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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 20-F

(Mark One)

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

OR

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from to

Commission File Number: -

Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

N/A

*(Translation of registrant's
name into English)*

The Republic of Korea

*(Jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)*

**120, 2-Ga, Taepyung-Ro, Jung-Gu
Seoul 100-102, Korea**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class:

Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered:

Common stock, par value Won 5,000 per share
American depositary shares

New York Stock Exchange*
New York Stock Exchange

* Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing of American depositary shares on the New York Stock Exchange, pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:

None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the last full fiscal year covered by this Annual Report:

319,319,011 shares of common stock, par value of Won 5,000 per share

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days:

Yes No

Indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow:

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On August 19, 2003, we acquired 80.04% of the outstanding common shares of Chohung Bank. In December 2003, our ownership increased to 81.15% following our additional capital injection of W200 billion. In June 2004, we acquired the remaining 18.85% of the outstanding shares of Chohung Bank that we previously did not own through a cash tender offer followed by a small-scale share swap pursuant to Korean law. See Item 4. Information on the Company Our Acquisition of Chohung Bank . We delisted Chohung Bank from the Stock Market Division of the Korea Exchange on July 2, 2004. However, we will not combine or merge the operations of Chohung Bank with those of our other principal banking subsidiary, Shinhan Bank, for a period of three years following the acquisition. Our consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 include Chohung Bank as of and for the period from September 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. Unless otherwise indicated, the income statement information and other data relating to the results of operations of Chohung Bank in 2003 refer to the results of operations of Chohung Bank for the period from September 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. However, in those areas where we have not fully integrated the operations of Chohung Bank into ours, such as risk management, we have presented information about Chohung Bank separately from information about the rest of our group.

CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS, CONVENTIONS AND CURRENCY OF PRESENTATION

All references to Korea or the Republic contained in this document mean The Republic of Korea. All references to the government mean the government of The Republic of Korea. The Financial Supervisory Service is the executive body of the Financial Supervisory Commission . References to MOFE are to the Ministry of Finance and Economy. The terms we, us and our mean Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd. (Shinhan Financial Group) and/or its consolidated subsidiaries as the context requires or unless the context otherwise requires. The terms Shinhan , SFG or the Group mean Shinhan Financial Group and/or its consolidated subsidiaries unless the context otherwise requires. The terms Shinhan Bank and SHB refer to Shinhan Bank on a consolidated basis, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires. The terms Chohung Bank , Chohung and CHB refer to Chohung Bank on a consolidated basis, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires.

Our fiscal year ends on December 31 of each year. All references to a particular year are to the year ended December 31 of that year.

In this document, unless otherwise indicated, all references to Won or W are to the currency of the Republic, and all references to U.S. Dollars , Dollars , \$ or US\$ are to the currency of the United States of America. Unless otherwise indicated, all translations from Won to Dollars were made at W1,035.10 to US\$1.00, which was the noon buying rate in The City of New York for cable transfers in Won per US\$1.00 as certified for customs purposes by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the Noon Buying Rate) on December 31, 2004. On June 23, 2005, the Noon Buying Rate was W1,1010.50 = US\$1.00. No representation is made that the Won or U.S. Dollar amounts referred to in this report could have been or could be converted into Dollars or Won, as the case may be, at any particular rate or at all.

Unless otherwise indicated, the financial information presented in this document has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Any discrepancies in any table between totals and the sums of the amounts listed are due to rounding.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document includes forward-looking statements , as defined in Section 27A of the U.S. Securities Act, as amended, and Section 21E of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), including statements regarding our expectations and projections for future operating performance and business prospects. The words believe , expect , anticipate , estimate , project and similar words used in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance identify forward-looking

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statements. In addition, all statements other than statements of historical facts included in this document are forward-looking statements.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. All forward-looking statements are management's present expectations of future events and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. This document discloses, under the caption

Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors and elsewhere, important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations (Cautionary Statements). Included among the factors discussed under the caption

Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors are the followings risks related to our business, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements: the risk of adverse impacts from an economic downturn; increased competition; market volatility in securities and derivatives markets, interest or foreign exchange rates or indices; other factors impacting our operational plans; or legislative or regulatory developments.

We caution you not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the Cautionary Statements.

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DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

The names and positions of our directors and executive officers are set forth below. The business address of all of our directors and executive officers is our registered office at 120, 2-Ga Taepyung-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul 100-102, Korea.

Executive Directors

Name	Position
<i>Eung Chan Ra</i>	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Head of the Board Steering Committee
<i>In Ho Lee</i>	President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board Steering Committee
<i>Young Hwi Choi</i>	Executive Director

Non-Executive Directors

Name	Position
<i>Young Seok Choi</i>	Non-Executive Director; Audit Committee member
<i>Yong Woong Yang</i>	Non-Executive Director
<i>Pyung Joo Kim</i>	Outside Director; Board Steering Committee member; Head of Risk Management Committee; Compensation Committee member
<i>Il Sup Kim</i>	Outside Director; Head of Audit Committee; Compensation Committee member
<i>Sang Yoon Lee</i>	Outside Director; Audit Committee member; Compensation Committee member
<i>Yoon Soo Yoon</i>	Outside Director; Risk Management Committee member; Compensation Committee member
<i>Shee Yul Ryoo</i>	Outside Director; Board Steering Committee member; Compensation Committee member
<i>Byung Hun Park</i>	Outside Director; Board Steering Committee member
<i>Young Hoon Choi</i>	Outside Director
<i>Dong Hyun Kwon</i>	Outside Director; Audit Committee member
<i>Si Jong Kim</i>	Outside Director; Audit Committee member
<i>Philippe Reynieix</i>	Outside Director; Risk Management Committee member

Non-executive directors are directors who are not our employees and do not hold executive officer positions in us. Outside directors are non-executive directors who also satisfies the requirements set forth under the Korea Securities and Exchange Act of 1976 to be independent of our major shareholders, affiliates and the management.

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In addition to the executive directors who are also our executive officers, we currently have the following executive officers.

Name	Position
<i>Jae Woo Lee</i>	Senior Executive Vice President of Subsidiary Management Team I, Integration Management Team and Integration Planning Team (Human Resource)
<i>Chil Sun Hong</i>	Senior Executive Vice President of Subsidiary Management Team II, Synergy Management Team, Audit & Compliance Team and Integration Planning Team (Business Process Reengineering, Basel II, and Customer Relation Management)
<i>Byung Jae Cho</i>	Chief Financial Officer and Senior Executive Vice President of Planning & Financial Management Team and Investor Relations Team
<i>Baek Soon Lee</i>	Senior Executive Vice President of Information & Technology Planning Team, Public Relations Team, General Service Team and Joint Procurement Planning Team

ADVISERS

Certain legal matters in connection with the American depository shares will be passed upon for us by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, at 425 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, our United States counsel, and by Horizon Law Group, at Dabong Tower Building, 890-12, Daechi-dong, Kangnam-ku, Seoul 135-280, Korea, our Korean counsel.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS

Our independent auditors for the consolidated financial statements prepared under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or U.S. GAAP, were as follows.

Name	Period	Address	Membership in Professional Bodies
Samil PricewaterhouseCoopers	As of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003	Kukje Center Building 15th Floor 191 Hangangro 2ga, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea	Korean Institute of Certified Public Accountants
KPMG Samjong Accounting Corp.	As of and for the year ended December 31, 2004	Star Tower 10th Floor 737 YeokSam-dong, KangNam- gu, Seoul 135-984 Korea	Korean Institute of Certified Public Accountants

ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

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The selected consolidated financial data set forth below for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 and as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 have been derived from our consolidated financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

You should read the following data with the more detailed information contained in Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects and our consolidated financial statements included in Item 18. Financial Statements. Historical results do not necessarily predict the future.

Consolidated Income Statement Data

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004
	(In billions of Won and millions of US\$, except per common share data)				
Interest and dividend income	W 3,694	W 3,735	W 5,331	W 7,712	\$ 7,450
Interest expense	2,439	2,305	2,998	4,138	3,997
Net interest income	1,255	1,430	2,333	3,574	3,453
Provision for loan losses	411	236	1,011	195	188
Provision for guarantees and acceptances	(6)	10	(46)	(60)	(58)
Noninterest income	632	1,037	1,118	2,092	2,021
Noninterest expense	828	1,302	1,937	3,152	3,045
Income tax expense	223	320	248	764	739
Minority interest	(1)	10	26	153	148
Income before extraordinary item and effect of accounting change	432	589	275	1,462	1,412
Extraordinary gain	64			28	27
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, net of taxes				(23)	(22)
Net income	W 496	W 589	W 275	W 1,467	\$ 1,417
Net income per common shares (in currency unit):					
Net income basic(1)	W 1,948	W 2,246	W 1,024	W 4,875	\$ 4.71
Net income diluted(2)	1,663	2,243	984	4,347	4.20
Weighted average common shares outstanding-basic (in thousands of common shares)	254,680	262,480	262,987	292,465	
Weighted average common shares outstanding-diluted (in thousands of common shares)	299,215	262,812	279,745	337,479	

Notes:

- (1) Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares issued and outstanding for the period.
- (2) Diluted earnings per share are computed in a manner consistent with that of basic earnings per share, while giving effect to the potential dilution that could occur if convertible securities, options or other contracts to issue common stock were converted into or exercised for common stock. We have three categories of potentially dilutive common shares: (i) shares issuable on exercise of stock option, (ii) shares issuable on bond with warrants and (iii) shares issuable on conversion of preferred shares.

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As of December 31,

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004
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(In billions of Won and millions of US\$,
except per common share data)

Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	W 580	W 282	W 1,897	W 2,444	\$ 2,361
Restricted cash	678	1,365	3,662	3,301	3,189
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	255	125	409	220	213
Call loans and securities purchased under resale agreements	1,816	576	1,898	1,591	1,537
Trading assets:					
Trading securities and other	858	926	2,857	4,639	4,481
Derivatives assets	98	139	520	1,678	1,621
Securities:					
Available-for-sale securities	7,087	8,737	18,099	18,108	17,494
Held-to-maturity securities	6,038	4,408	3,605	3,099	2,994
Loans (net of allowance for loan losses of W720 billion in 2001, W996 billion in 2002, W3,631 billion in 2003 and W2,311 billion in 2004)	32,997	44,139	91,791	94,868	91,651
Customers liability on acceptances	1,566	928	2,365	2,012	1,944
Premises and equipment, net	530	828	2,003	1,848	1,786
Goodwill and intangible assets	4	219	1,676	1,660	1,604
Security deposits	390	466	966	968	935
Other assets	2,205	1,648	4,601	7,072	6,832
 Total assets	 W 55,102	 W 64,786	 W 136,349	 W 143,508	 \$ 138,642

Liabilities and Stockholders Equity**Liabilities:**

Deposits:

Interest-bearing	W 31,036	W 35,886	W 82,161	W 79,934	\$ 77,223
Non-interest-bearing	1,184	1,163	1,328	2,746	2,653
Trading liabilities	119	131	513	1,758	1,698
Acceptances outstanding	1,566	928	2,365	2,012	1,944
Short-term borrowings	5,759	6,994	11,204	10,954	10,582
Secured borrowings	4,088	4,706	6,316	6,308	6,094
Long-term debt	4,876	8,235	21,218	23,617	22,816
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	3,562	3,193	6,555	9,713	9,385
 Total liabilities	 52,190	 61,236	 131,660	 137,042	 132,395

Minority interest	2	288	583	66	63
Redeemable convertible preferred stock			711	736	711

Stockholders equity:

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Common stock	1,462	1,462	1,472	1,596	1,542
Additional paid-in capital	1,041	1,048	1,073	1,658	1,602
Retained earnings	638	1,077	1,189	2,456	2,373
Accumulated other comprehensive income, net of taxes	164	70	58	158	153
Less: treasury stock, at cost	(395)	(395)	(397)	(204)	(197)
Total stockholders equity	2,910	3,262	3,395	5,664	5,473
Total liabilities, minority interest, redeemable convertible preferred stock and stockholders equity	W 55,102	W 64,786	W 136,349	W 143,508	\$ 138,642

Table of Contents**Dividends****Year Ended December 31,**

	2000(1)	2001(2)	2002(3)	2003(3)	2004(3)
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(In Won and US\$, except ratios)**U.S. GAAP:**

Cash dividends per common stock:(4)

In Korean Won	W 400	W 750	W 600	W 600	W 600
In U.S. dollars	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50

Cash dividends per preferred stock

In Korean Won	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	W 135.12
In U.S. dollars	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0.13

Stock dividends per common stock(4)

Korean GAAP:

Cash dividends per common stock:(5)

In Korean Won	W 750	W 600	W 600	W 600	W 600
In U.S. dollars	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50
Dividend ratio(6)	15.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%

Cash dividends per preferred stock:

In Korean Won	W 50	N/A	N/A	N/A	W 857
In U.S. dollars	\$ 0.04	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 0.83
Dividend ratio(6)	1.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.14%

Stock dividends per common stock(5)

*N/A = not available.**Notes:*

- (1) Represents dividends declared on common stock of Shinhan Bank.
- (2) Under U.S. GAAP, represents dividends declared on common stock of Shinhan Bank for the year ended December 31, 2000. Under Korean GAAP, represents dividends accrued in the period to which relates for the year ended December 31, 2001.
- (3) Represents dividends declared on common stock of Shinhan Financial Group for the year ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (4) Represents dividends declared on common stock of Shinhan Financial Group in 2001 and 2002.
- (5) Represents dividends accrued in the period to which Shinhan Bank relates for 2000, represents dividends accrued in the period to which Shinhan Financial Group relates for the year ended December 31, 2001, and represents dividends declared on common stock of Shinhan Financial Group in 2002, 2003 and 2004. In connection with our holding company restructuring in 2001, common stock of Shinhan Bank was exchanged for common stock of Shinhan Financial Group on a 1:1 ratio.
- (6) Dividends declared and paid as a percentage of par value of W5,000 per share.

Table of Contents**Selected Statistical Information***Profitability Ratios*

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
	(Percentages)			
Net income as a percentage of:				
Average total assets(1)	0.94%	0.94%	0.29%	1.01%
Average stockholders equity(1)(2)	16.14	15.99	8.83	31.44
Including redeemable convertible preferred stock(3)	N/A	N/A	8.15	27.22
Including redeemable convertible preferred stock and redeemable preferred stock(3)	N/A	N/A	8.24	22.73
Dividend payout ratio(4)	38.91	25.59	57.20	15.87
Net interest spread(5)	2.28	2.39	2.48	2.63
Net interest margin(6)	2.66	2.58	2.65	2.78
Efficiency ratio(7)	43.88	52.78	56.13	55.63
Cost-to-average assets ratio(8)	1.57	2.08	2.01	2.18
Equity to average asset ratio(9):	5.84	5.89	3.24	3.22
Including redeemable convertible preferred stock(3)	N/A	N/A	3.51	3.72
Including redeemable convertible preferred stock and redeemable preferred stock(3)	N/A	N/A	4.04	4.83

N/A = Not applicable.

Notes:

- (1) Average balances are based on (a) daily balances for Shinhan Bank, Chohung Bank and Jeju Bank and (b) quarterly balances for other subsidiaries.
- (2) Does not include the redeemable preferred stock or the redeemable convertible preferred stock described below.
- (3) As consideration for our acquisition of Chohung Bank, on August 18, 2003, we issued to the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (i) 46,583,961 shares of our Redeemable Preferred Stock and (ii) 44,720,603 shares of our Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock, which were convertible into 12.28% of our common shares as of December 31, 2004. Pursuant to the terms of the Redeemable Preferred Stock issued to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation, we are required to redeem such shares in five equal annual installments commencing three years from the date of issuance. These Redeemable Preferred Stock are treated as debt under U.S. GAAP. Pursuant to the terms of the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock, we are required to redeem the full amount of such shares outstanding five years from the date of issuance to the extent not converted into our common shares. Each share of Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into one share of our common stock. The dividend ratios on the Redeemable Preferred Stock and the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock are 4.04% and 2.02%, respectively. In August 2003, we also raised W900 billion in cash through the issuance of 6,000,000 shares of redeemable preferred stock, all of which were sold in the domestic fixed-income market through Strider Securitization Specialty Co., Ltd., a special purpose vehicle. These redeemable preferred shares have terms that are different from the redeemable preferred shares issued to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation. We are required to redeem these preferred shares issued to the special purpose vehicle in three installments in 2006, 2008 and 2010. See Item 4. Information on the Company Our Acquisition of Chohung

Bank Liquidity and Capital Resources and Item 10. Additional Information Articles of Incorporation
Description of Capital Stock Description of Redeemable Preferred Stock .

(4) Represents the ratio of total dividends declared on common stock as a percentage of net income.

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- (5) Represents the difference between the yield on average interest-earning assets and cost of average interest-bearing liabilities.
- (6) Represents the ratio of net interest income to average interest-earning assets.
- (7) Represents the ratio of noninterest expense to the sum of net interest income and noninterest income, a measure of efficiency for banks and financial institutions. Efficiency ratio may be reconciled to comparable line-items in our income statement for the periods indicated as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
	(In billions of Won, except percentages)			
Non-interest expense(A)	W 828	W 1,302	W 1,937	W 3,152
<i>Divided by</i>				
The sum of net interest income and noninterest income(B)	1,887	2,467	3,451	5,666
Net interest income	1,255	1,430	2,333	3,574
Noninterest income	632	1,037	1,118	2,092
Efficiency ratio ((A) as a percentage of(B))	43.88%	52.78%	56.13%	55.63%

- (8) Represents the ratio of noninterest expense to average total assets.
- (9) Represents the ratio of average stockholders' equity (not including the redeemable preferred stock or the redeemable convertible preferred stock) to average total assets.

Asset Quality Ratios

	As of December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
	(In billions of Won, except percentages)			
Total loans	W 33,665	W 45,052	W 95,295	W 97,080
Total allowance for loan losses	720	996	3,631	2,311
Allowance for loan losses as a percentage of total loans	2.14%	2.21%	3.81%	2.38%
Total non-performing loans(1)	W 530	W 518	W 1,844	W 1,750
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total loans	1.57%	1.15%	1.94%	1.80%
Non-performing loans as a percentage of total assets	0.96%	0.80%	1.35%	1.22%
Impaired loans(2)	W 1,492	W 1,263	W 3,488	W 2,646
Allowance for impaired loans	385	480	1,349	885
Impaired loans as a percentage of total loans	4.43%	2.80%	3.66%	2.73%
Allowance for impaired loans as a percentage of impaired loans	25.80%	38.00%	38.68%	33.47%

Notes:

- (1) Non-performing loans are defined as those loans, both corporate and consumer, which are past due more than 90 days.
- (2) Impaired loans include loans that are classified as substandard or below according to the asset classification guidelines of the Financial Supervisory Commission, loans that are past due for 90 days or more and loans that qualify as troubled debt restructurings under U.S. GAAP.

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	As of December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
	(Percentages)			
Requisite capital ratio(1)	134.43%	130.93%	118.41%	129.41%
Total capital adequacy ratio for Shinhan Bank(2)	11.99	10.92	10.49	11.94
Tier I capital adequacy ratio(2)	8.24	6.81	6.34	7.45
Tier II capital adequacy ratio(2)	3.75	4.11	4.15	4.49
Total capital adequacy ratio for Chohung Bank(3)	10.43	8.66	8.87	9.40
Tier I capital adequacy ratio(3)	5.91	4.61	4.47	4.99
Tier II capital adequacy ratio(3)	4.52	4.05	4.40	4.41
Adjusted equity capital ratio of Shinhan Card(4)	N/A	10.86	13.78	16.48

N/A = not applicable.

Notes:

- (1) We were restructured as a financial holding company on September 1, 2001 and became subject to minimum capital requirements as reflected in the requisite capital ratio. Under the guidelines issued by the Financial Supervisory Commission applicable to financial holding companies, we, at the holding company level, are required to maintain a minimum requisite capital ratio of 100%. Requisite capital ratio represents the ratio of net aggregate amount of our equity capital to aggregate amounts of requisite capital (all of which are described in Item 4. Information on the Company Supervision and Regulation Principal Regulations Applicable to Financial Holding Companies Capital Adequacy). This computation is based on our consolidated financial statements in accordance with Korean GAAP.
- (2) Shinhan Bank's capital adequacy ratios are computed in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Financial Supervisory Commission, which was revised as of December 31, 2002 to take into account market risk as well as credit risk. The capital ratios as of December 31, 2002 were calculated using these revised guidelines. Under these guidelines, Shinhan Bank is required to maintain a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 8%. Applying the previous calculation, which only takes into account credit risks, Shinhan Bank's total capital adequacy ratio as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 were 10.91%, 10.59% and 11.96%, respectively. This computation is based on Shinhan Bank's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Korean GAAP. See Item 4. Information on the Company Supervision and Regulation Principal Regulations Applicable to Banks Capital Adequacy.
- (3) Chohung Bank's capital adequacy ratios are computed in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Financial Supervisory Commission, which was revised in 2002 to take into account market risk as well as credit risk. The capital ratios as of December 31, 2004 were calculated using these revised guidelines. Under these guidelines, Chohung Bank is required to maintain a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 8%. Applying the previous calculation, which only takes into account credit risks, Chohung Bank's total capital adequacy ratio as of December 31, 2003 and 2004 was 8.89% and 9.39%, respectively. This computation is based on the Chohung Bank's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Korean GAAP. See Item 4. Information on the Company Supervision and Regulation Principal Regulations Applicable to Banks Capital Adequacy.
- (4) Represents the ratio of total adjusted shareholders' equity to total adjusted assets and is computed in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Financial Supervisory Commission for credit card companies. Under these

guidelines, Shinhan Card, which was established on June 4, 2002, is required to maintain a minimum adjusted equity capital ratio of 8%. This computation is based on Shinhan Card's nonconsolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with Korean GAAP.

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The following table sets forth, for the periods and dates indicated, certain information concerning the Noon Buying Rate in Won per US\$1.00.

Year Ended December 31,	At End of Period	Average(1)	High	Low
(Won per US\$1.00)				
2000	1,267.00	1,130.90	1,267.00	1,105.50
2001	1,313.50	1,292.00	1,369.00	1,234.00
2002	1,186.30	1,250.31	1,332.00	1,160.60
2003	1,192.00	1,192.08	1,262.00	1,146.00
2004	1,035.10	1,139.30	1,195.10	1,035.1
2005 (through June 23)	1,010.50	1,014.80	1,058.00	997.00
January	1,026.90	1,038.00	1,058.00	1,024.00
February	1,000.90	1,023.10	1,044.00	1,000.90
March	1,015.40	1,007.80	1,023.90	997.50
April	997.00	1,010.10	1,019.00	997.00
May	1,005.00	1,001.80	1,009.00	997.00
June (through 23)	1,010.50	1,009.40	1,016.00	1,003.00

Note:

(1) The average of the Noon Buying Rates over the relevant period.

We have translated certain amounts in Korean Won, which appear in this document, into dollars for convenience. This does not mean that the Won amounts referred to could have been, or could be, converted into dollars at any particular rate, the rates stated above, or at all. All translations from Won to dollars are based on the Noon Buying Rate in effect on December 31, 2004, which was W1,035.10 to US\$1.00. The exchange rates used for convenience translations differ from the actual rates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

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An investment in the American depositary shares representing our common shares involves a number of risks. You should carefully consider the following information about the risks we face, together with the other information contained in this document, in evaluating us and our business.

Risks Relating to Our Banking Business

We have significant exposure to small- and medium-sized enterprises including smaller enterprises, which may result in a deterioration of our asset quality to this segment and have an adverse impact on us.

Our loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises meeting the definition of such enterprises under the Basic Act on Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises and its Presidential Decree increased from W14,649 billion as of December 31, 2002 to W38,055 billion as of December 31, 2003 and to W38,713 billion as of December 31, 2004. These balances represent 32.5%, 40.0% and 39.9%, respectively, of our total loan portfolio as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004. For a definition of small- and medium-sized enterprises, see Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Our Principal Activities Corporate Banking Services Small- and medium-sized Enterprises Banking . Non-performing loans to small- and medium-enterprises as described above were W159 billion as of December 31, 2002, W605 billion as of December 31, 2003 and W1,005 billion as of December 31, 2004, representing 1.09%, 1.59% and 2.60% of our total loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Since 2002, the industry-wide delinquency ratios for loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises have been rising under Korean GAAP. According to data compiled by the Financial Supervisory Service, the delinquency ratio (net of charge-offs, which has also increased significantly) for loans by Korean banks to small- and medium-sized enterprises increased from 1.9% as of December 31, 2001 to 3.2% as of May 31, 2004, the record-high to date. As of December 31, 2004, such delinquency ratio was 2.1%. The delinquency ratio for loans to small-and medium-sized enterprise is calculated as the ratio of (1) the outstanding balance of such loans in respect of which either principal payments are overdue by one day or more or interest payments are over due by 14 days or more (if prior interest payments on a loan were made late on more than three occasions, in which case the loan is considered delinquent if interest payments are overdue by one day or more) to (2) the aggregate outstanding balance of such loans. Shinhan Bank's delinquency ratio for such loans increased from 1.07% as of December 31, 2002 to 1.80% as of December 31, 2004 and Chohung Bank's delinquency ratio for such loans increased from 1.53% as of December 31, 2002 to 2.21% as of December 31, 2004. In 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, Shinhan Bank charged off loans to small-and medium-sized enterprises of W43 billion, W36 billion and W101 billion, respectively, while Chohung Bank charged off loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises of W49 billion, W73 billion and W255 billion, respectively. In addition, Chohung Bank sold loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises of W28 billion in 2002, none in 2003 and W357 billion in 2004. Shinhan Bank did not sell any of its loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises in 2002 and 2003, but sold W146 billion in 2004. Absent these charge-offs and loan sales, the delinquency ratios would have been higher.

We have increased significant exposure to the real estate, leasing and service industry as it presented significant growth opportunities in recent years. Our loans to the real estate, leasing and service industry increased from W4,552 billion, or 8.99% of total corporate loans (Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank combined), as of December 31, 2002 to W6,132 billion, or 11.34% of total corporate loans, as of December 31, 2003, and to W7,691 billion, or 14.08% of total corporate loans, as of December 31, 2004. In addition, our loans to the hotel and leisure industry as of December 31, 2003 and 2004 aggregated W1,977 billion and W2,082 billion, respectively, or 3.66% and 3.81%, respectively, of total corporate loans. However, the real estate, leasing and service industry and the hotel and leisure industry have been experiencing significant difficulties recently resulting in higher delinquencies and impairment. As of December 31, 2004, under Korean GAAP, the delinquency ratios for loans to the real estate, leasing and service industry were 2.67% for Chohung Bank and 1.53% for Shinhan Bank, in each case net of charge-offs and loan sales. As of December 31, 2004, under Korean GAAP, the delinquency ratios for loans to the hotel and leisure industry

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were 2.74% for Chohung Bank and 2.17% for Shinhan Bank, in each case net of charge-offs and loan sales. A continued deterioration in asset quality of loans to this industry sector may materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

The small- and medium-sized enterprise lending business is still the focus of intense competition among large commercial banks and the opportunities for us to expand our business with more established small- and medium-sized enterprises have been reduced. We have in recent years selectively increased our customer base to include relatively smaller enterprises, including small unincorporated businesses and sole proprietorships. We believe that lending to these customers have presented an opportunity for growth but also increased our credit risk exposure relative to our existing customers in this segment. Continued weakness in the Korean and global economies, among other things, will adversely affect the financial condition of small- and medium-sized enterprises and may impair their ability to service their debt, including our loans to such customers.

We may not be able to sustain the high rate of growth in our mortgage and home equity lending. In addition, we cannot assure that the asset quality of our mortgage and home equity loans, in particular the long-term mortgage and home equity loans, will not deteriorate.

Over the past three years, mortgage and home equity lending was the largest contributor to the growth of our lending business. Our mortgage and home equity lending grew from W11,539 billion at December 31, 2002 to W20,517 billion at December 31, 2003 and to W22,180 billion at December 31, 2004. Such increase represents 20.5% of the overall increase in our loan portfolio over that period. Of our total consumer loan portfolio, 59.9%, 49.8% and 52.24% was attributable to mortgage and home equity lending as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively. The volume of such lending is significantly dependent on, among other things, competitive conditions, real estate prices, interest rate levels and government policies affecting these markets. There can be no assurance that these factors will support continued significant growth of our mortgage and home equity lending business.

Consistent with practices in the Korean banking sector, a substantial majority of our mortgage and home equity loans have maturity of one to three years and are renewable based on our credit decisions. Since early 2004, however, we have begun offering longer-term mortgage and home equity loans with maturities of ten to 30 years similar to those offered in the United States. As of December 31, 2004, we had W5,752 billion of such long-term mortgage and home equity loans outstanding, for which we established an allowance for loan losses of W5 billion. For mortgage and home equity loans, we establish allowances based on loss factors taking into consideration historical performance of the portfolio, previous loan loss history and charge-off information. Due to the limited history of extending these longer term mortgage and home equity loans, we cannot assure you that the allowances we have established against these loans will be sufficient to cover all future losses arising from these loans in the future. Although we adjust the loss factors derived from the migration analysis as appropriate to reflect the impact of any current conditions on loss recognition that has not been adequately captured by our historical analysis, no assurance can be given that we may adequately do so in time or at all.

A decline in the value of the collateral securing our loans and our inability to realize full collateral value may adversely affect our credit portfolio.

Borrowers' houses, other real estate or securities secure substantial portions of our loans. As of December 31, 2004, the secured portion of Won-denominated loans of Shinhan Bank amounted to W27,033 billion, or 65.7% of such loans, and the secured portion of Won-denominated loans of Chohung Bank amounted to W15,921 billion, or 48.6% of such loans under Korean GAAP. No assurance can be given that the collateral value may not materially decline in the future. Until recently, it was Shinhan Bank's general policy to lend up to 50%-70% of the appraised value of collateral, which appraisal value we believe was, in general, lower than the market value. Chohung Bank's policy is to lend up to the estimated recovery value of the collateral, which Chohung Bank calculates based on the value of collateral published by the courts as recovered through court-approved auctions and further adjusted to take into account the existence of any lien or other security interest that is prior to Chohung Bank's security interest. We believe that such estimated recovery value of the collateral is in general, lower than the market value. However, downturns in the real

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estate market as well as decreases in the value of securities collateral in the past have resulted at times in the principal amount of a number of loans exceeding the value of the underlying collateral. Declines in the value of securities and/or real estate prices in Korea that result in shortfalls in collateral values to loan amounts would require us to increase loan loss provisions and may have a material adverse effect on us. For a description of our collateral valuation policy, see Item 4. Information on the Company Description of Assets and Liabilities Risk Management Credit Risk Management of Shinhan Bank Credit Evaluation and Approval Consumer Loans and Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Our Principal Activities Retail Banking Services Consumer Lending Activities .

Foreclosure on collateral generally requires a written petition to a Korean court. Such application, when made, may be subject to delays and administrative requirements that may result in a decrease in the recovery value of such collateral. Foreclosure proceedings under laws and regulations in Korea typically take from seven months to one year from initiation to collection depending on the nature of the collateral. In addition, there can be no assurance that we will be able to realize the full value on such collateral as a result of, among other factors, delays in foreclosure proceedings, defects in the perfection of collateral, fraudulent transfers by borrowers and general declines in collateral value as large numbers of properties are placed in the market.

We may experience a further deterioration of the credit quality of our credit card and other consumer lending portfolios.

Our total consumer portfolio is comprised of three principal product types, namely mortgage and home equity loans, credit cards and other consumer loans (which include principally unsecured consumer loans). In recent years, credit card and other consumer lending, including lending to small unincorporated businesses, in Korea experienced significant growth as a result of government policies and a greater focus on these sectors by commercial banks and credit card companies. This growth, however, has led to industry-wide declines in overall credit quality, with increased delinquencies, provisions and charge-offs, as a result of, among other things, weak economic conditions as well as an increase in unemployment. The unemployment rates in Korea have changed from 3.4% as of December 31, 2003, to 3.2% as of December 31, 2004 and to 3.7% as of March 31, 2005.

The amount of credit card loans has increased from W2,763 billion as of December 31, 2002 to W6,112 billion as of December 31, 2003 but decreased to W4,732 billion as of December 31, 2004. Our other consumer loans, on the other hand, have continued to increase from W4,962 billion as of December 31, 2002 to W14,580 billion as of December 31, 2003 and to W15,546 billion as of December 31, 2004. While the bulk of these increases resulted from our acquisition of Chohung Bank, the underlying portfolio growth at both Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank has resulted in increasing delinquencies in this portion of our portfolio. While our delinquency ratio for total consumer loans decreased from 3.95% in 2002 to 2.04% in 2004, the credit card and other consumer loan sectors continue to experience credit quality problems and there can be no assurance that a continuation of these problems will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

In addition, due to the rapid increase in consumer debt in Korea in recent years, the Korean government has adopted a series of regulations designed to restrain the rate of growth in, and delinquencies of, cash advances, credit card loans and credit card usage generally and to strengthen the reporting of, and compliance with, credit quality indexes. In March 2002, the Financial Supervisory Commission imposed sanctions, ranging from warnings and administrative fines to partial business suspensions, on substantially all Korean credit card issuers as a result of alleged unlawful or unfair practices discovered during its industry-wide inspection. In March 2002, Chohung Bank was given a warning by the Financial Supervisory Commission for issuing credit cards to underaged customers. In late 2002, the Korean government enacted a number of changes to the laws governing the reporting by credit card issuers, including increasing the minimum allowance required, stated as a certain percentage of outstanding balance, and revising the calculation of delinquency ratios applicable to credit cards, which are performed on a Korean GAAP basis as described in Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Reconciliation with Korean Generally Accepted Accounting Principles . The Korean government may adopt further regulatory changes in the future that affect the credit card industry, which in turn may adversely affect our credit card operations. See Item 4.

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Developments adversely affecting the business and liquidity of credit card companies in Korea may result in losses in respect of our exposure to such companies.

Adverse developments in the credit card industry in recent years such as industry-wide increases in delinquencies and resulting increases in provisioning for loan losses have had a negative impact on investors' perception of credit card companies in the Korean corporate debt market, thereby significantly limiting the ability of credit card companies to obtain financing through issuances of debt securities. According to a press release issued by the Financial Supervisory Commission, the average industry-wide delinquency ratio (defined as ratio of credit card balances that are delinquent for more than 30 days over total outstanding balances, including delinquent balances rewritten as credit card loans) of credit card companies in Korea was approximately 18.25% as of December 31, 2004. As a result, Korean credit card companies have been experiencing significant financial and liquidity difficulties. As of March 31, 2005, such delinquency ratio was reported to have decreased to 15.73%. As of December 31, 2004, we held debt and equity securities issued by credit card companies (including through asset-backed securitization) in the aggregate principal amounts of W356 billion and W183 billion, respectively, in our investment portfolio.

As of December 31, 2004, we had loans outstanding to credit card companies in the aggregate principal amount of W538 billion. These loans, excluding loans extended to LG Card, are considered performing in accordance with our internal credit rating methodology and therefore we have not recognized a specific loan loss allowance against these loans. See Item 4. Information on the Company Description of Assets and Liabilities Loans Loan Concentrations Exposures to the Credit Card Industry . To the extent that financial and liquidity difficulties experienced by credit card companies are not resolved on a timely basis, the asset quality of our exposure to credit card companies may become significantly impaired, resulting in losses that are materially adverse to our financial condition and results of operations and capital adequacy.

The recent announcement by the Korean National Tax Service relating to the tax treatment of certain deposit products may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Beginning in 2002, commercial banks in Korea, including Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, offered to their customers deposit products that utilize Korean Won and Japanese Yen swaps to maximize the return for such customers. According to the terms of these deposit products, deposits made by customers in Korean Won are converted into Japanese Yen and repaid in Japanese Yen at maturity. The repayment amount is then converted back into Korean Won. While these deposit products typically carry a low interest rate, ranging from 0.05% to 0.3% per annum, the actual return to the customers were higher as a result of foreign exchange gains. These deposit products are attractive to customers, in particular high net worth customers, since the gains from foreign exchange were deemed not to be interest subject to income tax. However, in May 2005, the Korean National Tax Service announced a recommendation in which it decided that these gains were taxable as interest income and that the banks should refile its tax returns to include the unwithheld amounts. In June 2005, the Korean National Tax Service made a follow-up announcement confirming this position by stating, among other things, foreign currency deposits disguised as derivative products would be subject to tax and tax withholding. Eight of the commercial banks in Korea, who are subject to this adverse tax treatment, have announced their intention to challenge the foregoing decision by the Korean National Tax Service while complying with the Tax Service's information requests. As of June 1, 2005, Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank would have been subject to a tax withholding liability of W17.2 billion and W1.5 billion, respectively.

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The commercial banks had marketed these deposit products to their customers on the basis that such deposit products were exempt from income tax or tax withholding. We believe that few, if any, of these customers have reported the gains from such deposit products as interest income subject to taxation in their tax returns. According to the Korean National Tax Service, these deposit customers are also responsible for including the income received from these deposits in their final individual tax returns relating to comprehensive financial taxable income. However, depending on the amount of income received from these products, the individual customers may be subject to (i) a higher tax rate on all of his or her taxable income, (ii) a fine for failing to properly report the interest income in an amount equal to 20% of the unreported amount, and (iii) a fine for failing to pay tax on such interest income in an amount equal to interest applied at a rate of 10.95% per annum to such unpaid tax amount. No assurance can be given that aggrieved customers will not bring claims against these commercial banks, including Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, if their tax liabilities are increased as a result of the foregoing events. Such claims, if there is merit, may lead to significant level of actual or contingent liabilities for us although we cannot ascertain the amount of such potential claims at this time. Such claims, to the extent material, may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We have significant exposure to LG Card, which is experiencing financial difficulties and which is in a workout program. If this program is not satisfactorily resolved, it may have a material adverse effect on us.

LG Card, one of Korea's largest credit card companies, has experienced significant liquidity and asset quality problems in recent years. In November 2003, the creditor banks of LG Card (including Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank) agreed to provide a new W2 trillion credit facility, secured by credit card receivables, to enable LG Card to resume cash operations. Our portion of this commitment was W216.7 billion, consisting of W113.7 billion for Shinhan Bank and W103 billion for Chohung Bank. The maturity of this credit facility was extended to December 2005. Certain of LG Card's creditor banks (including our subsidiaries) also agreed to extend the maturity of a portion of LG Card's debt coming due in 2003 for one year, after the chairman of LG Group pledged his personal stake in LG Corporation, the holding company for the LG Group, LG Investment & Securities and LG Card as collateral to offset future losses of LG Card.

After the failure to auction LG Card to a buyer in December 2003, the principal creditors of LG Card tentatively agreed to a rescue plan in January 2004 under which the Korea Development Bank would acquire a 25% (subsequently adjusted to 26%) interest in LG Card and the other creditors would collectively acquire a 74% (subsequently adjusted to 73%) ownership interest following the completion of several debt-to-equity swaps contemplated for 2004. In addition, the creditors agreed to form a normalization steering committee for LG Card to oversee LG Card's business operations. An extraordinary shareholders' meeting of LG Card was held in March 2004 and a new chief executive officer as well as directors nominated by the normalization steering committee were elected. In February 2004, the creditors exchanged indebtedness of W954 billion (including our portion of W77.5 billion) for shares constituting 54.8% of the outstanding share capital of LG Card. LG Group also funded an additional W800 billion to LG Card (in addition to a W200 billion capital contribution made in December 2003). In March 2004, the LG Group and the Korea Development Bank provided additional liquidity of W375 billion and W125 billion, respectively. In May 2004, LG Card completed a capital write-down of 97.7% of its outstanding common stock, which included the W954 billion converted into equity by the creditors in February 2004 (including our portion of W77.5 billion). In July 2004, the creditors also converted an additional W954 billion of indebtedness into equity of LG Card (including our portion of W77.5 billion) and W1.59 trillion of new loans extended to LG Card (including our portion of W154.4 billion) into equity of LG Card. In January 2005, the LG Group and the creditor banks provided additional liquidity of W1 trillion in the aggregate (including W25.3 billion for Shinhan Bank and W23.0 billion for Chohung Bank for our aggregate portion of W48.3 billion) and also reduced the interest rate from 7.5% per annum to 5.5% per annum as well as extending the maturity of existing indebtedness of LG Card. In March 2005, the maturity of the W2 trillion credit facility extended by the creditor financial institutions were further extended to December 2006, subject to four equal quarterly installment repayments in 2006. In addition, the terms of the collateral for this facility were amended. Prior to this amendment, the creditor financial institutions were entitled to receive the cash inflows from collection on such collateral.

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LG Card was not required to maintain a minimum collateral ratio or to enhance its credit support through the provision of additional collateral. Thus, there was no guarantee against losses to the extent that collection results in a shortfall of the principal amount of the credit extended. As a result of the amendment, however, LG Card is entitled to the cash received from collection on condition that LG Card maintains a minimum collateral ratio of 105%. In March 2005, LG Card also completed a capital write-down of 81.8% of its outstanding common stock, which included the W2,417 billion of equity held by the creditors (including our portion of W216 billion).

As of December 31, 2004, our total exposure to LG Card was W335 billion, including W148 billion of loans, W4 billion of debt securities and W183 billion of equity securities. We made an allowance for loan losses of W13 billion for the loans. As a result of the satisfactory progress on scheduled debt restructuring of LG Card, we recorded reversal of loan loss provisions of W77 billion and recognized securities impairment losses of W1 billion in 2004 in respect of our exposures to LG Card. In connection with the LG Card rescue plan, Shinhan Bank transferred W10 billion of exposure in its performance-based trust account to the bank account in January 2004 and Chohung Bank also transferred W30 billion of exposure in its performance-based trust account to the bank account in February 2004, resulting in an increase in our total exposure to LG Card. These exposures were included in our credit exposure that was converted into equity in connection with the rescue plan of LG Card as described above.

