CONTENTS

2	Highlights of 2004
4	Chief Executive's Statement
10	About The HKMA
16	Advisory Committees
24	Chief Executive's Committee
29	Economic and Banking Environment
45	Monetary Stability
51	Banking Stability
71	Market Infrastructure
81	International Financial Centre
87	Reserves Management
92	The Exchange Fund
127	Professional and Corporate Services
136	Calendar of Events 2004
138	Annex and Tables
161	Abbreviations used in this Report
162	Reference Resources

The chapter on Banking Stability in this Annual Report is the report on the working of the Banking Ordinance and the activities of the office of the Monetary Authority during 2004 submitted by the Monetary Authority to the Financial Secretary in accordance with Section 9 of the Banking Ordinance.

This Annual Report makes reference to documents and other materials available on the HKMA website www.hkma.gov.hk. These references appear as >, followed by navigation guidance from the HKMA homepage.

The full text of this Report is available on the HKMA website in interactive form and on PDF files.

A summary version of this Report is also available in *An Introduction of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority* 2005 Edition.

All amounts in this Report are in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise stated.