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(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 864)

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

INTERIM RESULTS

The board of directors (the "Board") of Wing Lee Property Investments Limited (the "Company") is pleased to present the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2023, together with comparative figures for the corresponding period ended 30 June 2022.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

		Six months	s ended
		30.6.2023	30.6.2022
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	Notes	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue	3	13,807	14,107
Direct operating expenses		(965)	(617)
		12,842	13,490
Other income		1,036	499
Net changes in fair value of investment properties	9	(7,100)	(12,910)
Administrative expenses		(2,799)	(5,037)
Finance costs	4	(2,881)	(993)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	5	1,098	(4,951)
Taxation	6	(1,206)	(1,637)
Loss for the period Other comprehensive expense for the period Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		(108)	(6,588)
Equity investments of FVOCI-net movement in fair value reserves (non-recycling)		(846)	(4,510)
Total comprehensive expense for the period		(954)	(11,098)
Loss per share – basic and diluted (HK cents)	7	(HK cents 0.03)	(HK cents 1.70)

^{*} for identification purpose only

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2023

	Notes	30.6.2023 <i>HK\$</i> '000 (unaudited)	31.12.2022 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (audited)
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	9	900,910	908,010
Other property, plant and equipment	10	12,027	12,278
Deferred lease receivables	12	390	462
Other financial assets	11	87,717	88,563
		1,001,044	1,009,313
Current assets			
Lease and other receivables Current tax recoverable	12	746	1,370 424
Cash and cash equivalents		46,664	53,749
•		47,410	55,543
Current liabilities			
Deposits received and other payables	13	8,657	12,009
Bank loans – due within one year	13	93,703	55,329
Income tax payable		474	1,293
		102,834	68,631
Net current liabilities		(55,424)	(13,088)
Total assets less current liabilities		945,620	996,225
Non-current liabilities			
Bank loans – due after one year		8,464	58,285
Deferred taxation liabilities		3,658	3,488
		12,122	61,773
Net assets		933,498	934,452
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	14	3,862	3,862
Reserves	17	929,636	930,590
Total equity		933,498	934,452

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 June 2023

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 ("HKAS 34") "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties, investment in equity instrument designated at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") and investment in equity instrument at fair value through profit or loss that are measured at fair values.

Except as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2023 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

HKFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

Amendments to HKAS 1 and Disclosure of Accounting Policies

HKFRS Practice Statement 2

Amendments to HKAS 8 Definition of Accounting Estimates

Amendments to HKAS 12 Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from

a Single Transaction

Amendments to HKAS 12 International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules

The application of the above amendments to HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material effect on the amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements and/or disclosures set out in the condensed consolidated financial statements. The Group has not applied any new standard or amendment that is not effective for the current accounting period.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

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The Group's operating activities are attributable to a single operating segment focusing on properties investment. This operating segment has been identified on the basis of internal management reports prepared in accordance with accounting policies conform to HKFRSs, that are regularly reviewed by the executive directors of the Company (the "Executive Directors"), the chief operating decision maker of the Group. The Executive Directors regularly review revenue analysis by locations of the investment properties and relevant types of properties which generate rental income as presented below, and hence no analysis of this single operating segment is presented. Other than revenue analysis, no operating results and other discrete financial information is available for the assessment of performance of the respective locations. The Executive Directors review the overall results of the Group as a whole to make decisions about resources allocation.

Revenue represents the rental income received from operating leases.

An analysis of the Group's revenue by geographical locations of the investment properties and relevant types of properties which generate rental income are as follows:

	Revenue external cus Six months 30.6.2023 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	stomers
Hong Kong		
Hong Kong Island:		
Commercial	7,269	7,541
Residential	75	75
Kowloon:	2.240	2 22 4
Commercial	3,360	3,334
Residential	1,654	1,698
Industrial	1,449	1,459
	13,807	14,107
FINANCE COSTS		
	Six months	ended
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Interests on bank loans	2,881	993

5. PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION

6.

	Six months ended	
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Profit/(loss) before taxation has been arrived at after charging:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	251	251
Equity-settled share-based payment expenses	_	2,573
and after crediting:		
Interest income (included in other income)	915	106
TAXATION		
	Six months	ended
	30.6.2023	30.6.2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
The charge comprises:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
- Current period	1,036	1,471
Deferred taxation charge	170	166
	1,206	1,637

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for both periods, except for one subsidiary of the Group which is a qualifying entity under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime. The first HK\$2,000,000 (2022: HK\$2,000,000) of assessable profits of this subsidiary are taxed at 8.25% and the remaining assessable profits are taxed at 16.5%.

7. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted loss per share is based on the following data:

Six months ended	
30.6.2023	30.6.2022
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
(108)	(6,588)
Six months	s ended
30.6.2023	30.6.2022
386,175,758	386,175,758
	30.6.2023 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) (108) Six months 30.6.2023

For the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022, the computation of diluted loss per share does not assume the exercise of the Company's share options because the exercise price of those options was higher than the average market price for the shares.

8. DIVIDEND

No dividend was paid, declared or proposed for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil). The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil).

9. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	30.6.2023	31.12.2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
FAIR VALUE		
At beginning of the period	908,010	894,310
Additions	_	8,597
Net (decrease)/increase in fair value	(7,100)	5,103
At end of the period	900,910	908,010

The carrying value of investment properties shown above situated on:

	30.6.2023	31.12.2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Land in Hong Kong	900,910	908,010

The fair value of the Group's investment properties at 30 June 2023 and at 31 December 2022 have been arrived at on the basis of valuations carried out by Graval Consulting Limited, an independent firm of professional valuers not related to the Group whose address is at Suite 2401-02, 24/F, Shui On Centre, 6-8 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The valuations as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 have been arrived at by using direct comparison method by making reference to comparable market transactions as available.

All of the Group's investment properties were assumed to be recovered through sales and deferred tax liabilities in respect of fair value changes on investment properties have been estimated taking into account this assumption. The Group has not recognized deferred tax liabilities in relation to changes in fair value of the investment properties that are situated in Hong Kong during the six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022 as the Group is not subject to any income taxes on disposal of its investment properties.

All of the Group's property interests held under operating leases to earn rentals or for capital appreciation purpose are measured using the fair value model and are classified and accounted for as investment properties.

10. OTHER PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, there was no new addition of property, plant and equipment (2022: nil).

11. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	30.6.2023	31.12.2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Equity instrument designated at FVOCI (non-recycling)		
	01-	00 7.4
Unlisted partnership investment	87,717	88,563
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The balance represents 10% equity interest in Epic Capital Development Fund I, L.P. ("Epic Fund"), a private limited partnership entity established in the Cayman Islands. The principal activity of Epic Fund is redevelopment of properties located in Hong Kong. The directors of the Company have elected to designate the investment in equity instrument as a FVOCI (non-recycling) as they believe that recognising short-term fluctuations in the investment in profit or loss would not be consistent with the Group's strategy of holding the investment for long term investment purpose and realising the performance potential in the long run. No dividends were received on this investment during the six months ended 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil).

12. LEASE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

30.6.2023	31.12.2022
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(Unaudited)	(Audited)
122	246
552	703
462	883
1,136	1,832
(390)	(462)
746	1,370
	HK\$'000 (Unaudited) 122 552 462 1,136 (390)

Note:

Deferred lease receivables represent the accumulated difference between effective rental revenue and actual invoiced rental amount.

Included in lease and other receivables, deferred lease receivables of approximately HK\$390,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$462,000) are expected to be recovered over one year and classified as non-current assets, the other lease and other receivables are expected to be recovered or recognised as expense within one year.

The following is an aged analysis of rental receivables (presented based on rental demand notices issued on the first calendar day of each month) at the end of the reporting period:

	30.6.2023	31.12.2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Age		
0 – 90 days	122	246

No credit period was granted to tenants of rental of premises. Before accepting any new tenants, the Group will internally assess the credit quality of the potential tenants.

13. DEPOSITS RECEIVED AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30.6.2023	31.12.2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Rental deposits received	7,253	7,558
Accrued expenses	904	4,127
Other payables	500	324
	8,657	12,009

The amount of accrued expenses, rental deposits received and other payables are expected to be settled or recognised as income after more than one year is HK\$5,016,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$5,073,000). All of the other accrued expenses, rental deposits received and other payables are expected to be settled or recognised as income within one year or are repayable on demand.

14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Amount in HK\$	Shown in the condensed consolidated financial statements $HK\$'000$
Issued and fully paid: At 30 June 2022, 31 December 2022 and 30 June 2023	386,175,758	3,861,757	3,862
Ordinary shares			
Authorized: At 30 June 2022, 31 December 2022 and 30 June 2023 (HK\$0.01 each)	1,000,000,000	10,000,000	

There were no movements in the share capital of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

15. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Other than the financial assets carried at fair value as detailed in the following table, the directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of other financial instruments that are recorded at amortised cost in these condensed consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

	Fair value	Fair value	
	as at	as at	
	30 June	31 December	Fair value
Financial assets	2023	2022	hierarchy
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
Investment in equity instrument designated at FVOCI	87,717	88,563	Level 3

There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the period.

