | <b>1,485,771</b>  |
| Debt liabilities of direct investment enterprises to direct investor | 665,290          | 581,915           | 688,320          | 647,573          | 704,189          | 665,290          | 737,982          | 782,047          | 598,977          | 581,915           |
| Debt liabilities of direct investor to direct investment enterprises | 321,746          | 371,181           | 297,101          | 292,605          | 293,861          | 321,746          | 329,388          | 332,538          | 365,303          | 371,181           |
| Debt liabilities between fellow enterprises                          | 407,237          | 532,674           | 409,174          | 421,214          | 411,802          | 407,237          | 385,774          | 408,128          | 447,158          | 532,674           |
| <b>Gross External Debt</b>                                           | <b>8,999,783</b> | <b>10,007,973</b> | <b>8,006,195</b> | <b>8,140,004</b> | <b>8,552,299</b> | <b>8,999,783</b> | <b>9,550,062</b> | <b>9,942,699</b> | <b>9,801,561</b> | <b>10,007,973</b> |

Note : \* Data are not released due to relatively insignificant value (less than HK\$10 million) and / or in order to safeguard confidentiality of information provided by individual establishments.