The value of underlying collateral, our pro rata entitlement thereto and the allowances we have established or will establish against our exposures to LG Card and other Korean credit card companies may not be sufficient to cover all future losses arising from these exposures. Following the debt-to-equity conversions in respect of our exposures to LG Card, we may experience further losses if the market value of the LG Card equity securities we own falls below their recorded book value. In addition, in the case of credit card companies that are in or in the future enter into workout, restructuring, reorganization or liquidation proceedings, our recoveries from those companies may be limited. We may, therefore, experience future losses with respect to these exposures.

In addition, our investment portfolio includes beneficiary certificates representing interests in investment trusts whose assets include securities issued by troubled credit card companies, including LG Card. Accordingly, to the extent that the value of securities issued by credit card companies declines as a result of their financial difficulties or otherwise, we may experience losses on our investment securities.

We have significant exposure to SK Networks, which is experiencing financial difficulties that it concealed through accounting irregularities and which is in a workout program. If this program is not satisfactorily resolved, it may have a material adverse effect on us.

As of December 31, 2004, our total exposure outstanding to SK Networks (formerly, SK Global) alone was W683 billion, or 0.53% of our total exposure, consisting of W339 billion in loans, W2 billion in debt securities, W236 billion in equity securities and W106 billion in guarantees and acceptances. Of our total loans outstanding to SK Networks, W24 billion was secured. For the unsecured loans of W315 billion, we made allowance for loan losses of W19 billion. With respect to the guarantees and acceptances outstanding, we made allowances of W6 billion.

In the first quarter of 2003, accounting irregularities were discovered at SK Networks to which most commercial banks in Korea, including ourselves, had substantial exposure. These irregularities had concealed the weak financial condition of SK Networks over a period of several years. In March 2003, the principal creditor banks of SK Networks commenced formal workout procedures against SK Networks under the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act of Korea. In October 2003, SK Networks and its overseas subsidiaries completed the final major step in the restructuring of indebtedness of SK networks and its overseas subsidiaries, including the following:

the purchase by SK Networks of approximately US\$540 million of the US\$563 million of total indebtedness of its overseas subsidiaries held by non-Korean institutions in exchange for 43% of the principal amount in promissory notes and 5% of the principal amount in the form of bonds with warrants;

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the purchase or inclusion in the restructuring plan of SK Networks of all of the approximately US\$126 million of indebtedness of its overseas subsidiaries held by Korean financial institutions; and

the entering into a Memorandum of Understanding on the Corporate Restructuring Implementation, or Memorandum, in respect of the restructuring of the approximately US\$2 billion of indebtedness to SK Networks.

All of the indebtedness of SK Networks and its overseas subsidiaries held by Korean financial institution creditors was resolved either through an exchange for 43% of the principal amount in promissory notes and 5% of the principal amount in the form of bonds with warrants or in accordance with the Memorandum. Under the Memorandum, all of the indebtedness of SK Networks held by the Korean financial institution creditors was converted into shares of common stock, redeemable preferred stock and mandatory convertible bonds of SK Networks. SK Corp., which is the parent company of SK Networks, also converted approximately US\$760 million of its claims against SK Networks into the shares of common stock of SK Networks in connection with the Memorandum.

As a result of this corporate restructuring, we owned 9.49% of common shares of SK Networks (or 9.82% of total equity ownership in SK Networks including the redeemable preferred stock) as of December 31, 2004.

We also have exposures to other companies belonging to the SK Group. As of December 31, 2004, our total exposure outstanding to SG Wicus Corporation. was W3 billion, consisting of W3 billion in loans. For the loans, we have made an allowance for loan losses of W0.02 billion. In addition, as of December 31, 2004, our total exposure outstanding to SK Corporation, the controlling company of the SK Networks, was W633 billion, or 0.49% of our total exposure, consisting of W37 billion in loans, W206 billion in debt securities, W138 billion in equity securities, and W252 billion in guarantees and acceptances. We classify loans and guarantees and acceptances to other SK Group companies, including SK Corporation, as performing in accordance with our internal credit rating methodology and therefore no specific allowance is made against these loans or guarantees and acceptances. Our management believes the general allowance of W4 billion against the performing element of the corporate loan portfolio in total is sufficient to cover any incurred losses within this portfolio, including those loans to companies within the SK Group, including SK Corporation and excluding SK Networks and SG Wicus Corporation.

For a more detailed discussion of our exposure to the SK Group as of December 31, 2004, see Item 4. Information on the Company Description of Assets and Liabilities Loans Loan Concentrations Exposures to SK Group Companies .

We have exposure to the largest Korean business conglomerates, known as chaebols , and, as a result, recent and any future financial difficulties of chaebols may have an adverse impact on us.

As a result of the unfavorable financial and economic conditions in Korea, a number of chaebols have experienced and continue to experience financial difficulties. We have significant exposure to chaebols and large corporate borrowers. Of our twenty largest corporate exposures as of December 31, 2004, seven are companies that are members of the twenty-nine largest chaebols in Korea. If the quality of the exposures extended by us to chaebols declines, we would require additional loan loss provisions in respect of loans and would record impairment losses in respect of securities, which would adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and capital adequacy.

In particular, we have significant exposures to former Ssangyong Group companies, a number of which have been experiencing financial difficulties. In 1998, Daewoo Motors acquired Ssangyong Motors from the former Ssangyong Group, on condition that certain of the then existing liabilities of Ssangyong Motors be retained by the former Ssangyong Group. In connection with this transaction, nine member companies of the Ssangyong Group assumed in the aggregate W1.8 trillion, which subsequently resulted in significant increases in interest expense for such companies, further aggravated by a sharp increase in interest rates during the financial crisis of the late 1990 s. Several of the Ssangyong Group companies, including Ssangyong Corporation, Ssangyong Cement Industrial and Ssangyong Engineering & Construction, have experienced significant financial and liquidity difficulties as a result and were subsequently placed under workout programs

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by their respective creditors. In particular, Chohung Bank is the largest creditor to Ssangyong Corporation and, as such, is the lead creditor bank under the workout program applicable to Ssangyong Group companies. As of December 31, 2004, our total exposure to Ssangyong Corporation and Ssangyong Cement Industrial amounted to W279 billion and W155 billion, respectively, for which we have raised allowances for loan losses of W40 billion, or 14.4%, and W10 billion, 6.5%, respectively. Of our total loans and guarantees and acceptances to the Ssangyong Group, W305 billion was classified as impaired.

We cannot assure you that the allowances we have established against our exposures to the former Ssangyong Group companies will be sufficient to cover all future losses arising from these exposures. In addition, with respect to those companies that are in or in the future enter into workout or liquidation proceedings, we may not be able to make any recoveries against such companies. We may, therefore, experience future losses with respect to those loans, which may have a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations and capital adequacy.

For a more detailed discussion of our exposure to the former Ssangyong Group as of December 31, 2004, see Item 4. Information on the Company Description of Assets and Liabilities Loans Loan Concentrations Exposures to Ssangyong Group Companies .

Future financial difficulties of chaebols may adversely affect the credit quality of our small- and medium-sized enterprise customers who serve chaebols.

Many of the more established small- and medium-sized enterprises, which have been a key focus of our corporate banking activities, have close business relationships with chaebols, primarily as suppliers and subcontractors. Recently, many chaebols have moved and continue to move their production plants or facilities or business operations to China and other countries with lower labor costs and other expenses, which will lead to less business opportunities for small- and medium-sized enterprises resulting in a material adverse impact on their financial condition and results of operations, including their ability to service their debt as they come due. Financial difficulties experienced by our small- and medium-sized enterprises customers, and our less established customers in particular, may have an adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

We have exposure to companies that are currently or may in the future be put in restructuring, and we may suffer losses as a result of additional loan loss provisions required and/or the adoption of restructuring plans with which we do not agree.

As of December 31, 2004, our total loans and guarantees and acceptances to companies that were under troubled debt restructurings amounted to W1,480 billion or 1.4% of our total loans and guarantees and acceptances. As of the same date, our allowances for losses on these loans and guarantees and acceptances amounted to W295 billion, or 19.9% of these loans.

These allowances may not be sufficient to cover all future losses arising from our exposure to these companies. Furthermore, in the event that any of our borrowers become subject to corporate restructuring procedures, we may be forced to restructure our credits pursuant to restructuring plans approved by other creditor financial institutions holding 75% or more of the total outstanding debt (and 75% or more of the total outstanding secured debt, if the restructuring plan includes the restructuring of existing secured debt) of the borrower, or to dispose of our credits to other creditors on unfavorable terms.

The loss of deposit accounts maintained by Korean courts with Chohung Bank may adversely affect Chohung Bank's financial position and results of operations.

Chohung Bank believes that it holds the largest amount of deposits made by litigants and applicants in connection with legal proceedings in Korean courts or by persons involved in disputes. Although Chohung Bank has been involved in this business for more than forty years and has acquired certain competitive advantages and entry barriers in connection therewith, no assurance can be given that Chohung Bank will be able to maintain its competitiveness in this area. The Korean Supreme Court in 1994 opened to other banks the opportunity to establish new sub-branches or branches in newly opened court houses. The Supreme Court

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may open up competitive bidding to the entire network of sub-branches and branches taking court deposits. If the Supreme Court decides to select a bank for court deposits at all courts through competitive bidding, there can be no assurance that Chohung Bank will be selected. Because court deposits are a low-cost source of funding and Chohung Bank had total court deposits of W3,872 billion, W4,205 billion and W4,329 billion as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively, which accounted for 9.2%, 10.8% and 11.2% of total Won deposits of Chohung Bank as of the same periods, the loss of such business may adversely affect Chohung Bank's financial condition and results of operations.

Any deterioration in the asset quality of our guarantees and acceptances will likely have a material adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations.

In the normal course of our banking activities, we make various commitments and incur certain contingent liabilities in the form of guarantees and acceptances. Certain guarantees issued or modified after December 31, 2002 that are not derivative contracts have been recorded on our consolidated balance sheet at their fair value at inception. Other guarantees are recorded as off-balance sheet items in the footnotes to our financial statements and those guarantees that we have confirmed to make payments on become acceptances, which are recorded on the balance sheet. We had aggregate guarantees of W5,546 billion, and acceptances of W2,012 billion as of December 31, 2004. We provide an allowance for losses with respect to guarantees and acceptances as of each balance sheet date. We provided allowances for losses of W76 billion in respect of the guarantees and W17 billion in respect of acceptances as of December 31, 2004. If we experience significant asset quality deterioration in our guarantees and acceptances exposures, no assurance can be given that such allowances will be sufficient to cover any actual losses resulting in respect of these liabilities, or that the losses we incur on guarantees and acceptances will not be larger than those experienced on corporate loans.

Risks Relating to Our Strategy

As a holding company, we are dependant on receiving dividends from our subsidiaries in order to pay dividends on our common shares.

We are a financial holding company with minimal operating assets other than the shares of our subsidiaries. Our source of funding and cash flow is dividends from, or disposition of our interests in, our subsidiaries or our cash resources, most of which are currently the result of borrowings. Since our principal asset is the outstanding capital stock of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, our ability to pay dividends on our common shares will mainly depend on dividend payments from Shinhan Bank, Chohung Bank and other subsidiaries.

Under the Korean Commercial Code, dividends may only be paid out of distributable income, an amount which is calculated by subtracting the aggregate amount of a company's paid-in capital and certain mandatory legal reserves from its net assets, in each case as of the end of the prior fiscal year;

Under the Bank Act, a bank also is required to credit at least 10% of its net profit to a legal reserve each time it pays dividends on distributable income until such time when this reserve equals the amount of its total paid-in capital; and

Under the Bank Act and the requirements promulgated by the Financial Supervisory Commission, if a bank fails to meet its required capital adequacy ratio or otherwise subject to the management improvement measures imposed by the Financial Supervisory Commission, then the Financial Supervisory Commission may restrict the declaration and payment of dividend by such a bank.

Although Shinhan Bank is considered well-capitalized under the Bank Act and the Financial Supervisory Commission requirements, we cannot assure you that Shinhan Bank will continue to meet the criteria under the regulatory guidelines, in which case it may stop paying or reduce the amount of dividends paid to us.

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We may need to raise additional capital, and adequate financing may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all.

We may seek additional capital in the near future to fund the growth of our operations, including through mergers and acquisitions, to provide financial support for our subsidiaries, including funds needed to address liquidity difficulties, to meet minimum regulatory capital adequacy ratios and to enhance our capital levels. We may not be able to obtain additional debt or equity financing, or if available, it may not be in amounts or on terms commercially acceptable to us, it may impose conditions on our ability to pay dividends or grow our business or it may impose restrictive financial covenants on us. If we are unable to obtain the funding we need, we may be unable to continue to implement our business strategy, enhance our financial products and services, take advantage of future opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We may not succeed in improving customer service through the introduction of performance-based compensation.

Our ability to increase our market share in the retail, small- and medium-sized enterprise and credit card segments will depend in part upon our ability to attract and maintain customers through high-quality services. We intend to enhance the quality of our customer service by increasing employee performance measured against the level of customer satisfaction and customer response to our products and services and the quality of the assets and revenues generated. To do so, it may involve the introduction of performance-based compensation. Virtually all employees interfacing with our customers are members of our labor union subject to contracts that do not currently provide for performance-based compensation. To the extent we attempt to implement performance-based compensation, we may face strong resistance from our labor union. Failure of the union to accept or cooperate fully with our new programs may materially adversely affect the implementation of this aspect of our strategy.

Risks relating to our other businesses

We may incur significant losses from our investment and, to a lesser extent, trading activities due to market fluctuations.

We enter into and maintain large investment positions in the fixed income markets, primarily through our treasury and investment business. We describe these activities in Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Our Principal Activities Treasury and Securities Investment . We also maintain smaller trading positions, including securities and derivative financial instruments as part of our banking operations. In each of the product and business lines in which we enter into these kinds of positions, part of our business entails making assessments about financial market conditions and trends. The revenues and profits we derive from many of our positions and related transactions are dependent on market prices. When we own assets such as debt securities, market price declines, including as a result of fluctuating market interest rates, can expose us to losses. If prices move in a way we have not anticipated, we may experience losses. Also, when markets are volatile, characterized by rapid changes in price direction, the assessments we have made may prove to lead to lower revenues or profits, or losses, on the related transactions and positions.

Protracted market declines can reduce liquidity in the markets, making it harder to sell assets and leading to material losses.

In some of our businesses, protracted market movements, particularly price declines in assets, can reduce the level of activity in the market or reduce market liquidity. These developments can lead to material losses if we cannot close out deteriorating positions in a timely way. This may especially be the case for assets that are not traded on stock exchanges or other public trading markets, such as corporate debt securities issued by Korean companies, including credit card companies, and derivatives contracts, which may have values that we calculate using models other than publicly-quoted prices. For instance, the market value of debt securities in our portfolio as reflected on our balance sheet is determined by references to suggested prices posted by Korean rating agencies. These valuations, however, may differ significantly from the actual value that we may

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realize in the event we elect to sell these securities. As a result, we may not be able to realize the full marked-to-market value at the time of any such sale of these securities and thus may incur additional losses. Monitoring the deterioration of prices of assets like these is difficult and could lead to losses we did not anticipate.

We may generate lower revenue from brokerage and other commission- and fee-based business.

Market downturns are likely to lead to decline in the volume of transactions that we execute for our customers and, therefore, to decline in our non-interest revenues. In addition, because the fees that we charge for managing our clients' portfolios are in many cases based on the value of performance of those portfolios, a market downturn that reduces the value of our clients' portfolios or increases the amount of withdrawals would reduce the revenues we receive from our securities brokerage, trust account management and other asset management services. Even in the absence of a market downturn, below-market performance by our securities, trust account or asset managers may result in increased withdrawals and reduced inflows, which would reduce the revenue we receive from these businesses.

Our Internet banking services are subject to security concerns relating to the commercial use of the Internet.

We provide Internet banking services to our retail and corporate customers, which require sensitive customer information, including passwords and account information, to be transferred over a secure connection on the Internet. However, connections on the Internet, although secure, are not free from security breach. No assurance can be given that security breach in connection with our Internet banking service will not occur in the future, which may result in significant liability to our customers and third parties and materially and adversely affect our business.

We may experience disruptions, delays and other difficulties from our information technology systems.

We rely on our information technology systems for our daily operations including billing, effecting online and offline banking transactions and record keeping. We may experience disruptions, delays or other difficulties from our information technology systems, which may have an adverse effect on our business and adversely impact our customers' confidence in us.

We are subject to operational risks which our current risk management system may not detect in time or at all.

Operational risk is risk that is difficult to quantify and subject to different definitions. In addition to internal audits and inspections, the Financial Supervisory Service conducts general annual audits of operations at Shinhan Financial Group and also performs general annual audits of our operations. The Financial Supervisory Service also performs special audits as the need arises on particular aspects of our operations such as risk management, credit monitoring and liquidity. In the ordinary course of these audits, the Financial Supervisory Service routinely issue warning notices where it determines that a regulated financial institution or such institution's employees have failed to comply with the applicable laws or rules, regulations and guidelines of the Financial Supervisory Service. We have in the past received, and expect in the future to receive, such notices and we have taken and will continue to take appropriate actions in response to such notices. In April 2005, the Financial Supervisory Service discovered that one of Chohung Bank's employees had embezzled approximately W40 billion of Chohung Bank's funds. Pending the official report by the Financial Supervisory Service on the results of their investigation and discovery, Chohung Bank recovered approximately W4 billion of the embezzled fund and suspended the employee in question from his duties. In addition, Chohung Bank took remedial measures, which include increasing staffing at our back office function involving funds settlement, improving fund transfer procedures, further specification of borrowing entries, centralization of managing policy loans, establishment of a new internal audit and inspection unit to audit back office functions, introduction of an ad hoc audit and improving overall internal control procedures. No assurance can be given, however, that these remedial measures would be sufficient to prevent similar or more adverse operational risks from materializing.

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Risks Relating to our Acquisition and Integration of Chohung Bank

We may fail to fully realize the anticipated benefits of the acquisition.

We aim to capitalize over time on the combined strengths of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank in terms of market share, product and service mix, customer base and cost efficiencies. Our ability to achieve these benefits during the three-year transition period and after a merger of the two banks is subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control, including:

unforeseen or latent risks in the operations or the loan portfolio of Chohung Bank;

difficulties in managing the gradual integration of the two businesses during the transition period, including the harmonization of compensation levels and the implementation of a coordinated business plan;

difficulties in operating the integrated information technology system, risk management and other systems;

difficulties in integrating the managements of the two banks after the anticipated merger;

difficulties in putting in place effective cost-cutting measures such as procurement systems and electronic banking systems;

difficulties in harmonizing the two corporate cultures; and

difficulties in securing and retaining the key personnel of Chohung Bank during the transition period and retaining key personnel after the anticipated merger.

Labor opposition and unrest could delay or disrupt successful integration of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank or hinder our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of our acquisition of Chohung Bank.

Prior to entering into a cooperation understanding with our management, the labor union of Chohung Bank opposed the acquisition, engaging in a strike in mid-June 2003 interrupting Chohung Bank's operations for five days and causing temporary liquidity problems. Following execution of the acquisition agreements, the labor union of Chohung Bank opposed the selection of Chohung Bank's new CEO, who was a former executive of Chohung Bank, and attempted to prevent the recommendation committee for the CEO of Chohung Bank from meeting to approve the appointment. Subsequently, the labor union withdrew their objection. Disagreements by the labor union of Chohung Bank regarding integration steps or the full integration or by the labor union of Shinhan Bank regarding the understanding or other aspects of the integration and actions taken to delay or disrupt the process could have a material adverse effect on our ability to realize the anticipated benefits of our acquisition of Chohung Bank and have an adverse effect on our combined results of operations and the price of our common shares or American depositary shares.

Risks Relating to Competition

Competition in the Korean banking industry, in particular in the small- and medium-sized enterprises banking, retail banking and credit card operations, is intense, and we may experience declining margins as a result.

We compete principally with other nationwide commercial banks in Korea but also face competition from a number of additional sources including regional banks, development banks, specialized banks and foreign banks operating in Korea, as well as various other types of financial institutions, including credit card companies, securities companies and asset management companies. Over the past few years, regulatory reforms and liberalization of the Korean financial markets have led to increased competition among financial institutions in Korea. As the reform of the financial sector continues, foreign financial institutions, many with greater resources than we have, have entered the Korean market. There can be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully with other domestic and foreign financial institutions or that increased competition will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or operating results.

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The Korean commercial banking industry has undergone dramatic changes recently as a number of significant mergers and acquisitions in the industry have taken place. There may be additional consolidation in the Korean commercial banking industry, including Korea's regional banks in particular. In November 2001, Kookmin Bank and Housing & Commercial Bank, two of the strongest banks in Korea, merged to form Kookmin Bank. The newly merged bank is significantly larger and has more financial resources than us. Also in 2001, Woori Bank restructured itself as a financial holding company and significantly realigned its businesses and products to compete with other larger banks in Korea. Furthermore, a number of significant mergers and acquisitions in the industry have taken place in Korea over the last few years. In 2002, there was a merger between Hana Bank and Seoulbank. In 2003, Lone Star acquired a controlling interest in Korea Exchange Bank. In 2004, Citibank acquired Koram Bank through a tender offer and subsequently renamed it Citibank Korea. In 2005, Standard Chartered Bank acquired Korea First Bank. At present, these and other banks resulting from mergers or acquisitions may have more financial resources or more experience in providing certain banking or financial services than us. Increased competition and continuing consolidation in the Korean banking industry may lead to decreased margins. There can be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully with such banks.

Over the past several years, virtually all Korean banks have adopted a strategy of reducing large corporate exposure and increasing small- and medium-sized enterprises, retail and credit card exposure. As a result, substantially all commercial banks and financial institutions in Korea have focused their business on, and engaged in aggressive marketing campaigns and made significant investments in, these sectors. The growth and profitability of our small- and medium-sized enterprises and retail banking activities and credit card operations may decline as a result of growing market saturation in these sectors, increased interest rate competition, pressure to lower the fee rates applicable to these sectors and higher marketing expenses. In particular, it will be more difficult for our bank subsidiaries to secure new small- and medium-sized enterprise customers, retail and credit card customers with the credit quality and on credit terms necessary to achieve our business objectives.

An important focus of our business is to increase our fee income in order to diversify our revenue base, in anticipation of greater competition and declining lending margins. To date, except for credit card fees, securities brokerage fees and trust account management fees, we have not generated significant fee revenues. Our focus on generating fee revenue also involves the development of fee business from bancassurance and investment trust management. We recognize, however, that other banks and financial institutions in Korea have recently recognized the same trends and are beginning to focus on increasing their fee income, in particular from bancassurance and investment trust.

Successful acquisition of these fee generating businesses by our competitors may result in increased competition in the area of investment trust business. Recently, Woori Securities has acquired LG Investment & Securities, Hana Bank has acquired Daehan Investment & Securities, and Dongwon Financial Holding has acquired Korea Investment & Securities. Intense competition in the fee-based business will require us to create a new market and innovative products and services in a highly competitive environment. Our failure to do so could adversely affect our future results of operations.

We are highly dependent on short-term funding sources that are susceptible to price competition, which dependence may adversely affect our operations.

Most of our funding requirements, principally those of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, are met through short-term funding sources, primarily in the form of customer deposits, which are subject to significant price competition. As of December 31, 2004, approximately 91.7% of our total deposits had current maturities of one year or less or were payable on demand. In the past, a substantial portion of such customer deposits has been rolled over upon maturity or otherwise maintained with us, and such short-term deposits have been a stable source of funding over time. For example, of Shinhan Bank's total time deposits outstanding as of December 31, 2004 with remaining maturities of four months or less, approximately 57.2% were rolled over or otherwise maintained with Shinhan Bank. Of Chohung Bank's total time deposits maturing during the four months ended December 31, 2004, approximately 53.3% were rolled over or otherwise maintained with Chohung Bank. No assurance can be given, however, that such stable source of funding will

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continue, including as a result of intense price competition. If a substantial number of depositors fail to roll over deposited funds upon maturity or withdraw such funds from us, our liquidity position could be materially adversely affected, and we may be required to seek more expensive sources of short-term and long-term funds to finance our operations.

Risks Relating to Government Regulation and Policy

We operate in a legal and regulatory environment that is subject to change, which may have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The legal and regulatory framework for the Korean banking industry has continued to undergo significant reforms recently. Historically, regulations of the Korean government included, among other things, establishing lending rates and deposit rates for banks. Regulations also dictated the extent of competition through restrictions on new entrants and on the growth of existing banks, including the opening of new branches. Regulatory reform of the Korean banking industry to date has removed controls on all lending rates and all deposit rates and provided for increased prudential supervision of the financial sector by the Korean government. We believe that the Korean government intends to continue to deregulate the financial sector, by allowing market forces to have a larger role in guiding the development of the industry. However, with respect to provisioning, liquidity and capital adequacy standards, the Government has revised its regulations to implement stricter standards for commercial banks and credit card companies. We expect the regulatory environment in which we operate to continue to be subject to change. There can be no assurance that any future changes will not have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Uncertainties surrounding the consumer debt workout programs recently announced by the Korean government may have an impact on our ability to recover and collect on non-performing loans.

In an effort to resolve the problems caused by consumer credit delinquencies, the Korean government established Hanmaum Financial Company and the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service on May 20, 2004. Hanmaum Financial Company is a so-called "bad bank", a type of private asset management company that acquires non-performing assets from banks and other financial institutions for the purpose of providing long-term financial aid to certain qualified delinquent consumers who apply for this program to enable them to pay off their financial debts. After restructuring delinquent debts of approximately 170,000 consumers, Hanmaum Financial Company was wound down. The Korean government currently plans to establish a second "bad bank" to aid the delinquent consumers who did not benefit from Hanmaum Financial Company despite being qualified to do so. The second bad bank is expected to provide relief without collecting 3% or 6% of the debt amount in advance nor requiring a separate application procedure, and is also expected to allow target individuals to repay their delinquent debts within seven years. The second bad bank will raise funds to purchase the delinquent debts from financial institutions through a special purpose company in an asset-backed securitization transaction. The second bad bank is expected to distribute the debt amount collected in excess of the initial purchase price to the selling financial institutions. At this time, we cannot accurately predict the number of applicants and amounts subject to the second bad bank program. To the extent the second bad bank achieves less-than-expected level of collection of, and recovery on, non-performing assets, commercial banks and credit card companies, including Shinhan Bank, Chohung Bank and Shinhan Card, may realize less gains from recoveries.

Unlike the "bad bank" program that provides loans directly to consumers, the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service has adopted an individual workout program. For delinquent consumers who are deemed to be capable of repaying their debts, the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service will, pursuant to an agreement with the creditor financial institution, provide such consumers an opportunity to repay in installments, provide a repayment grace period, reduce their debt amount or extend the maturity date of the debt. Currently, approximately 180 financial institutions, including banks and insurance companies, are parties to the Credit Recovery Support Agreement, pursuant to which such financial institutions, have agreed to provide such support described above to those consumers who meet the following qualifications: (i) income exceeding minimum living expenses promulgated by the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Korea, (ii) debt not exceeding W300 million in total amount, and (iii) at least 80% of such individual's total debt owing to

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financial institutions who are parties to the Credit Recovery Support Agreement. Each application for credit recovery is reviewed by the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service and approval of each application requires the approval by creditors representing at least one-half of the unsecured debt amount and at least two-thirds of the secured debt amount. In addition to the foregoing program, in April 2005, the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service adopted the

Credit Recovery Support Program for Destitute Delinquent Consumers pursuant to which individuals who qualify us any of (i) unemployed young men, (ii) small merchants whose annual revenue is less than W48 million under the Value-Added Tax Act of Korea, or (iii) recipients of assistance as defined under the National Basic Living Securities Act may repay their debts in installments over eight to ten years following a certain grace period.

In September 2004, a court-administered individual workout program was adopted under the Individual Debtor Recovery Act. Under this program, a qualified individual debtor may file a petition for an individual workout program with a competent court. Subject to the court's approval, the debtor may repay the debt over a period from three to eight years and will be exempted from other debts without declaring bankruptcy. To qualify, an individual delinquent debtor must have less than W500 million in debt (in the case of unsecured debt) or W1 billion in debt (in the case of secured debts), and must be capable of earning income continuously or repeatedly in the future.

To the extent that amounts of non-performing assets subject to these programs are significant and collection on such assets are unsuccessful, these consumer debt workout programs and uncertainties surrounding them may result in an adverse effect on our ability to recover and collect on such assets. See Item 4. Information on the Company Business Overview Our Principal Activities Credit Card Services .

Structural reforms occurring in the Korean economy and financial sector may have a substantial impact on our business.

In response to the financial and economic downturn in Korea in 1997 and 1998, the Korean government announced and implemented a series of comprehensive policy packages to address structural weaknesses in the Korean economy and the financial sector, which included the mergers and restructurings of a number of banks. We expect that these comprehensive policy packages will continue to have a substantial impact on our business. The government has indicated that it may advocate further mergers or restructurings involving other commercial banks and financial institutions in the Korean financial sector. Such mergers or restructurings may create larger banks and financial institutions that may pose a competitive threat and in turn have an adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Financial Supervisory Commission may impose supervisory measures if it deems us or our operating subsidiaries to be financially unsound.

If the Financial Supervisory Commission deems our financial condition, including the financial conditions of our operating subsidiaries, to be unsound or if our operating subsidiaries or we fail to meet the applicable requisite capital ratio or the capital adequacy ratio, as the case may be, set forth under Korean law, the Financial Supervisory Commission may order, among other things, at the level of the holding company or a subsidiary, capital increases or reductions, stock cancellations or consolidations, transfers of business, sales of assets, closures of branch offices, mergers with other financial institutions, or suspensions of a part or all of our business operations. If any of such measures are imposed on us or our operating subsidiaries by the Financial Supervisory Commission as a result of poor financial condition or failure to comply with minimum capital adequacy requirements or otherwise, such measures may materially harm our business and adversely affect the price of our common shares or our American depositary shares.

The Korean government may encourage lending to and investment in certain types of borrowers in furtherance of government initiatives, and we may take this factor into account.

The Korean government has encouraged and may in the future encourage lending to or investment in the securities of certain types of borrowers and other financial institutions in furtherance of government initiatives.

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The Korean government, through its regulatory bodies such as the Financial Supervisory Commission, has in the past announced lending policies to encourage Korean banks and financial institutions to lend or make investments in particular industries or customer sectors, and, in certain cases, has provided lower cost funding through loans made by the Bank of Korea for further lending to specific customer sectors, such as the small- and medium-sized enterprises. The Korean government has in this manner encouraged commercial banks to step in to provide credit card companies with additional liquidity. While all loans or securities investments will be reviewed in accordance with our credit review policies or internal investment guidelines and regulations or those of Chohung Bank, as the case may be, we, on a voluntary basis, may factor the existence of such policies and encouragements into consideration in making loans or securities investments. However, the ultimate decision whether to make loans or securities investments always remains with us based on our credit approval procedures and our risk management system, independently of government policies.

Risks Relating to Korea and the Global Economy

Unfavorable financial and economic conditions in Korea and worldwide may have a material adverse impact on our asset quality, liquidity and financial performance.

We are incorporated in Korea, and substantially all of our operations are located in Korea. As a result, we are subject to political, economic, legal and regulatory risks specific to Korea. Financial turmoil in Asia in the late 1990 s adversely affected the Korean economy and in turn Korean financial institutions. In addition, investors' reactions to developments in one country can have adverse effects on the securities of companies in other countries, including Korea. In addition, the economic indicators in 2002, 2003 and 2004 have shown mixed signs of recovery and uncertainty, and future recovery or growth of the economy is subject to many factors beyond our control.

Developments that could hurt Korea's economy in the future include, among other things:

failure of restructuring of *chaebols* and accounting irregularities of and regulatory proceedings against *chaebols*, together with its negative effect on the Korean financial markets and on the small- and medium-sized enterprises market;

failure of restructuring of large troubled companies, including LG Card and other troubled credit card companies and financial institutions;

volatility in foreign currency reserve levels, commodity prices (including oil prices), exchange rates (including continued weakness of the U.S. dollar or a depreciation of the Chinese renminbi or Japanese Yen), interest rates and stock markets;

increased reliance on exports to service foreign currency debts, which could cause friction with Korea's trading partners;

adverse developments in the economies of countries to which Korea exports goods and services (such as the United States, China and Japan), or in emerging market economies in Asia or elsewhere that could result in a loss of confidence in the Korean economy;

the continued emergence of China, to the extent its benefits (such as increased exports to China) are outweighed by its costs (such as competition in export markets or for foreign investment and relocation of the manufacturing base from Korea to China);

social and labor unrest or declining consumer confidence or spending resulting from lay-offs, increasing unemployment and lower levels of income;

a decrease in tax revenues and a substantial increase in the Korean government's expenditures for unemployment compensation and other social programs that together could lead to an increased government budget deficit;

political uncertainty or increasing strife among or within political parties in Korea, including as a result of the increasing polarization of the positions of the ruling progressive party and the conservative opposition; and

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a deterioration in economic or diplomatic relations between Korea and its trading partners or allies, including such deterioration resulting from trade disputes or disagreements in foreign policy.

Deterioration in the Korean economy can also occur as a result of deterioration in the global economic conditions. Recent developments in the Middle East, including the war in Iraq and its aftermath, higher oil prices and the continued weakness of the economy in parts of the world have increased the uncertainty of world economic prospects in general and continue to have an adverse effect on the Korean economy. Any future deterioration of the Korean economy could have an adverse effect on us and the market price of our common shares or our American depositary shares.

Tensions with North Korea could have an adverse effect on us and the price of our common stock and our American depositary shares.

Relations between Korea and North Korea have been tense over most of Korea's history. The level of tension between the two Koreas has fluctuated and may increase or change abruptly as a result of current and future events, including ongoing contacts at the highest levels of the governments of Korea and North Korea and increasing hostility between North Korea and the United States. In December 2002, North Korea removed the seals and surveillance equipment from its Yongbyon nuclear power plant and evicted inspectors from the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency, and has reportedly resumed activity at its Yongbyon power plant. In January 2003, North Korea announced its intention to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, demanding that the United States sign a non-aggression pact as a condition to North Korea dismantling its nuclear program. In August 2003, representatives of Korea, the United States, North Korea, China, Japan and Russia held multilateral talks in an effort to resolve issues relating to North Korea's nuclear weapons program. While the talks concluded without resolution, participants in the August meeting indicated that further negotiations may take place in the future and, in February 2004, six party talks resumed in China. In June 2004, the third round of the six-party talks resumed in China, which ended with an agreement by the parties to hold further talks by the end of September 2004, which failed to take place as planned. In February 2005, North Korea declared that it had developed and was in possession of nuclear weapons. It also announced its indefinite withdrawal from further six-party talks. Any further increase in tensions, resulting for example from a break-down in contacts or an outbreak in military hostilities, could hurt our business, results of operations and financial condition and could lead to a decline in the price of our common stock and our American depositary shares.

Korea's new legislation allowing class action suits related to securities transactions may expose us to additional litigation risk.

Effective January 1, 2005, a new law enacted on January 12, 2004 allows class action suits to be brought by shareholders of companies listed on the Korea Exchange, including us, for losses incurred in connection with purchases and sales of securities and other securities transactions arising from (i) false or inaccurate statements provided in registration statements, prospectuses, business reports and audit reports; (ii) insider trading and (iii) market manipulation. In March 2005, this law was amended to provide for a grace period for class action suits based on (i) of the above in order to afford the companies an opportunity to correct any prior false or inaccurate statements until the release of their audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. During this grace period, companies will be immune from any class action suits arising from (i) of the above. The new law permits 50 or more shareholders who collectively hold 0.01% or more of the shares of a company at the time when the cause of such damages occurred to bring a class action suit against, among others, the issuer and its directors and officers. It is uncertain how the courts will apply this law, however, as this law has been enacted only recently. Litigation can be time-consuming and expensive to resolve, and can divert management time and attention from the operation of a business. We are not aware of any basis for such suit being brought against us, nor, to our knowledge, are there any such suits pending or threatened. Any such litigation brought against us could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Table of Contents***Labor unrest may adversely affect the Korean economy and our operations.***

During 1998 and 1999, there were large-scale protests and labor strikes in Korea. In July 2000, the Korean Financial Industry Union, which represents the employees of over 30 financial institutions, urged its members to participate in a strike to express their opposition to mergers of the banks and the possibility of further layoffs, when the Korean government announced its plan to implement the second phase of restructuring the Republic's banks, including the promulgation of a law which allows the formation of financial holding companies. The strike subsequently was cancelled after the Korean government and the union leaders reached an agreement whereby the Korean government would not require mandatory bank mergers.

Continuing labor unrest could adversely affect our operations, as well as the operations of many of our customers and their ability to repay their loans, and could affect the financial conditions of Korean companies in general, depressing the prices of securities on the Korea Exchange, the value of unlisted securities and the value of the Won relative to other currencies. Such developments would likely have an adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and capital adequacy.

Risks Relating to Our American Depositary Shares***There are restrictions on withdrawal and deposit of common shares under the depositary facility.***

Under the deposit agreement, holders of shares of our common stock may deposit those shares with the depositary bank's custodian in Korea and obtain American depositary shares, and holders of American depositary shares may surrender American depositary shares to the depositary bank and receive shares of our common stock. However, under current Korean laws and regulations, the depositary bank is required to obtain our prior consent for the number of shares to be deposited in any given proposed deposit which exceeds the difference between (1) the aggregate number of shares deposited by us for the issuance of American depositary shares (including deposits in connection with the initial and all subsequent offerings of American depositary shares and stock dividends or other distributions related to these American depositary shares) and (2) the number of shares on deposit with the depositary bank at the time of such proposed deposit. We have consented to the deposit of outstanding shares of common stock as long as the number of American depositary shares outstanding at any time does not exceed 20,216,314. As a result, if you surrender American depositary shares and withdraw shares of common stock, you may not be able to deposit the shares again to obtain American depositary shares.

The value of your investment may be reduced by future sales of our common stock or our American depositary shares by the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation or BNP Paribas, by other stockholders or holders of American depositary shares or by us.

Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation owns redeemable convertible preferred shares convertible into shares of our common stock representing approximately 12.28% of our total shares of common stock as of the date hereof. BNP Paribas currently owns approximately 4.25% of our outstanding shares (or 3.72% on a fully diluted basis taking into account the conversion of redeemable convertible preferred shares of Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation). Currently, we do not know when, how, or what percentage of, our redeemable convertible preferred shares will be converted by Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation and when, how or what percentage of our shares Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation will dispose of upon conversion or BNP Paribas will dispose of our shares, or to whom such shares will be sold. As a result, we cannot currently predict the impact of such sales on us.

In certain cases, we must obtain the consent of the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation to declare and pay dividends on our shares or our American depositary shares. If Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation declines to give such consent, holders of American depositary shares may be adversely affected.

Pursuant to the terms of the Investment Agreement, we are required to obtain the consent of the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation, to the extent permitted under applicable law, in order to declare and pay dividends on our common shares in excess of W750, representing 15% of par value (W5,000), if our net

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income under Korean GAAP is below ₩800 billion in a given fiscal year and any of the Redeemable Preferred Stock and Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock are outstanding. Failure to obtain the consent of the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation in such instances may lead to payment of dividends at a level that is lower than expected and may adversely affect the price of our common shares and our American depositary shares and further adversely affect the interest of our shareholders, including the holders of our American depositary shares.

Ownership of our shares is restricted under Korean law.

Under the Financial Holding Companies Act, any single shareholder (together with certain persons in a special relationship with such shareholder) may acquire beneficial ownership of up to 10% of the total issued and outstanding shares with voting rights of a bank holding company controlling nationwide banks such as us. In addition, any person, except for a non-financial business group company (as defined below), may acquire in excess of 10% of the total voting shares issued and outstanding of a financial holding company which controls a nationwide bank, provided that a prior approval from the Financial Supervisory Commission is obtained each time such person's aggregate holdings exceed 10% (or 15% in the case of a financial holding company controlling regional banks only), 25% or 33% of the total voting shares issued and outstanding of such financial holding company. The Korean government and the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation are exempt from this limit. Furthermore, certain non-financial business group companies (i.e., (i) any same shareholder group with aggregate net assets of all non-financial business companies belonging to such group of not less than 25% of the aggregate net assets of all members of such group; (ii) any same shareholder group with aggregate assets of all non-financial business companies belonging to such group of not less than ₩2 trillion; or (iii) any mutual fund in which a same shareholder group identified in (i) or (ii) above owns more than 4% of the total shares issued and outstanding of such mutual fund) may not acquire beneficial ownership in us in excess of 4% of our outstanding voting shares, provided that such non-financial business group companies may acquire beneficial ownership of up to 10% of our outstanding voting shares with the approval of the Financial Supervisory Commission under the condition that such non-financial business group companies will not exercise voting rights in respect of such shares in excess of the 4% limit. See Item 4. Information on the Company Supervision and Regulation Principal Regulations Applicable to Financial Holding Companies Restriction on Financial Holding Company Ownership. To the extent that the total number of shares of our common stock that you and your affiliates own together exceeds such limit, you will not be entitled to exercise the voting rights for the excess shares, and the Financial Supervisory Commission may order you to dispose of the excess shares within a period of up to six months. Failure to comply with such an order would result in a fine of up to ₩50 million.

