

Finding Company Information

The Run Run Shaw Library has a number of resources available both in print and electronic formats to help you find company information.

The following is a partial list of resources available in the Library. All print publications listed in this guide are shelved in the reference area. Call number for print publication is provided to help you locate it. Standalone databases can be checked out from the Reference Desk (Ref Desk) or IT Help Desk (IT Desk), and used in the Media area of the Library. Web resources (Web) listed in this guide can be accessed remotely from off campus as well.

BASIC INFORMATION

Directories

Use business directories to find basic information about a company, such as addresses, telephone and fax numbers, home page, email address, SIC code, business nature, executives, sales and employee data.

[Directories of Hong Kong companies / Foreign companies in Hong Kong](#)

Print resources:

- [The Hong Kong business web companies](#)
Ref HF5263.A3 H65
- [The Hong Kong foreign companies](#)
Ref HF3851.8 D573
- [The Hong Kong listed companies](#)
Ref HF5263.A3 D574
- [The Hong Kong top 5000 enterprises](#)
Ref HF5263.A3 H6648
- [D&B small and medium enterprises in Hong Kong](#)
Ref HF5263.A4 D863
- [D&B top 2000 foreign enterprises in Hong Kong](#)
Ref HF5263.D96

Databases

- [Hong Kong Directory 香港公司名錄](#) (Web) – database of Hong Kong business contacts.
- [Business Source Complete](#) (Web) – In Advanced Search, select **Company Profiles** in right hand column to find DataMonitor Reports of listed companies worldwide.
- [Factiva](#) (Web) – Get a company snapshot:
 1. Select *Company* from the “Companies/Markets” tab.
 2. Enter a company or a ticker.
 3. Click  to display a list of matching companies.
 4. Click the company name to display the Company Snapshot.

COMPANY REPORTS

Print Resources:

- Local company annual reports are kept in the Reference area of the Library. Only the last two editions received are kept. To see if the annual report of a particular company is available, select “Author” search in the Library Catalogue, then enter the company’s name, e.g., Hang Seng Bank Limited.

Electronic Resources:

- [Annual Report Collection](#) (Web) – annual reports from companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange.
- [Bloomberg](#) (Ref Desk) - Bloomberg is a real-time financial service that also provides extensive company information and reports.
- **Main Board Listed Companies: annual/interim reports** - annual reports and interim reports published by all companies listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange **since 2006** on DVDs. (Call No. [HF5263.A3 H6643](#))
- **Hong Kong Listed Companies: annual/interim reports** – from **1996 to 2005** on CD-ROMs (Call No. [HF5263.A3 H664](#)).

Use [LCAR](#) (Listed companies, annual reports) on microform (Call No. [HF5263.A3 L35](#)) to find reports of Hong Kong listed companies published **before 1996**.

- **Main Board Listed Companies: corporate documents** (excluding annual and interim reports) - corporate documents of companies listed on HKEx's Main Board on DVDs (Call No. [HF5263.A3 H66463](#)). The corporate documents include prospectus; shareholder circulars; proposals for corporate action (e.g. takeover, reorganisation, disposal of assets, stock consolidation); and notices of notifiable transactions **from 2007**.
- **Hong Kong Listed Companies: corporate documents** (excluding annual and interim reports) - on CD-ROMs (Call No. [HF5263.A3 H6646](#)) from **1997 to 2006**.

