# 31 October 2014

# **China Construction Bank (939.HK)** Stable profit growth in line with expectation

## HONG KONG | FINANCIAL | COMPANY RESULTS

- According to China Construction Bank's (CCB or the Group) 3Q2014 results, as at the end of Sep, its accumulated net interest incomes amounted to RM323.237 billion, up 12.8% y-y approximately and the growth maintained stable. Intermediate business continued to increase due to the development of the market, but the growth rate slowed down. The accumulated net fee and commission incomes increased by 4.6% y-y to RMB83.801 billion;
- The Group's operating incomes recorded RMB415.415 billion, up 9.6% y-y, and net profits increased by 7.8% y-y to RMB190.298 billion, the profit growth met our previous expectation;
- The Group's total assets increased by 8.9% to RMB16.74 trillion compared with the end of 2013. Net assets rose 12.4% to RMB1.2 trillion, equivalent to the BVPS of RMB4.79. Although there was the large decrease of investment revaluation reserve, surplus reserve and retained profits increased obviously, therefore CCB's net assets still increased largely;
- The ability of CCB's risk control was still quite good but the loan quality trended to go down. By the end of 3Q, NPL ratio increased by 0.14ppts to 1.13%, meanwhile, the NPLs grew RMB20.056 billion to RMB105.32 billion. The coverage ratio decreased by 33.75ppts to 234.47% mainly caused by the large increase of the NPLs, especially for doubtful and loss loans. Considering larger-than-expected growth of both amount and ratio of NPLs, CCB faces the risk of the accelerated deterioration of loan quality;
- The CAR of CCB decreased due to the implementation of new calculation method of capital, and the Group's CAR decreased in 2013, but it increased obviously in 2014 through internal capital accumulation from profit outpacing that of risk-weighted assets and the issuance of qualifying capital instruments. By the end of Sep, CAR and Core Tier-1 CAR recorded to 14.53% and 11.65% respectively, up 0.90ppts and 1.19ppts respectively compared with the end of 2013, CCB's CAR was still on the top of the peers, representing the smaller capital pressure for the bank relatively;
- In all, considering stable profit growth of CCB, in line with our expectation, we still hold cautiously optimistic view on the bank's future performance, but expect the profit growth would go down continually and net profits should increase by 8% y-y in average in the next two years. Moreover, considering the risks of the deterioration of assets, we cut CCB's 12-month target price to HK\$6.50, around 13.6% higher than the latest closing price, equivalent to P/E4.7x and P/B0.9x in 2015 respectively, the valuation is quite attractive. Recommend Accumulate rating.

According to 3Q results, CCB's interest incomes increased stably due to the stabilization of NIM, which was 2.8% in 3Q, the same as 1H.

#### How we view this

CCB is still the second largest bank in China in terms of total assets, and owns quite strong advantages of scale. By the end of 3Q, the profits maintained stable increase, but the growth of intermediate business incomes declined due to the decrease of consultancy and advisory fees and wealth management fees. Meanwhile, the Group's asset quality trended to deteriorate due to the large increase of NPLs.

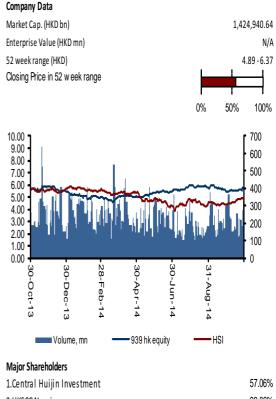


# Rating: Accumulate

Target Price (HKD)	6.50
Forecast Dividend (HKD)	0.49
Closing Price (HKD)	5.72
Potential Upside	19.6%

#### **Company Description**

China Construction Bank's predecessor was founded in 1954, and was restructured as commercial bank in 2004, which now is one of the leading large-sized commercial banks in China. By the end of 2013, according to total assets, CCB was the second largest bank in China, and was listed in H and A Shares in 2005 and 2007 respectively.



