

## Charting the Future: How Digital, Intelligent & Green Tech are Reshaping Chinese Banking

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数字技术与 现代银行业导论 AN INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MODERN BANKING

#### 本书具有以下特点:

全面系统。对现代银行业经营中数字技术的底层逻辑及其应用场景进行了系统梳理。不仅阐述了数字技术的原理、特性及其应用,还从经济学理论角度揭示出数字技术如何重塑银行业的规模经济和范围经济。此外,书中探讨了数字技术在银行业务的多个关键领域一包括营销、授信和风控等一的全过程应用,并提供了丰富的银行数字化转型实践案例。

紧跟实践变革。银行数字化转型中,"人"尤为重要。本书紧跟大数据+人 工智能等数字技术给现代银行业带来的深刻变革,聚焦商业银行数字化经营中复 合型人才的培育,旨在培养学生根据银行数字化经营的业务场景,匹配和应用 "数字素养"。

**理论与实践并重**。几位作者深耕相关学术领域多年,其深厚的研究功底为 分析提供了坚实的理论支撑。同时,他们都具有国有大行的挂职工作经历,并多 次开展银行内部培训,对现代银行业数字化经营场景进行了深入的观察和思考, 确保本书内容与银行业实践紧密结合。

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# An Introduction to Digital Technology and Mordern Banking

### 1. Comprehensive and Systematic Analysis

It systematically examines the underlying logic, technical principles and application scenarios of digital technologies in modern banking. It reveals how digitalization reshapes banking economies of scale and scope from an economic theory perspective.

### 2. Multi-Domain Coverage

Covers digital applications in core banking functions (marketing, credit granting, risk control) with real-world cases. Explores innovative practices in rural revitalization, ESG, green/low-carbon development, and modernizing social governance.

### 3. Focus on Human-Centric Transformation

Addresses profound impacts of digital technologies (e.g., big data + AI) on banking. Emphasizing cultivation of interdisciplinary talent to trains students to apply digital literacy within business contexts of bank digitalization.

### 4. High Practical Utility

Serves as both an accessible textbook for university economics and finance programs and an essential training reference resource for banking professionals navigating digital transformation.





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# My working experience in CCB



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### CCB's Production Park near ZUEL across the south lake

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(Direction from Wentai Building to the Park)









### **Contents:**

### **1. Understanding the Era's Characteristics and the Wealth Code** Digital, Intelligent, and Green Transformation

### 2. New Paradigm, New Tools, and New Framework

I. New Paradigm: Digital Technologies & Unstructured DataII. New Tool: Fine-Tuned Large Financial Models & AI AgentsIII. New Framework: Green Finance and Sustainabable Development



### New Framework: Sustainable development

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**Part III** 



### **Traditional Chinese financial culture**

### 以义取利

Pursuing profit in a righteous way

### 义利并举

Pursuing both benefit and righteousness (uphold justice while pursuing interests)



# Banking system is supporting China's vision for sustaintable development

绿色清水就是金山银山 -- 2005

Lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets

人类命运共同体 -- 2012

Community with a Shared Future for Mankind

### 清洁美丽新世界 -- 2015

Harmonious Homeland of Cleanliness and Beauty

**Case review** 



### **Case review: Green builidng and Green Banking**



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#### **Case review: Green builidng and Green Banking**

#### Standards first: compile standards of China Construction Bank and upgrade them to local standards

Based on the banks internal standard "Huzhou Branch Green Building Loan Management Standard", the Huzhou Branch of China Construction Bank has compiled the "Green Building Project Loan Management Standard" after trial and improvement, which has been upgraded to a local standard of Huzhou city and officially released to the public. It has become the first green building loan standard in the industry.

### Comprehensive services: support the implementation of green building projects

The Construction Bank, taking advantage of its comprehensive financial advantages, and its subsidiary Jianxin Insurance Asset Management Co., Ltd. jointly designed a real estate debt plan of 700 million yuan in the East District of Huzhou South Taihu CBD, which successfully funded the South Taihu Green Building project.

#### Covering the whole industrial chain: green building workers benefits are implemented and funded

The Huzhou Branch of China Construction Bank has innovated the "green migrant workers benefit" product, which is specially designed to solve the financing needs of migrant workers wages related to green building construction.

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The development process of green building "construction model"



### Case review: Summary of experience of green building "construction model"



#### Identify the difficulties and pain points

Mismatch between credit commitment and maturity.