Holders of American depositary shares will not have preemptive rights in certain circumstances.

The Korean Commercial Code and our articles of incorporation require us, with some exceptions, to offer shareholders the right to subscribe for new shares in proportion to their existing ownership percentage whenever new shares are issued. If we offer any rights to subscribe for additional shares of our common stock or any rights of any other nature, the depositary bank, after consultation with us, may make the rights available to you or use reasonable efforts to dispose of the rights on your behalf and make the net proceeds available to you. The depositary bank, however, is not required to make available to you any rights to purchase any additional shares unless it deems that doing so is lawful and feasible and:

a registration statement filed by us under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is in effect with respect to those shares; or

the offering and sale of those shares is exempt from or is not subject to the registration requirements of the US Securities Act.

We are under no obligation to file any registration statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. If a registration statement is required for you to exercise preemptive rights but is not filed by us, you will not be able to exercise your preemptive rights for additional shares and you will suffer dilution of your equity interest in us.

Table of Contents***Your dividend payments and the amount you may realize upon a sale of your American depositary shares will be affected by fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Dollar and the Won.***

Investors who purchase the American depositary shares will be required to pay for them in U.S. dollars. Our outstanding shares are listed on the Korea Exchange and are quoted and traded in Won. Cash dividends, if any, in respect of the shares represented by the American depositary shares will be paid to the depositary bank in Won and then converted by the depositary bank into Dollars, subject to certain conditions. Accordingly, fluctuations in the exchange rate between the Won and the Dollar will affect, among other things, the amounts a registered holder or beneficial owner of the American depositary shares will receive from the depositary bank in respect of dividends, the Dollar value of the proceeds which a holder or owner would receive upon sale in Korea of the shares obtained upon surrender of American depositary shares and the secondary market price of the American depositary shares.

If the government deems that certain emergency circumstances are likely to occur, it may restrict the depositary bank from converting and remitting dividends in Dollars.

If the government deems that certain emergency circumstances are likely to occur, it may impose restrictions such as requiring foreign investors to obtain prior government approval for the acquisition of Korean securities or for the repatriation of interest or dividends arising from Korean securities or sales proceeds from disposition of such securities. These emergency circumstances include any or all of the following:

sudden fluctuations in interest rates or exchange rates;

extreme difficulty in stabilizing the balance of payments; and

a substantial disturbance in the Korean financial and capital markets.

The depositary bank may not be able to secure such prior approval from the government for the payment of dividends to foreign investors when the government deems that there are emergency circumstances in the Korean financial markets.

Holders of American depositary shares may be required to pay a Korean securities transaction tax upon withdrawal of underlying common shares or the transfer of American depositary shares.

Under Korean tax law, a securities transaction tax (including an agricultural and fisheries special surtax) is imposed on transfers of shares listed on the Korea Exchange, including our common shares, at the rate of 0.3% of the sales price if traded on the Korea Exchange. According to a tax ruling recently issued by Korean tax authorities, securities transaction tax of 0.5% of the sales price could be imposed on the transfer of American depositary shares unless American depositary shares are listed or registered on the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ National Market or other foreign exchanges that may be designated by the Ministry of Finance and Economy, and transfer of American Depositary shares takes place on such exchange. At this time, it is unclear as to when the Korean government will begin to enforce the imposition of such securities transaction tax. See Item 10. Additional Information Taxation Korean Taxation .

Other Risks***We do not prepare interim financial information on a U.S. GAAP basis.***

We, including our subsidiaries such as Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, are not required to and do not prepare interim financial information on a U.S. GAAP basis. U.S. GAAP differs in significant respects from Korean GAAP, particularly with respect to the establishment of provisions and loan loss allowance. See Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Selected Financial Information under Korean GAAP and Reconciliation with Korean Generally Accepted Accounting Principles . As a result, provision and allowance levels reflected under Korean GAAP in our results for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2005 may differ significantly from comparable figures under U.S. GAAP for these and future periods.

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We are generally subject to Korean corporate governance and disclosure standards, which differ in significant respects from those in other countries.

Companies in Korea, including us, are subject to corporate governance standards applicable to Korean public companies which differ in many respects from standards applicable in other countries, including the United States. As a reporting company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and listed on the New York Stock Exchange, we are, and in the future will be, subject to certain corporate governance standards as mandated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. However, foreign private issuers, including us, are exempt from certain corporate governance requirements under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act or under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. For significant differences, see Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees Corporate Governance . There may also be less publicly available information about Korean companies, such as us, than is regularly made available by public or non-public companies in other countries. Such differences in corporate governance standards and less public information could result in less than satisfactory corporate governance practices or disclosure to investors in certain countries.

You may not be able to enforce a judgment of a foreign court against us.

We are corporations with limited liability organized under the laws of Korea. Substantially all of our directors and officers and other persons named in this document reside in Korea, and all or a significant portion of the assets of our directors and officers and other persons named in this document and substantially all of our assets are located in Korea. As a result, it may not be possible for holders of the American depository shares to effect service of process within the United States, or to enforce against them or us in the United States judgments obtained in United States courts based on the civil liability provisions of the federal securities laws of the United States. There is doubt as to the enforceability in Korea, either in original actions or in actions for enforcement of judgments of United States courts, of civil liabilities predicated on the United States federal securities laws.

Table of Contents**ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY****HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP****Introduction**

We are the largest financial holding company in Korea on the basis of total assets, total deposits and stockholders equity. We were formed in 2001 as the holding company for Shinhan Bank and related financial services companies. On August 19, 2003, we acquired 80.04% of Chohung Bank and plan to merge its operations with those of Shinhan Bank after a three-year transition period. In June 2004, we acquired the remaining 18.85% of the outstanding shares of Chohung Bank that we previously did not own through a cash tender offer followed by a small-scale share swap pursuant to Korean law. As of December 31, 2004, based on asset size published by the Financial Supervisory Commission, Shinhan Bank was the fourth largest bank in Korea, with total assets of W70,126 billion (US\$67,748 million) and Chohung Bank was the fifth largest bank in Korea, with total assets of W65,389 billion (US\$63,172 million). From this expanded platform, we serve all major components of the corporate and retail banking and financial services markets. In the corporate sector, we serve the large corporate community, established and developing small- and medium- sized enterprises as well as certain small unincorporated businesses. In the retail sector, we provide mortgages and home equity finance as well as general unsecured consumer lending to retail customers ranging from high net worth customers to the mass retail market. Both Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank have credit card operations with approximately 3,002,000 and approximately 2,819,250 cardholders as of December 31, 2004. Through our banking and non-banking subsidiaries, we engage in a comprehensive range of related financial services including securities brokerage, investment banking, investment trust management and bancassurance. We have also entered into joint ventures with BNP Paribas, our shareholder, in the areas of investment trust management and bancassurance to bring an international perspective to these operations.

Through Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, we operate the second largest nationwide branch network in Korea with 428 branches in the Seoul and its metropolitan area, 322 branches in Kyunggi Province and six major cities in Korea and 155 branches throughout the rest of the country. As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank combined (not taking into account overlap in customers) had over 255,000 corporate deposit customers and over 16.3 million retail deposit customers with an aggregate average deposit of W83,544 billion. This combined customer base provides us with a large, stable and cost effective core funding base, and access to an established corporate and retail customer base to whom we can market the full range of our financial products and services.

History and Organization

On September 1, 2001, we were formed as a financial holding company under the Financial Holding Companies Act, by acquiring all of the issued shares of the following companies from the former shareholders in exchange for shares of our common stock:

Shinhan Bank, a nationwide commercial bank;

Shinhan Securities Co., Ltd., a securities brokerage company;

Shinhan Capital Co., Ltd., a leasing company; and

Shinhan Investment Trust Management Co., Ltd., an investment trust management company.

Shinhan Bank and Shinhan Securities were previously listed on the Korea Stock Exchange and Shinhan Capital was previously registered with Korea Securities Dealers Association Automated Quotation, or KOSDAQ, whereas Shinhan Investment Trust Management was privately held. On September 10, 2001, we listed the common stock of our holding company on the Korea Stock Exchange See Item 9 The offer and Listing Market Price Information and Trading Market Korea Securities Market .

In December 2001, we concluded an agreement with our strategic partner and our largest shareholder, the BNP Paribas Group, pursuant to which BNP Paribas purchased a 4.0% equity interest in us. In September

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2003, BNP Paribas increased its equity interest in us to 4.61%. Following the issuance of additional shares of common stock by us in connection our acquisition of shares of Chohung Bank's common stock that we previously did not own in June 2004 and our ownership of 100% of Good Morning Shinhan Securities by acquisition in December 2004 of the remaining shares that we did not own, BNP Paribas currently owns 4.25% of our shares of common stock (or 3.72% on a fully diluted basis taking into account the conversion of redeemable convertible preferred shares of Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation).

In April 2002 and July 2002, we acquired an aggregate of 62.4% equity stake in Jeju Bank, a regional bank incorporated in 1969 to engage in commercial banking and trust business.

During 2002, through a series of transactions, we acquired 31.7% of common stock (or 30.7% of voting equity securities) of Good Morning Securities. Subsequently, we merged Shinhan Securities into Good Morning Securities and renamed it Good Morning Shinhan Securities Co., Ltd. As of December 31, 2002, following the foregoing transactions, we effectively owned 60.5% of Good Morning Shinhan Securities. In December 2004, Good Morning Shinhan Securities became our wholly-owned subsidiary after we acquired the remaining shares of Good Morning Shinhan Securities. In January 2005, Good Morning Shinhan Securities was delisted from the Korea Exchange.

On June 4, 2002, the credit card division of Shinhan Bank was spun off and established as our wholly-owned subsidiary, Shinhan Card Co., Ltd.

Shinhan Credit Information Co., Ltd. was established on July 8, 2002 as our wholly-owned subsidiary, which engages in the business of debt collection and credit reporting. On June 9, 2003, we sold a 49% interest in Shinhan Credit Information to LSH Holdings L.L.C., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lone Star Fund, and converted Shinhan Credit Information into a joint venture with Lone Star Fund. In the first half of 2004, the Financial Supervisory Service conducted an audit into the activities of this joint venture, with a focus on the operations and collection activities of Lone Star and held such operations and activities to be inconsistent with Korean law applicable to credit collection. On May 21, 2004, we terminated this joint venture and bought back Lone Star's 49% ownership in Shinhan Credit Information. The number of shares acquired was 294,000 shares, representing 49% of total outstanding shares, of Shinhan Credit Information at the acquisition cost of W1,529,165,735. As a result of this buy-back transaction, our equity ownership in Shinhan Credit Information increased from 51% to 100%.

On August 9, 2002, we signed a joint venture agreement with BNP Paribas Asset Management, the asset management arm of BNP Paribas, in respect of Shinhan Investment Trust Management. On October 24, 2002, we sold to BNP Paribas Asset Management 3,999,999 shares of Shinhan Investment Trust Management, representing 50% less one share, which was subsequently renamed Shinhan BNP Paribas Investment Trust Management Co., Ltd.

On October 1, 2002, SH&C Life Insurance Co., Ltd., a bancassurance joint venture, was established under a related joint venture agreement with Cardif S.A., the bancassurance subsidiary of BNP Paribas.

On August 19, 2003, we acquired 80.04% of common shares of Chohung Bank, a nationwide commercial bank in Korea. See Our Acquisition of Chohung Bank. In December 2003, we acquired an additional 1.11% of common shares of Chohung Bank. In June 2004, we acquired the common shares of Chohung Bank that we previously did not own, which were 135,548,285 shares, or 18.85% of total common shares of Chohung Bank outstanding as of December 31, 2003, through a cash tender offer followed by a small-scale share swap under Korean law. As a result, we own 100% of Chohung Bank as of the date hereof. The common shares of Chohung Bank were delisted from the Stock Market Division of the Korea Exchange on July 2, 2004.

We also own the following subsidiaries of Chohung Bank.

Chohung Investment Trust Management Co., Ltd. was established in 1988 and engages in investment management services. In 1997, the company changed its name from Chohung Investment Management Co., Ltd. to Chohung Investment Trust Management Co., Ltd. As of December 31, 2004, its capital stock amounted to W45 billion of which Chohung Bank owned 79.77%.

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Chohung Finance Ltd., Hong Kong is a subsidiary of Chohung Bank engaged in various merchant banking activities in Hong Kong. As of December 31, 2004, its capital stock amounted to US\$15 million, of which Chohung Bank owned 99.99%.

CHB America Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chohung Bank created through a merger of Chohung Bank of New York and California Chohung Bank in March 2003. It offers full banking services to Korean residents in New York and in California. As of December 31, 2004, CHB America Bank's capital stock amounted to US\$14 million.

Chohung Bank (Deutschland) GmbH was established in 1994 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chohung Bank. As of December 31, 2004, its capital stock amounted to EUR 15,339 thousand.

Chohung Vina Bank was established in November 2000 as a joint venture between Chohung Bank and Vietcom Bank, and engages in banking activities in Vietnam. Its capital stock as of December 31, 2004 was US\$20 million, of which Chohung Bank owned 50%.

In December 2004, we established Shinhan Private Equity Inc. as our wholly-owned subsidiary with initial paid-in-capital of W10 billion.

As of the date hereof, we had twelve direct and nine indirect subsidiaries. The following diagram shows our organization structure as of the date hereof:

With the exception of Shinhan Finance Limited and Chohung Finance Ltd., Hong Kong, which are incorporated in Hong Kong, CHB America Bank and Good Morning Shinhan Securities USA Inc., which are incorporated in the United States, Good Morning Shinhan Securities Europe Ltd., which is incorporated in London, United Kingdom, Chohung Bank (Deutschland) GmbH, which is incorporated in Germany, and Chohung Vina Bank, which is incorporated in Vietnam, all of our other subsidiaries are incorporated in Korea.

Our legal name is Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd. and commercial name is Shinhan Financial Group. Our registered office and principal executive offices are located at 120, 2-Ga, Taepyung-Ro, Jung-gu, Seoul 100-102, Korea. Our telephone number is 82-2-6360-3000. Our agent in the United States, Shinhan Bank, New York branch, is located at 800 Third Avenue, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10022, U.S.A. Our agent's telephone number is (212) 371-8000.

Our Strategy

Since our holding company establishment in 2001, we have actively realigned our market position in an ever-changing environment of the Korean banking and financial industry. In particular, with our acquisition of Chohung Bank in 2003, we have emerged as the second largest financial institution in terms of assets and

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distribution network in Korea. With the acquisition of Chohung Bank, we believe that we have completed our reconfiguration of our corporate structure in the area of commercial banking.

Our vision is to enhance shareholder value by securing a solid position as the leading provider of total financial solutions in Korea by achieving global standards in corporate governance, operational efficiencies and integration of process and services. To this end, we are focusing, in the medium term, on the integration of our banking operations, through the use of strategic initiative projects called *One Bank* and *New Bank*, to create total financial solutions by providing the full range of financial products and services meeting the needs of both corporate and retail customers. To achieve this vision, we are implementing and will continue to implement the following strategies:

Creating synergies within our holding company structure. Since our reconfiguration into a holding company structure in 2001, we have focused on achieving synergy through cross-selling of products and services. Shinhan Bank, Chohung Bank and Good Morning Shinhan Securities are assuming the roles of primary distribution channel while the rest of our non-bank subsidiaries are focusing on developing competitive products and services. Examples of our principal products for cross-selling in the retail segment include bancassurance, credit cards, beneficiary certificates and *Financial Network Accounts*, which are integrated accounts for banking and brokerage services. In the corporate segment, Good Morning Shinhan Securities provide finance services to corporate customers of both Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, which services include underwriting of initial public offerings, asset securitization, M&A advisory and issuance of debt or equity securities.

Enhancing the core competency of our operating subsidiaries. In order to provide the highest quality products and services from each of our banking and financial businesses, we intend to focus on enhancing the core competency of each of our operating subsidiaries by taking the following initiatives:

in commercial banking, we have sought to achieve economies of scale by acquiring Chohung Bank, enabling us to, among other things, capitalize on greater mass market penetration and large corporate portfolio as a complement to Shinhan Bank's greater emphasis on small- and medium-sized enterprises and high net worth individuals.

in securities brokerage services, we have sought to achieve economies of scale and enhance brand image through our acquisition of Good Morning Securities.

in credit cards, we have focused on and will continue to focus on improved credit initiation through higher credit scoring requirements, risk management through continued credit scoring reviews and improved collection results through coordinated call centers and increased collection staff, as well as enhanced marketing.

in areas where we lack core competency as compared to the leading global financial institutions, we will continue to expand our relationships through affiliations and business cooperation with world class financial institutions such as BNP Paribas and Macquarie.

Establishing and Consolidating the One Portal Network. In order to provide total financial solutions to our customers on a real-time basis, we are continuing to develop our one portal network. The one portal network refers to the ability of a corporate or retail customer to have access to our total financial solutions through any single point of contact with our group. In furtherance of this strategy, we have been implementing and will continue to implement the following initiatives:

integrating our physical and online distribution channels to offer products and services developed by all of our operating subsidiaries and businesses, including as follows:

making banking, securities brokerage, insurance and other services available at each branch;

enabling online cross access between commercial banking and our online securities brokerage service; and

integrating the customer service call centers for our commercial banking, credit card and securities brokerages services.

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focusing on retail and corporate customers with total financial solutions designed to meet their respective needs and utilizing specialized branches to provide convenient access and trained employees to offer and provide relevant products and services, including as follows:

in retail banking, utilizing private banking centers to provide high net worth customers convenient access to total financial solutions that link banking to brokerage services, asset management and insurance; as well as penetrating the mass market penetration by enhancing brand and customer loyalty through focus on cross selling of products and strengthened customer relationship management;

in corporate banking, expanding and enhancing the capabilities of our large corporate and small- and medium-sized enterprises specialist branch network and leveraging our increased large corporate customer base to provide total financial solutions that combine banking and non-banking financial products, such as asset backed securities, structured finance, M&A advice; syndication and equity derivatives, acting more as a financial advisor for larger, well established small- and-medium-sized enterprises by providing underwriting, rights offerings and offering related investment banking services in addition to lending, deposit and foreign exchange products and services and focusing on investment in corporate debt securities and initial public offerings for smaller businesses;

developing and promoting integrated financial products customized to meet the needs and demands of our customer segments, such as Financial Network Accounts that combine banking services and securities brokerage services or that combine credit card services and securities brokerage services and Safe Loans that combine banking services and insurance services.

enhancing customer loyalty by offering an All Plus Points System that combines customers banking, securities and credit card activities in a single report from which certain customer benefits are awarded.

developing joint products and services and joint sales support and enhancing cross-selling by sharing customer information through integrated data-warehousing and customer relationship management systems.

Achieving Cost Efficiency from our Holding Company Structure. We intend to achieve cost efficiency and to achieve maximum benefit from our holding company structure by:

preventing overlapping investments in solution development, information technology related investments, new investments in distribution channels, hiring and training of employees; and

identifying and realizing synergies such as combined information technology, call centers and shared customer services, distribution channels and new products and services;

Introducing a Performance-based Culture. In order to promote a customer oriented group culture, we intend to measure and reward employee performance in relation to the level of customer satisfaction reflected in customer response to our products and services, including products and services offered as part of our cross-selling efforts, and the quality of the assets and revenues generated.

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OUR ACQUISITION AND INTEGRATION OF CHOHUNG BANK

Purpose of the Acquisition

Through the acquisition, our Board of Directors sought primarily to achieve greater scale and market share, and secure stronger distribution channels to fulfill the advantages of our holding company model. Prior to the acquisition, Shinhan Bank was the fifth largest bank in Korea in terms of assets as of December 31, 2002. The acquisition of Chohung Bank placed us second in terms of assets. With these substantially enhanced resources, we constitute a broad-based nationwide financial services platform that enjoys a leadership position in the retail, corporate and small- and medium-sized enterprise banking sectors, as well as enhances our position in related financial services segments, including credit card, securities brokerage and investment trust management services. The acquisition has also enhanced our ability to optimize funding costs with a larger core deposit base and greater leverage in product sourcing. Through the acquisition, our Board of Directors is also hoping over time to benefit from synergies associated with combining and integrating the resources of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, including combined information technology platforms, branch specialization, banking product and service development and the expansion and development of related financial services such as bancassurance and investment banking.

In reaching these judgments, our Board of Directors took into account, on Korean GAAP basis, increases as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 in the following items resulting from the acquisition of Chohung Bank:

total assets (from W60 trillion to W128 trillion; second largest in Korea), total loans (from W41 trillion to W89 trillion; second largest in Korea), deposits (from W37 trillion to W83 trillion; second largest in Korea), branches (from 334 to 780; second largest in Korea) and assets under management (from W5 trillion to W12 trillion; sixth largest in Korea);

based on our estimates (and defining the market as the sum of eight largest financial institutions in Korea), market share in the retail banking sector (from 9% to 17%; second largest in Korea), small- and medium-sized enterprises sector (from 10% to 21%; second largest in Korea), large corporate sector (from 10% to 20%; second largest in Korea), and credit card sector (from 2% to 10%; fourth largest in Korea); and

net interest margin (2.83% to 3.55%).

Our Board of Directors was also advised by our management that the acquisition is expected to be accretive in 2005 from an earnings per share standpoint as determined under Korean GAAP, and that it is expected that there would be sufficient internally generated cash flow to enable payment of dividends on and scheduled redemptions of our preferred shares and to pay dividends on our common shares.

The conclusion in respect of the earnings per share on Korean GAAP basis was based upon the following material factors and assumptions by our management:

We would retain our 80.04% ownership interest in Chohung Bank shares;

There are no material adverse developments affecting Shinhan Bank's or Chohung Bank's loan portfolio post acquisition;

Our net earnings would increase by approximately 10% per annum from 2004 and going forward, based on a projected asset growth of 9% - 10% per annum and assuming a stable net interest margin and a return on assets of 1% - 1.1%;

Chohung Bank's net earnings would increase by approximately 5% - 6% from 2004 and going forward, based on a projected asset growth of 7% - 8% per annum during the period from 2003 and 2006 assuming that strengthened risk management will moderate asset growth;

No synergies, cost savings or restructuring costs were taken into account;

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Goodwill amortization of approximately W800 billion over a ten year period using the straight line method;

Income tax rate of 29.7%;

All 44,720,603 shares of our redeemable convertible preferred stock owned by Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation are converted into our common shares, bringing our total outstanding shares of common stock to 337,081,728 shares; and

Our redeemable preferred shares issued to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation would pay a 4.04% dividend and our redeemable preferred shares issued to the market would pay a 6.5% dividend (the actual dividend payable on average is 7.2%).

The conclusion in respect of our internal cash flow to service preferred shares was based upon the following material factors and assumptions by our management:

Our cash inflow consists of dividends paid only by Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank;

For Chohung Bank, we assumed that the dividends, at a dividend payout ratio of 40%, would be paid from 2005. For Shinhan Bank, we assumed that the dividends at a dividend payout ratio of 45% would be paid from 2003;

For Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, we assumed that amounts available to pay dividends (other than amounts required to be reserved to maintain a Tier I capital adequacy ratio of 6.5%) would be paid as dividends;

Dividends would be paid on our common shares at 15% of par value (or W750 per share) from 2003 through 2008 and at 20% of par value (or W1,000 per share) from 2009 through 2010; and

Our redeemable preferred shares issued to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation would be redeemed in equal installments from the third anniversary date of the issuance date until the seventh anniversary date, and our redeemable preferred shares issued to the market would be redeemed in the following amounts: W525 billion on the third anniversary date, W365 billion on the fifth anniversary date and W10 billion on the seventh anniversary date.

Certain of these assumptions and analyses involve a high degree of uncertainty and should not be viewed as indicative of future results. Factors which could cause the results to differ materially include, without limitation, difficulties affecting our ability to effect the integration of two large banks, unknown or unforeseen risks and contingencies in the loan portfolios, changes in interest rates on assets or liabilities, further deterioration of economic conditions in Korea or globally, labor unrest, as well as other risks detailed under Item 3 Key Information Risk Factors .

The Acquisition

On August 19, 2003, we acquired 543,570,144 shares of common stock of Chohung Bank from Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation, which shares represent 80.04% of the outstanding shares of Chohung Bank. Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation had acquired the Chohung Bank shares in connection with a capital injection in 1999 during the Korean financial crisis. Our acquisition of these shares of Chohung Bank was the culmination of a lengthy process pursuant to which we were awarded preferred bidder status in January 2003 following which we entered into negotiations with Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation over a six-month period with respect to the price and terms of the acquisition. During this period, the proposed transaction encountered opposition from both the labor union and the senior management of Chohung Bank. Beginning in mid-June 2003, the labor union of Chohung Bank undertook actions, including a strike, opposing our acquisition of Chohung Bank.

In connection with the finalization of the Stock Purchase Agreement, our management, together with the managements of Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation and Chohung Bank, reached a written understanding with the labor union of Chohung Bank. Labor related issues relating to Chohung Bank will be resolved through consultation. The understanding contemplates that a merger between Shinhan Bank and Chohung

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Bank may take place three years after the closing and that during the transition period (i) the chief executive officer of Chohung Bank will be drawn from a pool of candidates with backgrounds at Chohung Bank and will, as such, manage Chohung Bank within the holding company structure, (ii) Chohung Bank and Shinhan Bank will have equal representation on the integration committee to be established two years after the acquisition and equal representation as senior executive officers of Shinhan Financial Group, and (iii) forcible lay-offs will not take place, employee compensation will be harmonized and seniority will be discussed. Upon completion of the merger, employee redundancy policy will be retained and, where feasible, branch redundancies will be avoided. The understanding is broadly consistent with our strategy and timetable for combining the resources of the two banks and is designed to enhance the support and cooperation of Chohung Bank's employees in the process.

The definitive terms of the acquisition were reflected in the Stock Purchase Agreement and the Investment Agreement, each dated July 9, 2003. The purchase price for the Chohung Bank shares consisted of (i) a maximum cash amount of W1,718,800,548,296, of which W900,000,000,000 was paid at the closing, with the W652,284,172,800 being due two years from the closing, subject to reduction if certain loan portfolio quality conditions existing as of December 31, 2002 under Korean GAAP are not maintained, and W166,516,375,496 being due two years from the closing, subject to reductions relating to the accuracy of representations and warranties contained in the Stock Purchase Agreement, (ii) 46,583,961 shares of our Redeemable Preferred Stock and (iii) 44,720,603 shares of our Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock convertible into 12.28% of our common shares as of December 31, 2004. For the terms of these preferred stocks, see Item 10. Additional Information Articles of Incorporation Description of Capital Stock Description of Redeemable Preferred Stock. In addition, we have agreed to make an earn out payment equal to 20% of Chohung Bank's net income for 2004, 2005 and 2006 in excess of W1,800,000,000,000 in the aggregate as reflected under Korean GAAP. We have also agreed to make up the difference between the price at which outstanding exchangeable debt securities of Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation exchangeable into our shares through conversion of the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock are exchanged for our common shares and a price of W18,086 per share with respect to up to a maximum of 44,720,603 common shares. The loan portfolio quality adjustment to the cash portion of the acquisition price referred to above will be based on the Korean GAAP performance of Chohung Bank's portfolios of certain large corporate loans, including corporate loans sold with recourse to the Korea Asset Management Corporation, and credit card loans. Any loan loss provisions, net charge-offs or other losses or costs associated with such adjustments and with adjustments associated with accuracy of representations and warranties referred to above will be reflected in the ordinary course on our consolidated income statement prepared under Korean GAAP. Any cash payments made when the amounts payable to Korea Depository Insurance Corporation can be estimated with reasonable certainty will be reflected on our consolidated balance sheet as additional goodwill from the acquisition. As of December 31, 2004, we recorded liability of W166,516,375,496 on the consolidated balance sheet which increased goodwill by the same amount.

The Stock Purchase Agreement also provided for the resignation of the board of directors and officers of Chohung Bank and the election of persons specified by us, all of which has taken place and a new management and board of directors of Chohung Bank are in place. Pursuant to the terms of the Investment Agreement, so long as Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation holds 4.0% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock resulting from conversion of the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock, Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation will have the right to nominate one outside director. In addition, we have the right to exercise all voting rights that Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation may have with respect to the enfranchised Redeemable Preferred Stock and the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock as well as our common shares issuable to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation upon conversion of the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock except, so long as Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation owns more than 4.0% of our outstanding shares of common stock resulting from conversion of the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Share, we are required to obtain the consent of Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation prior to voting on the following matters: (i) any matters which require a special resolution or unanimous resolution of the shareholders under the Korean Commercial Code; (ii) approval of any dividend payment on our common shares; and (iii) appointment or dismissal of any outside director nominated by Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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Pursuant to the terms of the Investment Agreement, we are required to obtain the consent of the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation, to the extent permitted under applicable law, in order to declare dividends on our common shares in excess of W750, if our net income under Korean GAAP is below W800 billion in any given fiscal year while any of the Redeemable Preferred Stock and Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock are outstanding.

In December 2003, our ownership increased to 81.15% following our additional capital injection of W200 billion into Chohung Bank. In June 2004, we acquired the common shares of Chohung Bank that we previously did not own, which were 135,548,285 shares, or 18.85% of total common shares of Chohung Bank outstanding as of December 31, 2003, through a cash tender offer followed by a small-scale share swap under Korean law. We delisted the common shares of Chohung Bank from the Korea Exchange on July 2, 2004.

Strategy, Organization and Timetable for Integrating Chohung Bank and Shinhan Bank and Effecting a Merger

Strategy

We currently maintain our policy to integrate Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank over a three-year transition period from the date of our acquisition of Chohung Bank by executing the following strategy:

integrating the two information technology systems of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank by taking advantage of the fact that both banks utilize the same operating systems;

introducing Shinhan Bank's risk management and provisioning systems into Chohung Bank to improve the asset quality of Chohung Bank's loan portfolio;

unifying marketing strategy and branding to enhance overall market impact;

unifying distribution and expanding our overall customer base by taking advantage of a greatly expanded nationwide branch network;

unifying product and service development;

capitalizing on Chohung Bank's greater retail mass market penetration and large corporate portfolio as a complement to Shinhan Bank's greater emphasis on small- and medium-sized enterprises and high net worth individuals;

enhancing financial services activities, including by coordinating or combining credit card and investment management activities; and

harmonizing employee compensation benchmarked to common productivity targets and enhancing operational efficiency primarily through normal and voluntary early retirement programs.

Organization and Timetable

To provide integration leadership during the initial phases of the integration, in September 2003, a joint management committee was established consisting of the CEO and the responsible Senior Executive Vice President at our holding company level, the CEOs and the responsible Senior Executive Vice Presidents of both Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank and other members of our senior management, including those of our other subsidiaries as appropriate from time to time. Under the supervision of this joint management committee, this integration process is being implemented through two group-wide initiatives called "One Bank" and "New Bank" projects.

The "One Bank" initiative focuses on achieving near-term synergies and operational efficiencies in advance of the physical and systems integration, such as in the areas of sharing retail distribution channels, joint proposals and credit policies for large-scale loans and joint investor relations and public relations. The day-to-day implementation of the

"One Bank" initiative is being handled by a joint work group established with working level employees participating from the holding company, Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank,

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further broken down into task force teams and smaller work groups depending on the various areas of integration.

The New Bank initiative focuses more on longer-term integration and upgrading of our soon-to-be integrated banking services platform. The areas of focus include upgrading retail service models, establishing the one portal channel network, business process reengineering, developing an integrated credit risk management system and upgrading our information technology systems. The day-to-day implementation is being handled by six upgrade project teams.

In connection with both of these initiatives, we received outside consulting, including review of global best practice to improve fairness and objectivity in our decision-making process. We also have dedicated teams at our holding company level to provide certain support and back-office functions for these initiatives.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As consideration for our purchase of Chohung Bank shares, at closing, we (i) paid to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation cash of W900 billion, (ii) issued to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation 46,583,961 shares of our Redeemable Preferred Stock, with a redemption price of W842,517,518,646 and (iii) issued to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation 44,720,603 shares of our Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock convertible into 12.28% of our shares of common stock as of December 31, 2004, with a redemption price of W808,816,825,858. In August 2003, we raised W900 billion in cash through the issuance of 6,000,000 shares of redeemable preferred stock, all of which were sold in the domestic fixed-income market through Strider Securitization Specialty Co., Ltd., a special purpose vehicle. These redeemable preferred shares have terms that are different from the preferred shares issued to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation. We are required to redeem these preferred shares issued to the special purpose vehicle in three installments in 2006, 2008 and 2010.

Pursuant to the terms of the Redeemable Preferred Stock issued to Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation, we are required to redeem such shares in five equal annual installments commencing three years from the date of issuance and, pursuant to the terms of the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock, we are required to redeem the full amount of such shares outstanding five years from the date of issuance to the extent not converted into our common shares. Each share of Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into one share of our common stock. The dividend ratios on the Redeemable Preferred Stock and the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock are 4.04% and 2.02%, respectively. See Item 10. Additional Information Articles of Incorporation Description of Capital Stock Description of Redeemable Preferred Stock .

The following table sets forth the contractual scheduled maturities by type of preferred stock issued by us in connection with our acquisition of Chohung Bank.

	Due August						
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
	(In millions of Won)						
Redeemable Preferred Stock issued to KDIC	W	W 168,503	W 168,503	W 168,504	W 168,504	W 168,504	W 842,518
Redeemable Preferred Stock issued in the market through a special purpose vehicle		525,000		365,000		10,000	900,000
Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock(1)				808,817			808,817

Total	₩	₩ 693,503	₩ 168,503	₩ 1,342,321	₩ 168,504	₩ 178,504	₩ 2,551,335
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Note:

(1) Assumes no conversion of the Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock into our common stock.

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Pursuant to laws and regulations in Korea, we may redeem our preferred stock to the extent of our retained earnings of the previous fiscal year, net of certain reserves as determined under Korean GAAP. At this time, we expect that our future profitability should be adequate to provide us with sufficient capital resources to enable us to redeem our preferred stock pursuant to the scheduled maturities as described in the table above. In the event there is a short-term shortage of liquidity to make the required cash payments for redemption as a result of, among other things, failure to receive dividend payments from our operating subsidiaries on time, we plan to raise cash liquidity through the issuance of long-term debt in the Korean fixed-income market in advance of the scheduled maturity on our preferred stock. In addition, the Stock Purchase Agreement requires us to make cash payments of W652,284,172,800 two years from the closing subject to reduction if certain loan portfolio quality conditions existing as of December 31, 2002 under Korean GAAP are not maintained, and W166,516,375,496 two years from the closing, subject to reductions relating to the accuracy of representations and warranties contained in the Stock Purchase Agreement. As a result of uncertainties relating to loan quality conditions and possible breach of representations and warranties, it is impossible to predict at this time the actual amount of cash payments that will be due. To the extent we need to obtain additional liquidity, we plan to do so through the issuance of long-term debt and the use of our other secondary funding sources. See Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects – Liquidity and Capital Resources .

Capital Adequacy

Chohung Bank's capital adequacy ratios as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, calculated based on guidelines issued by the Financial Supervisory Commission, were 8.66%, 8.87% and 9.40%, respectively. Pursuant to the capital adequacy guidelines issued by the Financial Supervisory Commission, financial holding companies in Korea, including us, are required to maintain a minimum requisite capital ratio of at least 100%. Requisite capital ratio represents the ratio of net aggregate amount of our equity capital to aggregate amounts of requisite capital (all of which are described in Supervision and Regulation – Principal Regulations Applicable to Financial Holding Companies – Capital Adequacy). Although our estimated requisite capital ratio as of December 31, 2003 declined as a result of our acquisition of Chohung Bank, the ratio stabilized in 2004 and we expect to continue to satisfy the minimum requisite capital ratio requirement. Our acquisition of Chohung Bank did not affect the capital adequacy ratios of our other operating subsidiaries, including Shinhan Bank and Shinhan Card.

In June 2004, we acquired the remaining 18.85% of the outstanding shares of Chohung Bank that we previously did not own through a cash tender offer followed by a small-scale share swap pursuant to Korean law. This transaction was subject to the rights of dissenting shareholders of Chohung Bank, who had the right to require Chohung Bank to purchase the shares held by such dissenting shareholders at a price determined in accordance with Korean laws and regulations. The number of shares subject to such purchase by Chohung Bank was 66,363,126 shares, amounting to a purchase price of approximately W204 billion. Chohung Bank was required to reduce its total Tier I and Tier II capital by such purchase price, resulting in a 0.50% decrease in Chohung Bank's total Tier I and Tier II capital adequacy ratio.

Table of Contents**BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

Unless otherwise specifically mentioned, the following business overview is presented on a consolidated basis under U.S. GAAP.

In the overview of our business that follows, we provide you with information regarding our branch network and other distribution channels and a detailed look at our principal group activities.

Our Branch Network and Distribution Channels

Through branches maintained at various levels of our subsidiaries, we offer a variety of financial services to retail and corporate customers. The following table presents the geographical distribution of our domestic branch network, according to our principal subsidiaries with branch networks, as of December 31, 2004.

	Shinhan Bank		Chohung Bank		Jeju Bank	Good Morning Shinhan	Shinhan	Total
	Retail	Corporate	Retail	Corporate		Securities	Card(1)	
Seoul and metropolitan	150	47	187	44	1	36	5	470
Kyunggi Province	69	14	72	15		11	1	182
Six major cities:	44	15	78	15	1	18	5	176
Inchon	14	4	17	3		2	1	41
Busan	10	5	24	4	1	5	1	50
Kwangju	5	1	6	2		2	1	17
Taegu	6	3	13	3		4	1	30
Ulsan	4	1	8	1		2		16
Taejon	5	1	10	2		3	1	22
Sub-total	263	76	337	74	2	65	11	828
Others	23	10	107	15	29	14	2	200
Total	286	86	444	89	31	79	13	1,028

Note:

(1) Represents sales offices focusing on attracting new customers.

Banking Branch Network

As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Bank had 372 branches in Korea. Shinhan Bank's branch network is designed to focus on providing one-stop banking services tailored to one of the three customer categories: retail customers, small- and medium-sized enterprises customers and large corporate customers. Under the customer oriented branch network, branch officers operate under the sole and independent supervision of their respective division profit centers, providing one-stop banking services tailored to their respective customer groups. Of the 372 total domestic branches, three branches specialize in serving large corporations, 83 branches concentrate on small-and medium-sized enterprises and 286 branches focus on retail customers.

As of December 31, 2004, Chohung Bank had an extensive nation-wide branch network with a total of 533 branches in Korea. With key branches located in high traffic locations such as airports, hospitals and other public facilities, Chohung Bank believes that it provides its customers with convenience and efficiency that enables Chohung Bank to secure a significant source of stable funding at competitive rates. Of the 533 total branches, six branches specialize in serving large corporations, 83 branches concentrate on small- and medium enterprises and 444 branches

focus on retail customers.

We believe that targeting specific service areas and offering differentiated services to each group of customers will improve our profitability and productivity.

Table of Contents*Retail Banking Branches*

In Korea, many retail transactions are conducted in cash or with credit cards, and conventional checking accounts are generally not offered or used as widely as in other countries. As a result, an extensive retail branch network plays an important role for Korean banks as customers generally handle most transactions through bank branches.

Shinhan Bank's 150 retail branches are principally located near Seoul and its metropolitan area to target and service high net worth individuals. Chohung Bank has an extensive nationwide network of 444 retail branches covering all regions of Korea, which also offers credit card-related services in addition to conventional consumer lending.

Chohung Bank has traditionally focused on and continues to focus on retail banking. To focus more on profitability, it has developed and has been implementing what it refers to as "deepening customer relationship branches" or DCR branches, which have separate layouts from conventional branches and provides easier access and differentiated services to high net worth customers. As of December 31, 2004, Chohung Bank had 182 DCR branches located primarily in strategic locations in major Korean cities.

Our private banking relationship managers are representatives who, within target customer groups, assist clients in developing individual investment strategies. We believe that our relationship managers help us foster enduring relationships with our clients. Private banking customers also have access to our retail branch network and other general banking products we offer through our retail banking operations.

Corporate Banking Branches

In order to service corporate customers and attract high-quality borrowers, in particular from the small- and medium-sized enterprises sector, Shinhan Bank has developed a relationship management system within its domestic branch network and strengthened its marketing capability. Shinhan Bank's relationship managers help us foster enduring relationships with our corporate customers, the small- and medium-sized enterprises in particular. Shinhan Bank has 83 corporate banking branches with these relationship management teams focusing on serving its small- and medium-sized enterprises customers. Recently, as part of an effort to centralize our resources and institutional knowledge with respect to our corporate customer base, Shinhan Bank have reduced the number of banking branch offices that offer services to large corporate customers. Shinhan Bank expects its headquarters to be much better positioned to effect policies and business strategies throughout its branch network. This should lead to greater efficiency and better services being provided to these customers. Shinhan Bank has three corporate branches solely dedicated to large corporate customers, all of which are located in Seoul, Korea.

In August 2002, in order to service quality corporate customers, in particular from the small- and medium-sized enterprises sector, Chohung Bank spun off the corporate sections from its existing branches and created separate corporate banking branches. Chohung Bank currently has 89 corporate banking branches, consisting of six large corporate branches and 83 small- and medium-sized enterprises branches. These corporate banking branches operate independently from the retail banking branches and form a separate corporate banking branch network. Each corporate banking branch has its own general manager and is dedicated solely to large corporate customers.