	57.00%
2.HKSCC Nominees	29.86%
3.Temasek Holdings	6.39%

#### Valuation Method

P/E, P/B, DDM

## Analyst

Xingyu Chen

chenxingyu@phillip.com.cn

+86 21 51699400-105



#### **Investment Action**

Considering stable profit growth of CCB, in line with our expectation, we still hold cautiously optimistic view on the bank's future performance, but expect the profit growth would slow down continually and net profits should increase by 8% y-y in average in the next two years. Moreover, considering the risks of the deterioration of assets, we cut CCB's 12-month target price to HK\$6.50, around 13.6% higher than the latest closing price, equivalent to P/E4.7x and P/B0.9x in 2015 respectively, the valuation is quite attractive.

#### Key Financial Summary

FYE	12/13	12/14F	12/15F	12/16F
Operating Profit (RMB mn)	279,746	317,490	353,786	375,060
Net Profit, adj. (RMB mn)	214,657	245,960	274,446	290,224
EPS, adj. (RMB)	0.86	0.98	1.10	1.16
P/E (X)	5.2	4.6	4.1	3.9
BVPS (RMB)	4.26	4.83	5.44	6.18
P/B (X)	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7
DPS (RMB)	0.30	0.34	0.38	0.41
Div. Yield	6.7%	7.6%	8.5%	9.0%

Source: Bloomberg, PSR est.

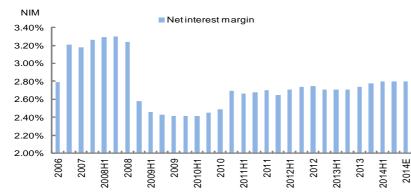
\*All multiples & yields based on current market price

Income statement (RMB Million)	2013Q3	2014Q3	Growth rate y-y	Note
Net interest income	286,510	323,237	12.82%	Stable growth of NIM
Net fee and commission income	80,088	83,801	4.64%	Decrease of consultancy and advisory fees and wealth management fees
Operating income	378,881	415,415	9.64%	
Operating expenses	(124,674)	(130,837)	4.94%	
Operating profit before impairment losses	254,207	284,578	11.95%	
Impairment losses	(25,633)	(39,424)	53.80%	Large increase of NPLs
Operating profit	228,574	245,154	7.25%	
Profit for the year	176,867	190,685	7.81%	
Net profit	176,482	190,298	7.83%	

Source: PSR, the Company's report

#### Profit increased stably and operating performance met expectation

As at the end of Sep, CCB's accumulated net interest incomes amounted to RM323.237 billion, increased by around 12.8% y-y, and the growth maintained stable benefited from the stabilization of NIM as 2.80% in both 2Q and 3Q, increased by 0.06ppts compared with the end of 2013. We expect CCB's NIM would be over 2.80% in 2014. Figure 1. NIM of CCB



Source: PSR, Company report

PhillipCapital Your Partner In Finance Phillip Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd

Intermediate business continued to increase stably due to the development of the market, the accumulated net fee and commission incomes increased by 4.6% y-y to RMB83.801 billion. There is no more information about the structure of intermediate business incomes, but according to 1H results, we expect it is mainly because of the continued decrease of consultancy and advisory fees and wealth management fees. However, we believe the traditional intermediate business incomes such as bank card fees would maintain fast growth.

