# In Style - Hong Kong

# Hong Kong – Vietnam: Partnering for Prosperity

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## Hong Kong – the financial hub of choice for Vietnamese companies

#### Business-friendly regulatory regime

- Low level of market intervention from the government
- ✓ Simple taxation structure
- ✓ No barriers of access to the market by foreign businesses
- ✓ No restrictions on foreign exchange/ capital flows into and out of Hong Kong

#### Robust and well-tested legal framework

- ✓ A common law jurisdiction that is trusted by international companies
- English is a common legal language
- ✓ Well-established judiciary system, upholding the rule of law

#### Long experience in connecting capital

- ✓ Deep and liquid equity, debt, interbank and foreign exchange markets
- Transparent financial market regulations that are in line with international standards



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## Hong Kong – deep and liquid financial markets

- As of June 2018, over **2,000** companies are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange Total market capitalisation of Equity Debt ~USD4.2tn Strong balance sheets of banks Interbank Foreign in Hong Kong exchange As of June 2018, ~USD3.0tn of assets and ~USD1.2tn of loan balances in the banking system 2
- As of June 2018, over USD100bn of outstanding issues in Central Moneymarkets Unit ("CMU")
- Linked to other major exchanges,
  e.g. Euroclear, Clearstream

- 4<sup>th</sup> largest foreign exchange market globally in 2016 according to the Bank for International Settlements
- Daily average volume amounted to ~USD437bn

## Strong financial ties between Hong Kong and Vietnam

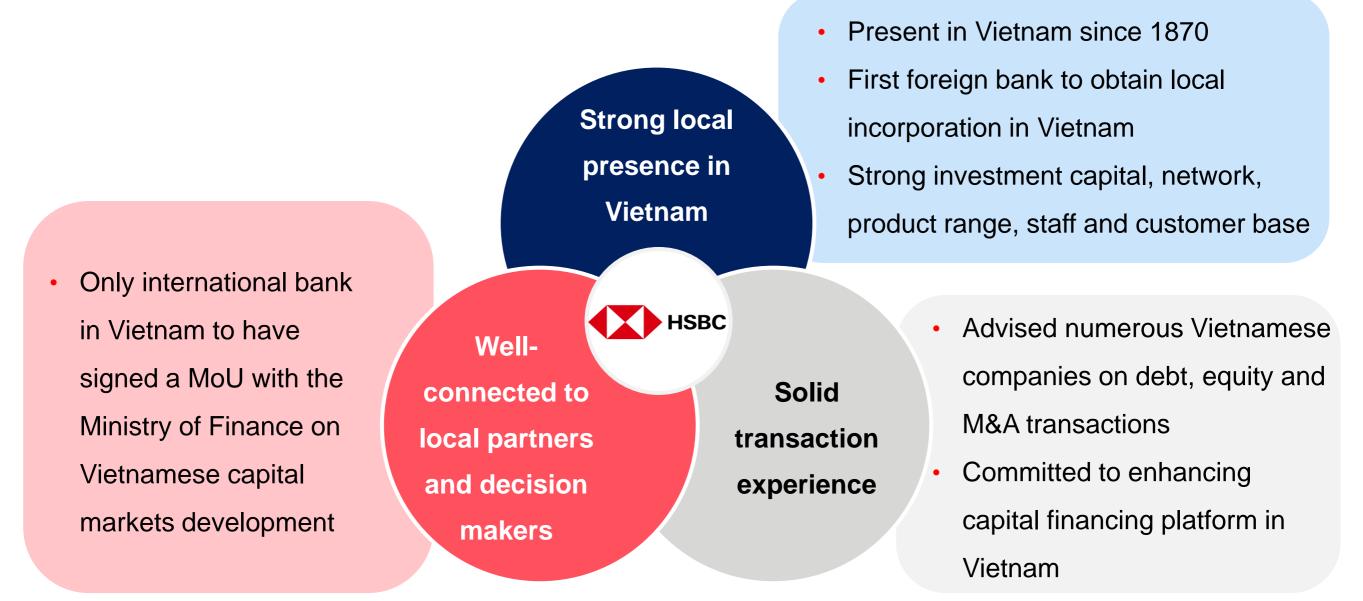
• The recent conclusion of ASEAN-Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement is expected to deepen the relationship between Hong Kong and Vietnam



#### Investment

- Investors from Hong Kong have been active in the hotel, garment, and real estate industries in Vietnam
- Hong Kong is consistently listed among the top 10 countries and territories having the biggest sources of foreign direct investment ("FDI") into Vietnam
- As of 2017, FDI from Hong Kong into Vietnam amounted to ~USD18bn across over 1,000 projects

### HSBC's successful business collaboration with Vietnamese companies



## **Collaboration in trade**



Best Foreign Bank in Vietnam



Best Foreign Bank, Best Foreign Investment Bank in Vietnam



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- Hong Kong has a proven success in supporting **international trades** in Asia
- As the centre of China's Belt-and-Road Initiative, Hong Kong is anchored to support trades to and from Vietnam
- HSBC offers a full suite of trade solutions including:
  - Documentary Credits
  - Documentary Collections
  - Export and Import Finance
  - ✓ Structured Trade Finance Solutions
  - Supplier Finance Solutions
  - Shipping Guarantee
  - Factoring (Invoice Discounting)

### **HSBC's unique E-solutions for trade**

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### HSBCnet-ITS

Global electronic banking platform that allows customers to initiate trade transactions and access real-time trade account information

#### Instant@dvice

Tool to receive copies of import and export transactions by email immediately after approval

#### **Document Tracker**

Enables customers to quickly track and trace trade documents internationally anytime

#### HSBC e-PO Trader

Enables buyers to automate their payment decision process and provides suppliers with the ability to create and submit electronic documents

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## **Collaboration in the financial markets**



- Key theme: privatisation of Vietnamese state-owned enterprises
- With an increased interest in Vietnamese investments, Hong Kong investors can actively participate in cross-border M&A transactions
- Vietnamese companies have had previous successful listings in Hong Kong:
  - Vietnam Manufacturing & Export Processing: ~USD45m market cap
  - Luks Group (Vietnam Holdings): ~USD160m market cap
- Cornerstone investors in Hong Kong can support IPOs of Vietnamese companies
- Vietnamese entities raised over USD6bn in the international bond markets
- Hong Kong has a wide array of institutional fixed income investors that can support international debt issuances of Vietnamese entities

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