Information about Level 3 fair value measurements

	Valuation techniques	Significant unobservable inputs	Range/weighted average of input	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Unlisted equity instrument	Adjusted net asset approach	Gross development value (HK\$/sq.ft)	15,700 (2022: 16,000)	note 1

The fair value of unlisted equity instrument is determined by adjusted net asset method with reference to fair value of the related property under development assessed by an independent professional valuer. The fair value of the related property under development is based on residual method, which is essentially a means of valuing the land by reference to its development potential by deducting development costs together with developers profit and risk associated with the estimated capital value of the proposed development assuming completed as at the date of valuation.

Notes:

1. The higher the gross development value, the higher the fair value.

Note: The above valuation was performed based on redevelopment basis under existing lease condition.

The movements during the period in the balance of this Level 3 fair value measurement are as follows:

	30.6.2023 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Unaudited)	31.12.2022 <i>HK</i> \$'000 (Audited)
Unlisted equity instrument:		
At beginning of the period	88,563	104,467
Payment for capital injection	_	6,258
Net unrealised (losses) recognised in other comprehensive		
income during the period	(846)	(22,162)
At end of the period	87,717	88,563

Any gain or loss arising from the remeasurement of the Group's unlisted equity instrument held for strategic purposes are recognised in the fair value reserve (non-recycling) in other comprehensive income. Upon disposal of the equity instrument, the amount accumulated in other comprehensive income is transferred directly to retained earnings.

16. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

Other than the transactions and balances with related parties disclosed in respective notes, the Group had the following related party transactions/balances:

During the six months ended 30 June 2023, the Group has leased two of its properties to a company which is wholly owned by Mr. Chow Tak Hung (spouse of Ms. Chau Choi Fa, the chairperson and executive director of the Company), Ms. Wong Siu Wah (the chief executive officer and executive director of the Company), and Ms. Chow Woon Yin (an executive director of the Company) and rental income of approximately HK\$786,000 (six months ended 30 June 2022: HK\$786,000) has been received. As at 30 June 2023, the Group has rental deposit from the leases in the aggregated amount of HK\$393,000 (31 December 2022: HK\$393,000) and such amount is included in rental deposits received as set out in note 13.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is engaged in the business of property investment and leasing of commercial and residential properties in Hong Kong. As at 30 June 2023, the Group held an investment property portfolio of 38 properties located in Hong Kong.

The aggregate market value of the Group's investment properties amounted to approximately HK\$900.9 million as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$908.0 million). This decrease was due to a net decrease in fair value of the investment properties of approximately HK\$7.1 million. During the six months ended 30 June 2023 (the "Period"), there was no new addition or disposal of investment property.

The Group's revenue for the Period, mainly consisting of gross rental income from the Group's investment properties, amounted to approximately HK\$13.8 million (2022: approximately HK\$14.1 million), representing a decrease of approximately 2.1% in comparison to the corresponding period in 2022 which reflected the general market conditions of the commercial retail property market in Hong Kong, as there was a lack of substantial improvement in the Hong Kong economy for the Period under review. The Group's investment properties were 96.6% occupied as at 30 June 2023.

As at 30 June 2023, the Group continued to hold a 10% investment in Epic Capital Development Fund I, L.P. (the "Fund"), an exempted limited partnership established in the Cayman Islands that is engaged in a property redevelopment project at No. 32 Hung To Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon (the "Fund Property"). Reference is made to the investment in the Fund which was announced by the Company as a discloseable transaction on 24 July 2018. As at 30 June 2023, the superstructure construction continues to be in progress. The Fund Property completed the lease modification from industrial use to commercial use in 2022. The Fund Property has a site area of approximately 9,805 square feet and the total attributable gross floor area upon redevelopment is approximately 146,900 square feet. The Fund Property is being redeveloped to an office building, with an anticipated year of completion in 2024. Due to the softening of market sentiment, office property values in Kwun Tong decreased for the Period under review, causing the fair value of the Fund Property and the Fund to decrease as at 30 June 2023. In addition, the Urban Renewal Authority's Kwun Tong Town Centre Development Areas 4 & 5 project was withdrawn after receiving only one bid in February 2023, which further triggered a decrease in the office property value around Kwun Tong area. As at 30 June 2023, the fair value of the investment of the Fund was approximately HK\$87.7 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$88.6 million).