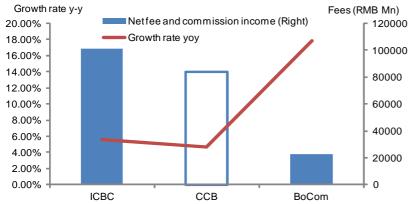
#### Table 1. Net fee and commission income of CCB

RMB Million	2013H1	2014H1	Portion (2013H1)	Portion (2014H1)	Growth rate y-y
Consultancy and advisory fees	13,035	12,822	22.9%	20.7%	-1.63%
Bank card fees	11,947	14,662	21.0%	23.7%	22.73%
Agency service fees	6,509	7,276	11.4%	11.8%	11.78%
Settlement and clearing fees	6,514	8,219	11.4%	13.3%	26.17%
Wealth management fees	5,189	4,689	9.1%	7.6%	-9.64%
Commission on trust and fiduciary activities	5,300	5,161	9.3%	8.3%	-2.62%
Electronic banking fees	2,807	3,281	4.9%	5.3%	16.89%
Guarantee handling fees	1,009	1,117	1.8%	1.8%	10.70%
Credit commitment fees	1,518	1,736	2.7%	2.8%	14.36%
Others	3,167	2,891	5.6%	4.7%	-8.71%
Total fee and commission income	56,995	61,854	100.0%	100.0%	8.53%
Fee and commission expenses	(1,471)	(1,674)			13.80%
Net fee and commission income	55,524	60,180			8.39%

Source: PSR, Company report

Additionally, according to the comparison among the peers, the growth of CCB's intermediate business incomes was on the bottom. The highest growth was BoCom, its net fee and commission income increased by 17.86% y-y to RMB22.984 billion, and ICBC's fee grew 5.64% y-y to RMB100.885 billion. However, we note that the quarterly commission incomes of ICBC dropped in 3Q compared with the same period of last year while CCB still maintained stable growth.

Figure 2. Net fee and commission income of some state-owned banks in 3Q2014



Source: PSR, Company report

In all, CCB's profits increased stably due to the consistent growth of incomes, the Group's operating incomes recorded RMB415.415 billion, up 9.6% y-y, and net profits increased by 7.8% y-y to RMB190.298 billion, the profit growth met our previous expectation;

We expect CCB's profit growth will continue to go down, and net profits should increase by 8% y-y in average in the next two years.

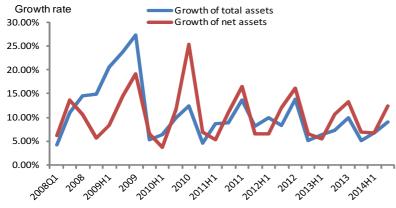


#### Slow-down of asset growth and loan guality trended to deteriorate

Loan growth of Chinese banks slowed down after 2008 due to strict economic policies released by the Chinese government, which controlled the loan growth in industries such as real estate and steel trade. CCB's loan growth continued to decrease in 2013, which caused the growth of the asset scale to slow down.

As at the end of 3Q2014, the Group's total assets increased by 8.9% to RMB16.74 trillion compared with the end of 2013. Net assets rose 12.4% to RMB1.2 trillion, equivalent to the BVPS of RMB4.79. Although there was the large decrease of investment revaluation reserve, surplus reserve and retained profits increased obviously, therefore CCB's net assets still increased largely;

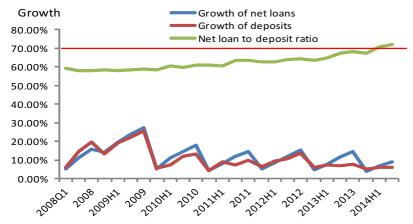
#### Figure 3. Changes of CCB's asset scale



Source: PSR, Company report

The Group's net loans amounted to RMB9.1 trillion, up 8.9% compared with the end of 2013, the rate slowed down, however, customer deposits only increased by 6.2% to RMB12.98 trillion during the same period, with the loan to deposit ratio of 70.11%, and it would be 72.02% based on total loans, exceed the regulatory line of 70%. We can see that the bank's pressure of attracting deposits is quite large under the continued decrease of the growth of deposits. We believe the loan to deposit ratio will go up continually based on the slow growth of deposits in future.

