



博富臨置業有限公司

**Pokfulam Development Company Limited**

Stock Code : 225

Property Leasing | Management | Development

## Annual Report 2022/2023



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# CORPORATE INFORMATION

## DIRECTORS

### Executive Directors

Wong Tat Chang, Abraham  
*(Chairman and Managing Director)*  
Wong Tat Kee, David  
Wong Tat Sum, Samuel

### Independent Non-executive Directors

Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey  
Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth  
Seto Gin Chung, John

## BOARD COMMITTEES

### Audit Committee

Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey *(Chairman)*  
Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth  
Seto Gin Chung, John

### Remuneration Committee

Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth *(Chairman)*  
Wong Tat Chang, Abraham  
Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey

### Nomination Committee

Wong Tat Chang, Abraham *(Chairman)*  
Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey  
Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth

## AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

Wong Tat Chang, Abraham  
Hui Sui Yuen

## COMPANY SECRETARY

Hui Sui Yuen

## REGISTERED OFFICE

23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Beverly House  
93-107 Lockhart Road  
Wanchai  
Hong Kong

## PRINCIPAL BANKERS

The Bank of East Asia, Limited  
The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking  
Corporation Limited  
OCBC Bank (Hong Kong) Limited  
Bank of Communications Co., Ltd.  
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited

## SOLICITORS

Howse Williams  
Tony Kan & Co.  
Huen & Partners, Solicitors

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

BDO Limited  
*Certified Public Accountants*  
*Registered Public Interest Entity Auditor*

## SHARE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER OFFICE

Tricor Standard Limited  
17/F, Far East Finance Centre,  
16 Harcourt Road,  
Hong Kong

## WEBSITE

<https://www.pokfulam.com.hk>

## SHARE INFORMATION

Place of Listing  
Main Board of  
The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

### Stock Code

225

### Board Lot

2,000 shares

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

## RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The consolidated net loss of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") after taxation and non-controlling interests for the year ended 30 September 2023 was approximately HK\$181.7 million, as compared to profit of approximately HK\$14.8 million in the previous year. Such results took into account the following major non-operating items:

- A revaluation deficit of approximately HK\$214.9 million (2022: HK\$27.2 million) on investment properties;
- Net revaluation losses of approximately HK\$8.9 million (2022: HK\$6.8 million) on securities investments and equity instruments;
- Share of losses of joint ventures of approximately HK\$5.2 million (2022: HK\$3.7 million);
- Exchange loss on amount due from a joint venture of approximately HK\$5.3 million (2022: HK\$2.0 million);
- Modification loss and net provision for impairment losses on financial assets of approximately HK\$5.9 million (2022: HK\$9.7 million); and
- Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets of nil (2022: HK\$1.2 million).

If the above items and their net taxation expenses of approximately HK\$1.2 million (2022: HK\$2.4 million) were excluded, the net operating profit after taxation and non-controlling interests of the Group for the year would have been approximately HK\$59.7 million (2022: HK\$67.8 million).

## DIVIDEND

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") has recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK34 cents per share in respect of the year ended 30 September 2023 to the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 23 February 2024. This proposed pay-out, together with the interim dividend of HK4 cents per share paid on Tuesday, 4 July 2023, would give a total dividend of HK38 cents per share for the whole financial year (2022: HK38 cents). Subject to the Shareholders' approval at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on Tuesday, 30 January 2024, it is expected that the final dividend would be paid to the Shareholders on Monday, 11 March 2024.

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

## BUSINESS REVIEW

### A. Hong Kong

#### *Rental Business –*

The rental income generated from investment properties in Hong Kong, which constituted a significant portion of the Group's operating profit, was slightly above that for the same period of last year.

The Group's residential properties experienced a decline in rental income by 4.1%. This decrease can primarily be attributed to a reduction in the number of expatriates residing in Hong Kong who were discouraged by the previous stringent quarantine measures imposed by the Government during the COVID-19 lockdown earlier in the year. Expatriates make up a significant portion of our residential property tenants. However, during the latter half of the year, the residential leasing market has become more active, driven by mainland expatriates and supported by new initiatives aimed at attracting talent.

On the contrary, the Group's commercial and industrial properties experienced a 9.8% increase in rental income. This growth can be attributed to the inclusion of rental income from the industrial property in Mongkok for the entire period under review. Despite the weak external economic environment, the rent levels of both general industrial and modern logistics properties demonstrated impressive growth, supported by substantial transactions from the logistics sector.

#### *Elephant Holdings Limited ("EHL") –*

Elephant Holdings Limited (EHL) is a provider of digital display and signage solutions, public address systems, CCTV security systems, audio-visual systems, and high-end high fidelity audio systems to both Government and private end-users.