Self-Service Terminals

In order to complement our branch network, we have established an extensive network of automated banking machines, which are located in branches and in unmanned outlets. These automated banking machines consist of ATMs, cash dispensers and passbook printers. As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Bank had 1,057 cash dispensers and 1,402 ATMs and Chohung Bank had 930 cash dispensers, 3,467 ATMs. We have actively promoted the use of these distribution outlets in order to provide convenient service to customers, as well as to maximize the marketing and sales functions at the branch level, reduce employee costs and improve profitability. We believe that the use of our automated banking machines has increased in

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recent years. We estimate that, in 2004, automated banking machine transactions accounted for approximately 25.7% of total deposit and withdrawal transactions of Shinhan Bank and 47.2% of those of Chohung Bank.

The following table sets forth information, for the periods indicated, regarding the number of transactions and the fee revenue of our ATMs and cash dispensers.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
Shinhan Bank:			
ATMs and cash dispensers	2,212	2,373	2,459
Number of transactions (millions)	117	107	105
Fee revenue (billions of Won)	W 19	W 20	W 20
Chohung Bank:			
ATMs and cash dispensers	5,011	4,655	4,397
Number of transactions (millions)	338	281	262
Fee revenue (billions of Won)	W 41	W 42	W 34

Electronic Banking

Since launching Korea's first internet banking service in July 1999, Shinhan Bank has been widely acknowledged in the print and electronic media as the internet banking leader among Korean commercial banks. Shinhan Bank's internet banking services are more comprehensive than those available at the counter, including such services as 24 hour account balance posting, real-time account transfer, overseas remittance and loan requests. Consistent with the fact that Korea has the highest internet supply rate in the world and an active e-business market, internet banking has continued to grow at a rapid pace. In 2004, internet banking made up 28.1% of total banking transactions of Shinhan Bank, an increase from 24.4% in 2003 and 19.8% in 2002. In the case of loans, in particular, an average of approximately 5,629 requests are made per month. Among the electronic banking service customers of Shinhan Bank in 2004, approximately 1,658,812 were retail customers and 84,477 were corporate customers.

In March 2004, we launched the M Banking service, which enables customers to make speedy, convenient and secure banking transactions using IC chip-installed mobile phones. As of December 31, 2004, Chohung Bank had 34,062 M Banking subscribers who used the service for approximately 450,000 transactions amounting to W304,955 million and Shinhan Bank had 18,183 M Banking subscribers who used the service for approximately 273,000 transactions amounting to W364,812 million.

Chohung Bank launched its electronic banking services in May 1993, allowing customers to transfer funds, make account inquiries and receive account statements by telephone and facsimile. Chohung Bank provides a 24-hour phone banking service which facilitates money transfers and account inquiries as well as Chohung Bank's efforts to market its products and services through the phone. The internet banking system, launched in July 1999, enables customers to transfer funds more conveniently than under the existing phone banking system. In 2004, internet banking made up 18.61% of total banking transactions of Chohung Bank. In the case of loans, in particular, an average of approximately 4,284 requests are made per month. Among the electronic banking service customers of Chohung Bank in 2004, approximately 2,781,081 were retail customers and 103,889 were corporate customers.

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The following table sets forth information, for the periods indicated, on the number of users and transactions and the fee revenue of the above services provided to our retail and corporate customers.

For the Year Ended December 31,

	2002	2003	2004
Shinhan Bank:			
Telephone banking(1):			
Number of users(2)	792,317	1,109,552	1,398,827
Number of transactions (in thousands)	27,792	39,670	36,646
Internet banking(1):			
Number of users(2)	741,552	1,023,195	1,339,571
Number of transactions (in thousands)(3)	224,652	306,667	359,160
Total fee revenue (millions of Won)	W 13,244	W 18,325	W 29,884
Chohung Bank:			
Telephone banking(1):			
Number of users(2)	2,485,000	2,670,658	720,492
Number of transactions (in thousands)(3)	119,429	120,931	108,745
Internet banking(1):			
Number of users	1,974,000	2,417,415	2,472,415
Number of transactions (in thousands)(3)	121,094	141,196	166,937
Total fee revenue (millions of Won)	W 32,119	W 35,052	W 45,007

Notes:

- (1) Includes customers simultaneously using both telephone banking and internet banking.
- (2) Includes customers using services of both Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank.
- (3) Includes account inquiries and balance transfers.

E-banking functions primarily as a cost-saving method, rather than a profit-generating platform. Accordingly, substantially all of electronic banking transactions do not generate fee income as many transactions, such as balance inquiries, consultations with customer representatives or transfers of money within our banking institutions, are not charged fees. This is especially the case for phone banking services where a majority of the transactions are balance inquiries or consultations with customer representatives. Firm banking services, which are electronic banking services offered to corporate customers, have also contributed to reducing expenditures on operations and administrative costs.

In line with our strategy to provide high quality and comprehensive customer service, we are in the process of establishing a group-wide integrated call center designed to provide comprehensive customer service and marketing.

Table of Contents*Overseas Branch Network*

The table below sets forth Shinhan Bank's overseas banking subsidiary and branches.

Business Unit	Location	Year Established or Acquired
<i>Subsidiary</i>		
Shinhan Finance Limited	Hong Kong SAR, China	1990
<i>Branches</i>		
Tokyo	Japan	1988
Osaka	Japan	1986
Fukuoka	Japan	1997
New York	U.S.A.	1989
London	United Kingdom	1991
Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	1995
Tianjin	China	1996
Shanghai	China	2003

The table below sets forth Chohung Bank's overseas banking subsidiaries and branches.

Business Unit	Location	Year Established or Acquired
<i>Subsidiaries</i>		
Chohung Finance Ltd., Hong Kong	Hong Kong SAR, China	1982
Chohung Bank (Deutschland) GmbH	Germany	1994
CHB America Bank(1)	U.S.A.	2003
Chohung Vina Bank	Vietnam	2000
<i>Branches</i>		
London	United Kingdom	1979
Tokyo	Japan	1981
Singapore	Singapore	1990
Tianjin	China	1994
Mumbai	India	1996
New York	U.S.A.	1978

Note:

(1) Created as a result of a merger between Chohung Bank of New York and California Chohung Bank in March 2003. CHB America Bank has offices in New York City, New York and Los Angeles, California.

The principal activities of overseas branches and subsidiaries of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank are providing trade financing and local currency funding for Korean companies and Korean nationals in the overseas market and providing foreign exchange services in conjunction with our headquarters. On a limited basis, these overseas branches and subsidiaries also engage in investment and trading of securities of foreign issuers.

Credit Card Distribution Channels

As part of our strategy to focus on cross-selling of credit card products and services to our banking customers, we generally markets our credit card products and services to our customers through our established retail distribution

channels, primarily through retail and corporate banking branch network of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, including automated transaction machines. In addition, as of Decem-

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ber 31, 2004, Shinhan Card had 13 sales offices nationwide, which primarily focus on attracting new credit card customers.

Securities Brokerage Distribution Channels

Our Securities Brokerage Services is conducted principally through Good Morning Shinhan Securities. As of December 31, 2004, Good Morning Shinhan Securities had 79 branches nationwide and two overseas subsidiaries based in New York and London to service our customers in this business.

Approximately 62.0% of our brokerage branches are located in the Seoul metropolitan area with a focus to attract high net worth individual customers and also to achieve synergy with our retail and corporate banking branch network. In the corporate sector in particular, we continue to explore new opportunities through cooperation between Good Morning Shinhan Securities and Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank.

Our Principal Activities

Our principal group activities consist of deposit-taking activities from our retail and corporate customers, which provide us with funding necessary to offer a variety of commercial banking, securities brokerage, investment banking and other financial services.

The comprehensive financial services that we provides are:

Commercial banking services, consisting of the following:

Retail banking services;

Corporate banking services, comprised of two divisions:

Small- and medium-sized enterprises banking; and

Large corporate banking;

Credit cards services;

Treasury and securities investment

Other banking services

Securities brokerage services

Other services, including leasing and equipment financing, investment trust management, regional banking, investment banking advisory, bancassurance and loan collection and credit reporting

In addition to the above business activities, we have a corporate center at the holding company level to house those functions that support the cross-divisional management in our organization.

Deposit-Taking Activities

We offer many deposit products that target different customer segments with features tailored to each segment's financial profile and other characteristics. Our deposit products principally include the following:

Demand deposits, which either do not accrue interest or accrue interest at a lower rate than time or savings deposits. Demand deposits allow the customer to deposit and withdraw funds at any time and, if they are interest bearing, accrue interest at a fixed or variable rate depending on the period and the amount of deposit. Retail and corporate demand deposits constituted approximately 9.8% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2003 and paid average interest of 1.39% in 2003, and approximately 10.1% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2004 and paid average interest of 1.33% in 2004.

Time deposits, which generally require the customer to maintain a deposit for a fixed term during which the deposit accrues interest at a fixed rate or variable rate based on certain financial indexes, including the Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI). If the amount of the deposit is withdrawn prior to the end of the fixed term, the customer will be paid a lower interest rate than that originally

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offered. The term for time deposits typically ranges from one month to five years. Retail and corporate time deposits constituted approximately 49.1% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2003 and paid average interest of 4.19% in 2003, and approximately 47.7% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2004 and paid average interest of 3.83% in 2004.

Mutual installment deposits, which generally require the customer to make periodic deposits of a fixed amount over a fixed term during which the deposit accrues interest at a fixed rate. If the amount of the deposit is withdrawn prior to the end of the fixed term, the customer will be paid a lower interest rate than that originally offered. The term for installment deposits typically ranges from six months to five years. Mutual installment deposits constituted approximately 3.2% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2003 and paid average interest of 5.36% in 2003, and approximately 2.9% of our total deposits as December 31, 2004 and paid average interest of 4.54% in 2004.

Savings deposits, which allow the customer to deposit and withdraw funds at any time and accrue interest at an adjustable interest rate, which is lower than time or installment deposits. Currently, interest on savings deposits ranges from zero to 2.7%. Saving deposits constituted approximately 29.4% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2003 and paid average interest of 1.46% in 2003, and approximately 29.5% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2004 and paid average interest of 1.24% in 2004.

Marketable deposits, consisting of certificates of deposit, cover bills and bonds sold under repurchase agreements that have maturities ranging from 30 days to two years. Interest rates on marketable deposits are determined based on the length of the deposit and prevailing market interest rates. Certificate of deposits are sold on a discount to their face value, reflecting the interest payable on the certificate of deposit. Under U.S. GAAP, cover bills sold are reflected as short-term borrowings and bonds sold under repurchase agreements are reflected under secured borrowings.

Foreign currency deposits, which accrue interest at an adjustable rate and are available to Korean residents, nonresidents and overseas immigrants. Shinhan Bank offers foreign currency demand and time deposits and checking and passbook accounts in 15 currencies and Chohung Bank offers such accounts in 15 foreign currencies. Deposits in foreign currency constituted approximately 5.84% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2003 and paid average interest of 0.66% in 2003, and approximately 5.81% of our total deposits as of December 31, 2004 and paid average interest of 0.60% in 2004.

We also offer deposits which provide the holder with preferential rights to housing subscriptions under the Housing Construction Promotion Law, and eligibility for mortgage loans. These products include:

Housing subscription time deposits, which are special purpose time deposit accounts providing the holder with a preferential right to subscribe for new private apartment units under the Housing Construction Promotion Law. This law is the basic law setting forth various measures supporting the purchase of houses and the supply of such houses by construction companies. If a potential home-buyer subscribes for these deposit products and holds them for a certain period of time as set forth in the Housing Construction Promotion Law, such deposit customers obtain the right to subscribe for new private apartment units on a priority basis under this law. Such preferential rights are neither transferable nor marketable in the open market. These products accrue interest at a fixed rate for one year and at an adjustable rate after one year, which are consistent with other time deposits. Deposit amounts per account range from W2 million to W15 million depending on the size and location of the dwelling unit. These deposit products target high and middle income households.

Housing subscription installment savings deposits, which are monthly installment savings programs providing the holder with a preferential subscription right for new private apartment units under the Housing Construction Promotion Law. Such preferential rights are neither transferable nor marketable in the open market. These deposits require monthly installments of W50,000 to W500,000, have maturities between three and five years and

accrue interest at fixed rates depending on the term, which are consistent with other installment savings deposits. These deposit products target low- and middle-income households.

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For information on our deposits in Korean Won based on the principal types of deposit products we offer, see Item 4. Information on the Company Description of Assets and Liabilities Funding Deposits .

The following table sets forth the number of the deposit customers of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank by category as well as the number of domestic branches as of the dates indicated.

	As of December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
(In thousands, except branches)			
Shinhan Bank:			
Retail deposit customers(1)	5,361	5,551	5,934
Active retail deposit customers(2)	1,624	1,621	1,753
Corporate deposit customers	93	101	113
Domestic branches	341	354	372
Chohung Bank:			
Retail deposit customers(1)	9,932	9,239	10,361
Active retail deposit customers(3)	2,913	2,619	2,563
Corporate deposit customers	137	138	142
Domestic branches	536	557	533

Notes:

- (1) Based on the classification for the purpose of customer management, retail deposit customers include individual deposit customers, foreigners, sole proprietorships and certain small- and medium-sized enterprises deposit customers classified as retail customers depending on a number of factors, including those small- and medium-sized enterprises to whom a credit of less than W1 billion has been extended and who are sole proprietors.
- (2) For Shinhan Bank, represents customers (i) whose average monthly account balance is W300,000 or more or (ii) who is 20 years of age or more, has an average loan balance during the year, and accordingly is required to maintain a deposit account with Shinhan Bank to service payment of interest on, and principal of, such loans.
- (3) For Chohung Bank, represents customers whose aggregate of outstanding balances of all accounts as of December 31 of each year was W100,000 or more.

We offer varying interest rates on our deposit products depending on the rate of return on our interest earning assets, average funding costs and interest rates offered by other nationwide commercial banks.

We believe that Chohung Bank holds the largest amount of deposits made by litigants in connection with legal proceedings in Korean courts or by persons involved in disputes as of December 31, 2004. In Korea, a debtor may discharge his obligation by depositing the subject of performance with the court for the creditor if a creditor refuses to accept payment of debt or is unable to receive it, or if the debtor cannot ascertain without any negligence who is entitled to the payment. Also, in instances in which there has been a preliminary attachment of real property, the property owner may deposit in cash the amount being claimed by such preliminary attachment holder in escrow with the court, in which case the court will remove such lien or attachment. Chohung Bank has been performing such court deposit services since 1958, and has developed an infrastructure of equipment, software and personnel for such business. Such deposits in the past have carried interest rates, which were generally lower than market rates (on average approximately 2% per annum). Such deposits totaled W3,872 billion, W4,205 billion and W4,329 billion as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively.

The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of Korea imposes a reserve requirement on Won currency deposits of commercial banks which currently ranges from 1% to 5%, based generally on the term to maturity and the type of deposit instrument. See Item 4. Information on the Company Supervision and Regulation Principal Regulations Applicable to Banks Liquidity . The Monetary Policy Committee also

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regulates maximum interest rates that can be paid on certain deposits. Under the Korean government's finance reform plan issued in May 1993, controls on deposit interest rates have been gradually reduced. Currently, only maximum interest rates payable on demand deposits are subject to regulation by the Bank of Korea.

The Depositor Protection Act provides for a deposit insurance system where the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation guarantees to depositors the repayment of their eligible bank deposits. The deposit insurance system insures up to a total of W50 million per depositor per bank. See Item 4. Information on the Company Supervision and Regulation Principal Regulations Applicable to Banks Deposit Insurance System .

Retail Banking Services***Overview***

We provide *retail banking services* primarily through Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, our two largest subsidiaries, and, to a much lesser extent, through Jeju Bank, a regional commercial bank. The consumer loans of Shinhan Bank amounted to W21,327 billion (not including credit cards) as of December 31, 2004, and those of Chohung Bank amounted to W15,826 billion (not including credit cards) as of December 31, 2004.

Retail banking services include mortgage, small business and consumer lending as well as demand, savings and fixed deposit-taking, checking account services, electronic banking and ATM services, bill paying services, payroll and check-cashing services, currency exchange and wire fund transfer. We believe that the provision of modern and efficient retail banking services is important both in maintaining our public profile and as a source of fee-based income. We believe that our retail banking services and products will become increasingly important in the coming years as the domestic and regional banking sectors further develop and become more diverse.

Retail banking of Shinhan Bank has been and will continue to remain one of our core businesses. Shinhan Bank's strategy in retail banking is to provide prompt and comprehensive service to retail customers through increased automation and improved customer service, as well as a streamlined branch network focused on sales. The retail segment places an emphasis on targeting high net worth individuals. As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Bank had approximately 55,000 high net worth customers with deposits of W100 million or more.

Chohung Bank leverages its customer information database to actively market and cross-sell to, as well as focus more resources on, its most profitable customers. In addition, Chohung Bank, through its newly-formed Product Development Division expects to offer a wider variety of products differentiated and targeted towards differentiated customer segments with a greater focus on the high margin, high net worth individuals. As of December 31, 2004, Chohung Bank had approximately 31,069 high net worth customers with deposits of W100 million or more.

Consumer Lending Activities

We offer various consumer loan products, consisting principally of household loans, that target different segments of the population with features tailored to each segment's financial profile and other characteristics, including each customer's profession, age, loan purpose, collateral requirements and the length of time a borrower has been our customer. Household loans consist principally of the following:

Mortgage and home equity loans, mostly comprised of mortgage loans which are loans to finance home purchases and are generally secured by the home being purchased; and

Other consumer loans, which are loans made to customers for any purpose (other than mortgage and home equity loans) and the terms of which vary based primarily upon the characteristics of the borrower and which are either unsecured or secured or guaranteed by deposits or a third party.

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As of December 31, 2004, mortgage and home-equity loans and other consumer loans accounted for 58.8% and 41.2%, respectively, of our consumer loans (excluding credit cards).

For secured loans, including mortgage and home equity loans, Shinhan Bank's policy is to lend up to 50%-70% of the appraisal value of the collateral, also by taking into account the value of any lien or other security interest that is prior to our security interest (other than petty claims). Chohung Bank's policy is to lend up to the estimated recovery value of the collateral, which Chohung Bank calculates based on the average value of collateral published by courts as recovered through court-approved auctions during the previous year and further adjusted to take into account the existence of any lien or other security interest that is prior to Chohung Bank's security interest. For the year ended December 31, 2004, the average initial loan-to-value ratios of mortgage and home equity loans, under Korean GAAP, of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank were approximately 51.39% and 58.54%, respectively.

Due to the rapid increase in mortgage and home equity loans in Korea, the Financial Supervisory Commission recently has implemented certain regulations and guidelines that are designed to suppress the increase of loans secured by housing. These regulations include restrictions on banks' maximum loan-to-value ratios, guidelines with respect to appraisal of collateral, internal control and credit approval policy requirements with regard to housing loans as well as provisions designed to discourage commercial banks from instituting incentive-based marketing and promotion of housing loans.

As of December 31, 2004, approximately 98.03% of our mortgage and home equity loans were secured by residential property which is the subject of the loan and approximately 0.46% of our mortgage and home equity loans were guaranteed by the government housing-related funds. In Korea, contrary to general practices in the United States, it is a common practice in Korea for construction companies in Korea to require buyers of new homes (particularly apartments under construction) to make installment payments of the purchase price well in advance of the title transfer of the home being purchased. In connection with this common practice, we provide advance loans, on an unsecured basis for the time being, to retail borrowers where the use of proceeds is restricted for this purpose of financing home purchases. A significant portion of these loans are guaranteed by third parties, which may include the construction company receiving the installment payment, until construction of the home is completed. Once construction is completed and the title to the homes are transferred to the borrowers, which may take several years, these loans become secured by the new homes purchased by these borrowers. As of December 31, 2003, we had approximately W634 billion of such unsecured loans, classified as mortgage and home equity loans and representing approximately 3.1% of our total mortgage and home equity loans. As of December 31, 2004, we had approximately W824 billion of such unsecured loans, which, however, were not classified as mortgage and home equity loans but as other consumer loans. To the extent that such loans remain unsecured or to the extent that any guarantees outstanding are insufficient to cover all future losses, we may be required to establish larger allowances for loan losses with respect to any such loans that become non-performing.

As we are currently focusing on credit quality, we believe this will moderate volume growth in the unsecured portions of our other consumer loan sector. Government regulations relating to the real estate market will also reduce the rate of growth in the mortgage and home equity markets.

The following table sets forth the portfolio of our consumer loans.

	As of December 31,		
	2002	2003(1)	2004
	(In billions of Won, except percentages)		
Consumer loans(2)			
Mortgage and home-equity	W 11,539	W 20,517	W 22,180
Other consumer	4,962	14,580	15,546
Percentage of consumer loans to total gross loans	36.6%	36.8%	38.9%

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- (1) The sharp increase in overall consumer loans in 2003 from 2002 is due primarily to our acquisition of Chohung Bank in 2003.
- (2) Before allowance for loans losses and excludes credit card accounts.

Pricing

The interest rates on our consumer loans, both of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, are either periodic floating rates (which is based on a base rate determined for three-month, six-month or twelve-month periods derived using our internal transfer price system, which reflect our cost of funding in the market, further adjusted to account for our expenses related to lending and profit margin) or fixed rates that reflect our cost of funding, as well as our expenses related to lending and profit margin. Fixed rate loans are currently limited to maturities of three years and offered only on a limited basis. For unsecured loans, both types of rates also incorporate a margin based on, among other things, the borrower's credit score as determined during our loan approval process. For secured loans, credit limit is based on the type of collateral, priority with respect to the collateral and loan to value. We can adjust the price to reflect the borrower's current and/or expected future contribution to our profitability. The applicable interest rate is determined at the time a loan is extended. If a loan is terminated prior to its maturity, the borrower is obligated to pay us an early termination fee of approximately 0.5% to 1.5% of the loan amount in addition to the accrued interest, depending on the timing, the nature of the credit and the amount.

As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Bank's three-month, six-month and twelve-month base rates were approximately 3.42%, 3.45% and 3.45%, respectively, and Chohung Bank's three-month, six-month and twelve-month base rates were approximately 3.42%, 3.45% and 3.45%, respectively. As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Bank's fixed-rates for home equity loans with a maturity of one year, two years and three years were 7.80%, 8.10% and 8.40%, respectively, and Shinhan Bank's fixed-rates for other consumer loans with a maturity of one year ranged from 8.60% to 12.25% depending on the consumer credit scores of its customers, while Chohung Bank's fixed-rates for home equity loans with a maturity of one year, two years and three years were 5.92%, 5.98% and 6.11%, respectively, and Chohung Bank's fixed-rates for other consumer loans with a maturity of one year ranged from 7.20% to 10.00% depending on the consumer credit scores of its customers.

As of December 31, 2004, approximately 80.5% of our consumer loans were priced based on a floating rate and approximately 19.5% were priced based on a fixed rate. As of the same date, approximately 98.1% of our consumer loans with maturity of over one year were priced based on a floating rate and approximately 1.9% were priced based on a fixed rate.

Private Banking

Historically, we have focused on customers with higher net worth. Our retail banking services provide a private banking service to our high net worth customers who seek personal advice in complex financial matters. Our aim is to help enhance the private wealth and increase the financial sophistication of our clients by offering them portfolio/ fund management services, tax consulting services and real estate management service. To date, our fee revenues from these activities have not been significant.

We believe that we were one of the first banks to initiate private banking in Korea. We opened our first Private Banking Center in Seoul in 2002 to serve the needs of high net worth customers, in particular those customers with deposits of W1 billion or more, and we currently have seven private banking centers both of which are located in Seoul metropolitan area. While we believe that the market for private banking services in Korea is still at an early stage of development, in connection with our strategy to target high net worth retail customers, we established a separate private banking department in 2003 to further develop and improve our services in this area.

Table of Contents**Corporate Banking Services***Overview*

We provide *corporate banking services*, primarily through Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, to small- and medium-sized enterprises and, to a lesser extent, to large corporations, including corporations that are affiliated with chaebols. We also lend to government-controlled companies.

The following table sets forth the balances and percentage of our total lending attributable to each category of our corporate lending business as of the dates indicated.

	As of December 31,								
	2002		2003		2004				
	(In billions of Won, except percentages)								
Small- and medium-sized enterprises loans(1)	W	14,649	32.5%	W	38,055	40.0%	W	38,713	39.9%
Large corporate loans(2)		11,139	24.7		16,031	16.8		15,909	16.4
Total corporate loans	W	25,788	57.2%	W	54,086	56.8%	W	54,622	56.3%

Notes:

- (1) Represents the principal amount of loans extended to corporations meeting the definition of small- and medium-sized enterprises under the Basic Act on Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises and its Presidential Decree. Certain loans to sole proprietorships are included under retail lending.
- (2) Includes loans to government-controlled companies.

Small- and medium-sized Enterprises Banking

The small- and medium-sized enterprise loans of Shinhan Bank amounted to W20,525 billion as of December 31, 2004, and those of Chohung Bank amounted to W16,253 billion as of December 31, 2004. Under the Basic Act on Small- and Medium-sized Enterprises and its Presidential Decree, small- and medium-sized enterprises are defined as companies which (i) do not have employees and assets exceeding the number or the amount, as the case may be, specified in accordance with their types of businesses in the Presidential Decree and (ii) do not belong to a conglomerate as defined in the Monopoly Regulations and Fair Trade Act. As of December 31, 2004, we had approximately 119,540 small- and medium-sized enterprises loan customers, consisting of approximately 48,698 customers with Shinhan Bank and 70,842 customers with Chohung Bank (not taking into account any overlaps between the two). Shinhan Bank's small- and medium-sized enterprises business has historically focused on larger and well-established small- and medium-sized enterprises in Korea that prepared financial statements audited by independent auditors. This focus is based on our belief and historical observation that the larger and, in many cases, more sound businesses tend to engage independent auditors and strengthen investor confidence. Chohung Bank has traditionally focused on large corporate and retail banking and, as a result, its small- and medium-sized enterprises lending portfolio has increased during recent years with a focus on higher profit, higher risk customers who are comparatively smaller than Shinhan Bank's customers. As of December 31, 2004, our small- and medium-sized enterprise banking operation was the largest among Korean banks in terms of the total amount of Won-denominated loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises that are audited by certified public accountants, with W5,180 billion, or 16.9% of our total Won-denominated loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises, outstanding to Shinhan Bank's 2,499 customers and W3,685 billion, or 12.0% of our total Won-denominated loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises, outstanding to Chohung Bank's 2,048 customers, with approximately 15% in market share. As a result, we believe that our banking operation had the largest market share of small- and medium-sized enterprises customers

subject to independent audit.

Our small- and medium-sized enterprises banking business has traditionally been and will remain one of our core businesses. However, the small- and medium-sized enterprise business is currently the focus of intense competition among large commercial banks and the opportunities for us to expand our business with more established small- and medium-sized enterprises have been reduced. During recent years, most of the

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nationwide banks have shifted their focus to or increased their emphasis on this type of lending, as opportunities in the large corporate and retail sectors diminished. While we expect competition in this sector to intensify, we believe that our established customer base, quality brand image and experienced lending staff will provide an opportunity to maintain steady growth in this environment.

We believe that Shinhan Bank, which have traditionally focused on small-and medium-sized enterprises lending, possesses the necessary elements to succeed in the small- and medium-sized enterprises market, including its marketing capabilities (which we believe have provided Shinhan Bank with significant brand loyalty) and its credit rating system for credit approval. To increase and maintain its market share of small- and medium-sized enterprises lending, Shinhan Bank has:

positioned itself based on accumulated expertise. We believe Shinhan Bank has a better understanding of the credit risks embedded in this market segment and to develop loan and other products specifically tailored to the needs of this market segment;

begun operating a relationship management system to provide targeted and tailored customer service to small-and medium-sized enterprises. Shinhan Bank has 83 corporate banking branches with relationship management teams. These relationship management teams market products and review and approve smaller loans that pose less credit risks; and

begun to focus on cross-selling loan products with other products. For example, when Shinhan Bank lends to small- and medium-sized enterprises, it also explores opportunities to cross-sell consumer loans or deposit products to the employees of those companies or to provide financial advisory services.

Chohung Bank has in recent years identified small- and medium-sized enterprise lending as its principal areas of growth and increased its small- and medium-sized enterprises customer base to include relatively smaller enterprises, such as small unincorporated businesses and sole proprietorships. While lending to these customers has resulted in growth of Chohung Bank's corporate lending portfolio, it also increased its credit risk exposure relative to its other existing customers.

Since 2002, the industry-wide delinquency ratios for loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises have been rising. According to data compiled by the Financial Supervisory Service, the delinquency ratio (net of charge-offs, which has also increased significantly) for Won-denominated loans by Korean banks to small- and medium-sized enterprises increased from 2.0% as of December 31, 2002 to 2.1% as of December 31, 2004. The delinquency ratio for loans to small- and medium-sized enterprise is calculated as the ratio of (1) the outstanding balance of such loans in respect of which either principal payments are overdue by one day or more or interest payments are over due by 14 days or more (if prior interest payments on a loan were made late on more than three occasions, in which case the loan is considered delinquent if interest payments are overdue by one day or more) to (2) the aggregate outstanding balance of such loans. Shinhan Bank's delinquency ratio, calculated under Korean GAAP, for such loans increased from 1.07% as of December 31, 2002 to 1.75% as of December 31, 2003 to 1.80% as of December 31, 2004 and to 1.79% as of March 31, 2005. Chohung Bank's delinquency ratio, calculated under Korean GAAP, for such loans increased from 1.53% as of December 31, 2002 to 3.49% as of December 31, 2003 to 2.21% as of December 31, 2004 and to 2.80% as of March 31, 2005. In particular, Shinhan Bank's delinquency ratios, calculated under Korean GAAP, for Won-denominated loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises that do not prepare audited financial statements were 2.46% as of December 31, 2003, 1.95% as of December 31, 2004 and 2.34% as of March 31, 2005. Such delinquency ratios for Chohung Bank were 4.86% as of December 31, 2003, 2.74% as of December 31, 2004 and 3.28% as of March 31, 2005. Shinhan Bank's delinquency ratios for loans to small unincorporated businesses and sole proprietorships were 1.56% as of December 31, 2003, 2.07% as of December 31, 2004 and 2.02% as of March 31, 2005. Such delinquency ratios for Chohung Bank were 3.03% as of December 31, 2003, 2.00% as of December 31, 2004 and 2.77% as of March 31, 2005. These delinquencies may rise further in 2005 compared to 2003 and 2004. Our current focus of small- and medium-sized enterprise lending business is to improve the asset quality and maintain the profitability of our loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises.

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Large corporate customers consist primarily of member companies of chaebols and financial institutions. Large corporate loans of Shinhan Bank amounted to W8,423 billion as of December 31, 2004, and those of Chohung Bank amounted to W7,486 billion as of December 31, 2004. As a late entrant into the Korean commercial banking industry, large corporate banking has not been a core business of Shinhan Bank and its focus of business in this customer sector has been on investments in corporate debt securities and fee-based businesses rather than conventional lending activities. On the other hand, Chohung Bank, the oldest commercial bank in Korea that we acquired in 2003, has traditionally focused on large corporate customers as its core corporate banking business.

In recent years, our Corporate & Investment Banking Group has begun providing investment banking services. We provide services as an arranger, trustee and liquidity provider for asset-backed securities. We also participate in and administer syndicated loans and project financings. We provide advisory services in the area of social overhead capital projects such as highway, port, power and water and sewage projects, as well as equity and venture financing, real estate financing and mergers and acquisitions advice.

Corporate Lending Activities

Our principal loan products for corporate customers are working capital loans and facilities loans. Working capital loans, which include discounted notes and trade financing, are, in general, loans used for general working capital purposes. Facilities loans are provided to finance the purchase of equipment and the establishment of manufacturing won-denominated plants. As of December 31, 2004, working capital loans and facilities loans amounted to W32,086 billion and W4,168 billion, respectively, representing 88.5% and 11.5% of our total Won-denominated corporate loans under Korean GAAP. Working capital loans generally have a maturity of one year, but may be extended on an annual basis for an aggregate term of three years in the case of unsecured loans and five years in the case of secured loans. Facilities loans, which are generally secured, have a maximum maturity of ten years.

Loans to corporations may be unsecured or secured by real estate, deposits or guaranty certificates. As of December 31, 2004, under Korean GAAP, secured loans and guaranteed loans (including loans secured by guaranty certificates issued by credit guarantee insurance funds) accounted for 53.6% and 13.4%, respectively, of Shinhan Bank's Won-denominated loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises. Among the secured loans, approximately 89.6% were secured by real estate. As of December 31, 2004, under Korean GAAP, secured loans and guaranteed loans (including loans secured by guaranty certificates issued by credit guarantee insurance funds) accounted for 39.4% and 14.0%, respectively, of Chohung Bank's Won-denominated loans to small- and medium-sized enterprises. Among the secured loans, approximately 83.2% were secured by real estate.

When evaluating the extension of loans to corporate customers, we review the corporate customer's creditworthiness, credit scoring, value of any collateral or third party guarantee. The value of any collateral is defined using a formula that takes into account the appraised value of the property, any prior liens or other claims against the property and an adjustment factor based on a number of considerations including, with respect to property, the average value of any nearby property sold in a court-supervised auction during the previous year. We revalue any collateral when a secured loan is renewed or if a trigger event occurs with respect to the loan in question.

As of December 31, 2004, in terms of outstanding loan balance, 41.96% of our corporate loans were extended to borrowers in the manufacturing industry, 15.69% were to borrowers in the retail and wholesale industry, 14.08% were to the borrowers in the real estate, leasing and service industry, 4.98% were to borrowers in the construction industry, and 5.04% were extended to borrowers in the finance and insurance industry. Recently, loans to corporate borrowers in the real estate, leasing and service industry and the hotel and leisure industry, which are principally small- and medium-sized enterprises, have begun experiencing an increase in delinquencies as well as deterioration in credit quality. Under Korean GAAP, delinquency ratio for Won-denominated loans to the real estate, leasing and service industry was 2.67% for Chohung Bank and 1.53% for Shinhan Bank as of December 31, 2004. Under Korean GAAP, delinquency ratio for Won-denominated loans

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to the hotel and leisure industry was 2.74% for Chohung Bank and 2.17% for Shinhan Bank as of December 31, 2004. Shinhan Bank's Won-denominated corporate loans classified as substandard or below under the guidelines of the Financial Supervisory Commission increased from W296 billion as of December 31, 2002 to W304 billion as of December 31, 2004 and Chohung Bank's Won-denominated corporate loans classified as substandard or below were W285 billion as of December 31, 2004, as compared to W643 billion as of December 31, 2002.

Pricing

We establish the price for our corporate loan products at each of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank based principally on their respective cost of funding and the expected loss rate based on a borrower's credit risk. As of December 31, 2004, 61.7% of Shinhan Bank's corporate loans with outstanding maturities of one year or more had interest rates that were not fixed but were variable in reference to Shinhan Bank's market rate and 39.9% of Chohung Bank's corporate loans with outstanding maturities of one year or more had interest rates that were not fixed but were variable in reference to Chohung Bank's market rate.

Shinhan Bank

Shinhan Bank generally determines pricing of its corporate loans as follows:

Interest rate = (Shinhan Bank's periodic market floating rate *or* reference rate) *plus* transaction cost *plus* a credit spread *plus* risk premium *plus or minus* a discretionary adjustment rate.

Depending on the situation and Shinhan Bank's agreement with the borrower, Shinhan Bank may use either its periodic market floating rate or the reference rate as the base rate in calculating its pricing. As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Bank's periodic market floating rates (which is based on a base rate determined for three-month, six-month, one-year, two-year, three-year or five-year periods derived using Shinhan Bank's market rate system) were 3.42% for three months, 3.45% for six months, 3.45% for one year, 3.47% for two years, 3.51% for three years and 3.67% for five years. As of the same date, Shinhan Bank's reference rate was 8.60%.

Transaction cost is added to reflect the standardized transaction cost assigned to each loan product and other miscellaneous costs, including contributions to the Credit Guarantee Fund and education taxes.

The credit spread is added to the periodic floating rate to reflect the expected loss from a borrower's credit rating and the value of any collateral or payment guarantee. In addition, we add a risk premium that is measured by the unexpected loss that exceeds the expected loss from the credit rating assigned to a particular borrower.

A discretionary adjustment rate is added or subtracted to reflect the borrower's current and/or future contribution to Shinhan Bank's profitability. In the event of additional credit provided by way of a guarantee of another, the adjustment rate is subtracted to reflect such. In addition, depending on the price and other terms set by competing banks for similar borrowers, we may reduce the interest rate Shinhan Bank charges to compete more effectively with other banks.

Chohung Bank

Chohung Bank generally determines pricing of our loans as follows:

Interest rate = Funds transfer pricing *plus* operating cost (or transaction cost) *plus* loan policy margin *plus* a credit spread *plus* a periodic spread *plus* risk premium *plus* estimated margin *plus or minus* a discretionary adjustment rate.

Fund transfer pricing represents inter-segment lending rates published by Chohung Bank's Treasury & Investment Division and varies depending on the type of loans.

Transaction cost is added to reflect the standardized transaction cost assigned to each loan product and other miscellaneous indirect costs, including contributions to the Credit Guarantee Fund and education taxes.

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Loan policy margin is determined by loan policy to compensate the opportunity cost of the capital and achieve competitiveness among peer banks in consideration of loan type, transaction risk and proper margin, etc.

The credit spread is added to reflect the expected loss from the value of any collateral or payment guarantee.

The periodic spread is added to reflect the expected loss from the length of the maturity.

The risk premium is added, which is measured by the unexpected loss that exceeds the expected loss from the credit rating assigned to a particular borrower.

Estimated margin is added to reflect targeted profitability based on expected losses.

A discretionary adjustment rate is added or subtracted to reflect the borrower's current and/or future contribution to Chohung Bank's profitability. In the event of additional credit provided by way of a guarantee of another, the adjustment rate is subtracted to reflect such change in the credit spread. In addition, depending on the price and other terms set by competing banks for similar borrowers, we may reduce the interest rate Chohung Bank charges to compete more effectively with other banks.

Electronic Corporate Banking

Shinhan Bank launched its electronic corporate banking services connecting its corporate customers through dedicated subscriber lines in 1991. Shinhan Bank has since developed its electronic corporate banking services to offer to corporate customers a web-based total cash management service through Shinhan Bizbank. Shinhan Bizbank supports all types of banking transactions from basic transaction history inquiries and fund transfers to opening letters of credit and trade finance. Products and services related to cash management include payment management, collection management, sales settlement service, acquisition settlement service, B2B settlement service, sweeping and pooling. By offering such information technology-related products and services such as purchase cards, loans for purchasing goods, e-biz loans, and a B2B settlement service, Shinhan Bank is able to continue to develop its image as one of the leaders in electronic corporate banking. Through the enhancement of Shinhan Bizbank and its cash management service, we intend to improve the support service system related to customer cash management. Shinhan Bizbank's services were being used by approximately 84,477 corporations as of December 31, 2004 and, in 2004, its number of transactions and the aggregate transaction amount were approximately 13,808,692 and W367,354 billion, respectively.

Chohung Bank launched its electronic corporate banking through e-FMS in January 2002. e-FMS not only offers cash management services, including payment management, but also B2B settlement service and enterprise resources planning service. Enterprise resource planning service includes accounting, human resources, salary payments, procurement, sales settlement service and production management and also offers cashflow management and tax management to its corporate customers. Chohung Bank's e-FMS users were approximately 33,499 corporations as of December 31, 2004 and, in 2004, its number of transactions and the aggregate transaction amount were approximately 9,531,731 and W111,597 billion, respectively.

Credit Card Services

Overview

As of December 31, 2004, our total credit card balance outstanding was W4,732 billion, or 4.87% of our total loans outstanding as of the same date, which consists of W1,989 billion with Shinhan Card and W2,696 billion with credit card operations of Chohung Bank.

On June 4, 2002, Shinhan Bank spun-off its credit card business into Shinhan Card Co., Ltd., a monoline credit card subsidiary. Despite the spin-off, Shinhan Bank continues to manage a substantial portion of our credit card operations, including the collections and receiving and processing of applications, pursuant to an agency agreement between the two subsidiaries.

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Chohung Bank currently has an active credit card business primarily through BC Card Co., Ltd. (BC Card). BC Card is owned by 11 consortium banks. Chohung Bank currently holds 14.85% equity interest in BC Card. BC Card issues credit cards under the names of the member banks, substantially all of which are licensed to use MasterCard, Visa or JCB. This allows holders of BC Card to use their cards at any establishment which accepts MasterCard, Visa or JCB, as the case may be. On January 4, 2002, Chohung Bank released its own credit card, Forever, and the number of cardholders of Forever has reached approximately 194,869 members as of December 31, 2004.

The use of credit cards in Korea has increased dramatically in recent years as the Korean economy and consumer spending recovered from the financial and economic difficulties of late 1990 s and also as a result of government initiatives designed to promote the use of credit cards, such as providing tax benefits to businesses that accept credit cards and tax deductions for consumers up to certain amounts charged to credit cards. However, as credit card delinquencies in Korea have begun to increase since mid-2002, concerns have been raised regarding the rapid growth in credit card usage and significant deterioration in asset quality of the Korean credit card industry. Throughout 2002 and during the first half of 2003, the Financial Supervisory Commission strengthened regulations designed to address these concerns relating to the credit card industry. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Banking Business Government regulation of our consumer and credit card operations has increased significantly which may materially and adversely affect our credit card and consumer operations, and Supervision and Regulation .