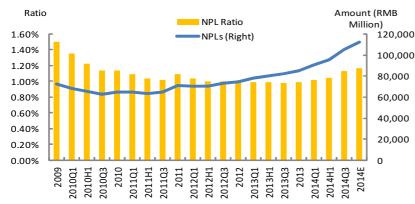
#### Figure 4. Changes of net loans and deposits of CCB



Source: PSR, Company report

Additionally, CCB's loan quality trends to deteriorate. As at the end of 3Q, NPL ratio increased by 0.14ppts to 1.13%, meanwhile, the NPLs grew RMB20.056 billion to RMB105.32 billion. The coverage ratio decreased by 33.75ppts to 234.47% mainly caused by the large increase of the NPLs, especially for doubtful and loss loans. Considering larger-than-expected growth of both amount and ratio of NPLs, CCB faces the risk of the accelerated deterioration of loan quality.

#### Figure 5. CCB's NPLs

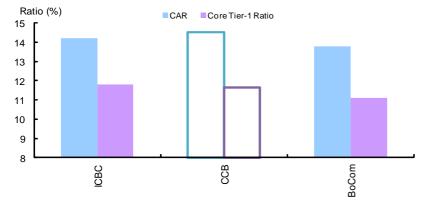


Source: PSR, Company report

#### CAR increased with the smaller capital pressure

The CAR of CCB decreased due to the implementation of new calculation method of capital, and the Group's CAR decreased in 2013, but it increased obviously in 2014 through internal capital accumulation from profit outpacing that of risk-weighted assets and the issuance of qualifying capital instruments. By the end of Sep, CAR and Core Tier-1 CAR recorded to 14.53% and 11.65% respectively, up 0.90ppts and 1.19ppts respectively compared with the end of 2013, CCB's CAR was still on the top of the peers, representing the smaller capital pressure for the bank relatively.

Figure 6. CARs of Big-5 in 1Q and 2Q (Based on new method)



Source: PSR, Company report

#### Risk

Lower-than-expected profit growth;

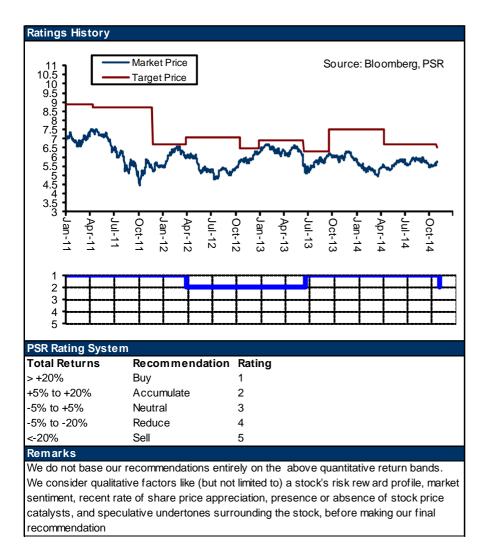
Asset quality deteriorates due to the continued increase of NPLs; Large decrease of share price in the short term.



