(1) Advances and other accounts		
	30 June 2004 HK\$'000	31 December 2003 HK\$'000
Advances to customers	20,676,738	20,185,265
Advances to banks and other financial institutions	64,284	58,369
Accrued interest and other accounts	251,483	409,497
Provision for bad and doubtful debts		
- Specific	(113,115)	(215,255)
– General	(249,665)	(215,730)
Interest in suspense	(132,665)	(140,603)
	20,497,060	20,081,543
(2) Cross amount of advances by significant industry		
(2) Gross amount of advances by significant industry	30 June 2004	31 December 2003
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Loans for use in Hong Kong		
 Industrial, commercial and financial 		
 Property development 	1,443,988	1,612,317
 Property investment 	4,299,399	3,897,463
 Financial concerns 	2,118,798	1,598,067
Stockbrokers	348,246	338,695
 Wholesale and retail trade 	637,564	640,383
– Manufacturing	994,457	930,717
 Transport and transport equipment 	505,793	388,258
- Others	3,050,685	3,302,408
- Individuals		
Loans for the purchase of flats in the		
Home Ownership Scheme, Private Sector Participation Scheme and		
Tenants Purchase Scheme	978,529	1,034,119
 Loans for the purchase of other 	,	, , -
residential properties	2,696,311	2,848,979
 Credit card advances 	72,881	83,110
- Others	1,014,592	1,027,973
Trade finance	644,860	702,168
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	1,870,635	1,780,608
	20,676,738	20,185,265

(3) Advances to customers - by geographical areas

The Group's gross advances to customers by countries or geographical areas after taking into account any risk transfers are as follows:

	Total advances to customers		Non-performing advances		Advances overdue for over three months	
	30 June 2004 HK\$'000	31 December 2003 HK\$'000	30 June 2004 HK\$'000	31 December 2003 HK\$'000	30 June 2004 HK\$'000	31 December 2003 HK\$'000
Hong Kong	19,098,165	18,645,551	690,589	905,297	813,957	1,724,435
People's Republic of China	333,512	359,023	40,547	67,543	40,599	69,662
Macau	264,914	241,712	-	-	-	-
America	482,788	304,683	-	-	-	-
Others	497,359	634,296	-	-	-	-
	20,676,738	20,185,265	731,136	972,840	854,556	1,794,097

(4) Advances to customers on which interest is being placed in suspense or has ceased to be accrued

	30 June 2004 HK\$'000	% of total advances	31 December 2003 HK\$'000	% of total advances
Gross advances	731,136	3.5	972,840	4.8
Specific provision	(99,743)		(202,599)	
	631,393		770,241	
Market value of collateral pledged	653,226		775,624	
Interest in suspense	(132,665)		(140,603)	

There are no advances to banks and other financial institutions on which interest is being placed in suspense or has ceased to be accrued.

(5) Cross-border claims

The Group's cross-border claims by countries or geographical areas which constitutes 10% or more of the relevant disclosure item after taking into account any risk transfers are as follows:

	30 June 2004 Banks and Public other financial sector			
	institutions HK\$'000	entities HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Asia Pacific excluding Hong Kong	3,814,228	102,447	602,207	4,518,882
North and South America	1,614,311	16,168	919,298	2,549,777
– of which – United States	880,205	15,523	916,834	1,812,562
Europe	9,004,601	3,248	49,358	9,057,207
- of which - Germany	2,434,560	1,117	3,558	2,439,235
 United Kingdom 	1,837,225	1,797	39,554	1,878,576
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	Banks and	31 December 2003 Public		
	other financial institutions HK\$'000	sector entities HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Asia Pacific excluding Hong Kong	4,452,886	92,751	754,787	5,300,424
North and South America	1,502,657	3,149	810,817	2,316,623
Europe	8,214,313	-	38,878	8,253,191
- of which - Germany	1,930,690	-	-	1,930,690
 United Kingdom 	2,384,124		38,878	2,423,002