The sales revenue of EHL witnessed a notable 34% increase in comparison to the previous year. This growth can be attributed to the resumption of economic activities subsequent to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, numerous projects undertaken by EHL regained momentum during the latter half of the year, resulting in a significant surge in sales revenue when compared to the preceding year. Specifically, this increase can be largely attributed to the completion of several large-scale infrastructure projects that spanned a duration of 2-3 years.

For the year under review, EHL accounted for approximately 30% of the Group's total revenue.

#### *Property-related Fund Investment –*

In order to broaden and enhance its portfolio of real estate investments, the Group has undertaken a subscription for participation in a third-party property investment fund known as the "TKO Fund" with a capital commitment of HK\$39.0 million in October of 2018. The TKO Fund's objective is to engage in co-investment with an institutional investor in three properties situated in Tseung Kwan O, which collectively encompass approximately 300,000 sq. ft. of retail and car parking space. The fund's investment in these properties is expected to have a holding period of approximately five years from its acquisition at the end of March 2019, subject to prevailing market conditions. Depending on the property market situation in the following year, the holding period may be extended for an additional year. As of 30 September 2023, the Group has already contributed HK\$34.9 million in capital to the TKO Fund. On the same date, our investment in the TKO Fund was valued at HK\$44.5 million.

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Group maintains a portfolio of stocks and other investment products that yield a high return. The Group employs the following criteria when evaluating investment and trading opportunities: 1. The potential for return on investment, considering both capital appreciation and dividend payment, for the intended holding period. 2. The level of risk exposure, taking into account the Group's risk tolerance at the current time. 3. The diversification of the current investment portfolio.

### *Other Fund Investments –*

#### Adams Street Private Income Fund LP

The Group has subscribed to invest in a private equity fund, specifically the Adams Street Private Income Fund LP (referred to as the "Adams Fund"). The primary objective of the Adams Fund is to generate current income and attractive risk-adjusted returns while providing strong protection against potential losses. The Adams Fund primarily invests in senior secured debt instruments of middle-market companies that are backed by private equity, with a focus on directly originated 1st lien instruments. As of 30 September 2023, the Group has made a contribution of USD7.5 million to the Adams Fund. Throughout the year under review, the Group has received consistent dividend income from the Adams Fund. As of 30 September 2023, our investment in the Adams Fund was valued at USD6.0 million. The Group has fulfilled its commitment to contribute fully to the Adams Fund.

#### Hundreds SH Fund LP

The Hundreds SH Fund LP, referred to as the "Hundreds Fund," is a limited partnership that has been incorporated in the Cayman Islands. Its primary focus is on fund management. The investment objective of the Hundreds Fund is to achieve long-term capital gains through investments in private or public companies that are centered around emerging technologies or online businesses in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). The primary investment strategy of the Hundreds Fund is to gain exposure to these companies by primarily investing in the Tencent Plus Partners II Fund (referred to as "TPP II"). TPP II primarily invests in late stage growth companies that are engaged in consumer internet verticals related to Tencent's business, technology, media and telecom, as well as business-to-business e-commerce sectors. The Group has committed to investing USD2.0 million in the Hundreds Fund. As of 30 September 2023, the Group has contributed USD0.8 million to the Hundreds Fund, and the value of our investment in the Hundreds Fund as of 30 September 2023, was USD0.4 million. Despite macro challenges such as slower than expected consumption demand in the PRC, higher debt levels, and an unstable property market, the Hundreds Fund remains confident that the government is actively implementing relevant measures to stimulate the economy. The key to witnessing tangible improvement is to exercise patience.

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

### B. Property Projects in Mainland China

*Silver Gain Plaza in Guangzhou (in which the Group has a one-third interest) –*

The three shareholders of Silver Gain Development Limited (銀利發展有限公司) (the "Joint Venture Company") have agreed to realise the accumulated profit generated from this Project by disposing of their shares of equity interests in the Joint Venture Company (the "Disposal"), and the Disposal has to go through an open tendering process through the United Assets and Equity Exchange in Shanghai. A tendering took place at the end of 2022, of which the period will last until the end of 2023.

*Residential units in Vivaldi Court of Manhattan Garden, Chao Yang District, Beijing –*

The rental income of this project has experienced a 7% decrease in comparison to that of last year.

### C. Finance cost

The sum totalled approximately HK\$18.2 million, signifying an increase of HK\$13 million compared to the previous year. The surge in finance expenses can be attributed to the significant increase in interest rates throughout the Reporting Period.

### D. Fair value change of Investment properties

The valuation of investment properties across all sectors of the Group experienced a decline of up to 5% with total amount of approximately HK\$215 million, based on both the transaction price and rental yield. The Group foresees that the relaxation of property "cooling measures" in the Policy Address, delivered by the Chief Executive of HKSAR in October 2023, can potentially uplift market sentiment, but the effects of government stimulus may require a certain amount of time to manifest.