# CCB (939.HK) 31 October 2014



FYE Valuation Ratios	FY12	FY13	FY14F	FY15F	FY16F
P/E (X)	5.8	5.2	4.6	4.1	3.9
P/B (X)	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7
Dividend Payout ratio	34.68%	34.95%	35.00%	35.00%	35.00%
Dividend Yield	5.9%	6.7%	7.6%	8.5%	9.0%
Per share data (RMB)					
EPS, reported	0.77	0.86	0.98	1.10	1.16
EPS, adj.	0.77	0.86	0.98	1.10	1.16
DPS	0.27	0.30	0.34	0.38	0.41
BVPS	3.77	4.26	4.83	5.44	6.18
Growth					
Net interest income	16.0%	10.3%	13.3%	10.4%	7.7%
Net fee and commission income(exp.)	7.5%	11.5%	5.8%	7.8%	9.8%
Operating income	15.8%	10.5%	10.4%	10.2%	8.5%
Net Income, adj.	14.1%	11.1%	14.6%	11.6%	5.7%
Key Ratios					
Net interest spread	2.58%	2.56%	2.59%	2.62%	2.65%
Net interest margin	2.75%	2.74%	2.80%	2.80%	2.81%
Loan to deposit	64.44%	70.28%	71.60%	73.46%	74.68%
Cost to income ratio	29.60%	29.65%	27.75%	26.69%	27.05%
ROAA	1.47%	1.47%	1.52%	1.52%	1.44%
ROAE	22.04%	21.23%	21.63%	21.36%	19.97%
NPL ratio	0.99%	0.99%	1.17%	1.24%	1.32%
Coverage ratio	271.29%	268.22%	231.18%	217.11%	204.55%
Core CAR	11.32%	10.75%	11.85%	12.05%	12.36%
	14.32%	13.34%	14.74%	14.98%	15.12% FY16F
Income Statement (RMBmn) Interest income	FY12	FY13	FY14F	FY15F	_
	603,241 (250,039)	646,253 (256,709)	723,803 (282,380)	803,422 (316,265)	875,730
Interest expense Net interest income					(351,055)
Fee and commission income	<b>353,202</b> 96,218	<b>389,544</b> 107,432	<b>441,423</b> 113,878	<b>487,156</b> 122,988	<b>524,675</b> 135,287
Fee and commission expense	(2,711)	(3,149)	(3,495)	(3,950)	(4,542)
Net fee and commission income	93,507	104,283	110,383	119,038	130,745
Operating income	462,533	511,140	564,189	621,915	674,856
Operating expenses	(171,081)	(188,185)	(195,712)	(207,455)	(228,201)
Operating profit before impairment losses	291,452	322,955	368,476	414,460	446,655
Impairment losses	(40,041)	(43,209)	(50,987)	(60,674)	(71,595)
Operating profit	251,411	279,746	317,490	353,786	375,060
Profit before tax	251,439	279,806	317,592	353,928	375,260
Income tax	(57,837)	(64,684)	(71,152)	(78,979)	(84,508)
Effective income tax rate	23.00%	23.12%	22.40%	22.32%	22.52%
Profit for the year	193,602	215,122	246,439	274,949	290,752
Minority interests	423	465	479	503	528
Net profit attributable to equity holders o	193,179	214,657	245,960	274,446	290,224
Dividend	67,003	75,030	86,086	96,056	101,578
Balance Sheet (RMB mn)	FY12	FY13	FY14F	FY15F	FY16F
Cash and balances with banks and other finan	585,898	321,286	289,157	294,941	312,637
Balances with central bank	2,458,069	2,475,001	2,722,501	2,967,526	3,204,928
Trading financial assets	27,572	364,050	254,835	293,060	380,978
Net loans and advances to customers	7,309,879	8,361,361	9,364,724	10,394,844	11,434,328
Avaliable-for-sale financial assets	701,041	760,292	897,145	1,067,602	1,270,446
Held-to-maturity investments	1,918,322	2,100,538	2,310,592	2,541,651	2,770,400
Debt securities claasified as receivables	219,713	189,737	193,532	201,273	209,324
Interests in associates and jointly controlled en	2,366	2,624	3,044	3,500	3,990
Fixed assets	113,946	135,678	141,105	148,160	158,532
Deferred tax assets	27,051	38,448	39,217	41,178	44,060
Goodw ill	1,651	1,610	3,542	3,577	3,649
Other assets	23,335	26,011	80,634	96,761	116,113
Total Assets	13,972,828	15,363,210	17,097,479	19,105,825	21,250,559
Deposits from banks and other financial Institut	977,487	692,095	1,141,957	1,617,011	2,071,391
Borrow ings from central banks	6,281	79,157	151,981	182,378	209,734
Placements from banks and non-bank financial	120,256	155,917	233,876	280,651	322,748
Deposits from customers	11,343,079	12,223,037	13,078,650	14,151,099	15,311,489
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit o	37,251	380,380	384,184	461,021	553,225
Accrued staff costs	32,772	34,080	35,102	38,613	42,474
Current taxation	53,271	60,209	62,617	68,879	75,767
Interest payable	123,215	153,627	199,715	229,672	264,123
Debt securities issued	262,991	357,540	464,802	557,762	669,315
Deffered tax liabilities	47 380	138	186	192	198
Other liabilities	47,389	65,942	95,616	114,739	137,687
Total Liabilities	13,023,283	14,288,881	15,877,308	17,732,324	19,690,826
Share capital	250,011	250,011	250,011	250,011	250,011
Reserves Sharahaldar'a aquity	691,657	815,940	958,499	1,110,928	1,296,221
Shareholder's equity	941,668	1,065,951	1,208,510	1,360,939	1,546,232
Minority interests	7,877	8,378	11,662	12,562	13,501
Total shareholders' equity	949,545	1,074,329	1,220,172	1,373,502	1,559,733
Total shareholders' equity and liabilities	13,972,828	15,363,210	17,097,479	19,105,825	21,250,559
Source: PSR					







