

**Residential Mortgage Survey**  
**Results of Survey for March 2015**

	(Value in HK\$ million)	
	<b><u>Mar 2015</u></b>	<b><u>Feb 2015</u></b>
<b>1. <u>New applications received during the month</u></b>		
a. Number	10,437	10,393
(M-o-M % change)	(0.4%)	(-23.6%)
<b>2. <u>New loans approved during the month</u></b>		
a. Value	28,060	26,656
(M-o-M % change)	(5.3%)	(-12.1%)
b. Number	8,183	8,147
(M-o-M % change)	(0.4%)	(-10.5%)
c. Average size	3.43	3.27
d. Loan-to-value ratio (%)	52.7	54.7
e. Contractual life (months)	309	312
f. Loans associated with co-financing schemes		
- Value	632	660
- Number	140	140
g. Type of property transaction		
Value		
- Primary market	6,916	5,997
- Secondary market	15,561	15,901
- Refinancing	5,583	4,758
Number		
- Primary market	1,503	1,361
- Secondary market	4,526	4,930
- Refinancing	2,154	1,856
h. New loans approved during the month but not yet drawn		
- Value	21,098	23,301
- Number	6,041	7,001
<b>3. <u>New loans drawn down during the month</u></b>		
a. Value	29,195	16,041
(M-o-M % change)	(82.0%)	(-24.8%)
b. Number	8,898	5,106
(M-o-M % change)	(74.3%)	(-21.2%)

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<b>4. <u>Outstanding loans</u></b>		
a. Value	1,011,675	998,023
(M-o-M % change)	(1.4%)	(0.5%)
(Y-o-Y % change)	(10.6%)	(9.6%)
b. Loans associated with co-financing schemes		
Government-funded schemes:		
- Value	5,756	5,773
- Number	12,722	12,895
Schemes offered by the private sector:		
- Value	10,953	10,460
- Number	3,875	3,801
c. Delinquency ratio (%)		
- More than 3 months	0.03	0.03
- More than 6 months	0.01	0.01
d. Rescheduled loan ratio (%)	0.00	0.00
<b>5. <u>Loans written off</u></b>		
a. Value of loans written off during the month	0	0
b. Loans written off over the past 12 months		
- Value	0	0
- As % of the average outstanding loans	*	*
<b>6. <u>Interest rates on new loans approved during the month</u></b>		
a. With reference to BLR	12.5%	12.8%
(Breakdown is shown on an absolute interest rate basis)		
of which: Less than 2%	0.0%	0.0%
2% to less than 2.25%	7.9%	8.1%
2.25% to less than 2.5%	1.8%	1.7%
2.5% to less than 2.75%	0.9%	0.8%
2.75% to less than 3%	0.6%	0.9%
3% or more	1.3%	1.3%
b. With reference to HIBOR	85.5%	85.4%
c. Fixed rate	0.0%	0.0%
d. Others	2.0%	1.8%

Abbreviation:

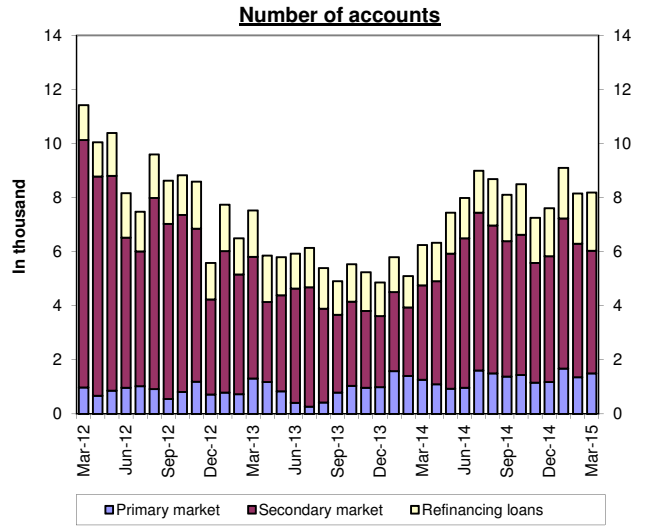
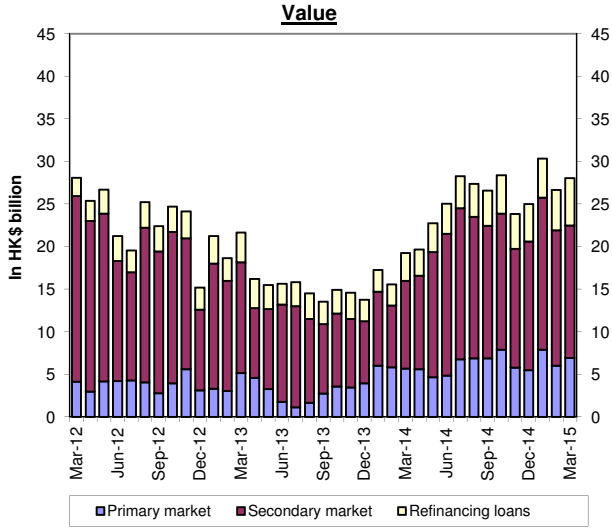
BLR refers to the best lending rate.