Products and Services

We offer a variety of credit card products and services that target select customer profiles and focus on:

- offering cards that provide additional benefits such as frequent flyer miles and reward program points that can be redeemed by the customer for complementary services, prizes and cash;

- offering gold cards, platinum cards and other preferential members cards which have a higher credit limit and provide additional services in return for a higher annual membership fee;

- acquiring new customers through strategic alliances and cross-marketing with wholesalers and retailers;

- encouraging increased use of credit cards by existing customers through special offers for dormant customers;

- introducing new features to preferred customers, such as revolving credit cards, travel services and insurance;

- developing fraud detection and security systems to prevent the misuse of credit cards and to encourage the use of credit cards over the Internet; and

- issuing smart cards and preparing for a cardless business environment in which customers can use credit cards to make purchases by phone or over the Internet.

Cardholders have several options for repayment of balances as follows:

- general purchases of goods and services on credit, which are repayable on a lump-sum basis at the end of a monthly billing cycle;

- installment purchases, which require payment approximately within 17 to 47 days after purchase and are repayable on an even-payment installment basis over a period of time ranging from two months to three years and generally accrue interest;

- cash advances, which are repayable on a lump-sum basis at the end of a monthly billing cycle and generally accrue interest effective annual rates of approximately 11.8% to 26.95% for Shinhan Card and 18.0% to 26.97% for Chohung Bank; and

payments on a revolving payment basis, which allow customers to roll over their balance into a revolving basis with fixed minimum percentage or amount of the total outstanding balance.

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Cardholders were previously eligible to apply for credit card loans. However, since November 2003, they are not allowed to apply for new credit card loans, but only to extend the existing credit card loans up to a maximum principal amount of W10 million. Credit card loans are unsecured, have initial maturities of one year and currently accrue interest at the effective annual rates of approximately 15.5% to 20.0% in the case of Chohung Bank and approximately 9.5% to 21.8% in the case of Shinhan Card.

Income from the credit card business consists of annual fees paid by cardholders, installment purchase fees, cash advance fees, interest on late and deferred payments and fees paid by merchants, with fees from merchants and cash advance fees constituting the largest source. Merchant discount fees, which are processing charges on the merchants, can be up to 4.5% of the purchased amount depending on the merchant used, with the average charge being 2.34% for Shinhan Card and 2.44% for Chohung Bank.

Although the revolving credit system is more common in the United States and many other countries, this payment system is still in its early stages of development in Korea. Credit card holders in Korea are required to pay for their purchases within approximately 17 to 47 days of purchase depending on their payment cycle and, except in the case of installment purchases where the charged amounts are repaid in installments, typically during the following three to six months. Credit card accounts that remain unpaid after this period are deemed to be delinquent accounts. We charge penalty interest on delinquent accounts and closely monitor such accounts. For purchases made by installments, we charge interest on unpaid amounts at rates that vary according to the terms of repayment.

In certain cases, credit card companies in Korea, including Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank, have been allowed to rewrite delinquent credit card balances for purchase and cash advance as credit card loans. Each of Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank rewrites a small number of card balances as a means of maximizing collection related to a relatively small number of borrowers who are suffering from temporary financial difficulties where it believes it is probable that all or substantially all principal and interest will ultimately be recovered. Credit card customers of Shinhan Card may apply for entry into the rewritten loan program (i) when the loan balance is past due three months and the borrower applying for entry into this program secures one or more guarantors meeting certain asset and credit quality criteria based on Shinhan Card's credit scoring system or (ii) when the loan balance is less than three months past due and the borrower pays off 10%, or 20% if the amount exceeds a certain threshold, of the balance due. If approved, Shinhan Card rewrites card balances including past due interest into card loans and amends the maturity and the repayment terms accordingly. Shinhan Card provides the borrower with the option of either repaying the rewritten balance either on a monthly installment basis over five years or as a term loan due at the end of one year. Credit card customers of Chohung Bank may apply for entry into the rewritten loan program when the loan balance is past due one month. Except in limited circumstances, borrowers applying for entry into this program in general are required to secure one or more guarantors meeting certain asset and credit quality criteria. If approved, Chohung Bank rewrites card balances including past due interest into card loans and amends the maturity and the repayment terms accordingly. In general, rewritten credit card loans are due at the end of one year. Each of Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank segregates this portfolio for performance measurement and monitoring purposes due to the higher credit risk. The balance of rewritten loans of Shinhan Card were W37 billion, W25 billion and W9 billion as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 respectively, against which we recognized an allowance of W13 billion, W11 billion and W2 billion, respectively. The balance of rewritten loans of Chohung Bank were W529 billion, W680 billion and W495 billion as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively, against which Chohung Bank made an allowance of W107 billion, W160 billion and W180 billion, respectively. See Financial and Statistical Information below. The balance of such rewritten loans for both Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank are decreasing since both Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank provide rewritten loans on a very limited basis.

Customers and Merchants

As we believe that internal growth through cross-selling can only be limited, we also seek to enhance our market position by selectively targeting new customers with high net worth and good creditworthiness through the use of a sophisticated and market-oriented risk management system. Credit card applicants are screened and appropriate credit limits are assessed according to internal guidelines based on our credit scoring system.

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The following table sets forth the number of customers and merchants of Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank's credit card business as of the dates indicated.

	As of December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(In thousands, except percentages)		
Shinhan Card:			
Number of credit card holders	2,548	2,773	3,002
Personal accounts	2,463	2,678	2,905
Corporate accounts	85	95	97
Active ratio(1)	49.1%	56.6%	50.7%
Number of merchants	1,545	2,112	2,513
Chohung Bank:			
Number of credit card holders	4,266	3,205	2,819
Personal accounts	4,196	3,138	2,756
Corporate accounts	70	66	63
Active ratio(1)	58.1%	53.9%	50.9%
Number of merchants(2)	2,237	2,091	2,165

Notes:

(1) Represents the ratio of accounts used at least once within the last six months to total accounts as of year end.

(2) Represents the number of merchants of BC Card's merchant network.

As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Card had a total of approximately 3,002,000 credit card customers, which represents an increase of approximately 229,000 customers from approximately 2,773,000 as of December 31, 2003. Of the total customers outstanding as of December 31, 2004, the number of platinum and gold card members, whose higher creditworthiness entitles them to certain benefits, was approximately 873,000. As of December 31, 2004, Chohung Bank had a total of approximately 2,819,250 credit card customers, which represents a decrease of approximately 385,750 customers from approximately 3,205,000 as of December 31, 2003.

The number of Shinhan Card's merchants also increased to approximately 2,513,000 merchants as of December 31, 2004 from approximately 2,112,000 merchants as of December 31, 2003.

Chohung Bank has developed an independent card processing system that will allow Chohung Bank to process future billings for the existing BC Cards on its own, demonstrating Chohung Bank's focus on cutting costs. We believe that a potential merger of Chohung Bank's credit card business with Shinhan Card may offer new opportunities for cost savings and are exploring the possibilities. Chohung Bank also participates in a nationwide debit card program with 30 other banks. In connection with this business, Chohung Bank currently charges service establishments commissions of 2.5% on average on amounts purchased using the debit card.

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The following table sets forth certain financial and statistical information relating to the credit card operations of Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank as of the dates or for the period indicated.

As of or for the Year Ended December 31,

	2002		2003		2004	
	Shinhan Card(1)	Chohung Bank(2)	Shinhan Card(1)	Chohung Bank(2)	Shinhan Card(1)	Chohung Bank(2)
(In billions of Won, except percentages)						
Interest income:						
Installments	W 30	W 166	W 42	W 133	W 40	W 84
Cash advances	185	492	164	354	30	212
Card loans(3)	51	54	35	93	34	97
Annual membership	8	11	5	6	2	5
Revolving(4)	6	111	7	113	6	71
Late payments	21	6	21	5	6	11
Total	W 301	W 840	W 274	W 704	W 118	W 480
Credit card fees:						
Merchant fees(5)	W 110	W 250	W 176	W 195	W 146	W 200
Other fees	12	7	4	23	8	2
Total	W 122	W 257	W 180	W 218	W 154	W 202
Charge volume:(6)						
General purchases	W 6,969	W 5,341	W 3,695	W 5,484	W 4,835	W 5,519
Installment purchases	772	4,341	1,143	2,505	1,247	2,099
Cash advances	8,119	20,224	6,805	12,585	4,355	6,875
Total	W 15,860	W 29,906	W 11,643	W 20,574	W 10,437	W 14,493
Outstanding balance (at year end):(7)						
General purchases	W 540	W 500	W 395	W 455	W 456	W 538
Installment purchases	305	1,532	455	786	292	563
Cash advances	965	2,124	725	1,025	474	653
Revolving purchases	42	815	39	484	158	200
Card loans	476	660	329	745	233	529
Others	435	139	489	185	376	213
Total	W 2,763	W 5,770	W 2,432	W 3,680	W 1,989	W 2,696
Average balance	W 2,371	W 5,845	W 2,212	W 4,957	W 2,186	W 3,288
Delinquent balances:(8)						
From 1 day to 1 month	W 231	W 827	W 173	W 376	W 67	W 109

Over 1 month:												
From 1 month to 3 months	W	79	W	314	W	80	W	150	W	35	W	71
From 3 months to 6 months		48		273		71		172		38		44
Over 6 months												
Sub-total		127		587		151		322		73		115
Total	W	358	W	1,414	W	324	W	698	W	140	W	224

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	2002		2003		2004	
	Shinhan Card(1)	Chohung Bank(2)	Shinhan Card(1)	Chohung Bank(2)	Shinhan Card(1)	Chohung Bank(2)
(In billions of Won, except percentages)						
Delinquency ratios:(9)						
From 1 day to 1 month	8.36%	14.33%	7.11%	10.22%	3.37%	4.04%
Over 1 month:						
From 1 month to 3 months	2.86%	5.44%	3.29%	4.08%	1.76%	2.63%
From 3 months to 6 months	1.74	4.73	2.92	4.67	1.91	1.63
Over 6 months(10)						
Sub-total	4.60	10.17	6.21	8.75	3.67	4.27
Total	12.96%	24.50%	13.32%	18.97%	7.04%	8.33%
Rewritten loans(11)	W 37	W 529	W 25	W 680	W 9	W 495
Gross charge-offs	W 60	W 493	W 290	W 1,304	W 223	W 649
Recoveries	17	28	32	58	20	35
Net charge-offs	W 43	W 465	W 258	W 1,246	W 203	W 614
Gross charge-off ratio(12)	2.53%	8.43%	13.11%	26.31%	10.20%	19.74%
Net charge-off ratio(13)	1.81%	7.96%	11.66%	25.14%	9.29%	18.67%

Notes:

- (1) Prior to June 2002 when the credit card division of Shinhan Bank was spun off to create Shinhan Card, a separate credit card subsidiary, our credit card operation was conducted by Shinhan Bank. The 2002 data presents collective results of credit card operations of Shinhan Bank's credit card division, Shinhan Card and Jeju Bank's credit card division. The 2003 data presents collective results of credit card operations of Shinhan Bank's credit card division, Shinhan Card, credit card operations underlying Shinhan Card's assets securitization and Jeju Bank's credit card division.
- (2) Represents the credit card business of Chohung Bank, consisting of both BC Card and Forever Card, which we acquired in 2003.
- (3) Card loans consist of loans that are provided on either a secured or unsecured basis to cardholders upon prior agreement. Payment of principal, fees and interest on such a loan can be due either in one payment or in installments after a fixed period.
- (4)

Revolving purchases were introduced in October 1998 for certain creditworthy credit card customers (e.g., customers who have not been delinquent for more than three times in the past one year) of Shinhan Card and in March 25, 2000 for certain creditworthy credit card customers of Chohung Bank.

- (5) Merchant discount fees consist of merchant membership and maintenance fees, charges associated with prepayment by Shinhan Card or Chohung Bank (on behalf of customers) of sales proceeds to merchants, processing fees relating to sales and membership applications.
- (6) Represents the aggregate cumulative amount charged during the year.
- (7) Represents amounts before allowance for loan losses.
- (8) Includes the unbilled balances of installment purchases.
- (9) Represents the ratio of delinquent balances to outstanding balances for the year.
- (10) Our charge-off policy for both Shinhan Card and Chohung Bank is to charge off all credit card balances which are 180 days past due.
- (11) Represents delinquent credit card balances for purchase and cash advance which have been rewritten as credit card loans, thereby reducing the balance of delinquent accounts.

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(12) Represents the ratio of gross charge-offs for the year to average balance for the year.

(13) Represents the ratio of net charge-offs for the year to average balances for the year.

Supervisory Statistical Information prepared in accordance with Korean GAAP

Due to the rapid increase in consumer debt in Korea in recent years, the Korean government has adopted a series of regulations designed to restrain the rate of growth in, and delinquencies of, cash advances, credit card loans and credit card usage generally and to strengthen the reporting of, and compliance with, credit quality indexes. The Financial Supervisory Commission and the Financial Supervisory Service have announced a number of changes to the rules governing the reporting of credit card balances, as well as the procedures governing which persons may receive credit cards. In addition, the Korean government has also revised the calculation formula for capital adequacy ratios and delinquency ratios applicable to credit card companies, imposing sanctions against credit card companies with capital adequacy ratios of 8% or below and/or delinquency ratios of 10% or above. These computations are all based on financial information prepared in accordance with Korean GAAP, as required by regulatory guidelines, which differs significantly from U.S. GAAP. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, Shinhan Card's delinquent balances (defined as credit card accounts delinquent for over 30 days) were W150 billion, W168 billion and W86 billion, respectively, representing delinquency ratios (defined as the ratio of delinquent balances to outstanding balances) of 5.92%, 7.01% and 4.31%, respectively. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, calculated on the same basis, Chohung Bank's delinquent credit card balances, were W569 billion, W274 billion and W97 billion, respectively, representing delinquency ratios of 9.64%, 7.42% and 3.60%, respectively. In certain cases, credit card companies in Korea have been allowed to rewrite delinquent credit card balances for purchase and cash advance as credit card loans, thereby reducing the balance of delinquent accounts. Delinquent credit card balances that were rewritten as loans as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, were W38 billion, W27 billion and W10 billion, respectively, for Shinhan Card and W539 billion, W682 billion and W497 billion, respectively, for Chohung Bank. Net charge-offs for Shinhan Card, under Korean GAAP, during 2002, 2003 and 2004 were W49 billion, W260 billion and W212 billion, respectively, representing net charge-off ratios (defined as the ratio of net charge-offs for the year to average balances for the year) of 2.12%, 10.10% and 9.70%, respectively. Net charge-offs for Chohung Bank, under Korean GAAP, during 2002, 2003 and 2004 were W376 billion, W1,266 billion and W625 billion, respectively, representing net charge-off ratios (defined as the ratio of net charge-offs for the year to average balance for the year) of 6.33%, 25.53% and 18.97%, respectively. As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Card's adjusted equity capital ratio was 16.48%. Credit card business of Chohung Bank is not subject to such adjusted equity capital ratio requirement.

Recent Regulatory Changes

Under the Specialized Credit Financial Business Act, as amended on June 16, 2004, and other related regulations, the formula for calculating capital adequacy ratios for each credit card company was revised to increase the proportion of adjusted total assets by including certain risk-weighted asset-backed securitization assets which may incur contingent liability. In addition, the Financial Supervisory Service changed the standards for calculating the delinquency ratios by including delinquent balances that were rewritten as credit card loans in the calculation of such ratios as if such underwriting of rewritten loans had not occurred (referred to as substantial delinquency ratio herein). This resulted in credit card companies and credit card businesses of commercial banks reporting higher delinquency ratios in 2004 as compared to prior years despite the improvement in asset quality of credit card assets. On a pro forma basis, the substantial delinquency ratios for the Korean credit card industry as announced by the Financial Supervisory Service were 28.28% as of December 31, 2003, 25.12% as of June 30, 2004, 18.25% as of December 31, 2004 and 15.73% as of March 31, 2005.

Further, in July 2004, the Financial Supervisory Service required each credit card company with a substantial delinquency ratio of 10% or more to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Financial Supervisory Service specifying the credit card company's proposed plan to reduce its substantial delinquency ratio to less than 10% by the end of 2006 in accordance with the Specialized Credit Financial Business Act.

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Since the substantial delinquency ratio of Shinhan Card was less than 10%, Shinhan Card did not enter into such a memorandum of understanding.

Personal Workout and Debt Forgiveness Program

In an effort to resolve the problems caused by consumer credit delinquencies, the Korean government established Hanmaum Financial Company and the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service on May 20, 2004. Hanmaum Financial Company is a so-called "bad bank", a type of private asset management company that acquires non-performing assets from banks and other financial institutions for the purpose of providing long-term financial aid to certain qualified delinquent consumers who apply for this program to enable them to pay off their financial debts. After restructuring delinquent debts of approximately 170,000 consumers, Hanmaum Financial Company was wound down. The Korean government currently plans to establish a second "bad bank" to aid the delinquent consumers who did not benefit from Hanmaum Financial Company despite being qualified to do so. The second bad bank is expected to provide relief without collecting 3% or 6% of the debt amount in advance nor requiring a separate application procedure, and is also expected to allow target individuals to repay their delinquent debts within seven years. The second bad bank will raise funds to purchase the delinquent debts from financial institutions through a special purpose company in an asset-backed securitization transaction. The second bad bank is expected to distribute the debt amount collected in excess of the initial purchase price to the selling financial institutions. At this time, we cannot accurately predict the number of applicants and amounts subject to the second bad bank program. To the extent the second bad bank achieves less-than-expected level of collection of, and recovery on, non-performing assets, commercial banks and credit card companies, including Shinhan Bank, Chohung Bank and Shinhan Card, may realize less gains from recoveries.

Unlike the "bad bank" program that provides loans directly to consumers, the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service has adopted an individual workout program. For delinquent consumers who are deemed to be capable of repaying their debts, the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service will, pursuant to an agreement with the creditor financial institution, provide such consumers an opportunity to repay in installments, provide a repayment grace period, reduce their debt amount or extend the maturity date of the debt. Currently, approximately 180 financial institutions, including banks and insurance companies, are parties to the Credit Recovery Support Agreement, pursuant to which such financial institutions, have agreed to provide such support described above to those consumers who meet the following qualifications: (i) income exceeding minimum living expenses promulgated by the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Korea, (ii) debt not exceeding W300 million in total amount, and (iii) at least 80% of such individual's total debt owing to financial institutions who are parties to the Credit Recovery Support Agreement. Each application for credit recovery is reviewed by the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service and approval of each application requires the approval by creditors representing at least one-half of the unsecured debt amount and at least two-thirds of the secured debt amount. In addition to the foregoing program, in April 2005, the Credit Counseling & Recovery Service adopted the Credit Recovery Support Program for Destitute Delinquent Consumers pursuant to which individuals who qualify as any of (i) unemployed young men, (ii) small merchants whose annual revenue is less than W48 million under the Value-Added Tax Act of Korea, or (iii) recipients of assistance as defined under the National Basic Living Securities Act may repay their debts in installments over eight to ten years following a certain grace period.

In September 2004, a court-administered individual workout program was adopted under the Individual Debtor Recovery Act. Under this program, a qualified individual debtor may file a petition for an individual workout program with a competent court. Subject to the court's approval, the debtor may repay the debt over a period from three to eight years and will be exempted from other debts without declaring bankruptcy. To qualify, an individual delinquent debtor must have less than W500 million in debt (in the case of unsecured debt) or W1 billion in debt (in the case of secured debts), and must be capable of earning income continuously or repeatedly in the future.

Furthermore, Debtor Recovery and Bankruptcy Act, promulgated on Mar. 31, 2005, will be effective from Mar. 31, 2006, which will unify all present bankruptcy-related laws in Korea, namely, the Corporate Reorganization Act, the Composition Act, the Bankruptcy Act and the Individual Debtor Recovery Act. See

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Description of Assets and Liabilities Credit Exposures to Companies in Workout, Court Receivership and Composition .

Treasury and Securities Investment

Through relevant departments at Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, we engage in treasury and securities investment business, which involves, among other things, the following activities:

treasury;

securities investment and trading;

derivatives trading; and

international business.

Recent Regulatory Changes

The formation and operation of private equity funds was permitted as of October 5, 2004 under the Act on Business of Operating Indirect Investment and Asset. The purpose of a private equity fund is to provide diverse investment opportunities for qualified investors and to utilize funds in the market place for mergers and acquisitions or corporate restructuring. The key relevant provisions in the Act on Business of Operating Indirect Investment and Asset are as follows:

A private equity fund is a limited partnership company that is incorporated in accordance with the Korean Commercial Code, which has not less than one general partner and not less than one limited partner.

The minimum value of the equity investment by limited partners is W2 billion for an individual investor or W5 billion for a legal entity.

Details of the private equity fund, such as its objective, name, location, term of existence, information concerning partners, a summary of the operation, shall be registered with the Financial Supervisory Service.

A private equity fund shall apply 60% of its assets, within a year after capital injection by the partners, to (1) an investment in excess of 10/100 of the total number of shares issued by the target company or (2) an investment that makes it possible for the private equity fund to exercise *de facto* control over major corporate governance matters including appointments and dismissals of officers. In addition, a private equity fund shall hold the acquired shares for at least six months from the date of investment.

As a special rule, if a private equity fund meets the above requirements for investment, for ten years from the date on which such requirements are met, (1) the provisions governing holding companies as provided for in the Monopoly Regulation and Fair Trade Act shall not apply and (2) the private equity fund shall not be deemed a financial holding company as provided for in the Financial Holding Companies Act.

In April 2005, the Ministry of Finance and Economy announced that it will allow a direct or indirect subsidiary of a financial holding company to invest as a limited partner in a private equity fund which is another direct or indirect subsidiary of the same financial holding company. Before the announcement, under the Financial Holding Companies Act, a direct or indirect subsidiary of a financial holding company was prohibited from acquiring the shares of another subsidiary of the same financial group.

Treasury

At Shinhan Bank, the Treasury Department provides funds to all of its business operations and ensures the liquidity of Shinhan Bank's operation and, at Chohung Bank, the Treasury & International Group provides funds to all of its business operations and ensures the liquidity of its banking operation. To secure long-term stable funds, we use fixed and floating rate notes, debentures, structured financing, and other advanced

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funding methods. As for overseas funding, we constantly explore the feasibility of raising funds in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, such as Japanese Yen and the Euro. In addition, each of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank makes call loans and borrow call money in the short-term money market. Call loans are short-term lending among banks and financial institutions in either Korean Won or foreign currencies, in amounts exceeding W100 million, with maturities of 30 days or less. Typically, call loans have maturities of one day.

Securities Investment and Trading

We invest in and trade securities for our own account in order to maintain adequate sources of liquidity and generate interest and dividend income and capital gains. Our trading and investment portfolios consist primarily of Korean treasury securities and debt securities issued by Korean government agencies, local governments or certain government-invested enterprises and debt securities issued by financial institutions. Our equity securities consist of equities listed on the Stock Market and KOSDAQ Market of Korea Exchange. For a detailed description of our securities investment portfolio, see Description of Assets and Liabilities Investment Portfolio .

Chohung Bank has been focusing on reducing risks in its securities investment portfolio. Chohung Bank has limited its investment in equity securities and discontinued its trading in equity securities in 2000 to contain its exposure to market risk.

Derivatives Trading

We provide and trade a range of derivatives products. The derivatives products that we offer, through Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, include:

Interest rate swaps and futures relating to Korean Won interest rate risks and LIBOR risks, respectively;

Cross currency swaps largely for Korean Won against U.S. dollars, Japanese Yen and Euros;

Foreign currency forwards, swaps and options;

Credit derivatives; and

KOSPI 200 indexed equity options.

Shinhan Bank's trading volume in terms of notional amount was W53,705 billion, W90,696 billion and W102,226 billion in 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively, and Chohung Bank's trading volume in terms of notional amount was W42,202 billion, W117,946 billion and W151,482 billion in 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively. Our derivative operations focus on addressing the needs of our corporate clients to hedge their risk exposure and back-to-back derivatives entered into to hedge our risk exposure that results from such client contracts.

We also enter into derivative trading contracts to hedge the interest rate and foreign currency risk exposure that arise from our own assets and liabilities. Many of these nontrading derivative contracts, however, do not qualify for hedge accounting under U.S. GAAP and are accordingly accounted for as trading derivatives in the financial statements. In addition, on a limited basis, we engage in proprietary trading of derivatives within our regulated open position limits. See Description of Assets and Liabilities Derivatives .

International Business

We are also engaged in treasury and trading and securities investment in international capital markets, principally engaged in foreign currency denominated securities trading, foreign exchange trading and services, trade-related financial services, international factoring services and foreign retail banking operations through our overseas branches and subsidiaries. Due to the volatility in recent years in Asian capital markets, we have reduced our international capital markets activities and our international securities investment portfolio.

Table of Contents***Other Banking Services***

The revenue-generating activities in other banking services of each of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank consist primarily of their respective trust account management services. As a result, our discussion in this subsection will focus on our trust account management services.

Trust Account Management Services***Overview***

Our trust account management services offer trust accounts managed by the banking operations of either Shinhan Bank or Chohung Bank consisting primarily of money trusts. In Korea, a money trust is a discretionary trust over which (except in the case of a specified money trust) we have investment discretion (subject to applicable law) and is commingled and managed jointly for each type of trust account. The specified money trusts are established on behalf of customers which give us specific directions as to the investment of trust assets. Trust account customers are typically individuals seeking higher rates of return than those offered by bank account deposits. Because there are fewer regulatory restrictions on trust accounts than on bank account deposits, including no deposit reserve requirements, we have historically been able to offer higher rates of return on trust account products than on bank account deposits. Trust account products, however, generally require higher minimum deposit amounts compared with comparable bank account deposit products. Assets of the trust accounts are invested primarily in securities and loans, except that a greater percentage of the assets of the trust accounts are invested in securities compared to the bank accounts because trust accounts generally require more liquid assets due to their limited funding source compared to bank accounts. As a result of the recent low interest environment, we have not been able to offer attractive rates of return on our trust account products.

Under Korean law, assets accepted in trust accounts are segregated from other assets of the trustee bank and are not available to satisfy the claims of the depositors or other creditors of such bank. Accordingly, trust accounts are accounted for and reported separately from the bank accounts. See [Supervision and Regulation](#) . Trust accounts are regulated by the Trust Act and the Trust Business Act of Korea and most nationwide commercial banks offer similar trust account products. We earn income from trust account management services, which is reflected in our accounts as net trust management fees. See [Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects](#) [Operating Results](#) [Noninterest Income](#) .

Under U.S. GAAP, generally, we have not consolidated trust accounts in our financial statements except for the Guaranteed Fixed Rate Trust Accounts or recognized the acquisition of such accounts in accordance with the purchase method of accounting due to the fact that these are not our assets but customer assets. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, Shinhan Bank had total trust assets of W11,090 billion, W14,472 billion and W14,099 billion, respectively, comprised principally of securities investments of W5,610 billion, W5,425 billion and W4,855 billion, respectively, and loans in the principal amount of W271 billion, W280 billion and W357 billion, respectively. Securities investments consisted of corporate bonds, government-related bonds and other securities, primarily commercial paper. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 under Korean GAAP, equity securities constituted 7.4%, 5.9% and 6.0%, respectively, of our total trust assets. Loans made by trust accounts are similar in type to those made by our bank accounts, except that they are made only in Korean Won. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, approximately 78.0%, 84.6% and 65.1%, respectively, of the amount of loans from the trust accounts were collateralized or guaranteed. In making investment from funds received for each trust account, each trust product maintains investment guidelines applicable to each such product which sets forth, among other things, company, industry and security type limitations.

As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, Chohung Bank had total trust assets of W5,533 billion, W4,262 billion and W4,634 billion, respectively, comprised principally of securities investments of W4,724 billion, W3,746 billion and W3,361 billion, respectively, and loans in the principal amount of W170 billion, W150 billion and W59 billion, respectively. Securities investments consisted of corporate bonds, government-related bonds and other securities, primarily commercial papers. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, equity securities constituted 9.1%, 10.5% and 10.1%, respectively, of our total

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trust assets. Loans made by trust accounts are similar in type to those made by our bank accounts, except that they are made only in Korean Won. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, approximately 40.3%, 39.9% and 84.3%, respectively, of the amount of loans from the trust accounts were collateralized or guaranteed. In making investment from funds received for each trust account, each trust product maintains investment guidelines applicable to each such product which sets forth, among other things, issuer, industry and security type limitations.

The balance of the money trusts managed by our trust account business was W9,412 billion as of December 31, 2004 under Korean GAAP, showing a decrease of 5.8% compared to W9,995 billion as of December 31, 2003, consisting of W5,808 billion with Shinhan Bank and was W3,604 billion with Chohung Bank.

Trust Products

Our trust account management services offer individuals primarily two basic types of money trust accounts: guaranteed fixed rate trusts and variable rate trusts.

Guaranteed Fixed Rate Trust Accounts. Guaranteed fixed rate trust accounts offer customers a fixed-rate of return and guaranteed principal. We receive any amounts remaining after taking into account the guaranteed return and all expenses of the trust accounts, including provisions for valuation losses on equity securities, loan losses and special reserves. We maintain two types of guaranteed fixed rate trust accounts: general unspecified money trusts and development money trusts. Korean banks, including Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, have been restricted from establishing new general unspecified money trusts since January 1, 1996, and development money trusts effective January 1, 1999. As a result, the size of general unspecified money trusts and development money trusts has decreased substantially and most of development money trusts matured by the end of 2001 and most of general unspecified money trusts matured by the end of 2002. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, under Korean GAAP, Shinhan Bank's development money trusts amounted to W0.9 billion, W0.2 billion and W0.04 billion, respectively, and general unspecified money trusts amounted to an aggregate of W0.3 billion, W0.3 billion and W0.2 billion, respectively. As of December 31, 2004, under Korean GAAP, Chohung Bank's development trusts had no outstanding balance and general unspecified money trusts amounted to an aggregate of W8.9 billion. See Note 34 of our consolidated financial statements in Item 18. Financial Statements Notes to consolidated financial statements of Shinhan Financial Group .

Variable Rate Trust Accounts. Variable rate trust accounts are trust accounts for which we do not guarantee the return on the trust account but, in certain instances described below, the principal of the trust account is guaranteed. In respect of variable rate trust accounts, we are entitled to receive fixed rate of trust fees. We also receive fees upon the termination of trust accounts prior to their stated maturities. However, the recent trend has been to offer products with stated maturities that are significantly shorter than those offered in the past, resulting in lower fees from early termination.

We are required to set aside allowances for trust assets which are not marked to market and provide special reserves under Korean GAAP for principal guaranteed variable rate trust accounts in addition to guaranteed fixed rate trust accounts. Provisions for variable rate trust assets that are not marked to market are reflected in the rate of return to customers, and thus, have no impact on our income while provisions for guaranteed fixed rate trust accounts could reduce our income in case of a deficiency in the payment of the guaranteed amount. We provide special reserves with respect to guaranteed fixed rate and principal-guaranteed variable rate trust account credits by deducting the required amounts from trust fees for such trust accounts in accordance with the Trust Act and Trust Business Act.

Korean banks are currently allowed to guarantee the principal of the following types of variable rate trust account products: (i) individual pension trusts, (ii) new individual pension trusts, (iii) retirement pension trusts, (iv) new retirement pension trust, (v) pension trusts and (vi) employee retirement benefit trusts.

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Payments from Bank Accounts to Guaranteed Fixed Rate Trust Accounts. If income from a guaranteed fixed rate trust account is insufficient to pay the guaranteed amount, such deficiency must be satisfied from (i) first, special reserves maintained in such trust accounts, (ii) secondly, trust fees and (iii) lastly, funds transferred from the bank accounts of Shinhan Bank or Chohung Bank, as the case may be. In connection with Chohung Bank's obligations to the guaranteed fixed rate trust accounts, Chohung Bank recorded an obligation of W58 billion as of December 31, 2002, which has been paid out of Chohung Bank's bank accounts at the trust accounts' maturities. Chohung Bank recorded no such obligations as of December 31, 2003 and 2004. Shinhan Bank made no such payments from its bank accounts to cover such deficiencies during 2002, 2003 and 2004 primarily due to a decrease in the balance of Shinhan Bank's guaranteed fixed rate trust accounts, as a result of the legal prohibition against providing such accounts beginning in 1996 with respect to general unspecified money trusts and beginning in 1999 for development money trusts, as well as the improving economic condition in Korea. The decrease in the balance of Shinhan Bank's guaranteed fixed rate trust accounts, in turn, has generally translated into a decrease in non-performing credits. There can be no assurance, however, that such transfers will not be required in the future.

Distribution Channels and Marketing

We distribute our trust products primarily through the branch network of our retail banking services. See Our Branch Network and Distribution Channels above.

Recent Regulatory Developments

Under the Act on Business of Operating Indirect Investment and Asset, which took effect on January 5, 2004, all banks engaged in the money trust business (except for specified money trust business) based on their approval received under the Trust Business Act must qualify as an asset management company by July 5, 2004 and will not be permitted to offer unspecified money trust products after such date (except under certain limited circumstances). Once a bank qualifies as an asset management company under the Act on Business of Operating Indirect Investment and Asset, such bank may continue to engage in the investment trust business as long as it is limited to investment trust products and does not include unspecified money trust products. As a result, we ceased offering unspecified money trust account products from our banking subsidiaries and instead began to offer products developed by our investment trust management business that fulfills the requirements as an asset management company.

Merchant Banking

Chohung Bank is one of only three banks in Korea, along with Korea Exchange Bank and Woori Bank, which currently provides merchant banking services. Chohung Bank established its merchant banking business through its merger with Kangwon Bank in 1999. Prior to merging with Chohung Bank, Kangwon Bank merged with Hyundai Merchant Bank in February 1999 and acquired its merchant banking operations.

Chohung Bank presently provides merchant banking services through the Corporate & Investment Banking Group, which offers following services:

short-term financing for both deposit and lending sides, including cash management accounts, factoring financing and bill discounting;

investment banking and mergers and acquisitions advisory services focused on niche markets where Chohung Bank has competitive strength such as asset-backed securities offerings and project financing; and

venture capital business to provide capital as well as necessary management support for high-tech start-up companies.

Table of Contents***Securities Brokerage Services******Overview***

Through Good Morning Shinhan Securities, our securities brokerage subsidiary, we provide a full range of brokerage services, including investment advice and financial planning, to our retail customers as well as international and institutional brokerage services to our corporate customers. As of December 31, 2004, our market share was approximately 5.61% in the Korean equity brokerage market and are ranked seventh in the industry in terms of brokerage volume.

Recent Regulatory Changes

The Presidential Decree of the Securities and Exchange Act and regulations thereof, recently amended the scope of securities to include derivative securities (including, without limitation, credit linked derivative securities) and equity of limited partnerships such as private equity funds. Furthermore, securities company can provide trust account management services in accordance with the Trust Business Act. See Item 4. Information on the Company Supervision and Regulation Principle Regulation Applicable to Securities Companies. Good Morning Shinhan Securities is taking steps to provide the trust account management services.

Products and Services

We offer a variety of financial and advisory services through three main business groups of Good Morning Shinhan Securities, consisting of the Retail Business Division, the Institutional & International Client and Research Division and Capital Markets Division.

Retail Business Division provides equity and bond brokerage, investment advisory and financial planning services to retail customers, with a focus on high net worth individuals. In 2004, revenues generated by the Retail Business Division represented approximately 68.0% of total revenues of our Securities Brokerage Services in 2004. The Retail Business Division earns fees by managing client assets as well as commissions as a broker for our clients in the purchase and sale of securities. In addition, we generate net interest revenue by financing customers securities transactions and other borrowing needs through security-based lending and also receive commissions and other sales and service revenues through the sale of proprietary and third-party mutual funds.

Institutional & International Client and Research Division offers a variety of brokerage services, including brokerage of corporate bonds, futures and options, to our institutional and international customers. In addition, through our research center with more than 60 research analysts, we produce equity, bonds and derivatives research to serve both institutional and international investor clients.

Capital Markets Division offers a wide array of investment banking services, including selling institutional financial products and trading equity and derivatives and, to a lesser extent, M&A advisory and underwriting, to our corporate customers.

Other Services

Through our other operating subsidiaries, we also provide leasing and equipment financing, investment trust management, regional banking and investment banking and advisory services. In addition, we have also established a bancassurance joint venture to offer life insurance and other insurance-related products and services following deregulation of this industry in September 2003. See Life Insurance below.

Leasing and Equipment Financing

We provide leasing and equipment financing services to our corporate customers through Shinhan Capital, our leasing subsidiary. Established as a leasing company in 1991, Shinhan Capital provides customers with leasing, installment financing and new technology financing.

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As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Capital's total assets were W1,435 billion, showing a W192 billion increase from the previous year. In particular, new lease executions increased from W345 billion in 2002 to W409 billion in 2003 and to W383 billion in 2004, representing an estimated 8.5%, the largest market share, of the Korean leasing market in 2004. We believe that our strength is in leasing of ships, printing machines, automobiles and other specialty items. We continue to diversify our revenue base from this business by expanding our services, as demonstrated by our acting as corporate restructuring company for financially troubled companies beginning in 2002.

Investment Trust Management Services

In addition to personalized asset management services provided by our private banking and securities brokerage services, we also provide our customers with investment trust services through Shinhan BNP Paribas Investment Trust Management, our 50:50 joint venture with BNP Paribas, and through Chohung Investment Trust Management Co., Ltd., a direct subsidiary of Chohung Bank. These companies offer a broad range of asset management products and services such as beneficiary certificates, mutual funds, closed-end funds and separately managed accounts to domestic institutional, high net worth and retail clients. As a joint venture with BNP Paribas Asset Management, Shinhan BNP Paribas ITMC intends to focus on providing products using the skills of BNP Paribas while Chohung ITMC will focus on local market products.

The asset management industry in Korea is under transformation since the enactment of the new Indirect Investment Asset Management Act in 2004 which deregulated any restrictions on investment assets and improved investors' rights in various ways. With improved corporate governance structure and transparency, more investors started to show interest in the asset management industry's products as an alternative form of investment. Such a move, especially among retail customers, became possible as the interest rate continues to be low and the government adopted several measures to hold down real estate prices. Accordingly, Shinhan BNP Paribas Investment Trust Management's total assets under management grew from W4,726 billion as of the end of 2003 to W6,071 billion as of the end of 2004 and Chohung Investment Trust Management Co., Ltd. from W3,755 billion as of the end of 2003 to W6,427 billion as of the end of 2004. Although competition among asset management companies in Korea has intensified, Shinhan BNP Paribas ITMC and Chohung ITMC seek to maintain profitability by providing high quality services to local customers.

Regional Banking Services

In April 2002, pursuant to a stock purchase agreement with Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation, we acquired a majority interest in Jeju Bank, which is engaged in providing commercial banking services on a regional basis, primarily on Jeju Island of Korea, through its network of 32 branches. As of December 31, 2004, Jeju Bank had total assets, total liabilities and total stockholders' equity of W1,883 billion, W1,774 billion and W109 billion, respectively.

Investment Banking and Advisory Services

In addition to the investment banking services provided by the Investment Banking Department of Shinhan Bank, the Investment Banking Division of Chohung Bank and the Capital Markets Division of Good Morning Shinhan Securities, we also provide a variety of investment banking and advisory services through Shinhan Macquarie Financial Advisory, our 51:49 joint venture with Macquarie Bank of Australia. The advisory services offered by Shinhan Macquarie Financial Advisory (SMFA) include project and infrastructure finance, capital and debt raisings, corporate finance advisory, structured finance, mergers and acquisitions, cross-border leasing and infrastructure and specialized fund management advisory services. Since its inception SMFA has grown to become one of the leading infrastructure-related financial advisory companies. During the year ended December 31, 2004, we derived total revenue of W15 billion from advisory activities.

Table of Contents*Bancassurance*

Since the deregulation of the Korean bancassurance market in September 2003, SH&C Life Insurance, our 50:50 joint venture with Cardif S.A., an insurance arm of the BNP Paribas Group, has developed various bancassurance products for our customers. During 2004, the volume of bancassurance market grew significantly as the banks took aggressive steps to establish market shares. As a result of such steps, the total sales volume of the banks in Korea from initial insurance premium increased from W399 billion in 2003 to W2,255 billion in 2004, which represented approximately 45% of the total new sales volume of life insurance in Korea during 2004. In response, the traditional insurance companies with low penetrations in the bancassurance business have collectively lobbied for new regulatory restrictions on bancassurance business, which would significantly affect the growth of the banks' revenue from the bancassurance business in 2005.

During the growth of the bancassurance industry in 2004, largely due to synergy effects from our group-wide marketing and sales channels, SH&C Life Insurance ranked fourth among companies in Korea offering bancassurance products in terms of the number of policies sold and recorded profit after two years of losses since its inception.

Loan Collection and Credit Reporting

In order to centralize our loan collection, on July 8, 2002, we established Shinhan Credit Information Co. Ltd., our wholly-owned subsidiary engaged in credit collection and credit reporting. Shinhan Credit Information is capable of managing and collecting bad loans generated by our subsidiaries to improve our overall asset quality. On June 9, 2003, we sold a 49% ownership in Shinhan Credit Information to LSH holdings L.L.C, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lone Star Fund, and converted Shinhan Credit Information into a joint venture with Lone Star Fund. On May 21, 2004, we terminated this joint venture and bought back Lone Star's 49% ownership in Shinhan Credit Information. The number of shares acquired was 294,000 shares, representing 49% of total outstanding shares, of Shinhan Credit Information at the acquisition cost of W1,529,165,735. As a result of this buy-back transaction, our equity ownership in Shinhan Credit Information increased from 51% to 100%.