#### PHILLIP RESEARCH STOCK SELECTION SYSTEMS

Total Return	Recommendation	Rating	Remarks
>+20%	Buy	1	>20% upside from the current price
+5% to +20%	Accumulate	2	+5% to +20%upside from the current price
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3	Trade within ± 5% from the current price
-5% to -20%	Reduce	4	-5% to -20% downside from the current price
<-20%	Sell	5	>20%downside from the current price

We do not base our recommendations entirely on the above quantitative return bands. We consider qualitative factors like (but not limited to) a stock's risk reward profile, market sentiment, recent rate of share price appreciation, presence or absence of stock price catalysts, and speculative undertones surrounding the stock, before making our final recommendation

#### **GENERAL DISCLAIMER**

This publication is prepared by Phillip Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd ("Phillip Securities"). By receiving or reading this publication, you agree to be bound by the terms and limitations set out below.

This publication shall not be reproduced in whole or in part, distributed or published by you for any purpose. Phillip Securities shall not be liable for any direct or consequential loss arising from any use of material contained in this publication.

The information contained in this publication has been obtained from public sources which Phillip Securities has no reason to believe are unreliable and any analysis, forecasts, projections, expectations and opinions (collectively the "Research") contained in this publication are based on such information and are expressions of belief only. Phillip Securities has not verified this information and no representation or warranty, express or implied, is made that such information or Research is accurate, complete or verified or should be relied upon as such. Any such information or Research contained in this publication is subject to change, and Phillip Securities shall not have any responsibility to maintain the information or Research made available or to supply any corrections, updates or releases in connection therewith. In no event will Phillip Securities be liable for any special, indirect, incidental or consequential damages which may be incurred from the use of the information or Research made available, even if it has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

Any opinions, forecasts, assumptions, estimates, valuations and prices contained in this material are as of the date indicated and are subject to change at any time without prior notice.

This material is intended for general circulation only and does not take into account the specific investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any particular person. The products mentioned in this material may not be suitable for all investors and a person receiving or reading this material should seek advice from a financial adviser regarding the suitability of such products, taking into account the specific investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of that person, before making a commitment to invest in any of such products.

This publication should not be relied upon as authoritative without further being subject to the recipient's own independent verification and exercise of judgment. The fact that this publication has been made available constitutes neither a recommendation to enter into a particular transaction nor a representation that any product described in this material is suitable or appropriate for the recipient. Recipients should be aware that many of the products which may be described in this publication involve significant risks and may not be suitable for all investors, and that any decision to enter into transactions involving such products should not be made unless all such risks are understood and an independent determination has been made that such transactions would be appropriate. Any discussion of the risks contained herein with respect to any product should not be considered to be a disclosure of all risks or a complete discussion of such risks.

Nothing in this report shall be construed to be an offer or solicitation for the purchase or sale of a security. Any decision to purchase securities mentioned in this research should take into account existing public information, including any registered prospectus in respect of such security.

