

**Michael R P Smith, OBE**  
**Chief Executive Officer Designate**  
**The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited**

Michael Smith is Chief Executive Officer Designate of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited.

He joined HSBC in 1978 and, in 1991, following a number of appointments in the Asia-Pacific and the Middle East, moved to the Planning department of Midland Bank (now HSBC Bank plc) in the UK. In 1993, was appointed Managing Director International at the bank.

From 1995-1997, he was Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive of Hongkong Bank Malaysia Berhad. In 1997, he was appointed Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Argentina Holdings SA assuming responsibility for the Group's operations in Argentina. He was appointed Chairman there in 2000 and, in the same year, was appointed a Group General Manager.

In March 2003 he returned to the UK as Group General Manager to review and restructure the Group Head Office.

Michael Smith was born in the UK in September 1956. He graduated with honours in 1978 from the City University where he read Economic Sciences.

He is married with three children. His interests include vineculture, golf, classic cars and Asian art and antiques.

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