

Table 1 Hong Kong's Balance of Payments

HK\$ million

Standard component			2017	2017	2017	2017	2018
	2016	2017	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr
Current account⁽¹⁾	98,664	114,946	20,157	19,070	59,733	15,985	16,251
<i>Credit</i>	5,941,701	6,416,163	1,441,933	1,574,062	1,680,791	1,719,377	1,599,310
<i>Debit</i>	-5,843,037	-6,301,218	-1,421,776	-1,554,992	-1,621,058	-1,703,391	-1,583,059
Goods	-129,693	-186,673	-56,573	-67,722	-16,567	-45,811	-76,864
<i>Credit</i>	3,892,886	4,191,267	941,485	995,127	1,099,086	1,155,569	1,016,863
<i>Debit</i>	-4,022,579	-4,377,940	-998,058	-1,062,849	-1,115,653	-1,201,380	-1,093,727
Services	186,733	210,890	61,849	41,122	53,283	54,636	74,507
<i>Credit</i>	764,839	811,396	203,157	184,377	207,622	216,240	229,784
<i>Debit</i>	-578,106	-600,506	-141,308	-143,255	-154,339	-161,604	-155,277
Primary income	62,593	110,734	19,800	50,420	28,182	12,332	24,160
<i>Credit</i>	1,273,534	1,400,657	294,155	391,399	370,854	344,249	349,593
<i>Debit</i>	-1,210,941	-1,289,923	-274,355	-340,979	-342,671	-331,917	-325,433
Secondary income	-20,969	-20,005	-4,919	-4,749	-5,165	-5,172	-5,552
<i>Credit</i>	10,442	12,843	3,136	3,159	3,230	3,319	3,070
<i>Debit</i>	-31,411	-32,848	-8,055	-7,909	-8,395	-8,490	-8,622
Capital and financial account⁽¹⁾	-101,104	-155,044	12,087	-45,533	-89,585	-32,013	-44,572
Capital account	-374	-646	-59	-74	-147	-366	-75
<i>Credit</i>	3	4	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Debit</i>	-377	-650	-60	-75	-148	-368	-76
Financial account	-100,730	-154,397	12,146	-45,459	-89,437	-31,647	-44,497
Financial non-reserve assets⁽²⁾	-91,874	96,111	57,455	30,646	-33,836	41,847	29,288
Direct investment	447,758	167,473	69,372	-36,922	13,217	121,806	-19,745
<i>Assets</i>	-586,386	-786,084	-177,525	-330,933	-63,881	-213,745	-191,826
<i>Liabilities</i>	1,034,144	953,557	246,897	294,011	77,099	335,551	172,081
Portfolio investment	-469,591	305,014	103,040	229,086	-13,462	-13,650	-245,652
<i>Assets</i>	-530,219	23,160	43,912	110,622	-67,675	-63,699	-209,182
<i>Liabilities</i>	60,628	281,854	59,128	118,463	54,213	50,049	-36,470
Financial derivatives	36,327	39,646	12,533	-3,570	10,997	19,685	-3,849
<i>Assets</i>	738,192	635,854	159,623	133,399	170,409	172,424	151,806
<i>Liabilities</i>	-701,866	-596,208	-147,089	-136,968	-159,412	-152,739	-155,655
Other investment	-106,368	-416,022	-127,491	-157,948	-44,588	-85,995	298,535
<i>Assets</i>	-322,076	-1,462,979	-518,428	-369,029	-110,908	-464,614	-77,195
<i>Liabilities</i>	215,708	1,046,957	390,937	211,081	66,320	378,619	375,729
Reserve assets⁽²⁾	-8,856	-250,509	-45,309	-76,105	-55,601	-73,494	-73,786
Net errors and omissions⁽³⁾	2,440	40,098	-32,244	26,463	29,852	16,028	28,322
Overall Balance of Payments	8,856	250,509	45,309	76,105	55,601	73,494	73,786
	(surplus)	(surplus)	(surplus)	(surplus)	(surplus)	(surplus)	(surplus)