We plan to expand Shinhan Credit Information's services to such areas as credit reporting, credit inquiry, credit card rating, civil application/petition services, lease and rental research and advisory and consulting services related to non-performing loan management. For the year ended December 31, 2004, our total revenues from this operation were W29 billion.

Internet Portal Financial Services

In 2001, we established e-Shinhan Inc., a joint venture with The Boston Consulting Group to offer high-quality internet financial services. Through its portal site, *www.emoden.com*, e-Shinhan offers an integrated account aggregation service that enables the user to see all of his or her accounts at a glance, an electronic accounting service that keeps track of all the user's financial transactions, an investment clinic service and a financial supermarket service that helps users to choose the financial products that best meet their needs. To offer high quality financial portal service, we concluded business ties with Yodlee of the U.S., the world's leading account aggregation provider. As of December 31, 2004, the number of members of this portal site exceeded 2.3 million.

Information Technology

We believe that a sophisticated information technology system is crucial in supporting our operations management and providing high quality customer service. We employ a total of approximately 900 employees and plan to spend approximately W440 billion in connection with updating and integrating our information technology system in 2005.

Our objective is to maximize the synergy generated among our subsidiaries by integrating them into a single enterprise system. In that regard, we are in the process of integrating different information technology systems of our various subsidiaries including Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, which we expect to complete

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by 2006. We are also cooperating closely with leading information technology companies to enhance our information systems.

We plan to continue our efforts to integrate our information technology systems by taking the following initiatives:

building a customer-oriented system to provide customers with diversified and customized financial services;

establishing a flexible platform which can quickly adapt to new financial products and services;

introducing a group-wide strategic enterprise management system designed to facilitate swift managerial response;

empowering the sales operation by a group-wide integrated enterprise data warehousing system and a group-wide integrated customer relationship management system, which are designed to provide us with comprehensive customer information, including transaction history, and thereby allow us to identify potential marketing and cross-marketing opportunities;

upgrading our information system to be compatible with the New Basel Capital Accord (Basel II) proposed by the Basel Committee;

upgrading our information reporting system to enable interim reporting under the U.S. GAAP;

upgrading an intelligent sales supporting system to support the New Bank Channel strategy; and

developing IT functions which support branch back office centralization to enhance branch productivity.

Our information technology system for each of our subsidiaries is currently backed up on a real time basis. We have established a completely duplicative back-up IT system in different locations in Korea, depending on the subsidiary, to provide a back-up system in the event of any system failure of our primary information technology center located in the suburbs of Seoul. See Properties . We believe that, when we complete the integration of the subsidiaries back-up systems, Shinhan Financial Group's entire information technology system will be able to fully resume operation within an hour even in the case of a complete disruption of the information technology system in our headquarters.

Competition

We compete principally with other nationwide commercial banks in Korea, but also face competition from a number of additional sources including regional banks, Korea's specialized banks and branches and subsidiaries of foreign banks operating in Korea, as well as various other types of financial service institutions, including savings institutions (such as mutual savings and finance companies and credit unions and credit cooperatives), investment institutions (such as securities brokerage firms, merchant banking corporations and asset management companies) and life insurance companies. Regulatory reforms in the Korean banking industry have increased competition among banks for deposits, generally leading to lower margins from lending activities. Prior to the beginning of the economic crisis in Korea in late 1997, there were 26 commercial banks, three development banks and four specialized banks. Due in part to the economic crisis, as of December 31, 1999, there were 17 commercial banks, two development banks and four specialized banks. Of these, two commercial banks were recapitalized by the Government. During 1999, four mergers were consummated and, in the first half of 2000, Korea First Bank sold its controlling interest to a foreign investor. In 2001, H&CB and Kookmin Bank merged to create the largest Korean bank in terms of assets. Also in 2001, Woori Bank restructured itself as a financial holding company and significantly realigned its businesses and products to compete with other larger banks in Korea. In December 2002, Hana Bank merged with Seoulbank. In 2003, Lone Star acquired a controlling interest in Korea Exchange Bank. In May 2004, Citibank, through its affiliate, completed a tender offer pursuant to which it purchased a substantial majority interest in KorAm Bank. In September

2004, KorAm Bank was renamed Citibank Korea. In April 2005, Standard Chartered Bank completed its acquisition of Korea First Bank, the seven largest commercial bank in

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Korea in terms of asset size. We believe that the financial industry in Korea, including banking, will continue to experience consolidation among institutions leading to increased competition in all areas in which we operate.

As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank and ranked fourth and fifth largest, respectively, in terms of total assets among Korean commercial banks based on information published by the Financial Supervisory Commission. In March and May 2005, Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation sold its controlling interests in Korea Investment Trust Company and Daehan Investment Trust Company, which had been acquired and recapitalized by the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation on behalf of the Korean government due to the financial difficulties these companies were experiencing, to Dongwon Financial Holdings and Hana Bank. Dongwon Financial Holdings is the third financial holding company to be launched in Korea, and Hana Bank is the third largest commercial bank in Korea in terms of asset size. As a result, competition in the Korean financial and banking industry, in particular for high net worth and high profit customers, has intensified.

See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Competition Competition in the Korean banking industry, in particular in the small- and medium-sized enterprises banking, retail banking and credit card operations, is intense, and we may experience declining margins as a result .

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Unless otherwise specifically mentioned or the context otherwise requires, the following description of assets and liabilities is presented on a consolidated basis under U.S. GAAP.

Loans

As of December 31, 2004, our total gross loan portfolio was W97,080 billion, an increase of 1.8% from W95,295 billion at December 31, 2003. The increase in the portfolio primarily reflects an increase in the mortgage and home equity loans and other commercial loans.

Loan Types

The following table presents our loans by type for the periods indicated. Except where specified otherwise, all loan amounts stated below are before deduction for loan loss allowances. Total loans reflect our loan portfolio, including past due amounts.

		As of December 31,				
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
		(In billions of Won)				
Corporate						
Commercial and industrial(1)	W	13,847	W 13,459	W 15,800	W 35,617	W 35,653
Other commercial(2)		6,746	6,748	9,352	17,378	17,988
Lease financing			598	636	1,091	981
Total Corporate		20,593	20,805	25,788	54,086	54,622
Consumer Mortgages and home equity						
Other consumer(3)		2,376	7,253	11,539	20,517	22,180
Credit cards		3,330	3,537	4,962	14,580	15,546
		1,570	2,070	2,763	6,112	4,732
Total Consumer		7,276	12,860	19,264	41,209	42,458
Total gross loans(4)	W	27,869	W 33,665	W 45,052	W 95,295	W 97,080

Notes:

- (1) Consists primarily of working capital loans, general purpose loans, bills purchased, trade-related notes and inter-bank loans.
- (2) Consists primarily of privately placed bonds, credit facility drawdowns and purchases of commercial paper or notes at a discount from its customers with recourse.
- (3) Consists of general unsecured loans and loans secured by collateral other than housing to retail customers.
- (4) As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, approximately 79.8%, 71.9% and 89.4% of our total gross loans, respectively, were Won-denominated.

Loan Concentrations

On a consolidated basis, our exposure to any single borrower and exposure to any single group of companies belonging to the same conglomerate is limited by law to 20% and 25%, respectively, of the Net Total Equity Capital Credit under Korean GAAP (as defined in Supervision and Regulation). In addition, each of Shinhan Bank s and Chohung Bank s exposure, on a non-consolidated basis, to any single borrower and exposure, on a non-consolidated basis, to any single group of companies belonging to the same conglomerate is limited by law to 20% and 25%, respectively, of each bank s total Tier I and Tier II capital under Korean GAAP.

Table of Contents*Twenty Largest Exposures by Borrower*

As of December 31, 2004, our twenty largest exposures, consisting of loans, securities and guarantees and acceptances, totaled W23,578 billion and accounted for 18.16% of our total exposures. The following table sets forth, as of December 31, 2004, our total exposures to these top twenty borrowers.

Company	Loans in Won Currency	Loans in Foreign Currency	Equity Securities	Debt Securities	Guarantees and Acceptances	Total Exposure	Amounts of Impaired Loans and Guarantees and Acceptances
(In billions of Won)							
Ministry of Finance and Economy	W	W	W	W	5,298	W	W 5,298
Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation	43			4,589			4,632
The Bank of Korea				3,982			3,982
Korea Highway Corporation				1,069			1,069
Korea Development Bank			4	978			982
Kookmin Bank			21	820			841
Samsung Electronics	297	260	150				707
SK Networks(1)	257	82	236	2	106		683
LG Electronics	308	191	13	33	102		647
SK Corp.	18	19	138	206	252		633
Korea Asset Management Corporation			4	509			513
Korea First Bank				501			501
Hyundai Motors	204	178	11	9	84		486
Samsung Card	325	21		122			468
Kia Motors	220	187	1	13	2		423
Local Governments				397			397
LG Card	148		183	4			335
Korea Exchange Bank			3	331			334
Woori Bank		10		315			325
Citibank Korea Inc.				312			312
Total	W 1,820	W 948	W 764	W 19,490	W 546	W 23,568	W 593

Note:

- (1) Includes its offshore subsidiaries, SK Networks Hong Kong, SK Networks ASIA-PAC, SK Networks Europe and SK Networks America.

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As of December 31, 2004, 6.30% of our total exposure was to the twenty-five largest chaebols. The following table shows, as of December 31, 2004, our total exposures to the ten chaebol groups to which we have the largest exposure.

Chaebol	Loans in Won Currency	Loans in Foreign Currency	Equity Securities	Debt Securities	Guarantees and Acceptances	Total Exposure	Amounts of Impaired Loans and Guarantees and Acceptances
(In billions of Won)							
Samsung	644	879	160	122	128	1,933	
SK	393	246	394	262	480	1,775	448
Hyundai Motors	493	878	14	52	236	1,673	
LG	184	819	58	38	121	1,220	
Hanjin	76	191	6	25	21	319	
Lotte	227	15		38	29	309	
KT	78	17	5	194	5	299	
Hyundai	30	242				272	
Hanhwa	178	25	1		66	270	
Doosan	44	22			51	117	
Total	2,347	3,334	638	731	1,137	8,187	448

Exposure to LG Card

LG Card, one of Korea's largest credit card companies, has experienced significant liquidity and asset quality problems in recent years. In November 2003, the creditor banks of LG Card (including Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank) agreed to provide a new W2 trillion credit facility, secured by credit card receivables, to enable LG Card to resume cash operations. Our portion of this commitment was W216.7 billion, consisting of W113.7 billion for Shinhan Bank and W103 billion for Chohung Bank. The maturity of this credit facility was extended to December 2005. Certain of LG Card's creditor banks (including our subsidiaries) also agreed to extend the maturity of a portion of LG Card's debt coming due in 2003 for one year, after the chairman of LG Group pledged his personal stake in LG Corporation, the holding company for the LG Group, LG Investment & Securities and LG Card as collateral to offset future losses of LG Card.

After the failure to auction LG Card to a buyer in December 2003, the principal creditors of LG Card tentatively agreed to a rescue plan in January 2004 under which the Korea Development Bank would acquire a 25% (subsequently adjusted to 26%) interest in LG Card and the other creditors would collectively acquire a 74% (subsequently adjusted to 73%) ownership interest following the completion of several debt-to-equity swaps contemplated for 2004. In addition, the creditors agreed to form a normalization steering committee for LG Card to oversee LG Card's business operations. An extraordinary shareholders' meeting of LG Card was held in March 2004 and a new chief executive officer as well as directors nominated by the normalization steering committee were elected. In February 2004, the creditors exchanged indebtedness of W954 billion (including our portion of W77.5 billion) for shares constituting 54.8% of the outstanding share capital of LG Card. LG Group also funded an additional W800 billion to LG Card (in addition to a W200 billion capital contribution made in December 2003). In

March 2004, the LG Group and the Korea Development Bank provided additional liquidity of W375 billion and W125 billion, respectively. In May 2004, LG Card completed a capital write-down of 97.7% of its outstanding common stock, which included the W954 billion converted into equity by the creditors in February 2004 (including our portion of W77.5 billion). In July 2004, the creditors also converted an additional W954 billion of indebtedness into equity of LG Card (including our portion of W77.5 billion) and W1.59 trillion of new loans extended to LG Card (including our portion of W154.4 billion) into equity of LG Card. In January 2005, the LG Group and the creditor banks provided

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additional liquidity of W1 trillion in the aggregate (including W25.3 billion for Shinhan Bank and W23.0 billion for Chohung Bank for our aggregate portion of W48.3 billion) and also reduced the interest rate from 7.5% per annum to 5.5% per annum as well as extending the maturity of existing indebtedness of LG Card. In March 2005, the maturity of the W2 trillion credit facility extended by the creditor financial institutions were further extended to December 2006, subject to four equal quarterly installment repayments in 2006. In addition, the terms of the collateral for this facility was amended. Prior to this amendment, the creditor financial institutions were entitled to receive the cash inflows from collection on such collateral. LG Card was not required to maintain a minimum collateral ratio or to enhance its credit support through the provision of additional collateral. Thus, there was no guarantee against losses to the extent that collection results in a shortfall of the principal amount of the credit extended. As a result of the amendment, however, LG Card is entitled to the cash received from collection on condition that LG Card maintains a minimum collateral ratio of 105%. In March 2005, LG Card also completed a capital write-down of 81.8% of its outstanding common stock, which included the W2,417 billion of equity held by the creditors (including our portion of W216 billion).

As of December 31, 2004, our total exposure to LG Card was W335 billion, including W148 billion of loans, W4 billion of debt securities and W183 billion of equity securities. We made an allowance for loan losses of W13 billion for the loans. As a result of the satisfactory progress on scheduled debt restructuring of LG Card, we recorded reversal of loan loss provisions of W77 billion and recognized securities impairment losses of W1 billion in respect of our exposures to LG Card. In connection with the LG Card rescue plan, Shinhan Bank transferred W10 billion of exposure in its performance-based trust account to the bank account in January 2004 and Chohung Bank also transferred W30 billion of exposure in its performance-based trust account to the bank account in February 2004, resulting in an increase in our total exposure to LG Card. These exposures were included in our credit exposure that was converted into equity in connection with the rescue plan of LG Card as described above.

The value of underlying collateral, our pro rata entitlement thereto and the allowances we have established or will establish against our exposures to LG Card may not be sufficient to cover all future losses arising from these exposures. Following the debt-to-equity conversions in respect of our exposures to LG Card, we may experience further losses if the market value of the LG Card equity securities we own falls below their recorded book value.

Exposures to the Credit Card Industry

Recent adverse developments in the credit card industry such as industry-wide increases in delinquencies and resulting increases in provisioning for loan losses have had a negative impact on investors' perception of credit card companies in the Korean corporate debt market, thereby significantly limiting the ability of credit card companies to raise financing through issuances of debt securities. As a result, Korean credit card companies have been experiencing significant financial and liquidity difficulties.

The following table shows, as of December 31, 2004, the breakdown of our total exposure to credit card companies.

Company	Debt Securities	Securities Issued Through		Equity Securities	Loans in Won Currency	Loans in Foreign Currency	Total
		Asset-backed Securitization(1)	Asset-backed Securitization(1)				
(In billions of Won)							
Samsung Card(2)	W 122	W		W	W 325	W 21	W 468
LG Card	4			183	148		335
Hyundai Card			150		20		170
Lotte Card	60						60
KDB Capital(3)			20		20	4	44

Total	W 186	W	170	W 183	W 513	W 25	W 1,077
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- (1) Securities issued by special purpose vehicles of credit card companies, established with credit card receivables as underlying assets. In general, these special purpose vehicles are entitled to credit or collateral support from such credit card companies.
- (2) It was recently announced that Samsung Card had recorded net income in the month of April 2005, which reflects a turnaround of its results of operations for the first time since November 2002. Samsung Card conducted a rights offering of W200 billion in May 2003, an offering of W800 billion of subordinated convertible bonds in June 2003, a rights offering of W1,500 billion in April 2004 and a rights offering of W1,167 billion in March 2005.
- (3) KDB Capital is a subsidiary of Korea Development Bank, which is owned and controlled by the Korean government.

As of December 31, 2004, we had loans outstanding to credit card companies in the aggregate principal amount of W538 billion. Despite the recent financial difficulties of certain credit card companies, our loans to these credit card companies, except LG card, are considered performing in accordance with our internal credit rating methodology, and therefore we have not recognized a specific allowance for loan losses against these. We believe our general allowance of W16 billion against the performing element of the corporate loan portfolio in total is sufficient to cover any incurred losses within these specific loans.

In addition, our investment portfolio includes beneficiary certificates representing interests in investment trusts whose assets include securities issued by troubled credit card companies, including LG Card. Accordingly, to the extent that the value of securities issued by credit card companies declines as a result of their financial difficulties or otherwise, we may experience losses on our investment securities.

In the case of credit card companies that are in or in the future enter into workout, restructuring, reorganization or liquidation proceedings, our recoveries from those companies may be limited. We may, therefore, experience future losses with respect to these exposures.

Exposures to SK Group Companies

In the first quarter of 2003, accounting irregularities were discovered at SK Networks to which most commercial banks in Korea, including ourselves, had substantial exposure. These irregularities had concealed the weak financial condition of SK Networks over a period of several years. In March 2003, the principal creditor banks of SK Networks commenced formal workout procedures against SK Networks under the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act of Korea. In October 2003, SK Networks and its overseas subsidiaries completed the final major step in the restructuring of indebtedness of SK Networks and its overseas subsidiaries, including the following:

the purchase by SK Networks of approximately US\$540 million of the US\$563 million of total indebtedness of its overseas subsidiaries held by non-Korean institutions in exchange for 43% of the principal amount in promissory notes and 5% of the principal amount in the form of bonds with warrants;

the purchase or inclusion in the restructuring plan of SK Networks of all of the approximately US\$126 million of indebtedness of its overseas subsidiaries held by Korean financial institutions; and

the entering into a Memorandum of Understanding on the Corporate Restructuring Implementation, or Memorandum, in respect of the restructuring of the approximately US\$2 billion of indebtedness to SK Networks.

All of the indebtedness of SK Networks and its overseas subsidiaries held by Korean financial institution creditors was resolved either through an exchange for 43% of the principal amount in promissory notes and 5% of the principal amount in the form of bonds with warrants or in accordance with the Memorandum. Under the Memorandum, all of the indebtedness of SK Networks held by the Korean financial institution creditors was converted into shares of common stock, redeemable preferred stock and mandatory convertible bonds of

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SK Networks. SK Corp., which is the parent company of SK Networks, also converted approximately US\$760 million of its claims against SK Networks into the shares of common stock of SK Networks in connection with the Memorandum.

As a result of this corporate restructuring, we owned 9.49% of common shares of SK Networks (or 9.82% of total equity ownership in SK Networks including the redeemable preferred stock) as of December 31, 2004.

As of December 31, 2004, 1.37% of our total exposure was to the member companies of the SK Group. The following table shows, as of December 31, 2004, the breakdown of our total exposure by member companies of the SK Group.

Company	Loans	Loans	Equity Securities	Debt Securities	Guarantees	Total Exposure	Amounts
	in Won Currency	in Foreign Currency			and Acceptances		of Impaired Loans and Guarantees and Acceptances
(In billions of Won)							
SK Networks	W 257	W 82	W 236	W 2	W 106	W 683	W 445
SK Corporation	18	19	138	206	252	633	
SK Gas	3	26			80	109	
SK Telecom Co., Ltd.	40		20	10		70	
SK Chemical	1	25		8	18	52	
SKC Co., Ltd.	5	18		26	3	52	
SK Shipping Co., Ltd.		51				51	
SK C&C Co., Ltd.	20			10		30	
SK Teletech Co., Ltd.		3			13	16	
Walkerhill	6				7	13	
Choongnam City Gas Co., Ltd.	9					9	
Daehan City Gas	8					8	
Pohang City Gas Co., Ltd.	7					7	
SK Telesys		7				7	
Pusan City Gas	6					6	
Dong Shin Pharm, Co., Ltd.		3			1	4	
Vision Shipbuilding SA		4				4	
Global Shipbuilding SA		4				4	
Champion Shipbuilding SA		4				4	
Chonnam City Gas Co., Ltd.	3					3	
SG Wicus Corporation	3					3	3
SK Pharmaceutical	2					2	
InnoAce Co., Ltd.	2					2	
Iksan Energy Co., Ltd.	2					2	

Kangwon Gas	1					1	
Infosec Co., Ltd.							
Cheongju City Gas Co., Ltd.							
Kumi City Gas Co., Ltd.							
Total	W 393	W 246	W 394	W 262	W 480	W 1,775	W 448

As of December 31, 2004, our total exposure outstanding to SK Networks alone was W683 billion, or 0.53% of our total exposure, consisting of W339 billion in loans, W2 billion in debt securities, W236 billion in equity securities and W106 billion in guarantees and acceptances. Of our total loans outstanding to

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SK Networks, W24 billion was secured. For the unsecured loans of W315 billion, we made allowance for loan losses of W19 billion. With respect to the guarantees and acceptances outstanding, we made allowances of W6 billion.

As of December 31, 2004, our total exposure outstanding to SG Wicus Corporation was W3 billion in loans, for which we made an allowance for losses of W0.02 billion.

In addition, as of December 31, 2004, our total exposure outstanding to SK Corporation, the controlling company of the SK Group, was W633 billion, or 0.49% of our total exposure, consisting of W37 billion in loans, W138 billion in equity securities, W206 billion in debt securities and W252 billion in guarantees and acceptances. We classify loans and guarantees and acceptances to other SK Group companies, including SK Corporation, as performing in accordance with our internal credit rating methodology and therefore no specific allowance is made against these loans or guarantees and acceptances. Our management believes the general allowance of W4 billion against the performing element of the corporate loan portfolio in total is sufficient to cover any incurred losses within this portfolio, including those loans to companies within the SK Group, including SK Corporation and excluding SK Networks and SG Wicus Corporation. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to our banking business We have significant exposure to SK Networks which is experiencing financial difficulties that it concealed through accounting irregularities and which is in a workout program. If this program is not satisfactorily resolved, it may have a material adverse effect on us .

Exposures to Ssangyong Group Companies

In 1998, Daewoo Motors acquired Ssangyong Motors from the former Ssangyong Group, on condition that certain of the then existing liabilities of Ssangyong Motors be retained by the former Ssangyong Group. In connection with this transaction, nine member companies of the Ssangyong Group assumed in the aggregate liabilities of W1.8 trillion, which subsequently resulted in significant increases in interest expense for such companies, further aggravated by a sharp increase in interest rates during the financial crisis of the late 1990 s. Several of the Ssangyong Group companies, including Ssangyong Corporation, Ssangyong Cement Industrial and Ssangyong Engineering & Construction, have experienced significant financial and liquidity difficulties as a result and were subsequently placed under workout programs by their respective creditors.

As of December 31, 2004, 0.4% of our total exposure was to the member companies of the Ssangyong Group. The following table shows, as of December 31, 2004, the breakdown of our total exposure by member companies of the Ssangyong Group.

Company	Loans	Loans	Equity	Debt	Guarantees	Total	Amounts
	in	in			and		of
	Won	Foreign	Securities	Securities	Acceptances	Exposure	Impaired
	Currency	Currency					Loans and
							Guarantees
							and
							Acceptances
(In billions of Won)							
Ssangyong Corporation	W 7	W 116	W	W 52	W 104	W 279	W 227
Ssangyong Cement Industrial	78		35	42		155	78
Ssangyong Engineering & Construction			13			13	
Ssangyong Resources Development Co., Ltd.	6					6	
Ssangyong Shipping SSIC		3			1	3	
		1				2	

Total	W 91	W 120	W 48	W 94	W 105	W 458	W 305
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Note:

(1) Includes domestic and overseas subsidiaries of each company.

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In July 2003, the committee of creditors participating in the workout program of Ssangyong Cement Industrial approved a plan to (i) extend new credits of W150 billion to provide additional liquidity, of which Chohung Bank's portion was W50 billion, all of which are entitled to priority in repayment as agreed by the creditors committee, (ii) debt-to-equity swap of W573 billion, in which we did not participate, and (iii) extend the maturity for repayment of principal from December 2003 to December 2005.

In August 2003, the committee of credits participating in the workout program of Ssangyong Corporation approved a plan to (i) conduct a 5-to-1 capital reduction of existing shares of Ssangyong Corporation (including minority share ownership and shares obtained through debt-to-equity swaps) and (ii) subsequently enter into an additional debt-to-equity swap of loans in the aggregate principal amount of approximately W121.4 billion, including W80 billion of our loans consisting of W79.6 billion from Chohung Bank and W0.4 billion from Shinhan Bank.

As of December 31, 2004, our total exposure to Ssangyong Corporation (including its overseas offices in Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore) and Ssangyong Cement Industrial amounted to W279 billion and W155 billion, respectively. Of our total loans and guarantees and acceptances to Ssangyong Group, W305 billion was classified as impaired. As of December 31, 2004, allowance for loan losses and guarantees and acceptances with respect to our loans and guarantees and acceptances to Ssangyong Corporation and Ssangyong Cement Industrial were W74 billion and W10 billion, respectively. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to our banking business We have significant exposure to the largest Korean commercial conglomerates, known as chaebols, and, as a result, recent and any future financial difficulties of chaebols may have an adverse effect on us.

Except as described above, no material changes have occurred with respect to our exposures to the former Ssangyong Group companies since December 31, 2002. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to our banking business We have significant exposure to the largest Korean commercial conglomerates, known as chaebols, and, as a result, recent and any future financial difficulties of chaebols may have an adverse effect on us.

Loan Concentration by Industry

The following table shows the aggregate balance of our corporate loans by industry concentration as of December 31, 2004.

Industry	Aggregate Loan Balance	Percentage of Total Corporate Loan Balance
	(In billions of Won)	(Percentages)
Manufacturing	W 22,921	41.97%
Retail and wholesale	8,572	15.69
Real estate, leasing, and service	7,691	14.08
Construction	2,722	4.98
Hotel and leisure	2,082	3.81
Finance and insurance	2,751	5.04
Transportation, storage and communication	2,688	4.92
Other service	5,194	9.51
Other	1	0.00
Total	W 54,622	100.00%

We have increased significant exposure to the real estate, leasing and service industry as it presented significant growth opportunities in recent years. Our loans to the real estate, leasing and service industry increased from W6,132 billion, or 11.34% of total corporate loans (Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank combined), as of December 31, 2003, to W7,691 billion, or 14.08% of total corporate loans, as of December 31, 2004. In addition, our loans to the hotel and leisure industry as of December 31, 2004 was W

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2,082 billion, or 3.81% of total corporate loans. However, the real estate, leasing and service industry and the hotel and leisure industry have been experiencing significant difficulties recently resulting in higher delinquencies and impairment. As of December 31, 2004, under Korean GAAP, the delinquency ratios for loans to the real estate, leasing and service industry were 2.67% for Chohung Bank and 1.53% for Shinhan Bank, in each case net of charge-offs and loan sales. As of December 31, 2004, under Korean GAAP, the delinquency ratios for loans to the hotel and leisure industry were 2.74% for Chohung Bank and 2.17% for Shinhan Bank, in each case net of charge-offs and loan sales.

Loan Concentration by Size of Loans

The following table shows the aggregate balances of our loans by outstanding loan amount as of December 31, 2004.

	Aggregate Loan Balance	Percentage of Total Corporate Loan Balance
	(In billions of Won)	(Percentages)
Commercial and industrial		
Up to W10 million	W 137	0.14%
Over W10 million to W50 million	1,913	1.97
Over W50 million to W100 million	2,383	2.45
Over W100 million to W500 million	9,989	10.29
Over W500 million to W1 billion	4,500	4.64
Over W1 billion to W5 billion	8,348	8.60
Over W5 billion to W10 billion	2,615	2.69
Over W10 billion to W50 billion	4,325	4.46
Over W50 billion to W100 billion	883	0.91
Over W100 billion	560	0.58
Sub-total	W 35,653	36.73%
Other commercial		
Up to W10 million	W 73	0.08%
Over W10 million to W50 million	541	0.56
Over W50 million to W100 million	641	0.66
Over W100 million to W500 million	3,205	3.30
Over W500 million to W1 billion	1,997	2.06
Over W1 billion to W5 billion	4,696	4.84
Over W5 billion to W10 billion	3,097	3.19
Over W10 billion to W50 billion	3,217	3.31
Over W50 billion to W100 billion	521	0.53
Over W100 billion		0.00
Sub-total	W 17,988	18.53%

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	Aggregate Loan Balance	Percentage of Total Corporate Loan Balance
	(In billions of Won)	(Percentages)
Lease financing		
Up to W10 million	W 4	0.00%
Over W10 million to W50 million	20	0.02
Over W50 million to W100 million	26	0.03
Over W100 million to W500 million	131	0.13
Over W500 million to W1 billion	58	0.06
Over W1 billion to W5 billion	288	0.30
Over W5 billion to W10 billion	159	0.16
Over W10 billion to W50 billion	295	0.31
Over W50 billion to W100 billion		0.00
Over W100 billion		0.00
Sub-total	W 981	1.01%
Mortgage and home equity		
Up to W10 million	W 373	0.38%
Over W10 million to W50 million	6,558	6.76
Over W50 million to W100 million	6,693	6.89
Over W100 million to W500 million	8,053	8.30
Over W500 million to W1 billion	416	0.43
Over W1 billion to W5 billion	87	0.09
Over W5 billion to W10 billion		0.00
Over W10 billion to W50 billion		0.00
Over W50 billion to W100 billion		0.00
Over W100 billion		0.00
Sub-total	W 22,180	22.85%
Other consumer		
Up to W10 million	W 3,489	3.59%
Over W10 million to W50 million	4,639	4.78
Over W50 million to W100 million	2,515	2.59
Over W100 million to W500 million	3,643	3.75
Over W500 million to W1 billion	652	0.67
Over W1 billion to W5 billion	588	0.61
Over W5 billion to W10 billion	20	0.02
Over W10 billion to W50 billion		0.00
Over W50 billion		0.00
Over W100 billion		0.00

Sub-total

W 15,546

16.01%

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	Aggregate Loan Balance	Percentage of Total Corporate Loan Balance
	(In billions of Won)	(Percentages)
Credit cards		
Up to W10 million	W 3,454	3.56%
Over W10 million to W50 million	669	0.69
Over W50 million to W100 million	64	0.07
Over W100 million to W500 million	89	0.09
Over W500 million to W1 billion	41	0.04
Over W1 billion to W5 billion	113	0.12
Over W5 billion to W10 billion	98	0.10
Over W10 billion to W50 billion	119	0.12
Over W50 billion to W100 billion	85	0.08
Over W100 billion		0.00
Sub-total	W 4,732	4.87%
Total	W 97,080	100.00%

Maturity Analysis

The following table sets out the scheduled maturities (time remaining until maturity) of our loan portfolio as of December 31, 2004. The amounts disclosed are before deduction of attributable loan loss reserves.

As of December 31, 2004

**Over 1 Year
but
Not More
Than
5 Years**

**1 Year or
Less**

**Over
5 Years**

Total

(In billions of Won)

Corporate:							
Commercial and industrial	W	31,458	W	3,826	W	369	W 35,653
Other commercial		12,973		4,346		669	17,988
Lease financing		379		528		74	981
Total corporate	W	44,810	W	8,700	W	1,112	W 54,622
Consumer:							
Mortgage and home equity	W	11,166	W	4,504	W	6,510	W 22,180
Other consumer		12,115		3,285		146	15,546

Credit cards		4,630		101		1	4,732
Total consumer	W	27,911	W	7,890	W	6,657	W 42,458
Total gross loans	W	72,721	W	16,590	W	7,769	W 97,080

We may roll over our working capital loans and consumer loans (which are not payable in installments) after we conduct our normal loan review in accordance with our loan review procedures. Working capital loans of Shinhan Bank may be extended on an annual basis for an aggregate term of three years for unsecured loans and five years for secured loans and consumer loans may be extended for additional terms of up to 12 months for an aggregate term of five years for unsecured loans and ten years for secured loans. Working capital loans of Chohung Bank may be extended on an annual basis for an aggregate term of five years and consumer loans are commonly extended for additional terms of up to 12 months for an aggregate term of ten years, regardless of whether such loans are secured or unsecured. Such loans have been classified as loans with maturity of one year or less in the tables above.

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The following table shows our loans by interest rate sensitivity as of December 31, 2004.

As of December 31, 2004						
		Due Within 1 Year		Due After 1 Year		Total
(In billions of Won)						
Fixed rate loans(1)	W	32,185		W	5,033	W 37,218
Variable rate loans(2)		40,535			19,327	59,862
Total gross loans	W	72,720		W	24,360	W 97,080

Notes:

(1) Fixed rate loans are loans for which the interest rate is fixed for the entire term. Includes W16,066 billion of loans due within one year and W1,491 billion of loans due after one year, which are priced based on one or more reference rates which may vary at our discretion. However, it is not our practice to change such reference rates during the life of a loan.

(2) Variable or adjustable rate loans are for which the interest rate is not fixed for the entire term.

For additional information regarding management of interest rate risk of each of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, see Risk Management Market Risk Management of Shinhan Bank and Risk Management of Chohung Bank.

Nonaccrual Loans and Past Due Accruing Loans

We generally do not recognize interest income on nonaccrual loans unless it is collected. Generally, the accrual of interest is discontinued on loans when payments of interest and/or principal become past due by one day. Interest is recognized on these loans on a cash received basis from the date the loan is placed on nonaccrual status. Loans are not reclassified as accruing until interest and principal payments are brought current.

We do not generally request borrowers to make immediate repayment of the whole outstanding principal balances and related accrued interest on nonaccrual loans whose interest payments are past due for 1 to 14 days in case of commercial loans and 1 to 30 days in case of consumer loans. Except where specified otherwise, the amount of such past due loans within the repayment grace period is excluded from the amount of non-accrual loans disclosed in this document and from the basis for related foregone interest calculation.

Interest foregone is the interest due on nonaccrual loans that has not been accrued in our books of account. For the year ended December 31, 2004, we would have recorded gross interest income of W184 billion, compared to W110 billion for the year ended December 31, 2003 and W69 billion for the year ended December 31, 2002 on loans accounted for on a nonaccrual basis throughout the year, or since origination for loans held for part of the year, had the loans been current with respect to their original contractual terms. The amount of interest income on those loans that was included in our net income for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004 were W43 billion, W48 billion and W142 billion, respectively.

The category accruing but past due one day includes loans which are still accruing interest but on which principal or interest payments are contractually past due one day or more. We continue to accrue interest on loans where the total amount of loan outstanding, including accrued interest, is fully secured by cash on deposits.

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The following table shows, at the dates indicated, the amount of loans that are placed on a nonaccrual basis and accruing loans which are past due one day or more.

	As of December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
	(In billions of Won)			
Loans accounted for on a nonaccrual basis				
Corporate	W 834	W 741	W 1,536	W 1,681
Consumer	78	111	580	479
Credit cards	234	358	1,016	294
Sub-total	1,146	1,210	3,132	2,454
Accruing loans which are contractually past due one day or more as to principal or interest				
Corporate(1)	29	32	196	55
Consumer(2)	32	38	27	17
Credit cards				76
Sub-total	61	70	223	148
Total	W 1,207	W 1,280	3,355	2,602

Notes:

- (1) Includes accruing loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more in the amount of W2 billion, W113 billion and W12 billion of corporate loans as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively.
- (2) Includes accruing loans which are contractually past due 90 days or more in the amount of W10 billion, W7 billion and W6 billion of consumer loans as of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, respectively.

Troubled Debt Restructurings

The following table presents, at the dates indicated, our loans which are troubled debt restructurings as defined under U.S. GAAP. These comprise of corporate loans that have been restructured through the process of workout, court receivership and composition. See Credit Exposures to Companies in Workout, Court Receivership and Composition . These loans accrue interest at rates lower than the original contractual terms, or involve the extension of the original contractual maturity as a result of a variation of terms upon restructuring.

	As of December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
	(In billions of Won)			
Loans not included in nonaccrual and past due loans which are classified as troubled debt restructurings	W 360	W 145	W 1,179	W 916

For the year ended December 31, 2004, interest income that would have been recorded under the original contract terms of restructured loans amounted to W41 billion, out of which W42 billion was reflected as our interest income during 2004.

Credit Exposures to Companies in Workout, Court Receivership and Composition

Shinhan Bank's exposures in restructuring are managed and collected by our Corporate Restructuring Team. Chohung Bank's exposures in restructuring are managed and collected by Chohung Bank's Loan Recovery Division. As of December 31, 2004, W2,398 billion 1.8% of our total exposure was under restructuring. The legal form of our restructurings is principally either workout, court receivership or composition.

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Under the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act, which became effective in September 2001, all creditor financial institutions of a borrower are required to participate in a creditors' committee. The Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act is mandatorily applicable to more than 420 financial institutions in Korea, which include commercial banks, insurance companies, asset management companies, securities companies, merchant banks, the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Korea Asset Management Corporation. Under this new act, the approval of creditor financial institutions holding not less than 75% of the total debt outstanding of a borrower will finalize such borrower's restructuring plan, including debt restructuring and provision of additional funds, which plan will be binding on all the creditor financial institutions of the borrower, except that any creditor financial institution that disagrees with the final restructuring plan approved by the creditors' committee will have the right to request the creditors' committee to purchase its claims at a mutually agreed price. In the event that the creditors' committee and the dissenting creditor financial institution fails to come to an agreement, a coordination committee consisting of seven experts will be set up to resolve the matter. There is a risk that these procedures may require us to participate in a plan that we do not agree with or may require us to sell our claims at prices that we do not believe are adequate. Absent further legislation, the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act expires on December 31, 2005.

The total amount currently undergoing workout as of December 31, 2004 was W2,122 billion, including W950 billion of loans and W1,172 billion of other exposures.

Court Receivership

Court receivership or corporate reorganization procedures are court supervised procedures to rehabilitate an insolvent company. The restructuring plan is adopted at a meeting of interested parties and is subject to approval of a court. In a court receivership, the management power of the company is taken over by a court appointed receiver. Creditors must report their claims to the court and if they fail to do so, their claims are discharged at the end of the reorganization. Creditors may enforce their claims only in compliance with the reorganization plan.

The total amount currently undergoing court receivership as of December 31, 2004 was W185 billion, including W178 billion of loans and W7 billion of other exposures.

Composition

Composition is also a court supervised procedure to rehabilitate an insolvent company. The restructuring plan is adopted at a meeting of interested parties and is subject to approval of a court. However, in composition proceedings the management of the company retains its management power. Unreported claims are not discharged at the end of a composition plan although the creditors are required to report their claims to the court if they want to exercise their votes at the meeting of interested parties. In addition, secured creditors may enforce their security interest outside the composition proceeding unless they waive their security interest and consent to the composition plan.

The total amount currently undergoing composition as of December 31, 2004 was W91 billion, including W76 billion of loans and W15 billion of other exposures.

Loans in the process of workout, court receivership or composition continue to be reported as loans on our balance sheet and are included as nonaccrual loans described in Nonaccrual Loans and Past Due Accruing Loans above since they are generally past due more than one day and on which, we do not generally accrue any interest. Restructured loans that meet the U.S. GAAP definition of a troubled debt restructuring are included within Troubled Debt Restructurings described above. These are disclosed as loans or securities after the restructuring within our balance sheet depending on the nature of the instrument we receive.

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The following table shows, as of December 31, 2004, our ten largest exposures that had been negotiated in workouts, composition or court receivership.

Company	Loans in Won Currency	Loans in Foreign Currency	Equity Securities	Debt Securities	Guarantees and Acceptances	Total Exposure(1)
(In billions of Won)						
SK Networks	W 257	W 82	W 236	W 2	W 106	W 683
LG Card	148		183	4		335
Ssangyong Corporation	7	116		52	104	279
Ssangyong Cement Industrial	78		35	42		155
Daewoo International		36	16		62	114
Inchon Oil Refinery	99		5			104
Ssangyong Motors(2)	3	5	75		44	127
Hyundai Engineering & Construction	3		55	12	2	72
Daewoo Electronics	36	1	30	1		68
Daewoo Telecom	55					55
Total	W 686	W 240	W 635	W 113	W 318	W 1,992

Notes:

- (1) Only includes the portion of total exposure identified by us as troubled debt restructuring and excludes amount of loans or other exposures to the same borrower that are not subject to workouts, composition or court receivership.
- (2) In January 2005, the sale of 59,094,098 shares, or 48.92%, of Ssangyong Motors by the creditor group to Shanghai Automotive Group Co., Ltd. for W10,000 per share, or W122 billion in the aggregate, was consummated in January 2005. As a result, in January 2005, Ssangyong Motors graduated from the workout program.

The Debtor Recovery and Bankruptcy Act, promulgated on Mar. 31, 2005 and effective as of Mar. 31, 2006, is designed to unify all present bankruptcy related laws in Korea, namely the Corporate Reorganization Act, the Composition Act, the Bankruptcy Act and the Individual Debtor Recovery Act.

Under the Debtor Recovery and Bankruptcy Act, composition proceedings will be abolished and recovery proceedings will be introduced to replace the existing court receiverships. In a recovery proceeding, unlike the current court receivership proceedings where the management of the debtor company is assigned to a court appointed receiver, the current chief executive officer of the debtor company may continue to manage the debtor company, provided that (i) neither fraudulent conveyance nor concealment of assets existed, (ii) financial failure of the debtor company was not due to the gross negligence of the chief executive officer, and (iii) no creditors meeting was convened to request, based on reasonable cause, a court-appointed receiver to replace the existing chief executive officer. In addition, in an effort to meet the global standards, international bankruptcy procedures will be introduced in Korea, under which a receiver of a foreign bankruptcy proceeding may, upon receiving the Korean court's approval of the ongoing foreign bankruptcy proceeding, apply for or participate in a Korean bankruptcy proceedings conducted in a Korean court. Similarly, a receiver in a domestic recovery proceeding or a bankruptcy trustee will be allowed to perform its duties in a foreign country where an asset of the debtor is located, to the extent the applicable foreign law

permits.

