

Outlook

In the second half of 2022, the banking industry will continue to face both development opportunities and challenges within a complicated operating environment. From an international perspective, the global economic growth momentum has weakened amid rising risk of “stagflation”, turmoil in international financial markets has intensified, and the external environment has become more severe and complex, leading to heightened risks in banks’ international operation. From a domestic point of view, the fundamentals of China’s economy that will sustain long-term growth remain unchanged. As a package of policies to stabilise the economy is implemented, the national economy will gradually recover and economic indicators will be kept within a reasonable range.

The Bank will earnestly implement the decisions and plans of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, follow the general principle of pursuing progress while ensuring stability, and fully implement requirements for “keeping the pandemic under control, maintaining stable economic growth, and ensuring development safety”. It will coordinate the works to serve the real economy, forestall financial risks, and deepen reform and innovation so as to intensify its implementation of the 14th Five-Year Plan. Through courage and hard work, it will realize stable long-term economic development, speed up construction of the world’s first-class modern banking group, and strive to write a chapter for Bank of China that carves out a path for financial development with Chinese characteristics.

First, the Bank will actively serve national development to firmly assist the stabilisation of the economy. The Bank will continue to increase credit support to the real economy and ensure steady growth of loans. It will also vigorously develop the “Eight Priority Areas for Enhancing Financial Services Capabilities”, further strengthen financial services in key fields and weak links and deepen the coordination and collaboration of its domestic and overseas operations, so as to improve the quality and efficiency of its services for the real economy.

Second, the Bank will consolidate its characteristic advantages and strengthen its foundations for high-quality development. The Bank will adhere to measures to improve both the scale and pricing of deposits, to increase the quality of its liabilities. It will promote projects to enhance its accounts and customer base and optimise its marketing system for financial institution clients, thus expanding its customer base. Furthermore, the Bank consolidate its advantages in international business, optimise the layout of its overseas institutions and related development strategies, and promote the regional management of overseas institutions, in order to increase the contribution of its overseas operations to the Group. At the same time, it will optimise regional and comprehensive synergy mechanism, balance the layout of its comprehensive operations and businesses, enhancing the competitive advantage of its integrated services.

Third, the Bank will accelerate digital transformation and continue to unleash new development vitality. With the OASIS project driving forward the integration of business and technology, the Bank will incorporate “digitisation DNA” into its operational management. Using scenario building to guide digital innovation, mobile banking to guide digital services and intelligent operation to guide outlet transformation, the Bank will continue to improve its customer and market responsiveness and further refine its management capability.

Fourth, the Bank will comprehensively strengthen risk management and control to ensure operational safety. The Bank will further promote the development of its risk management system to a deeper level and continuously improve the effectiveness of its comprehensive risk management system. It will strengthen the management and control of key risk areas and take the initiative to prevent and resolve potential risks. It will enhance the sensitivity of its risk management system to market risk and liquidity risk, and improve the risk management capability of forward-looking business and emerging business. Furthermore, it will enhance the management of anti-money laundering compliance, and promote the establishment of a long-term compliance mechanism across the Bank.