HIBOR refers to Hong Kong interbank offered rate.

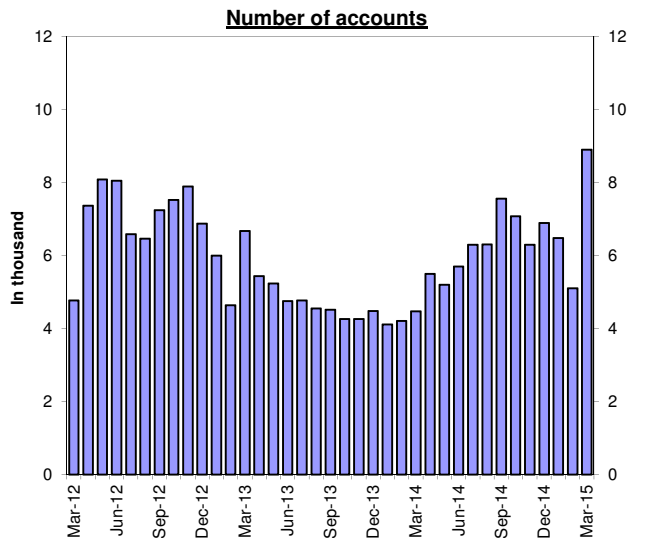
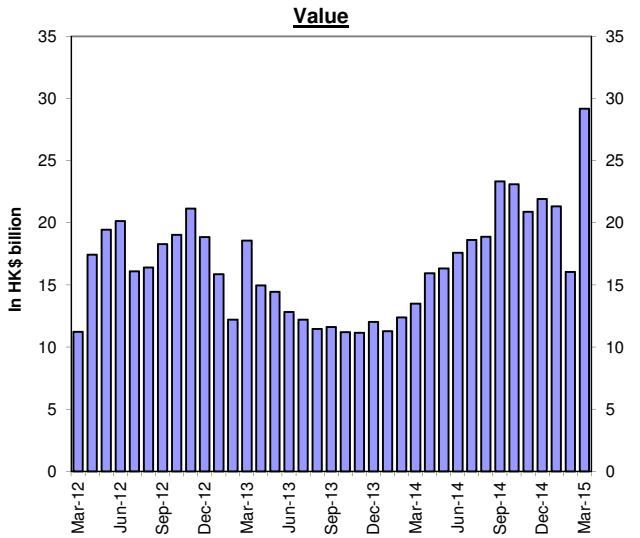
\* less than 0.05%

## Residential Mortgage Loans in Hong Kong

### New Loans Approved During the Month



### New Loans Drawn Down During the Month



## Residential Mortgage Survey

### Notes to Annex

1. **Residential mortgage loans** (RMLs) of the authorized institutions covered in this survey represent about 99% of the banking sector.
2. **RMLs** in this survey are loans (including refinancing loans) to private individuals for the purchase of residential properties, including uncompleted units, but other than those properties under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme.
3. **New loans approved** are mortgage loans approved during the surveyed month. The loans can either be drawn down in the same month or in the following months. Loans that are approved but not yet drawn, which have implications for the amount of gross new loans made in the following months, are shown under the item "New loans approved during the month but not yet drawn".
4. **Delinquency ratio** is measured by a ratio of total amount of overdue loans to total outstanding loans.
5. **Rescheduled loan ratio** is measured by a ratio of total amount of rescheduled loans to total outstanding loans.
6. **Co-financing schemes** refer to those schemes that involve the provision of top-up finance by property developer(s) or other co-financier(s) in addition to mortgage loans advanced by authorized institutions. For loans associated with co-financing schemes, only the portion of loans advanced by reporting institutions is included in this survey.
7. **Average loan-to-value ratio and average contractual life** for new loans approved during the surveyed month are average figures weighted by the amount of new loans approved during the surveyed month by individual reporting institutions.
8. **Loans written off** over the past 12 months as a percentage of the average outstanding loans is calculated as: total value of loans written off during the past 12-month period as a percentage of the average outstanding loan value over the 12-month period [i.e. (opening + closing) ÷ 2].