Save for the investment properties held by the Group and the investment in the Fund, there was no other significant investment held during the Period. The Group did not introduce or announce any new business or services during the Period.

PROSPECTS

The Hong Kong Government has continued to relax COVID-19 control measures since January 2023 and inbound tourism has slowly recovered, making a positive impact to the Hong Kong economy. However, the rising interest rates in Hong Kong, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the trade tension between China and USA have brought uncertainty to Hong Kong's economic recovery. In addition, new consumption habits with more residents going across the border to spend will have further detrimental effect on the Hong Kong retail environment. Having said that, the management remains optimistic about the outlook of the Hong Kong economy and expects Hong Kong's retail property leasing activities to gradually return to normal at a slow but steady pace.

Looking ahead to the second half of 2023, the Hong Kong government's second round disbursement of the 2023 Consumption Voucher Scheme in July, along with the Happy Hong Kong Campaign, will continue to serve as catalysts for the retail market. These initiatives are expected to stimulate local spending and attract tourists. However, we remain cautious of the challenges that could hamper our leasing business recovery. Fortunately, up to now, the Group's portfolio continues to maintain high occupancy rates as our Group has a diverse tenant mix with tenants from different industries. To maintain the occupancy rates, the Group will continue to closely monitor the economic developments and property market changes and make rental policy adjustments accordingly. We will closely communicate with our tenants and continue to support them during difficult times.

In the Group's efforts to maintain its competitiveness and ensure shareholder returns, the Group has been cautiously exploring opportunities to diversify its business beyond the rental property market. The Group continues to gain property redevelopment experience from its investment in the Fund that is engaged in a property redevelopment project of the Fund Property. The Group is optimistic about the potential redevelopment and appreciation in value of the relevant property following the redevelopment and believes that the investment in the Fund will bring positive returns to the Group in the long run.

Currently, the Group does not have plans for any material investments or acquisitions of capital assets. Due to market uncertainties, the Group will continue to maintain a conservative treasury policy.

The Group will continue to cautiously explore and expand its investment portfolio and may look beyond the Hong Kong region for investment opportunities in efforts to maintain its competitiveness.

RESULTS

The Group's total comprehensive expense for the Period attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$1.0 million (2022: approximately HK\$11.1 million. Total comprehensive expense for the Period was mainly attributable to a reduction in the decrease in the net changes in fair value of the Group's investment properties which reflects the general market conditions of the commercial retail and residential investment property market in Hong Kong during the Period and the net movement in fair value reserves from the Fund.

Loss per share for the six months ended 30 June 2023 was HK cents 0.03 (2022: HK cents 1.70), representing a reduction in loss of approximately HK cents 1.67 per share from the corresponding period last year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As at 30 June 2023, the net current liabilities of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$55.4 million (31 December 2022: net current liabilities of approximately HK\$13.1 million). The current ratio, expressed as current assets over current liabilities, was approximately 0.46 (31 December 2022: approximately 0.81). Net current liabilities was generated as two of the bank loan is due within one year, thus increasing the Group's net current liabilities position. After taking into account the available banking facilities as at 30 June 2023, and the estimated cash flows generated from the Group's operations, the directors of the Company ("Directors") are satisfied that the Group will have sufficient working capital for its present requirements for the foreseeable future. As such, the management believes that the Group is well positioned with sufficient operating funds to manage its existing operations and investment plans. The management will continue to implement all necessary measures to ensure that the Group maintains adequate cash and appropriate credit facilities to meet its future operating expenditure and loan repayment obligations.

As at 30 June 2023, total equity of the Group decreased to approximately HK\$933.5 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$934.5 million). Moreover, as at 30 June 2023, the bank deposits and cash of the Group were approximately HK\$46.7 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$53.7 million), which included non-pledged time deposits of less than three months of approximately HK\$40.4 million (31 December 2022: HK\$46.3 million). The decrease in the Group's bank deposits and cash was mainly attributable to full repayment of one bank loan of approximately HK\$9.8 million during the Period.

As at 30 June 2023, the carrying amount of our bank loans was approximately HK\$102.2 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$113.6 million). As at 30 June 2023, all of the bank loans were secured by mortgages over certain investment properties, leasehold land and buildings of the Group with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK\$265.9 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$269.6 million). As at 30 June 2023, the bank loans bore interest rates ranging from 6.63% to 6.85% per annum (31 December 2022: ranging from 6.05% to 6.55% per annum). As at 30 June 2023, the Group had available unutilized bank loan facilities of approximately HK\$20 million (31 December 2022: HK\$20 million). The Group's borrowing was not affected by seasonality.

