

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



## TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

We have audited the consolidated accounts of The Bank of East Asia, Limited ("the Bank") set out on pages 114 to 235, which comprise the consolidated and the Bank balance sheets as at 31st December, 2008, and the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCOUNTS

The Directors of the Bank are responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of these accounts in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and the true and fair presentation of the accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these accounts based on our audit. This report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 141 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the accounts, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and true and fair presentation of the accounts in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the accounts.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### OPINION

In our opinion, the consolidated accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank and of the Group as at 31st December, 2008 and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

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Hong Kong, 17th February, 2009

# 獨立核數師報告



## 致東亞銀行有限公司各股東：

(於香港註冊成立的有限公司)

本核數師(以下簡稱「我們」)已審核刊於第114頁至第235頁東亞銀行有限公司(「貴銀行」)的綜合賬項，此綜合賬項包括於2008年12月31日的綜合資產負債表及 貴銀行的資產負債表與截至該日止年度的綜合損益賬、綜合權益變動表和綜合現金流量表，以及主要會計政策概要及其他附註解釋。

## 董事就賬項須承擔的責任

董事須負責根據香港會計師公會頒佈的香港財務報告準則及香港《公司條例》編製及真實而公平地列報該等賬項。這責任包括設計、實施及維護與編製及真實而公平地編製及真實而公平地列報賬項相關的內部控制，以使賬項不存在由於欺詐或錯誤而導致的重大錯誤陳述；選擇及應用適當的會計政策；及按情況下作出合理的會計估計。

## 核數師的責任

我們的責任是根據我們的審核對該等賬項作出意見，我們是按照香港《公司條例》第141條的規定，僅向整體股東報告。除此以外，我們的報告書不可用作其他用途。我們概不就本報告書的內容，對任何其他人士負責或承擔法律責任。

我們已根據香港會計師公會頒佈的香港核數準則進行審核。這些準則要求我們遵守道德規範，並規劃及執行審核，以合理確定此等賬項是否不存在重大錯誤陳述。

審核涉及執程序以獲取有關財務報表所載金額及披露資料的審核憑證。所選定的程序取決於核數師的判斷，包括評估由於董事於欺詐或錯誤而導致賬項存有重大錯誤陳述的風險。在評核該等風險時，核數師考慮與該公司編製賬項真實而公平地列報賬項相關的內部控制，以設計適當的審核程序。但並非為對公司的內部控制的效能發表意見。審核亦包括評價董事所採用的會計政策的合適性及所作出的會計估計的合理性，以及評價賬項的整體列報方式。

我們相信，我們所獲得的審核憑證是充足和適當地為我們的審核意見提供基礎。

## 意見

我們認為，該等綜合賬項已根據香港財務報告準則真實而公平地反映 貴銀行及 貴集團於2008年12月31日的事務狀況及截至該日止年度的集團利潤及現金流量，並已按照香港《公司條例》妥為編製。

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