#### **Disclosure of Interest**

Analyst Disclosure: Neither the analyst(s) preparing this report nor his associate has any financial interest in or serves as an officer of the listed corporation covered in this report.

Firm's Disclosure: Phillip Securities does not have any investment banking relationship with the listed corporation covered in this report nor any financial interest of 1% or more of the market capitalization in the listed corporation. In addition, no executive staff of Phillip Securities serves as an officer of the listed corporation.

#### Availability

The information, tools and material presented herein are not directed, intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity in any jurisdiction or country where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to the applicable law or regulation or which would subject Phillip Securities to any registration or licensing or other requirement, or penalty for contravention of such requirements within such jurisdiction.

Information contained herein is based on sources that Phillip Securities (Hong Kong) Limited ("PSHK") believed to be accurate. PSHK does not bear responsibility for any loss occasioned by reliance placed upon the contents hereof. PSHK (or its affiliates or employees) may have positions in relevant investment products. For details of different product's risks, please visit the Risk Disclosures Statement on http://www.phillip.com.hk.

© 2014 Phillip Securities (Hong Kong) Limited

## **Contact Information (Regional Member Companies)**



SINGAPORE Phillip Securities Pte Ltd

Raffles City Tower 250, North Bridge Road #06-00 Singapore 179101 Tel : (65) 6533 6001 Fax : (65) 6535 6631 Website: www.poems.com.sg

## HONG KONG

Phillip Securities (HK) Ltd Exchange Participant of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong 11/F United Centre 95 Queensway Hong Kong Tel (852) 22776600 Fax (852) 28685307 Websites: www.phillip.com.hk

> INDONESIA PT Phillip Securities Indonesia ANZ Tower Level 23B, JI Jend Sudirman Kav 33A Jakarta 10220 – Indonesia Tel (62-21) 57900800 Fax (62-21) 57900809 Website: www.phillip.co.id

# 

Phillip Securities (Thailand) Public Co. Ltd 15th Floor, Vorawat Building, 849 Silom Road, Silom, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500 Thailand Tel (66-2) 6351700 / 22680999 Fax (66-2) 22680921 Website www.phillip.co.th

## UNITED KINGDOM

King & Shaxson Capital Limited 6th Floor, Candlewick House, 120 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AS Tel (44-20) 7426 5950 Fax (44-20) 7626 1757 Website: www.kingandshaxson.com

> AUSTRALIA PhillipCapital Australia Level 12, 15 William Street,

Melbourne, Victoria 3000, Australia Tel (613) 96188238 Fax (613) 92002272 Website: www.phillipcapital.com.au

#### MALAYSIA

Phillip Capital Management Sdn Bhd B-3-6 Block B Level 3 Megan Avenue II, No. 12, Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, 50450 Kuala Lumpur Tel (603) 21628841 Fax (603) 21665099 Website: www.poems.com.my

> JAPAN PhillipCapital Japan K.K. Nagata-cho Bldg., 8F, 2-4-3 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0014 Tel (81-3) 35953631 Fax (81-3) 35953630 Website:<u>www.phillip.co.jp</u>

CHINA Phillip Financial Advisory (Shanghai) Co. Ltd No 436 Hengfeng Road, Greentech Unit 604, Postal code 200070 Tel (86-21) 51699400 Fax (86-21) 63532643 Website: www.phillip.com.cn

### FRANCE

King & Shaxson Capital Limited 3rd Floor, 35 Rue de la Bienfaisance 75008 Paris France Tel (33-1) 45633100 Fax (33-1) 45636017 Website: www.kingandshaxson.com

## UNITED STATES

Phillip Futures Inc 141 W Jackson Blvd Ste 3050 The Chicago Board of Trade Building Chicago, IL 60604 USA Tel +1.312.356.9000 Fax +1.312.356.9005