FINANCIAL AND MARKET DATA

Electronic Resources:

- **BankScope** (Web) – financial information on over 25,000 public and private banks around the world.
- **Bloomberg** (Ref Desk) - current and historical data, news and financial analysis of companies, bonds, equities, commodities, currencies, funds and indices.
- **Factiva** (Web) – retrieve current and historical pricing on a variety of financial instruments including stocks, funds, currencies, and market indexes:
 1. Select *Quotes* from “Companies/Markets” tab.
 2. Select an instrument from the *Select Instrument* drop-down.
 3. Enter up to 20 symbols, separated by spaces. Select your desired Date Range, Currency, and Display Format.
 4. Click *Get Quote*.
- **OSIRIS** (Web) – financial information of companies worldwide, such as income statements, balance sheets, cash flows and ratios. Also contains ownership, ratings, earnings estimates and stock data.
- **TEJ Hong Kong data bank** (IT Desk) – data on Hong Kong’s security market. (Call no. **HG4252 .A45**)
- **Thomson ONE Banker** (Ref Desk) – integrated access to several financial databases including:
 - Equity Issues
 - Merger & Acquisitions
 - Ownership Module
- **Worldscope** (Ref Desk) – provides company data for more than 50,000 public companies worldwide
- **WRDS** (Wharton Research Data Services) (Web)

Available datasets:

- **Audit Analytics** – audit information on over 1,200 accounting firms and 15,000 publicly registered companies.
- **Compustat Executive Compensation** – executive compensation data for the company’s top officers for companies within the S&P 1500.
- **Compustat Global** – data covering public traded companies in more than 80 countries.
- **Compustat North America** – U.S. and Canadian fundamental and market information on publicly held companies.
- **Corporate Library** – corporate governance and compensation information covering over 4,000 U.S. companies and over 40,000 corporate executives and directors, 2001-2003.
- **CRSP/Compustat Merged Database** – security price, return and volume data for the NYSE, AMEX and Nasdaq stock markets.
- **CRSP Mutual Funds** – security holdings information on open-ended mutual funds.
- **First Call Historical Database** – earnings on over 9,700 securities, including 8,500 U.S. Securities, 1,000 Canadian Securities and 180 ADR’s.
- **I/B/E/S** – consensus and detail forecasts from security analysts.
- **Mutual Fund Links** –provides the means to join CRSP Mutual Funds data to equity data in TFN/CDA S12 datasets.
- **RiskMetrics (formerly IRRC) Governance and Directors** – corporate governance data.

- **S&P Credit Ratings** – history of short and long term commercial credit and corporate bond.
- **Thomson Reuters. Institutional (13f) Holdings** – institutional holdings data from SEC Form 13F quarterly filings.
- **Thomson Reuters. Mutual Fund Holdings**– security holding information for all registered mutual funds.

NEWS AND ARTICLES

Use the following databases to find information and news about a company from journals and newspapers.

- **Bloomberg** (Ref Desk) - real-time financial service that also provides extensive news coverage.

- **Business Source Complete** (Web) – a database for scholarly business journals.

To quickly find news/articles about a company:

In **Advanced Search**, enter the company name in the *Find* box, then select “Company Entity” from the *Select a Field* drop down menu, and click **Search**.

- **Factiva** (Web) – offers more than 14,000 of the world’s leading news and business sources from 159 countries. To quickly find news/articles about a company:

1. In the Search Builder page, click *Company* in the “Select Sources and Dow Jones Intelligent Indexing” section.
2. Enter a company name and press <Enter> to list all matching companies.
3. Click to select one or more companies from the company list. Click “Run Search”.

- **ProQuest Databases** (Web) – multi-disciplinary databases. To quickly find news/journal articles about a company:

In **Advanced Search**, enter the company name and select “Company/Org” from the drop down menu, then click **Search**.

- **WiseNews** (Web) – news from about 135 newspapers and magazines published in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau. To find news about a company:

1. Click “WiseSearch” at the top right hand corner.
2. Click “Listed Companies” (上市公司) under *Search Options* (搜索選項).
3. Enter the company name or the stock code under *Find a Listed Company*: (搜索媒體) and click the “Look Up” (查看) button.
4. Click on the company name to select it.
5. Click *Search* (搜索).

- **中國上市公司文獻庫 China Listed Company Database** (Web) – news stories, announcements and reports of public listed companies in China.

Reference Section
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