Any composition, corporate reorganization, bankruptcy and rehabilitation proceedings for individual debtors pending as of the effective date of the Debtor Recovery and Bankruptcy Act will continue to proceed in accordance with the respective applicable laws.

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As of December 31, 2004, we had W276 billion of loans which are current as to payment of principal and interest but where there exists serious doubt as to the ability of the borrower to comply with repayment terms in the near future. These loans are classified as impaired and therefore included in our calculation of loan loss allowance under U.S. GAAP.

We have certain other interest-earning assets that, if they were loans, would be required to be disclosed as part of the nonaccrual, past due or troubled debt restructuring or potential problem loan disclosures provided above. As of December 31, 2004, we had zero book value for our debt securities on which interest was past due.

Provisioning Policy

We conduct periodic and systematic detailed reviews of our loan portfolios to identify credit risks and to evaluate the adequacy of the overall allowance for loan losses. Our management believes the allowance for loan losses reflects the best estimate of the probable loan losses incurred as of each balance sheet date.

Our loan loss allowance determined under U.S. GAAP comprises a specific allowance and a general allowance. The specific allowance is applied to corporate loans that are considered to be impaired and are either individually or collectively evaluated for impairment. The general allowance is applied to all other loans to reflect losses that have been incurred but not specifically identified.

Loan Classifications

For Korean GAAP and regulatory reporting purposes, each of our banking operations bases its provisioning on the following loan classifications that classify corporate and consumer loans, with the exception of credit card receivables which are classified based on the number of days past due, as required by the Financial Supervisory Commission.

Loan Classification**Loan Characteristics**

Normal	Loans made to customers whose financial position, future cash flows and nature of business are deemed financially sound. No problems in recoverability are expected.
Precautionary	Loans made to customers whose financial position, future cash flows and nature of business show potential weakness, although there is no immediate risk of nonrepayment.
Substandard	Loans made to customers whose adverse financial position, future cash flows and nature of business have a direct effect on the repayment of the loan.
Doubtful	Loans made to customers whose financial position, future cash flows and nature of business are so weak that significant risk exists in the recoverability of the loan, to the extent the outstanding amount exceeds any collateral pledged.
Estimated loss	Loans where write-off is unavoidable.

Corporate Loans

We review all corporate loans annually for potential impairment through a formal credit review, however, our loan officers also consider the credits for impairment throughout the year should information be presented that may indicate an impairment event has occurred.

Under U.S. GAAP, a loan is impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that the creditor will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the agreement. We

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use our local loan classifications as a basis to identify impaired loans. We consider the following loans to be impaired loans for the purpose of determining our specific allowance:

loans classified as substandard or below according to the asset classification guidelines of the Financial Supervisory Commission;

loans that are 90 days or more past due; and

loans which are troubled debt restructurings as defined under U.S. GAAP.

Specific loan loss allowances for corporate loans are established based on whether a particular loan is impaired. Smaller balance corporate loans are evaluated collectively for impairment as these loans are managed collectively.

Loans individually identified for review and considered impaired

Consistent with the internal credit risk monitoring policies, we evaluate larger-balance impaired loans (which are impaired loans in excess of W1 billion for all of our subsidiaries except Chohung Bank whose impaired loans are in excess of W2 billion) individually for impairment. Loan loss allowances for these loans are generally established by discounting the estimated future cash flows (both principal and interest) we expect to receive using the loan's effective interest rate. We consider the likelihood of all possible outcomes in determining our best estimate of expected future cash flows. Management consults closely with individual loan officers and reviews the cash flow assumptions used to ensure these estimates are valid.

Alternatively, for impaired loans that are considered collateral dependent, the amount of impairment is determined by reference to the fair value of the collateral. We consider the reliability and timing of appraisals and determine the reasonableness of fair value estimates, taking into account the time to value the collateral and current market conditions.

We may also measure impairment by reference to the loan's observable market price, however the availability of this information is not commonplace in Korea.

We establish a specific allowance when the discounted cash flow (or collateral value) is lower than the carrying amount of the loan. The specific allowance is equal to the difference between the discounted cashflow (or collateral value) amount and the related carrying amount of the loan.

Loans collectively evaluated for impairment

We also establish specific allowances for smaller-balance impaired corporate loans. These loans are managed on a portfolio basis and are therefore collectively evaluated for impairment since it is not practical to analyze or provide for our smaller loans on an individual, loan by loan basis.

The allowance is determined based on loss factors taking into consideration past performance of the portfolio, previous loan loss history and charge-off information.

These loss factors are developed through a migration model that is a statistical tool used to monitor the progression of loans through different classifications over a specific time period. We adjust these loss factors developed for other qualitative or quantitative factors that affect the collectibility of the portfolio as of the evaluation date including:

Prevailing economic and business conditions within Korea and foreign jurisdictions in which we operate;

Industry concentrations;

Changes in the size and composition of the relevant underlying portfolios;

Changes in lending policies and procedures, including underwriting standards and collection, charge-offs, and recovery practices.

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The following table sets out, at the dates indicated, our loan loss allowances as a percentage of outstanding loans allocable to our impaired corporate borrowers based on their loan classification.

	As of December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(Percentages)		
Normal	2.09%	2.35%	1.87%
Precautionary	15.05	23.72	8.25
Substandard	31.06	33.01	27.79
Doubtful	75.39	68.63	83.15
Estimated loss	99.09	90.11	92.58

Loans not specifically identified as impaired

We establish a general allowance for non-impaired corporate loans to reflect losses incurred within the portfolio which have not yet been specifically identified. The general allowance is also determined based on loss factors developed through a migration model and are adjusted, as appropriate using similar criteria as above.

Leases

For leases, we follow a similar approach to corporate loans collectively evaluated for impairment and establish allowances based on loss factors developed through a migration model and adjusted for specific circumstances related to individual borrowers of the leased asset.

Consumer loans

Consumer loans are segmented into the following product types for the purposes of evaluation of credit risk:

Mortgages;

Home equity loans;

Other consumer loans (consisting of unsecured and secured consumer loans); and

Credit cards.

Mortgages, home equity loans and other consumer loans

For loan losses on mortgages, home equity loans and other consumer loans, we also establish allowances based on loss factors taking into consideration historical performance of the portfolio, previous loan loss history and charge-off information.

We adjust the loss factors derived from the migration analysis as appropriate to reflect the impact of any current conditions on loss recognition that has not been adequately captured by our historical analysis. These include:

Changes in economic and business conditions such as levels of unemployment and house prices;

Change in the nature and volume of the portfolio, including any concentrations of credits;

The effect of external factors such as regulatory or government requirements.

Credit Cards

We establish an allowance for the credit card portfolio using a roll-rate model. A roll-rate model is a statistical tool used to monitor the progression of loans based on aging of the balance and established loss

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rates. The actual loss rates derived from this model are used to project the percentage of losses within each aging category based on performance over an established period of time.

The expected percentage of loss reflects estimates of both default probability within each loan aging bucket and severity of loss. All loans in excess of six months past due are charged off accordingly. We adjust our loans for severity of loss when considering historical recovery of charged off credits when establishing the allowance.

We further segment our credit card portfolio and perform separate roll-rate analyses for card balances, card loans and rewritten card loans to reflect the different risks and characteristics of these portfolios.

We adjust the results from the roll-rate analysis as appropriate to reflect the impact of any current conditions on loss recognition that has not been adequately captured by our historical analysis. These include:

Delinquency levels of cardholders;

Current government involvement within the credit card industry (such as the 2001 Government Amnesty Program);

Key retail performance indicators (such as ratios of household debt to disposable income and household liabilities to financial assets).

The actual amount of incurred loan losses may vary from the estimate of incurred losses due to changing economic conditions or changes in industry or geographic concentrations. We have procedures in place to monitor differences between estimated and actual incurred loan losses, which include detailed periodic assessments by senior management of both individual loans and credit portfolios and the models used to estimate incurred loan losses in those portfolios.

Loan Aging Schedule

The following table shows our loan aging schedule (excluding accrued interest) as of the dates indicated.

As of December 31,	Current		Past Due up to 3 Months		Past Due 3-6 Months		Past Due More Than 6 Months		Total Amount
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	
(In billions of Won, except percentages)									
2000	W 27,049	97.06	W 413	1.48	W 79	0.28	W 328	1.18	W 27,869
2001	32,648	96.98	487	1.45	144	0.43	386	1.14	33,665
2002	43,962	97.58	572	1.27	121	0.27	397	0.88	45,052
2003	91,940	96.48	1,511	1.59	714	0.75	1,130	1.18	95,295
2004	94,480	97.32	855	0.88	431	0.45	1,314	1.35	97,080

Non-Performing Loans

Non-performing loans are defined as loans past due by greater than 90 days. These loans are generally rated substandard or below.

The following table shows, as of the dates indicated, certain details of the total non-performing loan portfolio.

	As of December 31,			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
(In billions of Won, except percentages)				
Total non-performing loans	W 530	W 518	W 1,844	W 1,750
As a percentage of total loans	1.57%	1.15%	1.94%	1.80%

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The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the total non-performing loans by type of borrower.

As of December 31,

	2001			2002			2003			2004		
	Total	Ratio of Non-Performing	Non-Performing	Total	Ratio of Non-Performing	Non-Performing	Total	Ratio of Non-Performing	Non-Performing	Total	Ratio of Non-Performing	Non-Performing
	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans

(In billions of Won, except percentages)

Corporate

Commercial and industrial	W 13,459	W 342	2.54%	W 15,800	W 211	1.34%	W 35,617	W 739	2.07%	35,653	W 898	2.52%
Other commercial	6,748	125	1.85	9,352	205	2.19	17,378	558	3.21	17,988	468	2.60
Lease financing	598	3	0.50	636	1	0.16	1,091	8	0.73	981	19	1.94
Total corporate	20,805	470	2.26	25,788	417	1.62	54,086	1,305	2.41	54,622	1,385	2.54

Consumer

Mortgage and home Equity	7,253	28	0.39	11,539	34	0.29	20,517	133	0.65	22,180	126	0.57
Other consumer	3,537	16	0.45	4,962	19	0.38	14,580	232	1.59	15,546	155	1.00
Credit cards	2,070	16	0.77	2,763	48	1.74	6,112	174	2.85	4,732	84	1.78
Total consumer	12,860	60	0.47	19,264	101	0.52	41,209	539	1.31	42,458	365	0.86

Total	W 33,665	W 530	1.57%	W 45,052	W 518	1.15%	W 95,295	W 1,844	1.94%	W 97,080	W 1,750	1.80%
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Top Twenty Non-Performing Loans

As of December 31, 2004, our twenty largest non-performing loans accounted for 26.1% of our total non-performing loan portfolio. The following table shows, at the date indicated, certain information regarding our twenty largest non-performing loans.

As of December 31, 2004

Gross

Allowance

	Industry	Principal Outstanding	for Loan Losses
(In billions of Won)			
1 Borrower A	Manufacturing	W 99	W 14
2 Borrower B	Manufacturing	55	55
3 Borrower C	Manufacturing	42	26
4 Borrower D	Manufacturing	34	34
5 Borrower E	Manufacturing	34	
6 Borrower F	Real estate, leasing and service	30	
7 Borrower G	Manufacturing	27	19
8 Borrower H	Finance and insurance	19	
9 Borrower I	Hotel and leisure	14	
10 Borrower J	Other service	13	4
11 Borrower K	Construction	13	
12 Borrower L	Real estate, leasing and service	12	
13 Borrower M	Real estate, leasing and service	11	
14 Borrower N	Manufacturing	9	
15 Borrower O	Manufacturing	9	3
16 Borrower P	Transportation, storage and communication	8	1
17 Borrower Q	Manufacturing	8	3
18 Borrower R	Manufacturing	7	7
19 Borrower S	Retail and wholesale	7	7
20 Borrower T	Manufacturing	6	2
		W 457	W 175

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Non-Performing Loan Strategy

One of our primary objectives is to prevent our loans from becoming non-performing. Through our corporate credit rating system, we believe that we have reduced our credit risk relating to future non-performing loans. Our credit rating system is designed to prevent our loan officers from extending new loans to borrowers with high credit risks based on the borrower's credit rating. Our early warning system is designed to bring any sudden increase in a borrower's credit risk to the attention of our loan officers, who then closely monitor such loans.

Notwithstanding the above, if a loan becomes non-performing, an officer at the branch level responsible for monitoring non-performing loans will commence due diligence of the borrower's assets, send a notice demanding payment or a notice that we will take legal action or prepare for legal action.

At the same time, we also initiate our non-performing loan management process, which begins with:
identifying loans subject to a proposed sale by assessing the estimated losses from such sale based on the estimated recovery value of collateral, if any, for such non-performing loans;

identifying loans subject to charge-off based on the estimated recovery value of collateral, if any, for such non-performing loans and the estimated rate of recovery of unsecured loans; and

on a limited basis, identifying commercial loans subject to normalization efforts based on the cash-flow situation of the borrower.

Once the details of a non-performing loan are identified, we pursue early solutions for recovery. Actual recovery efforts on non-performing loans are handled by several of our departments or units, depending on the nature of, including the borrower, such loans.

The officers or agents of the responsible departments and units use a variety of methods to resolve non-performing loans, including:

making phone calls and paying visits to the borrower requesting payment;

continuing to assess and evaluate assets of our borrowers; and

if necessary, initiating legal action such as foreclosures, attachments and litigation.

In order to promote speedy recovery on loans subject to foreclosures and litigation, our policy is to permit the branch responsible for handling these loans to transfer them to the relevant unit at headquarters or regional headquarters.

Our policy is to commence legal action within one month after default on promissory note and four months after delinquency of payment on loans. For loans to insolvent or bankrupt borrowers, we take legal action immediately.

In addition to making efforts to collect on these non-performing loans, we also undertake measures to reduce the level of our non-performing loans, which include:

selling non-performing loans to third parties including the Korea Asset Management Corporation;

entering into asset-backed securitization transactions with respect to non-performing loans;

managing consumer loans that are three months or more past due through Shinhan Credit Information under an agency agreement in the case of Shinhan Bank and through Consumer Loan Collection Division in the case of Chohung Bank; and

using third-party collection agencies including the Solomon Credit Information.

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The following table presents the allocation of our loan loss allowance by loan type. The ratio represents the percentage of loan loss allowance of each loan type to total loan loss allowance.

		As of December 31,							
		2001		2002		2003		2004	
		(In billions of Won, except percentages)							
Corporate									
Commercial and Industrial		W 323	44.86%	W 341	34.24%	W 1,383	38.09%	W 1,065	46.08%
Other commercial		275	38.19	365	36.65	626	17.24	410	17.74
Lease financing		35	4.86	22	2.21	45	1.24	24	1.04
Total corporate		633	87.91	728	73.10	2,054	56.57	1,499	64.86
Consumer									
Mortgages and home equity		9	1.25	30	3.01	53	1.46	36	1.56
Other consumer		22	3.06	59	5.92	659	18.15	368	15.92
Credit cards		56	7.78	179	17.97	865	23.82	408	17.66
Total consumer		87	12.09	268	26.90	1,577	43.43	812	35.14
Total allowance for loan losses		W 720	100.00%	W 996	100.00%	W 3,631	100.00%	W 2,311	100.00%

Our total allowance for loan losses decreased by W1,320 billion, or 36.4%, to W2,311 billion as of December 31, 2004 from W3,631 billion as of December 31, 2003. During 2003, the allowance for loan losses increased by W2,635 billion, or 264.6%, from W996 billion as of December 31, 2002 to W3,631 billion as of December 31, 2003, due primarily to an increase in loan balance resulting from our acquisition of Chohung Bank in 2003 as well as increased delinquencies. During 2004, the allowance for loan losses decreased by W1,320 billion as a result of decreases in allowances for loan losses in both the corporate and consumer sectors.

The allowance for corporate loan losses increased by W1,326 billion, or 182.1%, from W728 billion as of December 31, 2002 to W2,054 billion as of December 31, 2003. This increase is primarily attributable to a W2,225 billion, or 176.2%, increase in the level of impaired corporate loans from W1,263 billion to W3,488 billion during the period under review. The increase in the level of the corporate allowance for loan losses was principally related to an increase in loan balance resulting from our acquisition of Chohung Bank in 2003. The allowance for corporate loan losses decreased by W555 billion, or 27.0%, from W2,054 billion as of December 31, 2003 to W1,499 billion as of December 31, 2004. This decrease is primarily attributable to a reduction in impaired loans.

In the consumer sector, our allowance for loan losses increased by W1,309 billion, or 488.4%, from W268 billion as of December 31, 2002 to W1,577 billion as of December 31, 2003, primarily due to an increase in consumer lending volume resulting from our acquisition of Chohung Bank in 2003 as well as a continuing increase in delinquency rates. The allowance for loan losses decreased by W765 billion, or 48.5%, from W1,577 billion as of December 31, 2003 to W812 billion as of December 31, 2004, primarily due to a reduction in marketing scoring system loans and credit card loans.

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The following table presents an analysis of our loan loss experience for each of the years indicated.

	As of December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(In billions of Won, except percentages)		
Balance at the beginning of the period	W 720	W 996	W 3,631
Amounts charged against income	236	1,011	195
Allowance relating to loans repurchased from the Korea Asset Management Corporation	65	32	2
Gross charge-offs:			
Corporate:			
Commercial and industrial	105	255	465
Other commercial	22	223	26
Lease financing	10	6	
Consumer:			
Mortgage and home equity	2	12	18
Other consumer	17	135	441
Credit cards	60	765	872
Total gross charge-offs	(216)	(1,396)	(1,822)
Recoveries:			
Corporate:			
Commercial and industrial	53	82	105
Other commercial	21	73	121
Lease financing	2		2
Consumer:			
Mortgage and home equity		1	1
Other consumer	1	23	22
Credit cards	17	69	56
Total recoveries	94	248	307
Net charge-offs	(122)	(1,148)	(1,515)
Acquisition of Chohung Bank		2,740	
Acquisition of Jeju Bank	20		
Acquisition of Good Morning Securities	77		
Acquisition of Shinhan Capital			
Acquisition of Shinhan Securities			
Balance at the end of the period	W 996	W 3,631	W 2,311
Ratio of net charge-offs during the period to average loans outstanding during the period	0.30%	1.74%	1.52%

Loan Charge-Offs

Our level of gross charge-offs increased from W216 billion in 2002 to W1,396 billion in 2003 primarily due to an increase in credit card charge-offs from W60 billion in 2002 to W765 billion in 2003 and our acquisition of Chohung Bank and the resulting increase in charge-offs of W776 billion. The charge-offs in 2003 included W128 billion in respect of SK Networks.

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Our level of gross charge-offs increased from W1,396 billion to W1,822 billion in 2004 primarily due to an increase in charge-offs of marketing scoring system loans.

Basic Principles

We attempt to minimize loans to be charged off, by practicing a sound credit approval process based on credit risk analysis prior to extending loans and a systematic management of outstanding loans.

Loans To Be Charged-Off

Loans are charged-off if they are deemed to be uncollectible by falling under any of the following categories:

loans for which collection is not foreseeable due to insolvency or bankruptcy, dissolution or the shutting down of the business of the debtor;

loans for which collection is not foreseeable due to the death or disappearance of debtors;

loans for which expenses of collection exceed the collectable amount;

loans on which collection is not possible through legal or any other means;

payments in arrears in respect of credit cards, which are overdue for more than six months;

payments outstanding on unsecured consumer loans, which have been overdue for more than six months;

payments in arrears in respect of leases, which have been overdue for more than twelve months; or

the portion of loans classified as estimated loss, net of any recovery from collateral, which is deemed to be uncollectible.

Procedure for Charge-off Approval

An application for Shinhan Bank's loans to be charged-off is submitted by a branch to the Corporate Credit Collection Department in the case of corporate loans and foreign branches, and Consumer Credit Collection Team in the case of individual loans. An application for charge off must be submitted four months prior to the date of the write-off, which is the end of every quarter. The General Manager in charge of review evaluates the application. The General Manager of Audit and Examination Department conducts review of compliance with our internal procedures for charge-offs. The General Manager in charge of review gets approval from the President of Shinhan Bank.

An application for Chohung Bank's loans to be charged-off is submitted by a branch to the Loan Recovery Division in the case of corporate loans in excess of W20 million and mortgage and home equity loans, and to the Consumer Loan Collection Division in the case of corporate loans below W20 million, other consumer loans and credit cards. An application for charge off must be submitted three months prior to the date of the write-off, which is the end of every quarter. The General Manager in charge of review evaluates the application. The General Manager of Audit and Examination Department conducts review of compliance with our internal procedures for charge-offs. The General Manager in charge of review gets approval from the President of Chohung Bank.

Treatment of Loans Charged-Off

Once loans are charged-off, they are derecognized from our balance sheet. Shinhan Bank still continues its collection efforts in respect of these loans through third-party collection agencies including the Korea Asset Management Corporation and Shinhan Credit Information. Chohung Bank also continues its collection efforts in respect of these loans internally using credit information produced by third parties or through third-party collection agencies including Solomon Credit Information.

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When Shinhan Bank determines that a loan collateralized by real estate cannot be recovered through normal collection channels, then Shinhan Bank will petition a court to foreclose and sell the collateral through a court-supervised auction within one month after default and insolvency and within four months after delinquency. When Chohung Bank determines that a loan collateralized by real estate cannot be recovered through normal collection channels, then Chohung Bank will petition a court to foreclose and sell the collateral through a court-supervised auction within one month after default and insolvency, within four months after delinquency and immediately upon default occurring at the branch level. However, this treatment does not apply to companies under restructuring, composition, workout or other court proceedings subjecting them to restrictions on such auction procedures. In our experience, the filing of this petition with the court generally encourages the debtor to repay the overdue loan. If a debtor ultimately fails to repay and the court grants its approval for foreclosure, we will sell the collateral and recover the full principal amount and accrued interest up to the sales price, net of expenses incurred from the auction. Foreclosure proceedings under laws and regulations in Korea typically take from seven months to one year from initiation to collection depending on the nature of the collateral.

U.S. GAAP Financial Statement Presentation

Our U.S. GAAP financial statements include as charges-offs all unsecured consumer loans, including credit cards, that are overdue for more than six months. Leases are charged-off when past due for more than twelve months.

Investment Portfolio***Investment Policy***

We invest in and trade Won-denominated and, to a lesser extent, foreign currency-denominated securities for our own account to:

maintain the stability and diversification of our assets;

maintain adequate sources of back-up liquidity to match our funding requirements; and

supplement income from our core lending activities.

In making securities investments, we take into account a number of factors, including macroeconomic trends, industry analysis and credit evaluation in determining whether to make investments in particular securities.

Our investments in securities are also subject to a number of guidelines, including limitations prescribed under the Financial Holding Companies Act and the Bank Act. Under these regulations, a financial holding company may not invest in securities as defined in the Securities and Exchange Act (other than those securities issued by its direct and indirect subsidiaries) in excess of the amount of its shareholders' equity less the total amount of investment in subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions. Generally, a financial holding company is prohibited from acquiring more than 5% of the total issued and outstanding shares of another company (other than its direct and indirect subsidiaries). Furthermore, under these regulations, Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank must limit its investments in shares and securities with a maturity in excess of three years (other than monetary stabilization bonds issued by the Bank of Korea and national government bonds) to 60.0% of our total Tier I and Tier II capital. Generally, Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank are also prohibited from acquiring more than 15.0% of the shares with voting rights issued by any other corporation (other than for the purpose of establishing or acquiring a subsidiary). Further information on the regulatory environment governing our investment activities is set out in *Supervision and Regulation* *Principal Regulations Applicable to Banks* *Restrictions on Investments in Property* , *Principal Regulations Applicable to Banks* *Restrictions on Shareholdings in Other Companies* , *Principal Regulations Applicable to Financial Holding Companies* *Liquidity and* *Principal Regulations Applicable to Financial Holding Companies* *Restrictions on Shareholdings in Other Companies* .

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The following table sets out the book value and market value of securities in our investment portfolio as of the dates indicated.

	As of December 31, 2002		As of December 31, 2003		As of December 31, 2004	
	Book Value	Market Value	Book Value	Market Value	Book Value	Market Value
(In billions of Won)						
Available-for-sale securities						
Marketable equity securities	W 2,481	W 2,481	W 435	W 435	W 507	W 507
Debt securities:						
Korean treasury and governmental agencies	2,230	2,230	8,982	8,982	8,835	8,835
Financial institutions	2,103	2,103	5,998	5,998	5,675	5,675
Corporations	1,230	1,230	1,552	1,552	1,292	1,292
Foreign government	8	8	13	13	57	57
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	685	685	1,119	1,119	1,742	1,742
Total Available-for-sale	8,737	8,737	18,099	18,099	18,108	18,108
Held-to-maturity securities						
Debt securities:						
Korean treasury and governmental agencies	3,132	3,253	2,351	2,472	1,662	1,814
Financial institutions	563	572	553	574	1,219	1,268
Corporations	439	454	365	376	218	225
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	274	279	336	339		
Total Held-to-maturity	4,408	4,558	3,605	3,761	3,099	3,307
Trading Securities						
Marketable equity securities	196	196	279	279	312	312
Debt securities:						
Korean treasury and governmental agencies	346	346	1,152	1,152	1,995	1,995
Financial institutions	204	204	1,013	1,013	1,322	1,322
Corporations	180	180	369	369	965	965
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities			40	40	20	20
Other trading assets(1)			4	4	25	25
Total Trading	926	926	2,857	2,857	4,639	4,639
Total securities	W 14,071	W 14,221	W 24,561	W 24,717	W 25,846	W 26,054

Note:

(1) Consists of commodity indexed deposits.

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The following table categorizes our securities by maturity and weighted average yield as of December 31, 2004.

	1 Year or Less		Over 1 Year Through 5 Years		Over 5 Years Through 10 Years		Over 10 Years		Securities Not Due In a Single Maturity(1)		Total	
	Weighted- Carrying Amount	Average Yield(2)	Weighted- Carrying Amount	Average Yield(2)	Weighted- Carrying Amount	Average Yield(2)	Weighted- Carrying Amount	Average Yield(2)	Weighted- Carrying Amount	Average Yield(2)	Weighted- Carrying Amount	Average Yield(2)

(In billions of Won, except percentages)

Available-for-sale securities:															
Korean treasury and governmental agencies	W	595	4.57%	W	5,322	4.14%	W	632	4.22%	W	2,286	4.5%	W	8,835	4.27%
Financial institutions		2,772	3.77		2,671	3.87		232	6.29					5,675	3.93
Corporations		566	5.30		621	4.17		74	1.24		31	2.97		1,292	4.48
Foreign government		27	3.20		27	4.08		3	6.92					57	3.79
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities		362	3.71		1,287	1.62		93	3.94					1,742	2.19
Total Available for sale		4,322	4.07%		9,928	3.74%		1,034	4.49%		31	2.97%		2,286	4.5%

Held-to-maturity securities:

Korean treasury and governmental agencies		266	6.28%		1,241	6.20%		155	5.11%					1,662	6.11%
Financial institutions		875	4.48		327	4.96		17	4.87					1,219	4.61
Corporations		139	8.56		79	4.80			0.00					218	7.19
Total Held-to-maturity		1,280	5.30%		1,647	5.88%		172	5.08%					3,099	5.60%

Trading securities:											
Korean treasury and governmental agencies	73	4.08%	1,696	3.67%	196	3.62%	%	30	4.6%	1,995	3.69%
Financial institutions	765	3.66	557	3.57						1,322	3.62
Corporations	965	0.86								965	0.86
Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities	20	3.45								20	3.45
Total Trading	1,823	2.19%	2,253	3.64%	196	3.62%	2.97%	30	4.6%	4,302	3.03%
Total Securities	W 7,425		W 13,828		W 1,402		W 31		W 2,316		W 25,002

Note:

- (1) The principal repayment schedule for such securities is based on installment due on different maturity dates.
- (2) The weighted-average yield for the portfolio represents the yield to maturity for each individual security, weighted using its amortized cost.

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As of December 31, 2004, we held the following securities of individual issuers where the aggregate book value of those securities exceeded 10.0% of our stockholders' equity at such date.

As of December 31, 2004				
	Book Value		Market Value	
	(In billions of Won)			
Name of issuer:				
Korean Government	W	5,711	W	5,761
Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation		4,589		4,634
Bank of Korea		3,982		3,988
Korea Highway Corporation		1,069		1,102
Korea Development Bank		982		989
Kookmin Bank		841		860
Total	W	17,174	W	17,334

Our stockholders' equity as of December 31, 2004 was W5,664 billion.

Except for Kookmin Bank and the Korean government itself, all of the above entities are controlled and owned by the government.

Credit-Related Commitments and Guarantees

In the normal course of our banking activities, we make various commitments and guarantees to meet the financing and other business needs of our customers. Commitments and guarantees are usually in the form of, among others, commitments to extend credit, commercial letters of credit, standby letter of credit and performance guarantees. The contractual amount of these financial instruments represents the maximum possible loss amount if the account party draws down the commitment or we should fulfill our obligation under the guarantee and the account party fails to perform under the contract.

The following table sets forth our credit-related commitments and guarantees as of the dates indicated.

As of December 31,						
	2002		2003		2004	
	(In billions of Won)					
Commitments to extend credit:						
Corporate	W	29,008	W	32,922	W	39,323
Credit cards(1)		7,827		17,207		23,606
Consumer		1,753		3,752		5,961
Commercial letters of credit(2)		2,202		3,075		3,364
Standby letters of credit, other financial and performance guarantees and liquidity facilities to SPEs		2,812		4,686		3,407
Total	W	43,602	W	61,642	W	75,661

Notes:

- (1) Relates to the unused portion of credit card limits that may be cancelled by us after notice to the borrower if we determine that the borrower's repayment ability is significantly impaired.
- (2) These are generally short-term and collateralized by the underlying shipments of goods to which they relate. We have credit-related commitments that are not reflected on the balance sheet, which primarily consist of commitments to extend credit and commercial letters of credit. Commitments to extend credit, including

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credit lines, represent unfunded portions of authorizations to extend credit in the form of loans. These commitments expire on fixed dates and a customer is required to comply with predetermined conditions to draw funds under the commitments. These commitments are in general subject to provisions that allow us to withdraw such commitments in the event there are material adverse changes affecting an obligor. As a result, we do not make provisions with respect to these credit commitments given the material adverse change clause which allows us to cancel the agreement if the underlying counterparty exposure is impaired. Accordingly, we do not raise provisions in respect to the unused portions of the credit commitments except for overdrafts.

Commercial letters of credit are undertakings on behalf of customers authorizing third parties to draw drafts on us up to a stipulated amount under specific terms and conditions. They are generally short-term and collateralized by the underlying shipments of goods which they relate to and therefore have less risk.

We also have guarantees that are recorded on the balance sheet at their fair value at inception which is amortized over the life of the guarantees. Such guarantees generally include standby letters of credit, other financial and performance guarantees and liquidity facilities to SPEs.

Standby letters of credit are irrevocable obligations to pay third party beneficiaries when our customers fail to repay loans or debt instruments, which are generally in foreign currencies. A substantial portion of these standby letters of credit are secured by underlying assets, including trade-related documents.

Other financial and performance guarantees are irrevocable assurance that we make payments to beneficiaries in the event that our customers fail to fulfill their obligations or to perform under certain contracts. Liquidity facilities to SPEs represent irrevocable commitments to provide contingent liquidity credit lines to SPEs established by our customers in the event that a triggering event such as shortage of cash occurs. See Note 30 in Item 18. Financial Statements Notes to consolidated financial statements of Shinhan Financial Group for details.

The commitments and guarantees do not necessarily represent our exposure since they often expire unused.

Derivatives

As discussed under Business Overview Our Principal Activities Treasury and Securities Investment above, we engage in derivatives trading activities primarily on behalf of our customers so that they may hedge their risks and also enter into back-to-back derivatives with other financial institutions to cover exposures arising from such transactions. In addition, we enter into derivatives transactions to hedge against risk exposures arising from our own assets and liabilities, some of which are nontrading derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment.

The following shows, as of December 31, 2004, the gross notional or contractual amounts of derivatives and foreign exchange contracts held or issued for (i) trading and (ii) nontrading that qualify for hedge accounting.

As of December 31, 2004

	Underlying Notional Amount(1)	Estimated Fair Value Assets	Estimated Fair Value Liabilities
(In billions of Won)			
Trading:			
Foreign exchange contracts:			
Forward contracts	W 29,334	W 994	W 989
Options purchased	2,144	61	
Options written	2,388		88
Sub-total	33,866	1,055	1,077

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As of December 31, 2004

	Underlying Notional Amount(1)	Estimated Fair Value Assets	Estimated Fair Value Liabilities
(In billions of Won)			
Interest rate contracts:			
Swaps(2)	20,782	209	190
Futures	324		
Options purchased	20		
Options written	28		
Sub-total	21,154	209	190
Cross currency swaps	6,466	381	416
Equity contracts:			
Futures	2		
Option purchased	929	30	
Option written	930		36
Sub-total	1,861	30	36
Other derivatives:			
Option purchased	318	3	
Option written	325		3
Sub-total	643	3	3
Credit derivatives	130		
Total	W 64,120	W 1,678	W 1,722
Hedge accounting:			
Interest rate swaps	469	4	
Sub-total	469	4	
Nontrading that do not qualify for hedge accounting			
Interest rate swaps	4,436	49	34
Cross currency swaps	20		5
Total	W 4,456	W 49	W 39

Notes:

- (1) Notional amounts in foreign currencies were converted into Won at prevailing exchange rates as of December 31, 2004.

- (2) While we engage in derivatives trading activities to hedge the interest rate risk exposure that arise from our own assets and liabilities, as these nontrading derivative contracts do not qualify for hedge accounting under U.S. GAAP, they are accounted for as trading derivatives in the financial statements. As a result, includes interest rate swaps held for nontrading that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment in the underlying notional amount, estimated fair value of assets and estimated fair value of liabilities of W4,456 billion, W49 billion and W39 billion, respectively.

Funding

We obtain funding for our lending activities from a variety of sources, both domestic and foreign. Our principal source of funding is customer deposits obtained from our banking operations. In addition, Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank acquire funding through call money, borrowings from the Bank of Korea, other short-term borrowings and other long-term debt.

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Our primary funding strategy has been to achieve low-cost funding by increasing the average balances of low-cost retail deposits. Customer deposits accounted for 65.0% of our total funding as of December 31, 2002, 68.3% of our total funding as of December 31, 2003 and 66.9% of our total funding as of December 31, 2004. As of December 31, 2002, 2003 and 2004, W3,872 billion, W4,205 billion and W4,329 billion, or 9.2%, 10.8% and 11.2%, respectively, of Chohung Bank's total deposits in Korean Won were deposits made by litigants in connection with legal proceedings in Korean courts. Court deposits carry interest rates, which are generally lower than market rates. Chohung Bank's other sources of funding consist principally of borrowing from the Bank of Korea and borrowings in foreign currencies.

In addition, we acquire funding through the issuance of bonds, primarily through Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank. Our borrowings consist mainly of borrowings from financial institutions, the Korean government and Korean government-affiliated funds. Call money, which is available in both Won and foreign currencies, is obtained from the domestic call loan market, a short-term loan market for loans with maturities of less than one month.

Deposits

Although the majority of our bank deposits are short-term, it has been our experience that the majority of our depositors generally roll over their deposits at maturity, providing our banking operation with a stable source of funding.

The following table shows the average balances of our deposits and the average rates paid on our deposits for the periods indicated.

	2002		2003		2004	
	Average Balance(1)	Average Rate Paid	Average Balance(1)	Average Rate Paid	Average Balance(1)	Average Rate Paid
(In billions of Won, except percentages)						
Interest-bearing deposits:						
Interest-bearing demand deposits	W 432	1.39%	W 2,653	1.39%	W 7,880	1.33%
Savings deposits	9,924	1.85	15,922	1.46	21,987	1.24
Certificates of deposit	3,146	4.90	4,954	4.44	6,735	4.08
Other time deposits	19,468	4.91	27,776	4.19	41,863	3.83
Mutual installment deposits(2)	1,664	6.07	2,109	5.36	2,487	4.54
Total interest-bearing deposits(3)	W 34,634	4.05%	W 53,414	3.31%	W 80,952	2.93%

Notes:

- (1) Average balances are based on daily balances for our primary banking operation and quarterly balances for subsidiaries.
- (2) Mutual installment deposits are interest-bearing deposits offered by Shinhan Bank which enable customers to become eligible for loans while they maintain an account with us. The customer's account does not have to secure loan amounts once made but is a requirement for loan eligibility. Prior to qualifying for a loan a customer must make required periodic deposits to the mutual installment account for a contracted term of less than five years. A customer is not required to fulfill the deposit term prior to requesting a loan from Shinhan Bank, but loan

amounts and terms are not as favorable in the event of a loan request prior to completing the deposit contract term.

- (3) Under U.S. GAAP, does not include cover bills sold or bonds sold under repurchase agreements, which are offered to our customers as deposit products. These are reflected as short-term borrowings and secured borrowings, respectively.

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For a breakdown of retail deposit products, see [Business Overview](#) [Our Principal Activities](#) [Deposit-taking Activities](#) , except that cover bills sold are reflected on short-term borrowings and securities sold under repurchase agreements are reflected as secured borrowings.

Certificates of Deposit and Other Time Deposits

The following table presents the balance and remaining maturities of our other time deposits, certificates of deposit and mutual installment deposits which had a fixed maturity in excess of W100 million or more as of December 31, 2004.

As of December 31, 2004

	Certificates of Deposit	Other Time Deposits	Mutual Installment Deposits	Total
	(In billions of Won)			
Maturing within three months	3,748	5,787	110	9,645
After three but within six months	2,226	3,184	58	5,468
After six but within 12 months	1,682	11,614	104	13,400
After 12 months	186	1,434	177	1,797
Total	7,842	22,019	449	30,310

A majority of our certificates of deposit accounts and other time deposits issued by our foreign offices is in the amount of US\$100,000 or more.

Japanese Yen Deposits and Dispute with the Korean National Tax Service

Beginning in 2002, commercial banks in Korea, including Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, offered to their customers deposit products that utilize Korean Won and Japanese Yen swaps to maximize the return for such customers. According to the terms of these deposit products, deposits made by customers in Korean Won are converted into Japanese Yen and repaid in Japanese Yen at maturity. The repayment amount is then converted back into Korean Won. While these deposit products typically carry a low interest rate, ranging from 0.05% to 0.3% per annum, the actual return to the customers were higher as a result of foreign exchange gains. These deposit products are attractive to customers, in particular high net worth customers, since the gains from foreign exchange were deemed not to be interest subject to income tax. However, in May 2005, the Korean National Tax Service announced a recommendation in which it decided that these gains were taxable as interest income and that the banks should refile its tax returns to include the unwithheld amounts. In June 2005, the Korean National Tax Service made a follow-up announcement confirming this position by stating that (i) its decision to tax such gains as taxable interest income is not considered a retroactive tax since it never made an official ruling that the gains would be tax free in the first place, (ii) any advice of the Korean National Tax Service posted on its website in response to inquiries from the commercial banks is not considered an official ruling having legal effect, and (iii) the tax is applied only to those gains derived from foreign currency deposits which are disguised as a derivative product and not to gains derived from bona fide derivative transactions, which are currently tax free. Eight of the commercial banks in Korea, who are subject to this adverse tax treatment, have announced their intention to challenge the foregoing decision by the Korean National Tax Service while complying with the Tax Service's information requests. As of June 1, 2005, Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank would have been subject to a tax withholding liability of W17.2 billion and W1.5 billion, respectively.

The commercial banks had marketed these deposit products to their customers on the basis that such deposit products were exempt from income tax or tax withholding. We believe that few, if any, of these customers have

reported the gains from such deposit products as interest income subject to taxation in their tax returns. According to the Korean National Tax Service, these deposit customers are also responsible for including the income received from these deposits in their final individual tax returns relating to comprehensive financial taxable income. However, depending on the amount of income received from these products, the individual customers may be subject to (i) a higher tax rate on all of his or her taxable income, (ii) a fine for

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failing to properly report the interest income in an amount equal to 20% of the unreported amount, and (iii) a fine for failing to pay tax on such interest income in an amount equal to interest applied at a rate of 10.95% per annum to such unpaid tax amount. No assurance can be given that aggrieved customers will not bring claims against these commercial banks, including Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, if their tax liabilities are increased as a result of the foregoing events. Such claims, if there is merit, may lead to significant level of actual or contingent liabilities for us although we cannot ascertain the amount of such potential claims at this time. Such claims, to the extent material, may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Banking Business Our current dispute with the Korean National Tax Service relating to certain deposit products, if adversely resolved, and together with potential claims from our customers, may materially and adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

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The following table presents information regarding our short-term borrowings (borrowings with an original maturity of one year or less) for the periods indicated.