### We will formulate local standards for green building loans

The Implementation Specifications for Green Building Project Loans were formulated, and third-party safeguard measures were introduced to identify them in advance.

### Establish a loan management mechanism for the whole life cycle of green building projects

Establish a green building project database before the loan, do a good job in the identification and review of green building loans during the loan, and strengthen the punishment of green building dishonesty after the loan.

### Use product innovation to empower the whole green building industry chain

Innovate "green building +" series of products: such as green building + housing rental, green building + migrant workers benefits, green building + personal mortgage loans.

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### **Case review: Green builidng and Green Banking**



Figure 2 Comprehensive financial services contribute to the whole process of green building







### Why does CCB introduce green building insurance?





### **Case review**



## Questions

### Why does CCB introduce green building insurance?

#### (1) The coordinated development of green finance and green building is in trouble

The verifiability problem leads to the obstacles in the coordinated development of green finance and green building.

#### (2) The new mode of green building insurance participating in green building effectively solves the dilemma

The specific business operation mode of green building insurance is as follows: before construction, the third-party risk management agency (TIS) provides the green building insurance policy; during construction, TIS provides the whole process of risk control service; after construction, if the green rating is not scheduled, the insurance policy will be compensated.

#### (3) Green building insurance can give full play to the comprehensive financial service capability

Green building insurance can be combined with a number of financial products, such as "insurance + credit", "insurance + policy" and "insurance + consulting".

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### Sustainability report by Chinese banks



There are significant differences in the industry of sustainable information disclosure.

In 2003, the financial industry had the highest disclosure rate; more than half of the power, mining, transportation, medical and other eight industries; public utilities had only 2 3% of the disclosure rate.



Figure: Disclosure rate of sustainable development information of A-share listed companies in various industries in 2023

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### Banks continue to transform to sustainable development





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From ESG to Sustainable development: international experience and Chinese practice

Climate-related financial disclosure framework (TCFD)



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### **Background of the construction of sustainable information disclosure system**

On June 26,2023, the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) officially released the International Financial Reporting Sustainability Disclosure Standards (IFRS) S1 and S2, which will take effect in 2024.

From October 30 to 31,2023, the Central Financial Work Conference proposed to accelerate the construction of a financial power On April 12,2024, The State Council issued the "Several Opinions on Strengthening Regulatory Methods and Promoting the High-quality Development of the Capital Market", known as the new "Nine National Measures": "1+N" policy system

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In November 2024, the Ministry of Finance issued the Enterprise Sustainable Disclosure Guidelines — Basic Guidelines (Trial)

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#### **Guiding calendar**

**Guiding principles** 





### **Guidance Keywords**

society



favourable

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### The structure of the guidance



Six chapters



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### **Guidance features**

### Chinese characteristics are in line with international standards

#### **Chinese characteristics :**

Sustainability reporting sets disclosure standards and dominates agenda-setting

#### International characteristics:

- Refer to the ISSBs four-pillar framework
- Absorb the concept of financial materiality disclosure
- Reflects the trend of global sustainable information disclosure content

Finance and influence Quantitative and qualitative emphasis

The disclosure subject is required to identify the dual impact of each issue:

Impact on financial materiality

Substantial impact on multiple stakeholders and society

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**Combine compulsion with voluntariness** 

#### Subjects of mandatory disclosure:

- Sample companies of Shanghai 180 Index
- Shenzhen 100 index sample company
- Sample companies in the Sci-Tech 50 Index
- Listed companies at home and abroad simultaneously

#### Voluntary disclosure:

Other listed companies

### **Guiding issues**



#### There are 21 topics: 8 on the environment, 9 on society, and 4 on sustainable development governance.



**Economic rationales** 





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### How does the sustainable development ability of listed companies affect enterprise value?

#### I. TRAINING AND DISCLOSURE (Disclosure)

Under the guidance of supervision, the company should:

- Learn the rules of study;
- Do a good job in personnel training;
- Guide the implementation of the company;



II. Monitoring and Incentives (Monitoring)

Investors and stakeholders:

Do a good job in sustainable development rating;

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- Quantitative incentive indicators;
- Building investment ecology;



#### **Constraints and influences (Influencing)**

Promoting listed companies:

- High quality information
- High coverage
- High-quality development



### Question:

## Why is "digital, intelligent and green" driving the bank transformation?



## Question:

## What are the main challenges faced in the digital, intelligent and green transformation of banks?



## Question:

### How to promote the bank transformation?







# Thank you for listening!

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