Notes : Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

- (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	2016	2017	2017 1st Qtr	2017 2nd Qtr	2017 3rd Qtr	2017 4th Qtr	2018 1st Qtr
Current account⁽¹⁾	98,664	114,946	20,157	19,070	59,733	15,985	16,251
<i>Credit</i> ⁽²⁾	5,941,701	6,416,163	1,441,933	1,574,062	1,680,791	1,719,377	1,599,310
<i>Debit</i> ⁽²⁾	-5,843,037	-6,301,218	-1,421,776	-1,554,992	-1,621,058	-1,703,391	-1,583,059
Goods	-129,693	-186,673	-56,573	-67,722	-16,567	-45,811	-76,864
<i>Credit</i>	3,892,886	4,191,267	941,485	995,127	1,099,086	1,155,569	1,016,863
Of which : Net exports of goods under merchandising	220,974	229,592	49,262	46,636	62,060	71,634	51,783
<i>Debit</i>	-4,022,579	-4,377,940	-998,058	-1,062,849	-1,115,653	-1,201,380	-1,093,727
Services	186,733	210,890	61,849	41,122	53,283	54,636	74,507
<i>Credit</i>	764,839	811,396	203,157	184,377	207,622	216,240	229,784
Transport	218,687	236,459	54,511	59,854	63,015	59,079	58,668
Travel	254,962	259,544	64,892	58,607	61,861	74,184	74,441
Insurance and pension services	11,218	11,142	2,745	2,731	2,819	2,847	2,687
Financial services	138,526	156,552	43,500	29,303	43,279	40,470	54,509
Other services	141,446	147,699	37,509	33,882	36,648	39,660	39,479
<i>Debit</i>	-578,106	-600,506	-141,308	-143,255	-154,339	-161,604	-155,277
Manufacturing services	-88,192	-88,892	-20,025	-20,484	-23,231	-25,152	-21,059
Transport	-131,387	-135,775	-31,095	-33,948	-35,625	-35,107	-33,992
Travel	-187,385	-197,874	-45,329	-50,868	-51,640	-50,037	-51,491
Insurance and pension services	-11,047	-11,130	-2,592	-2,760	-2,675	-3,103	-2,639
Financial services	-36,594	-39,279	-10,830	-7,062	-10,282	-11,105	-12,817
Other services	-123,501	-127,556	-31,437	-28,133	-30,886	-37,100	-33,279
Primary income	62,593	110,734	19,800	50,420	28,182	12,332	24,160
<i>Credit</i>	1,273,534	1,400,657	294,155	391,399	370,854	344,249	349,593
Investment income	1,270,432	1,397,251	293,323	390,560	369,984	343,384	348,723
Direct investment income	914,913	955,817	222,845	238,098	242,314	252,559	249,861
Portfolio investment income	264,763	302,010	42,973	117,219	90,896	50,922	51,499
Other investment income	58,037	94,528	18,410	23,478	25,228	27,412	33,628
Income on reserve assets	32,720	44,896	9,095	11,764	11,546	12,490	13,735
Compensation of employees	3,102	3,406	832	839	869	865	870
<i>Debit</i>	-1,210,941	-1,289,923	-274,355	-340,979	-342,671	-331,917	-325,433
Investment income	-1,204,603	-1,283,106	-272,683	-339,303	-340,955	-330,165	-323,656
Direct investment income	-1,039,084	-1,074,743	-242,828	-269,324	-276,027	-286,563	-276,297
Portfolio investment income	-108,716	-116,667	-12,728	-47,588	-39,877	-16,475	-14,204
Other investment income	-56,804	-91,696	-17,127	-22,391	-25,051	-27,126	-33,155
Compensation of employees	-6,338	-6,817	-1,672	-1,676	-1,717	-1,753	-1,777
Secondary income	-20,969	-20,005	-4,919	-4,749	-5,165	-5,172	-5,552
<i>Credit</i>	10,442	12,843	3,136	3,159	3,230	3,319	3,070
<i>Debit</i>	-31,411	-32,848	-8,055	-7,909	-8,395	-8,490	-8,622

Notes : Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

(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.

(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.