2002				2003				2004			
Average Balance Outstanding	Highest Balances at Any Month-end	Weighted Average Interest Rate(2)	Year-end Interest Rate	Average Balance Outstanding	Highest Balances at Any Month-end	Weighted Average Interest Rate(2)	Year-end Interest Rate	Average Balance Outstanding	Highest Balances at Any Month-end	Weighted Average Interest Rate(2)	Year-end Interest Rate
(In billions of Won, except for percentages)											
W 1,067	W 1,374	2.34%	1.39- 6.75%	W 1,964	W 1,122	W 2,669	2.41%	1.12- 2.50%	W 1,568	W 1,737	W 2,050
1,464	2,717	3.96	0.15- 4.50%	179	1,803	3,742	3.55%	0.15- 3.65%	1,156	3,512	5,230
4,695	6,928	3.60	0.19- 5.90%	9,061	8,475	11,300	2.04%	0.05- 10.15%	8,230	9,685	11,160
W 7,226	W 11,019	3.50%		W 11,204	W 11,400	W 17,711	2.82%		W 10,954	W 14,934	W 18,460

Notes:

- (1) Average outstanding balances have been calculated using daily balances for our primary banking operations and quarterly balances for subsidiaries.
- (2) Weighted-average interest rates during this year are calculated by dividing the total interest expenses by the average amount borrowed.
- (3) Borrowings from the Bank of Korea generally mature within one month for borrowings in Won and six months for borrowings on foreign currencies.
- (4) Other short-term borrowings included borrowings from trust accounts, bills sold, borrowings in domestic and foreign currencies and short-term debentures.

Our short-term borrowings have maturities of less than one year which are generally unsecured with the exception of borrowings from the Bank of Korea.

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Risk Management

Overview

As a financial services provider, we are exposed to various risks relating to our lending, securities investment, credit card, trading and leasing businesses, our deposit taking and borrowing activities and our operating environment. The principal risks to which we are exposed are credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. These risks are recognized, measured and reported in accordance with risk management guidelines established at our holding company level.

Our risk management is guided by several principles, including:

identifying and managing all inherent risks;

standardizing risk management process and methodology;

ensuring supervision and control of risk management independent of business activities;

continuously assessing risk preference;

preventing risk concentration;

operating a precise and comprehensive risk management system including statistical models; and

balancing profitability and risk management through risk-adjusted profit management.

Organization

Risk management and oversight begins with the Group Risk Management Committee of the board of directors at the holding company level. The Group Risk Management Committee establishes the overall risk management guidelines and risk limits applicable to the group and each subsidiary, while delegating the day-to-day risk management and oversight functions to the Senior Executive Vice President of Risk Management. The Senior Executive Vice President of Risk Management discusses the risk management policies and strategies of the Group and its subsidiaries at the Group Risk Management Council, comprised of the Senior Executive Vice President of Risk Management, as its chairperson, and the executive officers of risk management from its subsidiaries.

In order to maintain the Group's risk at an appropriate level, we have established a hierarchical limit system, where the Group Risk Management Committee establishes risk limits for the holding company and each subsidiary, and each subsidiary establishes and manages more detailed risk limits by type of risk and type of product for each department and division within the respective subsidiary. In accordance with the group risk management policies and strategies, each subsidiary's risk management committee establishes its own risk management policies and strategies in more detail and the respective risk management department implements those policies and strategies. The risk management department, operating independently from business operations of each subsidiary, monitors, assesses, manages and controls the overall risk of its operations and reports all major risk-related issues to the Group's Senior Executive Vice President of Risk Management.

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The following table sets forth the levels of our risk management system.

Group Risk Management Committee

The Group Risk Management Committee consists of three outside directors of the holding company. The Group Risk Management Committee convenes at least once every quarter and may also convene on an *ad hoc* basis as needed. The Group Risk Management Committee makes decisions related to:

establishing basic risk management policies consistent with business strategy;

establishing risk limits appropriate for the group and each subsidiary;

establishing and amending, as necessary, risk management regulations, which regulates risk management activities of the group as well as each subsidiary, establishes risk limits and provides risk management guidelines; and

other risk management-related issues the board of directors or the Group Risk Management Committee see fit to discuss.

The results of Group Risk Management Committee meetings are reported to the board of directors of the holding company. The Group Risk Management Committee makes decisions through affirmative votes by a majority of the committee members.

Group Risk Management Council

The Group Risk Management Council provides a forum for risk management executives from each subsidiary to discuss the group's risk management guidelines and strategy in order to maintain consistency in

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the group risk policies and strategies. The Group Risk Management Council consists of the holding company's Senior Executive Vice President of Risk Management, as chairman, the head of the Treasury & Risk Management Team of the holding company and the executive officers of risk management of each subsidiary. The Group Risk Management Council discusses:

- changes in risk management policies and strategies for each subsidiary;
- matters warranting discussion of risk management at the group level and cooperation among the subsidiaries;
- the effect of externalities on the group's risk; and
- other risk management-related matters.

The Group Risk Management Council has a sub-council, consisting of working-level risk management officers, to discuss the above-related matters in advance.

Credit Risk Management of Shinhan Bank

As we acquired Chohung Bank only recently, risk management of Chohung Bank has not yet been fully integrated with us, although subject to overall group risk management policies. For a detailed description of Chohung Bank's risk management, see Risk Management of Chohung Bank.

Credit risk, which is the risk of loss from default by an obligor or counter-party, is the greatest risk we face. A substantial majority of our credit risk is derived from Shinhan Bank, Chohung Bank and Shinhan Card. The discussion in this section focuses on credit risk management of Shinhan Bank.

Shinhan Bank's credit risk management is guided by the following principles:

- achieve profit level corresponding to the level of risks involved;
- improve asset quality and achieve optimal industrial and rating loan portfolio;
- focus on the small- and medium-sized enterprises and markets;
- avoid excessive loan concentration to a particular borrower or sector;
- focus on borrower's ability to repay the debt; and
- financially support our select customers' growth.

Major policies for Shinhan Bank's credit risk management are determined by the Credit Committee, the executive decision-making body for management of credit risk. The Credit Committee is led by the Chief Credit Officer, who is the head of the Credit Policy & Risk Management Department. The Credit Committee further consists of chief officers from five business divisions. In addition to making all credit-related decisions, the Credit Committee evaluates and approves large credits in excess of W5 billion for unsecured and W15 billion for secured lending. Meetings to approve these large credits are held twice a week. The Credit Committee makes decisions by 2/3 or more votes of the attending members, which must constitute at least two-thirds of the committee members to satisfy the quorum.

Shinhan Bank performs credit risk management procedures pursuant to internal guidelines and regulations and continually monitors and improves these guidelines and regulations. Its credit risk management procedures include:

- credit evaluation and approval;
- credit review and monitoring; and
- credit risk assessment and control.

Table of Contents*Credit Evaluation and Approval*

All loan applicants and guarantors are subject to credit review evaluation before approval of any loans. Credit evaluation of loan applicants are carried out on a separate level by Credit Officer and Senior Credit Officer and (senior) credit officer committees consisting of loan evaluation specialists from different areas. Loan evaluation is carried out by a group rather than by an individual level through objective and deliberate process. Shinhan Bank uses a credit scoring system for consumer loans and credit-risk rating system for commercial loans.

Consumer loans

Loan applications for consumer loans are reviewed in accordance with Shinhan Bank's credit scoring system and the objective statistics methodology regarding secured and unsecured loans maintained and operated by Shinhan Bank's Retail Banking Division. The credit scoring system is an automated credit approval systems used to evaluate loan applications and determine the appropriate pricing for the loan.

Shinhan Bank's credit scoring system takes into account factors such as a borrower's personal information, transaction history with Shinhan Bank and other financial institutions and other relevant credit information. The applicant is given a score which is used to decide whether to approve loans as well as determine loan amounts. The score determines whether the applicant is approved for credit, denied or placed in a gray-zone. If the applicant's score falls into the gray-zone, then the appropriate discretionary body, independent of Shinhan Bank's business operations, makes a reassessment, which considers qualitative factors as well as quantitative factors, such as credit history, occupation and past relationship with Shinhan Bank.

For mortgage loans and loans secured by real estate, Shinhan Bank evaluates the value of the real estate offered as collateral for a loan using a database Shinhan Bank has developed, which contains information about real estate values throughout Korea. In addition, Shinhan Bank uses information from a third party provider of information about the real estate market in Korea, which gives Shinhan Bank up-to-date market value information for Korean real estate values. Staffs from the processing centers appraise the real estate. In addition, Shinhan Bank hires certified appraisers to appraise real estate collateral of which value is ₩5 billion or greater. Shinhan Bank reevaluates internally, on a summary basis, the appraisal value of collateral at least every two years. To protect against fraudulent transfers, Shinhan Bank has established an underwriting standard for adequacy of collaterals and the procedure of legal screening for whether or not there is a perfection of ownership.

For loans secured by securities, Shinhan Bank evaluates the value of the securities based upon the market value of the securities. If the value of the securities declines over the life of a loan, the borrower will be required to post additional securities as collateral. For loans secured by deposits, Shinhan Bank will grant loans in an amount up to 100% of the deposit amount if the deposit is held with Shinhan Bank or, if the deposits are held with another financial institution, up to 90% of the deposit amount. Shinhan Bank also requires borrowers in respect of secured obligations to observe specified collateral ratios.

Corporate loans

Shinhan Bank rates all of its corporate borrowers using a rating system. Shinhan Bank uses internally developed credit evaluation models to rate potential borrowers. Shinhan Bank fully integrated the corporate credit rating systems in October 1998.

The credit risk-rating systems take into account a variety of evaluation criteria in order to standardize credit decisions, by focusing on the quality of borrowers rather than the volume of loans. The systems include both quantitative factors based on the borrower's financial and other data, and qualitative factors based on the judgment of Shinhan Bank's credit officers. Financial evaluation factors Shinhan Bank considers include financial variables and ratios based on Shinhan Bank's customer's financial statements, such as return on assets and cash flow to total debt ratios. Non-financial evaluation factors include the industry in which the borrower operates, its competitive position in its industry, its operating and funding capabilities, Shinhan Bank's belief regarding its financial prospects, the quality of its management and controlling stockholders

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(based in part on interviews with its officers and employees), technological capabilities, labor relations, the status of its auditors and information gathered from outside sources such as rating agencies or industrial associations.

Shinhan Bank consults reports prepared by external credit rating services, such as Korea Information Service, National Information & Credit Evaluation Inc. and Korea Management Consulting & Credit Rating Corporation. Shinhan Bank uses these services to provide it with support for the accuracy of the credit review it conducts.

We established a task force to integrate and harmonize the credit decision-making processes of Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, and as a result, implemented a uniform credit risk rating system that applies similarly to both Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank, effective February 2005. Based on the scores calculated under the new credit rating system, which takes into account the evaluation criteria described above and the probability of default, Shinhan Bank assigns the borrower one of twenty grades (AAA to D). Grades AA through B are further broken down into + , 0 or - . Grades AAA through B- are classified as normal, grade CCC precautionary, and grades CC through D non-performing. The credit risk-rating model is further differentiated by the size of the corporate borrower and the type of credit facilities.

Shinhan Bank monitors and improves the effectiveness of the credit risk-rating systems using a database that it updates continually with actual default records.

Loan Approval Process

Evaluations of general loans are approved after combined evaluation and approval of the relationship manager of each branch and the committee of the applicable business unit. Depending on the size and the importance of the loan, the approval process passes through review of Credit Officer Committee or Senior Credit Officer Committee. In the case where the loan is considered significant or the amount exceeds the discretion limit of the Senior Credit Officer Committee, the credit evaluation is carried out at the highest decision-making credit approval body, the Credit Committee.

The chart below summarizes the credit approval process of our banking operation. The Senior Credit Officer and the Head of Business Division does not make individual decisions on loan approval, but is part of the decision-making process at the group level.

The discretion at each level of the approval process is determined by the credit level of the applicant based on credit review, whether the loan is secured by collateral and the level of credit risk established by the credit rating system.

The discretionary levels are divided into six categories depending on the credit rating assigned and the existence and value of collateral. The loan amount determines the approval body branch manager, branch

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manager and Credit Officer, Credit Officer Committee, Senior Credit Officer Committee or Credit Committee.

Category	Approval Body	Approval Limit of Loan Amount
1	Branch Manager (Individual Loans)	
	Unsecured	W100 million or less
	Secured	W500 million W1 billion or less
2	Branch Manager (Corporate loans)	
	Unsecured	W300 million or less
	Secured	W2 billion or less
3	Branch Manager and Credit Officer	
	Unsecured	W500 million or less
	Secured	W3 billion or less
4	Credit Officer Committee	
	Unsecured	W1 billion or less
	Secured	W5 billion or less
5	Senior Credit Officer Committee	
	Unsecured	W5 billion or less
	Secured	W15 billion or less
6	Credit Committee	
	Unsecured	More than W5 billion
	Secured	More than W15 billion

Credit Review and Monitoring

Shinhan Bank continually reviews and monitors existing credit risks primarily with respect to borrowers. In particular, Shinhan Bank's automated early warning system conducts weekly examination for borrowers using over 60 financial and non-financial factors, and the relationship manager and the credit officer must conduct periodic loan review and report to independent loan review team which analyzes in detail the results and adjusts credit rating accordingly. Based on these reviews, Shinhan Bank adjusts a borrower's credit rating, credit limit, applied interest rates and credit policies. In addition, the group credit rating of the borrower's group, if applicable, may be adjusted following a periodic review of the main debtor groups identified by the Governor of the Financial Supervisory Service based on their outstanding credit exposures, of which 29 were identified most recently in April 2005. Shinhan Bank also continually reviews other factors, such as industry conditions in which borrowers operate and their domestic and overseas asset base and operations, to ensure that ratings are appropriate. The Credit Review Department provides credit review reports, independent of underwriting, to Chief Risk Officer and CEO on a monthly basis.

The early warning system makes automatic weekly check for borrowers with whom Shinhan Bank has more than W1 billion of exposure. The relationship manager and the Credit Officer monitor those borrowers, and then the Credit Review Department further reviews the results of the monitoring. In addition, Shinhan Bank carries out special review of each borrower in accordance with changing credit risk based on changing commercial environment. The results of such special review are continually reported to the Chief Risk Officer of Shinhan Bank.

Depending on the nature of the problem detected by the early warning system, a borrower may be classified as a deteriorating credit and undergo evaluation for a possible downgrade in its customer rating, or may be initially classified as a borrower showing early warning signs or re-attain normal borrower status. For borrowers classified as showing early warning signs, the relevant relationship manager gathers information and conducts a review of the borrower to determine whether it should be classified as a deteriorating credit or whether to impose management improvement warnings or implement joint creditors' management. In the case where the borrower becomes non-performing, Shinhan Bank's collection department

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directly manages such borrower's account in order to maximize recovery rate, and conducts auctions, court proceedings, sale of assets or corporate restructuring as needed.

Credit Risk Assessment and Control

To assess credit risk in a systematic manner, Shinhan Bank has developed systems designed to quantify credit risks based on selection and monitoring of various statistics, including delinquency rate, non-performing loan ratio, expected loan loss and weighted average risk rating.

Shinhan Bank controls loan concentration by monitoring and managing loans at two levels—portfolio level and individual loan account level. In order to prevent concentration of loans, Shinhan Bank has established a credit limit per country, industry, affiliates, corporation and financial institution, and has encouraged extension of credit to customers with good credit and reduction of credit to customers with less than good credit. In addition, Shinhan Bank utilizes the results of credit portfolio analysis in allocating asset quality based on forward looking criteria, increasing discretion and adjusting loan to value ratio.

Shinhan Bank measures credit risk using internally accumulated data. Shinhan Bank measures expected and unexpected losses with respect to total assets monthly, which Shinhan Bank refers to when setting risk limits for, and allocate capital to, its business groups. Expected loss is calculated based on credit rating and the past bankruptcy rate and recovery rate, and Shinhan Bank provides allowance for loan losses under Korean GAAP accordingly. Shinhan Bank selects the higher of the two provisioning levels, as determined by the Financial Supervisory Service requirement or Shinhan Bank's internal calculation. Unexpected loss is predicted based on Value at Risk, or VaR, under the historical simulation method. Shinhan Bank plans to apply the more advanced Monte Carlo simulation method rather than the historical simulation method going forward, and plans to operate an integrated and systematic credit risk management rather than risk management based on credit limitation.

Credit Card Approval Process of Shinhan Card

Approval of credit card applications is processed using automated credit scoring system retooled for credit cards. Credit scoring system for credit cards is divided into two sub-systems: Application Scoring System and Behavior Scoring System. Behavior Scoring System is based largely on the credit history and Application Scoring System is based largely on personal information of the applicant. For credit card applicants with whom we have an existing relationship, credit scoring system factors in internally gathered information such as repayment ability, total assets, the length of the existing relationship and the applicant's contribution to profitability. Credit scoring system also automatically conducts credit checks on all credit card applicants. Shinhan Card gathers information about applicants' transaction history with financial institutions, including banks and credit card companies, from a number of third party credit reporting agencies including National Information & Credit Evaluation Inc., other credit card companies in Korea, the Korea Federation of Banks, Korea Non-bank Financing Association and credit rating agencies. These credit checks reveal a list of the delinquent customers of all the credit card issuers in Korea.

If the credit score awarded to an applicant is above a minimum threshold, then the application is approved unless overridden by other policy factors such as delinquencies with other credit card companies. In respect of credit card applications by our long-standing customers with good credit history, Shinhan Card has discretion to waive the application of the awarded credit score unless overridden by other policy factors. All of these factors also act as the basis for setting a credit limit if Shinhan Card approves an application.

Market Risk Management of Shinhan Bank

Market risk is the risk of loss generated by fluctuations in market prices such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices. The principal market risks to which we are exposed are interest rate risk and, to a lesser extent, equity price risk, foreign exchange risk and commodity risk. These risks stem from our trading and nontrading activities relating to financial instruments such as loans, deposits, securities and financial derivatives. We divide market risk into risks arising from trading activities and risks arising from nontrading activities.

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Market risk to which we are exposed arises primarily from Shinhan Bank and Chohung Bank and the other subsidiaries do not incur significant market risk, except for Good Morning Shinhan Securities, our securities trading and brokerage subsidiary, which incurs market risk relating to its trading activities. For Shinhan Bank's market risk management, the Risk Management Committee establishes overall market risk management principles for both the trading and nontrading activities of Shinhan Bank. Based on these principles, the Asset & Liability Management Committee, or the ALM Committee, of Shinhan Bank assesses and controls market risks arising from trading and nontrading activities. The ALM Committee, which consists of eight executive vice presidents and the head of the Treasury Department, is the executive decision-making body for Shinhan Bank's risk management and asset and liability management operations. At least on a monthly basis, the ALM Committee reviews and approves reports, which include the position and value-at-risk, or VaR, with respect to Shinhan Bank's trading activities and the position, VaR, duration gap and market value analysis and net interest income simulation with respect to its nontrading activities. Shinhan Bank measures market risk with respect to all assets and liabilities in the bank accounts and trust accounts in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the Financial Supervisory Commission.

Good Morning Shinhan Securities manages its market risk based on its overall risk limit established by its risk management committee as well as the risk limits and detailed risk management guidelines for each product and department established by its management's committee. Good Morning Shinhan Securities assesses the adequacy of these limits at least annually.

For detailed discussions on Chohung Bank's market risk management, see Risk Management of Chohung Bank Market Risk Management.

We use Korean GAAP numbers on a nonconsolidated basis for our market risk management and, unless otherwise specified, the numbers presented for quantitative market risk disclosure were prepared in accordance with Korean GAAP on a nonconsolidated basis.

Market Risk Exposure from Trading Activities

Shinhan Bank's trading activities consist of:

trading activities to realize short-term trading profits in debt and stock markets and foreign exchange markets based on Shinhan Bank's short-term forecast of changes in market situation and customer demand, for its own account as well as for the account of the trust accounts of Shinhan Bank's customers; and

trading activities primarily to realize profits from arbitrage transactions in derivatives such as swap, forward, futures and option transactions, and, to a lesser extent, to sell derivative products to Shinhan Bank's customers and to cover market risk incurred from those trading activities.

As a result of these trading activities, Shinhan Bank is exposed to interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk and equity risk.

Interest Rate Risk

Shinhan Bank's exposure to interest rate risk arises primarily from Won-denominated debt securities, directly held or indirectly held through beneficiary certificates, and, to a lesser extent, from interest rate derivatives. Shinhan Bank's exposure to interest rate risk arising from foreign currency-denominated trading debt securities is minimal since its net position in those securities is not significant. As Shinhan Bank's trading accounts are marked-to-market daily, it manages the interest rate risk related to its trading accounts using VaR, a market value-based tool.

Foreign Exchange Risk

Foreign exchange risk arises because of Shinhan Bank's assets and liabilities, including derivatives such as foreign exchange forwards and futures and currency swaps, which are denominated in currencies other than the Won. Shinhan Bank manages foreign exchange risk on an overall position basis, including its overseas

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branches, by covering all of its foreign exchange spot and forward positions in both trading and nontrading accounts.

Shinhan Bank's net foreign currency open position, which is the difference between its foreign currency assets and liabilities as offset against forward foreign exchange positions, is Shinhan Bank's foreign exchange risk. The ALM Committee oversees Shinhan Bank's foreign exchange exposure for both trading and nontrading activities by establishing limits for the net foreign currency open position, stop loss limits and VaR limits. The management of Shinhan Bank's foreign exchange position is centralized at the FX & Derivatives Department. Dealers in the FX & Derivatives Department manage Shinhan Bank's overall position within the set limits through spot trading, forward contracts, currency options, futures and swaps and foreign exchange swaps. Shinhan Bank sets forth the limit for net open position by currency and the limits for currencies other than the U.S. dollars and Japanese yen are restrictive to minimize other foreign exchange trading.

The net open foreign currency positions held by the other subsidiaries are not significant. In the case of Shinhan Capital which incurs a considerable amount of foreign exchange exposure from its leasing business, it maintains its net exposure below US\$1 million by hedging its foreign exchange positions using forwards and currency swaps.

The following table shows Shinhan Bank's net foreign currency open positions at the end of 2002, 2003 and 2004. Positive amounts represent long exposures and negative amounts represent short exposures.

Currency	As of December 31,		
	2002	2003	2004
	(In millions of US\$)		
U.S. dollars	US\$ (16.4)	US\$ 4.6	US\$ 52.3
Japanese yen	(16.6)	(8.7)	(1.6)
Euro	1.1	0.7	0.9
Others	0.9	1.0	(1.7)
Total	US\$ (31.0)	US\$ (2.4)	US\$ 51.9

Equity Risk

Equity risk for Shinhan Bank's trading activities results from the trading of equity portfolio of Korean companies and Korea Stock Price Index futures and options. The trading equity portfolio consists of stocks listed on the Stock Market or the KOSDAQ Market of the Korea Exchange and nearest-month or second nearest-month futures contracts under strict limits on diversification as well as limits on positions. This has been an area of particular focus due to the level of volatility in the stock market. In addition, Shinhan Bank pays close attention to the loss limits. Although Shinhan Bank holds a substantially smaller amount of equity securities than debt securities in its trading accounts, the VaR of trading account equity risk is generally higher than that of trading account interest rate risk due to high volatility in the value of equity securities. As of December 31, 2003 and 2004, Shinhan Bank held W74.8 billion and W60.2 billion, respectively, of equity securities in its trading accounts (including the trust accounts).

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The following tables present an overview of market risk, measured by VaR, from trading activities of Shinhan Bank and Good Morning Shinhan Securities, respectively, for the year ended and as of December 31, 2004. For market risk management purposes, Shinhan Bank includes its trading portfolio in bank accounts and assets in trust accounts for which it guarantees principal or fixed return in accordance with the Financial Supervisory Commission regulations.

Trading Portfolio VaR for the Year 2004(1)

	Average		Minimum		Maximum		As of December 31	
	(In billions of Won)							
Shinhan Bank:								
Interest rate	W	20.5	W	5.5	W	72.6	W	11.0
Foreign exchange(2)		2.0		0.3		5.1		4.0
Equities		22.0		10.2		33.8		24.0
Less: portfolio diversification(3)		N/A		N/A		N/A		(9.0)
Total VaR(4)	W	32	W	12.3	W	83.1	W	31.0
Good Morning Shinhan Securities(5):								
Interest rate	W	0.3	W	0.1	W	0.9	W	0.2
Equities		1.1		0.5		3.0		0.8
Beneficiary certificates(7)			(6)		(6)	0.1		(6)
Less: portfolio diversification(3)		N/A		N/A		N/A		(0.1)
Total VaR	W	1.1	W	0.5	W	2.9	W	0.9

Notes:

- (1) One-day VaR results with a 99% confidence level.
- (2) Includes both trading and nontrading accounts as Shinhan Bank manages foreign exchange risk on a total position basis.
- (3) Calculation of portfolio diversification effects for the minimum and maximum VaRs as the minimum and maximum may occur on different days for different risk components. The average and December 31, 2004 VaRs are less than the sum of the VaRs due to offsets resulting from portfolio diversification.
- (4) Includes trading portfolio in Shinhan Bank's bank accounts and assets in trust accounts for which it guarantees principal or fixed return.
- (5) The change in market value of Good Morning Shinhan Securities' trading portfolio was W2.1 billion per day.
- (6) Less than W0.1 billion.
- (7)

Beneficiary certificates that Good Morning Shinhan Securities holds temporarily in connection with its beneficiary certificate sales business. Most of market risk arising from the holding of these beneficiary certificates is interest rate risk and there is minimal amount of equity risk.

Shinhan Bank generally manages its market risk from trading activities at the entire portfolio level. To control its market risk for trading portfolio, Shinhan Bank uses position limits, VaR limits, and stop loss limits. Shinhan Bank prepared its risk control and management guidelines for derivative trading based on the regulations and guidelines promulgated by the Financial Supervisory Commission.

Shinhan Bank measures market risk from trading activities to monitor and control the risk of its operating divisions and teams that perform trading activities.

Value-at-Risk analysis. We use one-day VaRs to measure Shinhan Bank's market risk. Shinhan Bank calculates VaRs on a monthly basis based on data for the previous 12 months for the holding periods of one

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day. A one-day VaR is a statistically estimated maximum amount of loss that can occur for a day under normal market conditions. We use a 99% confidence level to measure the VaRs, which means the actual amount of loss may exceed the VaR, on average, once out of 100 business days.

We use one-day VaRs to measure market risk of Good Morning Shinhan Securities. Good Morning Shinhan Securities calculates VaRs on a daily basis based on data for the previous 12 months for the holding periods of one day. We use a 99% confidence level to measure the VaRs for Good Morning Shinhan Securities. Good Morning Shinhan Securities is currently using a variance-covariance methodology called delta-normal method for its overall VaR calculation and uses historical simulation and Monte Carlo simulation for stress test and calculation of VaRs for individual risks of options. Variance-covariance method assumes a normal distribution of risks which may underestimate market risk when the distribution of market risk is not normal. This method also does not provide accurate analysis for risks of non-linear products such as options.

Value-at-risk is a commonly used market risk management technique. However, VaR models have the following shortcomings:

By its nature as a statistical approach, VaR estimates possible losses over a certain period at a particular confidence level using past market movement data. Past market movement, however, is not necessarily a good indicator of future events, particularly potential future events that are extreme in nature.

This model may underestimate the probability of extreme market movements.

The time periods used for the model, generally one or ten days, are assumed to be a sufficient holding period before liquidating the relevant underlying positions. If these holding periods are not sufficient, or too long, the VaR results may understate the potential loss.

The use of a 99% confidence level, does not take account of, nor makes any statement about, any losses that might occur beyond this confidence level.

Shinhan Bank calculates VaRs at the end of every month and therefore do not reflect market changes during a month until the end of the month.

VaR does not capture all complex effects of various risk factors on the value of positions and portfolios and could underestimate potential losses.

Currently, Shinhan Bank does not perform back-testing of VaR results whereas Good Morning Shinhan Securities conducts back-testing of VaR results against actual outcomes on a daily basis.

When Shinhan Bank calculates the VaRs for trading accounts, it measures interest risk VaRs, but not equity risk VaRs, for its equity-linked securities which are insignificant in amount. As of December 31, 2004, Shinhan bank held no equity-linked securities in its trading accounts.

Shinhan Bank plans to implement a new integrated market risk management system which will manage both Shinhan Bank's Won-denominated and foreign-denominated accounts. The new system is expected to use historical simulation, Monte Carlo simulation and variance-covariance methods to measure both linear risks arising from such products as equity and debt securities and nonlinear risks arising from other products including options. Monte Carlo simulation method is similar to historical simulation, except that it uses random numbers to generate different levels of market values instead of using historical data. Variance-covariance method is a parameter-based methodology, which takes into account diversification effects among different market risk components as well as within the same risk component to calculate VaRs. We expect the new system, when implemented, would enable Shinhan Bank to generate elaborate and consistent VaR numbers and perform sensitivity analysis and back testing to check the validity of the models on a daily basis.

Stress test. In addition to VaR, Shinhan Bank performs stress test to measure market risk. As VaR assumes normal market situations, Shinhan Bank assesses its market risk exposure to unlikely abnormal market fluctuations through

stress test. Stress test is an important way of supplement VaR since VaR does not cover potential loss if the market moves in a manner which is outside Shinhan Bank's normal expectations.

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Stress test projects the anticipated change in value of holding positions under certain scenarios assuming that no action is taken during a stress event to change the risk profile of a portfolio.

Shinhan Bank uses relatively simple but fundamental seven scenarios for stress test taking into account four market risk components such as foreign exchange rates, stock prices and Won-denominated and foreign currency-denominated interest rates. For the worst case scenario, we assumed instantaneous and simultaneous movements in the four market risk components depreciation of Won by 115.7%, decrease in Korea Exchange Composite Index by 46%, and increases in Won-denominated and foreign currency-denominated interest rates by 150.7% and 1.2%, respectively which were based on the historical worst case movements for three months during the Asian crisis from September 1997 to December 1997. In the case of this worst-case scenario, the changes in market value of Shinhan Bank's trading portfolio was W61.8 billion as of December 31, 2004. Shinhan Bank performs stress test at least semiannually and reports the results to the Risk Management Committee and the ALM Committee.

Good Morning Shinhan Securities uses five scenarios for stress test taking into account two market risk components: stock prices and Won-denominated interest rates. As of December 31, 2004, for the worst case scenario, which was in the case of instantaneous and simultaneous drops in Korea Stock Price Index 200 by 10% and a 1% point increase in the three-year government bond yield, the changes in market value of Good Morning Shinhan Securities' trading portfolio was W2.1 billion for one day.

Although Shinhan Bank has not set any limits on stress testing, it monitors the impact of market turmoil or any abnormality. Good Morning Shinhan Securities sets limits on stress testing for its overall operations as well as at its department level. Both in Shinhan Bank and Good Morning Shinhan Securities, if the impact is large, their respective chief risk officer may request a portfolio restructuring or other proper action.

Hedging and Derivative Market Risk

The principal objective of our hedging strategy is to manage its market risk within established limits. We use derivative instruments to hedge its market risk as well as to make profits by trading derivative products within pre-approved risk limits. Our derivative trading includes interest rate and cross-currency swaps, foreign currency forwards and futures, stock index and interest rate futures, and stock index and currency options.

While we use derivatives for hedging purposes, derivative transactions themselves incur market risk as we take trading positions and trades them for the purpose of making profits. These activities consist primarily of the following: arbitrage transactions to make profits from short-term discrepancies between the spot and derivative markets or within the derivative markets;

sales of tailor-made derivative products that meet various needs of our corporate customers, principally of Shinhan Bank and Good Morning Shinhan Securities, and related transactions to reduce its exposure resulting from those sales (in the case of Good Morning Shinhan Securities, these activities commenced from February 2003 when it acquired the relevant license);

taking positions in limited cases when we expect short-swing profits based on its market forecasts; and

trading to hedge our interest rate and foreign currency risk exposure as described above.

Market risk from derivatives is not significant since derivative trading activities of Shinhan Bank and Good Morning Shinhan Securities are primarily driven by arbitrage and customer deals with very limited open trading positions.

*Market Risk Management for Nontrading Activities**Interest Rate Risk*

Principal market risk from nontrading activities of Shinhan Bank is interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is the risk of loss resulting from interest rate fluctuations that adversely affect the financial condition and results

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of operations of Shinhan Bank. Shinhan Bank's interest rate risk arises primarily due to differences between the timing of rate changes for interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

Interest rate risk affects Shinhan Bank's earnings and the economic value of Shinhan Bank's net assets:

Earnings: interest rate fluctuations have an effect on Shinhan Bank's net interest income by affecting its interest-sensitive operating income and expenses.

Economic value of net assets: interest rate fluctuations influence Shinhan Bank's net worth by affecting the present value of cash flows from the assets, liabilities and other transactions of Shinhan Bank.

Accordingly, Shinhan Bank measures and manages interest rate risk for nontrading activities by taking into account effects of interest rate changes on both its income and net asset value. Shinhan Bank measures and manages interest rate risk on a daily basis with respect to all interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities in Shinhan Bank's bank accounts (including derivatives denominated in Won) and in the trust accounts, except that it measures VaRs on a monthly basis. Most of Shinhan Bank's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities are denominated in Won.

Interest Rate Risk Management

The principal objectives of Shinhan Bank's interest rate risk management are to generate stable net interest income and to protect Shinhan Bank's net asset value against interest rate fluctuations. To this end, the ALM Committee sets out Shinhan Bank's interest rate risk limits at least annually and the Risk Management Office monitors Shinhan Bank's compliance with these limits and reports the monitoring results to the ALM Committee on a monthly basis. Shinhan Bank uses interest rate swaps to control its interest rate exposure limits.

On a daily basis, Shinhan Bank uses various analytical methodologies to measure and manage its interest rate risk for nontrading activities, including the following:

Interest Rate Gap Analysis: Interest rate gap analysis measures the difference in the amounts of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities at each maturity and re-pricing date for a specific time frame.

Duration Gap Analysis: Duration gap analysis measures durations of Shinhan Bank's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, which are weighted average maturities of these assets and liabilities calculated based on discounted cash flows from these assets and liabilities using yield curves.

Market Value Analysis: Market value analysis measures changes in the market value of Shinhan Bank's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities based on the assumption of parallel shifts in interest rates.

Net Interest Income Simulation Analysis: Net interest income simulation analysis uses deterministic analysis methodology to measure changes in Shinhan Bank's annual net interest income (interest income less interest expenses) under the current maturity structure, using different scenarios for interest rates (assuming parallel shifts) and funding requirements.

Earnings at Risk Analysis: Earnings-at-risk analysis, or EaR analysis, measures changes in Shinhan Bank's annual pretax earnings from its interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities at a 99% confidence level using Monte Carlo simulation. Currently, Shinhan Bank uses EaR analysis as a supplemental measure for interest rate risk management.

Interest Rate Gap Analysis

Interest rate gap analysis measures the difference in the amounts of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities at each maturity and re-pricing date by preparing interest rate gap tables in which Shinhan Bank's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities are allocated to the applicable time buckets based on the expected cash flows and re-pricing dates. On a daily basis, Shinhan Bank performs interest rate gap analysis for Won and foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities in its bank and trust accounts.

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Shinhan Bank's gap analysis includes Won-denominated derivatives (which are interest rate swaps) but excludes foreign currency-denominated derivatives, whose management is centralized at the FX & Derivatives Department. Through the interest rate gap analysis that measures interest rate sensitivity gaps, cumulative gaps and gap ratios, Shinhan Bank assesses its exposure to future interest risk fluctuations.

For interest rate gap analysis, we assume and use the following maturities for different assets and liabilities:

With respect to the maturities and re-pricing dates of Shinhan Bank's assets, we assume that maturity of Shinhan Bank's prime rate-linked loans the same as its fixed-rate loans. We also assume that the debt securities in Shinhan Bank's trading accounts have maturities three months. Shinhan Bank excludes equity securities from interest-earning assets.

With respect to the maturities and re-pricing of Shinhan Bank's liabilities, we assume that money market deposit accounts and non-core demand deposits under the Financial Supervisory Commission guidelines have a maturity of three months or less. With respect to core demand deposits under the Financial Supervisory Commission guidelines, we assume a maturity of over three years.

The following tables show Shinhan Bank's interest rate gaps as of December 31, 2004 for (1) Won-denominated nontrading bank accounts, including derivatives and (2) foreign currency-denominated nontrading bank accounts, excluding derivatives.

Won-denominated nontrading bank accounts (including derivatives):

As of December 31, 2004

	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-12 Months	1-2 Years	2-3 Years	Over 3 Years	Total
(In billions of Won, except percentages)							
Interest-earning assets	W 32,938	W 9,064	W 4,513	W 3,601	W 869	W 3,805	W 54,791
Fixed rates	6,799	2,697	3,716	3,391	832	2,823	20,258
Floating rates	25,839	6,249	657	150	7	132	33,034
Interest rate swaps	300	118	140	60	30	850	1,498
Interest-bearing liabilities	W 23,386	W 6,511	W 11,227	W 3,654	W 1,412	W 7,319	W 53,509
Fixed liabilities	10,609	6,264	10,633	3,180	1,406	7,319	39,410
Floating liabilities	11,327	199	594	474	6		12,601
Interest rate swaps	1,450	48					1,498
Sensitivity gap	9,552	2,553	(6,714)	(53)	(543)	(3,514)	1,282
Cumulative gap	9,552	12,105	5,391	5,338	4,795	1,282	
% of total assets	17.4%	22.1%	9.8%	9.7%	8.8%	2.3%	

Foreign currency-denominated nontrading bank accounts (excluding derivatives):

As of December 31, 2004

	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-12 Months	1-3 Years	Over 3 Years	Total
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(In millions of US\$, except percentages)

Interest-earning assets	\$ 6,796	\$ 1,283	\$ 368	\$ 36	\$ 23	\$ 8,506
Interest-bearing Liabilities	6,361	1,693	358	41	544	8,997
Sensitivity gap	435	(410)	10	(5)	(521)	(491)
Cumulative gap	435	25	35	30	(491)	
% of total assets	5.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	(5.8%)	

Duration and Market Value Analysis

Shinhan Bank performs a duration gap analysis to measure effects of interest rate risk on the market value of its assets and liabilities. Shinhan Bank measures, on a daily basis and for each operating department, account, product and currency, durations of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Shinhan

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Bank also measures, on a daily basis, changes in the market value of Shinhan Bank's interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities.

The following tables show duration gaps and market values of Shinhan Bank's Won-denominated interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities in its not-trading accounts as of December 31, 2004 and changes in these market values when interest rate increases by one percentage point.

	Duration as of December 31, 2004(1)
	(In months)
Interest-earning assets	8.4
Interest-bearing liabilities	13.6
Gap	5.2

Market Value as of December 31, 2004(1)

	Actual	1% Point Increase	Changes
	(In billions of Won)		
Interest-earning assets	W 57,388	W 57,093	W (295)
Interest-bearing liabilities	53,922	53,464	(458)
Gap	3,466	3,629	(163)

Note:

(1) Includes interest rate swaps.

Net Interest Income Simulation

Shinhan Bank performs a net interest income simulation to measure effects of interest rate risk on Shinhan Bank's results of operations. Net interest income simulation measures changes in Shinhan Bank's annual net interest income (interest income less interest expenses) under the current maturity structure, using different scenarios for interest rates and funding requirements. Shinhan Bank applies three scenarios of parallel shifts in interest rate: (1) no change, (2) a 1% point increase in interest rates and (3) a 1% point decrease in interest rates. For funding requirement changes, Shinhan Bank uses three scenarios: (1) no change in funding requirement, (2) a 10% increase in funding requirement and (3) an increase in funding requirement by the growth rate assumed in Shinhan Bank's annual financial plan.

The following tables illustrate by way of an example the simulated changes in Shinhan Bank's annual net interest income for 2005 with respect to Won-denominated interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, using Shinhan Bank's net interest income simulation model, when it assumes (a) the maturity structure and funding requirement of Shinhan Bank as of December 31, 2004 and (b) the same interest rates as of December 31, 2004 and a 1% point increase or decrease in the interest rates.

**Simulated Net Interest Income for 2005
(For Nontrading Won-denominated Bank Accounts)(1)**

Change in Net Interest	Change in Net Interest
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	Assumed Interest Rates			Income		Income	
	No Change	1% Point Increase	1% Point Decrease	Amount	% Change	Amount	% Change
				(1% Point Increase)	(1% Point Increase)	(1% Point Decrease)	(1% Point Decrease)
(In billions of Won, except percentages)							
Simulated interest income	W 3,137	W 3,524	W 2,751	W 387	12.3%	W 386	(12.3)%
Simulated interest expense	1,806	2,084	1,527	278	15.4	279	(15.4)
Net interest income	1,331	1,440	1,224	109	8.2	107	(8.0)

Note:

(1) Includes interest rate swaps.

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Shinhan Bank's Won-denominated interest earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities in nontrading accounts have a maturity structure that benefits from an increase in interest rates, because the re-pricing periods of the interest-earning assets in Shinhan Bank's nontrading accounts are shorter than those of the interest-bearing liabilities in these accounts. This is primarily due to a continuous decrease in interest rate in the recent years in Korea, which resulted in a significant increase in floating rate loans, resulting in the maturities or re-pricing periods of Shinhan Bank's loans shorter. As a result, Shinhan Bank's net interest income increases when the interest rates rise.

Interest Rate VaRs for Nontrading Assets and Liabilities

Shinhan Bank measures VaRs for interest rate risk from nontrading activities on a monthly basis. The following table shows, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, the VaRs of (i) interest rate risk from Shinhan Bank's available-for-sale investment securities and (ii) interest rate mismatch risk for other assets and liabilities, which arises from mismatches in the re-pricing dates of Shinhan Bank's nontrading interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities other than the available-for-sale investment securities. Under the Financial Supervisory Commission regulations, Shinhan Bank includes in calculation of these VaRs interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities in its bank accounts and its trust accounts.

VaR for the Year 2004(1)

Average	Minimum	Maximum	As of December 31
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