

Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited take no responsibility for the contents of this document, make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and expressly disclaim any liability whatsoever for any loss howsoever arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any part of the contents of this document.



26 February 2010

**HSBC HOLDINGS PLC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of HSBC Holdings has established a Group Risk Committee. The members of the Committee are:

R A Fairhead, chairman; J D Coombe, J W J Hughes-Hallett and J R Lomax, all independent non-executive directors and members of the Group Audit Committee.

The terms of reference of the Group Risk Committee are available at www.hsbc.com/boardcommittees.

S K Green, Group Chairman, has been appointed chairman of the Nomination Committee in succession to Sir Brian Williamson, who will continue to serve as a member of the Committee. M K T Cheung, an independent non-executive Director, has been appointed a member of the Group Audit Committee in succession to J W J Hughes-Hallett with effect from 1 March 2010.

J L Durán, W K L Fung and Sir Mark Moody-Stuart, who will retire by rotation at the 2010 Annual General Meeting, will not seek re-election. The consequential changes to Board Committees will take effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting:

N R N Murthy, an independent non-executive director and a member of the Corporate Sustainability Committee, will succeed W K L Fung as chairman of the Corporate Sustainability Committee; and

HSBC Board of Directors/2

J L Thornton, an independent non-executive director and a member of the Remuneration Committee, will succeed Sir Mark Moody-Stuart as chairman of the Remuneration Committee.

The Directors of HSBC Holdings plc as at the date of this announcement are:

S K Green, M F Geoghegan, S A Catz[†], V H C Cheng, M K T Cheung[†], J D Coombe[†], J L Duran[†], R A Fairhead[†], D J Flint, A A Flockhart, W K L Fung*, S T Gulliver, J W J Hughes-Hallett[†], W S H Laidlaw[†], J R Lomax[†], Sir Mark Moody-Stuart[†], G Morgan[†], N R N Murthy[†], S M Robertson[†], J L Thornton[†] and Sir Brian Williamson[†].

* Non-executive Director

[†] Independent non-executive Director

For and on behalf of

HSBC Holdings plc

R G Barber

Group Company Secretary

Hong Kong Stock Code: 5