Of the total bank loans as at 30 June 2023, approximately HK\$93.7 million (or approximately 91.7%) was repayable within one year or on demand. Approximately HK\$8.5 million (or approximately 8.3%) was repayable after one year but within two years. None was repayable after two years but within five years. None was repayable after five years.

Of the total bank loans as at 31 December 2022, approximately HK\$55.3 million (or approximately 48.7%) was repayable within one year or on demand. Approximately HK\$58.3 million (or approximately 51.3%) was repayable after one year but within two years. None was repayable after two years.

The Group's total debt to equity ratio, calculated as total borrowings (being the aggregate of total bank borrowings) of approximately HK\$102.2 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$113.6 million) divided by shareholder's equity of the Group of approximately HK\$933.5 million (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$934.5 million) was approximately 10.9% as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: approximately 12.2%).

Capital Expenditure

The Group did not incur any material capital expenditure during the Period. It is anticipated that the funding required for future capital expenditure will be principally financed by cash generated from operations and bank borrowings, although the Group may consider raising additional funds as and when appropriate.

Capital Commitments

As at 30 June 2023, the Group had no capital commitment (31 December 2022: HK\$nil), contracted for but not provided for in the financial statements in respect of its investment in the Fund.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group had no significant contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022.

Pledge of assets

Certain of the Group's investment properties with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$253.9 million as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: approximately HK\$257.3 million) have been pledged to secure banking facilities of the Group.

As at 30 June 2023, one of the Group's leasehold land and buildings with a carrying value of approximately HK\$12.0 million (31 December 2022: HK\$12.3 million) has been pledged to secure banking facilities of the Group.

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES

There was no material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures by the Company during the Period under review.

TREASURY POLICY

The Group operates in Hong Kong and the revenue, operating cost and borrowings were denominated in Hong Kong dollars. As a result, the Group has minimal exposure to exchange rate fluctuation.

The Group adopts conservative treasury policies in cash and financial management. Cash is generally placed in short-term deposits mostly denominated in Hong Kong dollars. Should the Board consider it appropriate, it may consider investing in debt securities and equity securities. The Group does not use any financial instruments for hedging purposes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group has established and maintained sufficient risk management procedures to identify and control various types of risk within the organization and the external environment with active management participation and effective internal control procedures in the best interests of the Group and its shareholders.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 30 June 2023, the Group employed a total of seven employees (31 December 2022: seven employees) in Hong Kong. The Group recorded staff costs of approximately HK\$1.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2023 as compared to approximately HK\$3.6 million for the corresponding period in 2022.

The Group has entered into employment contracts with all our employees to cover matters such as wages, benefits and grounds for termination. The Group's remuneration policies and packages are reviewed by the management on a regular basis. The Group grants discretionary bonuses to qualified employees based on operation results and individual performance. The Board may also make an offer of the grant of an option to subscribe for share(s) in the capital of the Company to any of our employees under our share option scheme.

Share options were granted in the first half of 2022 resulting in recording of share-based payment expenses of approximately HK\$2.6 million, whilst no such expenses were recorded in the first half of 2023 as no share options were granted during the first half of 2023.

INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil).

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has adopted the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Part 2 of Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules as its own code of corporate governance. The Board considers that the Company was in compliance with all applicable code provisions set out in the CG Code during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as its model code for securities transactions by the directors of the Company. Having made specific enquiry, all of the directors of the Company confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code during the six months ended 30 June 2023.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries redeemed, purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 June 2023. As at 30 June 2023, there were no outstanding redeemable securities of the Company.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has an audit committee which was established in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules for the purpose of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group's financial reporting process and internal controls. The audit committee comprises of three independent non-executive directors of the Company.

The audit committee has reviewed the unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2023 with the management of the Company.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of our shareholders, tenants, professional parties and employees for their continuous support.

By Order of the Board Chau Choi Fa Chairperson

Hong Kong, 28 August 2023

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive directors, namely Ms. Chau Choi Fa, Ms. Wong Siu Wah, Ms. Wong Vivien Man-Li and Ms. Chow Woon Yin and three independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Lam John Cheung-Wah, Mr. Chui Chi Yun Robert and Mr. Lam Kwok Cheong.