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

HK\$ million

Standard component	2016	2017	2017 1st Qtr	2017 2nd Qtr	2017 3rd Qtr	2017 4th Qtr	2018 1st Qtr
Capital and financial account⁽¹⁾	-101,104	-155,044	12,087	-45,533	-89,585	-32,013	-44,572
Capital account	-374	-646	-59	-74	-147	-366	-75
<i>Credit</i>	3	4	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Debit</i>	-377	-650	-60	-75	-148	-368	-76
Financial account	-100,730	-154,397	12,146	-45,459	-89,437	-31,647	-44,497
Financial non-reserve assets⁽²⁾	-91,874	96,111	57,455	30,646	-33,836	41,847	29,288
Direct investment	447,758	167,473	69,372	-36,922	13,217	121,806	-19,745
<i>Assets</i>	-586,386	-786,084	-177,525	-330,933	-63,881	-213,745	-191,826
Equity and investment fund shares	-540,816	-484,395	-184,135	-91,430	-20,020	-188,810	-209,682
Debt instruments	-45,570	-301,688	6,611	-239,503	-43,861	-24,935	17,856
<i>Liabilities</i>	1,034,144	953,557	246,897	294,011	77,099	335,551	172,081
Equity and investment fund shares	833,522	747,631	194,292	140,584	48,613	364,141	147,376
Debt instruments	200,622	205,926	52,604	153,427	28,485	-28,590	24,705
Portfolio investment	-469,591	305,014	103,040	229,086	-13,462	-13,650	-245,652
<i>Assets</i>	-530,219	23,160	43,912	110,622	-67,675	-63,699	-209,182
Equity and investment fund shares	-354,693	-103,489	-64,056	-17,346	592	-22,679	-101,206
Debt securities	-175,526	126,649	107,968	127,968	-68,267	-41,020	-107,976
Short-term	214,111	33,728	60,010	63,800	-25,550	-64,532	-22,801
Long-term	-389,637	92,920	47,957	64,168	-42,717	23,512	-85,176
<i>Liabilities</i>	60,628	281,854	59,128	118,463	54,213	50,049	-36,470
Equity and investment fund shares	19,335	88,814	14,208	28,108	27,224	19,274	-77,334
Debt securities	41,293	193,041	44,920	90,356	26,990	30,775	40,864
Short-term	9,782	43,328	10,003	26,167	12,474	-5,317	246
Long-term	31,511	149,713	34,917	64,188	14,516	36,092	40,618
Financial derivatives	36,327	39,646	12,533	-3,570	10,997	19,685	-3,849
<i>Assets</i>	738,192	635,854	159,623	133,399	170,409	172,424	151,806
<i>Liabilities</i>	-701,866	-596,208	-147,089	-136,968	-159,412	-152,739	-155,655
Other investment	-106,368	-416,022	-127,491	-157,948	-44,588	-85,995	298,535
<i>Assets</i>	-322,076	-1,462,979	-518,428	-369,029	-110,908	-464,614	-77,195
Currency and deposits	-202,651	-1,130,629	-396,846	-264,344	-33,748	-435,691	28,099
Loans	-104,799	-331,213	-109,747	-82,266	-69,259	-69,941	-104,172
Trade credit and advances	-29,889	-8,127	27,034	-10,091	-17,109	-7,961	26,690
Other assets	15,263	6,990	-38,870	-12,328	9,207	48,980	-27,812
<i>Liabilities</i>	215,708	1,046,957	390,937	211,081	66,320	378,619	375,729
Currency and deposits	107,932	839,048	356,970	144,678	-41,717	379,118	330,494
Loans	61,971	161,386	12,002	40,692	77,561	31,131	66,637
Trade credit and advances	12,504	12,987	-22,038	9,539	10,580	14,906	-23,995
Other liabilities	33,300	33,536	44,003	16,172	19,897	-46,536	2,593
Reserve assets⁽²⁾	-8,856	-250,509	-45,309	-76,105	-55,601	-73,494	-73,786

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(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	2016	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2018
			1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	1st Qtr
Assets	35,738,819	42,735,126	36,992,874	39,041,202	40,681,611	42,735,126	43,623,599
<i>Direct investment</i>	<i>13,526,856</i>	<i>15,905,556</i>	<i>13,734,095</i>	<i>14,821,222</i>	<i>15,266,030</i>	<i>15,905,556</i>	<i>16,117,711</i>
Equity and investment fund shares	10,745,870	12,715,636	10,879,393	11,611,554	12,146,423	12,715,636	12,924,119
Debt instruments	2,780,985	3,189,920	2,854,702	3,209,668	3,119,607	3,189,920	3,193,592
<i>Portfolio investment</i>	<i>10,601,538</i>	<i>13,490,432</i>	<i>11,285,018</i>	<i>11,735,214</i>	<i>12,626,449</i>	<i>13,490,432</i>	<i>13,871,776</i>
Equity and investment fund shares	6,779,422	9,425,273	7,515,486	7,922,110	8,662,164	9,425,273	9,546,543
Debt securities	3,822,116	4,065,159	3,769,532	3,813,104	3,964,285	4,065,159	4,325,234
Short-term	924,511	867,282	874,876	803,680	821,498	867,282	949,298
Long-term	2,897,605	3,197,877	2,894,656	3,009,425	3,142,787	3,197,877	3,375,936
<i>Financial derivatives</i>	<i>858,089</i>	<i>620,103</i>	<i>662,269</i>	<i>608,739</i>	<i>637,876</i>	<i>620,103</i>	<i>667,217</i>
<i>Other investment</i>	<i>7,757,749</i>	<i>9,346,889</i>	<i>8,237,493</i>	<i>8,690,853</i>	<i>8,876,087</i>	<i>9,346,889</i>	<i>9,511,637</i>
Currency and deposits	5,546,079	6,770,506	5,911,536	6,225,791	6,308,686	6,770,506	6,811,605
Loans	1,900,492	2,230,791	2,015,339	2,112,534	2,187,200	2,230,791	2,348,747
Trade credit and advances	191,399	200,912	164,678	175,554	192,809	200,912	174,995
Other assets	119,779	144,679	145,941	176,974	187,392	144,679	176,290
<i>Reserve assets</i>	<i>2,994,588</i>	<i>3,372,146</i>	<i>3,073,998</i>	<i>3,185,175</i>	<i>3,275,169</i>	<i>3,372,146</i>	<i>3,455,257</i>
Liabilities	26,792,066	31,841,465	27,538,476	29,280,602	30,440,448	31,841,465	31,989,758
<i>Direct investment</i>	<i>14,142,152</i>	<i>17,190,145</i>	<i>14,511,103</i>	<i>15,747,124</i>	<i>16,442,160</i>	<i>17,190,145</i>	<i>16,962,183</i>
Equity and investment fund shares	12,412,433	15,127,470	12,667,406	13,595,536	14,367,830	15,127,470	14,823,588
Debt instruments	1,729,719	2,062,674	1,843,697	2,151,588	2,074,330	2,062,674	2,138,596
<i>Portfolio investment</i>	<i>3,390,773</i>	<i>4,464,617</i>	<i>3,647,646</i>	<i>3,923,606</i>	<i>4,188,236</i>	<i>4,464,617</i>	<i>4,336,689</i>
Equity and investment fund shares	3,030,638	3,925,335	3,257,869	3,434,299	3,668,096	3,925,335	3,768,562
Debt securities	360,135	539,282	389,777	489,307	520,139	539,282	568,126
Short-term	120,301	183,933	132,042	164,971	186,295	183,933	189,167
Long-term	239,833	355,348	257,734	324,335	333,844	355,348	378,959
<i>Financial derivatives</i>	<i>827,046</i>	<i>568,160</i>	<i>624,265</i>	<i>580,218</i>	<i>586,409</i>	<i>568,160</i>	<i>621,982</i>
<i>Other investment</i>	<i>8,432,094</i>	<i>9,618,543</i>	<i>8,755,462</i>	<i>9,029,654</i>	<i>9,223,643</i>	<i>9,618,543</i>	<i>10,068,904</i>
Currency and deposits	6,435,811	7,367,779	6,860,867	7,049,191	6,974,992	7,367,779	7,745,909
Loans	1,596,196	1,806,108	1,476,577	1,539,950	1,772,696	1,806,108	1,885,811
Trade credit and advances	208,337	223,363	186,861	197,412	208,252	223,363	200,373
Other liabilities	191,751	221,293	231,158	243,101	267,703	221,293	236,811
Net International Investment Position⁽¹⁾	8,946,753	10,893,661	9,454,398	9,760,601	10,241,163	10,893,661	11,633,841
Additional items related to reserve assets:							
<i>Reserve-related liabilities</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>344</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>374</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>344</i>
<i>Foreign currency deposits with resident banks</i>	<i>207,283</i>	<i>219,636</i>	<i>221,240</i>	<i>211,187</i>	<i>216,871</i>	<i>219,636</i>	<i>223,436</i>

Notes : Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

(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	2016	2017	2017 1st Qtr	2017 2nd Qtr	2017 3rd Qtr	2017 4th Qtr	2018 1st Qtr
General government	18,326	27,039	26,566	27,676	27,791	27,039	26,446
<i>Short-term</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Debt securities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Currency and deposits	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other debt liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Long-term</i>	18,326	27,039	26,566	27,676	27,791	27,039	26,446
Debt securities	18,326	27,039	26,566	27,676	27,791	27,039	26,446
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other debt liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monetary authority	3,367	3,608	3,507	3,296	3,220	3,608	4,125
<i>Short-term</i>	323	397	353	286	383	397	355
Debt securities	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Currency and deposits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other debt liabilities	323	397	353	286	383	397	355
<i>Long-term</i>	3,044	3,211	3,155	3,010	2,837	3,211	3,770
Debt securities	3,044	3,211	3,155	3,010	2,837	3,211	3,770
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other debt liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banks	6,644,236	7,697,413	7,121,388	7,352,652	7,318,508	7,697,413	8,071,324
<i>Short-term</i>	6,487,183	7,486,999	6,941,113	7,152,467	7,124,338	7,486,999	7,877,191
Debt securities	111,384	173,029	122,337	156,036	171,380	173,029	175,216
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Currency and deposits	6,355,911	7,269,731	6,770,797	6,950,220	6,877,003	7,269,731	7,658,330
Other debt liabilities	19,888	44,239	47,978	46,212	75,955	44,239	43,646
<i>Long-term</i>	157,053	210,415	180,275	200,185	194,170	210,415	194,133
Debt securities	73,121	106,694	85,694	96,651	91,248	106,694	100,084
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Currency and deposits	79,900	98,048	90,069	98,971	97,989	98,048	87,580
Other debt liabilities	4,032	5,673	4,511	4,563	4,932	5,673	6,469
Other sectors	2,126,301	2,429,765	1,993,777	2,135,336	2,394,264	2,429,765	2,535,135
<i>Short-term</i>	618,351	695,158	577,771	606,453	686,056	695,158	700,467
Debt securities	8,917	10,905	9,705	8,936	14,915	10,905	13,951
Loans	364,288	419,868	338,359	340,966	407,742	419,868	430,075
Currency and deposits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trade credit and advances	208,337	223,363	186,861	197,412	208,252	223,363	200,373
Other debt liabilities	36,809	41,022	42,845	59,139	55,147	41,022	56,068
<i>Long-term</i>	1,507,950	1,734,607	1,416,007	1,528,883	1,708,208	1,734,607	1,834,668
Debt securities	145,342	218,405	142,320	196,998	211,969	218,405	248,658
Loans	1,231,908	1,386,240	1,138,217	1,198,984	1,364,954	1,386,240	1,455,736
Trade credit and advances	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Other debt liabilities	130,699	129,963	135,470	132,901	131,285	129,963	130,274
Direct investment: intercompany lending	1,729,719	2,062,674	1,843,697	2,151,588	2,074,330	2,062,674	2,138,596
Debt liabilities of direct investment enterprises to direct investor	765,247	846,981	777,449	851,767	878,106	846,981	882,322
Debt liabilities of direct investor to direct investment enterprises	525,020	550,844	494,745	534,660	550,521	550,844	564,869
Debt liabilities between fellow enterprises	439,451	664,849	571,503	765,162	645,702	664,849	691,405
Gross External Debt	10,521,948	12,220,499	10,988,936	11,670,549	11,818,112	12,220,499	12,775,626

Notes : Individual figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

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