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

## PROSPECTS

Over the past six months Hong Kong and its inhabitants have been gradually adjusting to a post-COVID-19 pandemic reality, with inbound tourism and private consumption underpinning the city's economic recovery, which has only been modest thus far. While the streets have regained some of the vibrancy lost during the pandemic, the city's overall economic revival has been constrained by a number of challenging external factors, namely the tightening in monetary conditions, the downturn in global trade, rising geopolitical tensions and Mainland China's struggle to reignite the economy after three years of isolation and intermittent lockdowns. Hong Kong's property market has been particularly sluggish over the same period, as higher interest rates and the liquidity crunch affecting the mainland's real estate sector have drastically reduced the appetite for investments; transaction volumes and property values have declined significantly across the city between June and September 2023 and the valuation of the Group's rental properties were likewise impacted.

In light of these circumstances, the Group has adopted a three-pronged approach to anchor its business strategy: 1) maintain high occupancies in its rental properties; 2) preserve income and; 3) seek above-market return opportunities in the financial markets to offset increased interest costs. Thankfully, we have been able to maintain reasonably healthy occupancy and income levels throughout the period by proactively working with tenants to extend their leases.

In spite of the slow economic rebound, we remain cautiously optimistic about the future of Hong Kong and the long-term prospects of its property market. The macroeconomic fundamentals of the city remain sound and our unique institution under "one country, two systems" makes Hong Kong well positioned to perform the role of an important domestic and international business hub. We also welcome the government's recent efforts to attract foreign talent and to establish greater business partnerships with nations across the Middle East and Southeast Asia; indeed, increased leasing enquiries from expatriates in recent months may point to early successes of these initiatives.

Finally, I would like to conclude the fiscal year by thanking the board and our staff member for their commitment and hard work. I would also like to express my gratitude to the shareholders for their continued support.

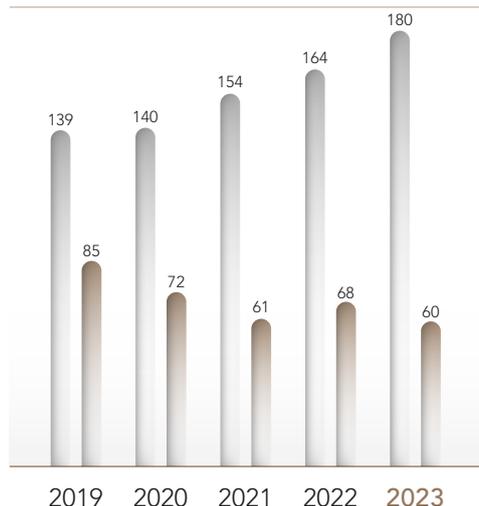
**Wong Tat Chang, Abraham**  
*Chairman and Managing Director*

Hong Kong, 20 December 2023

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

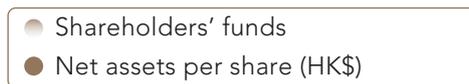
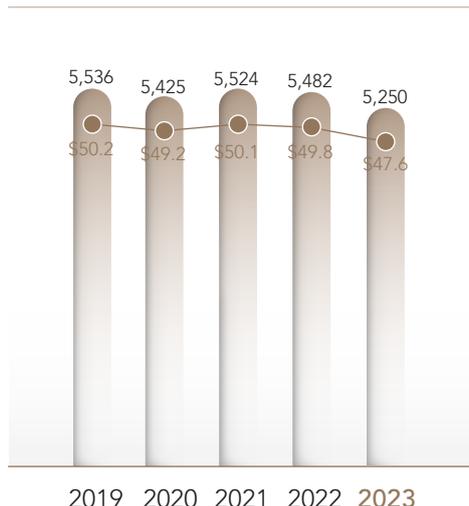
## REVENUE/NET OPERATING PROFIT

HK\$ Million



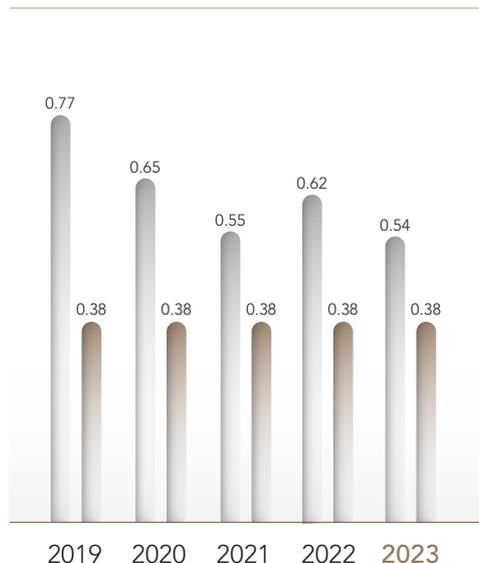
## SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS/NET ASSETS PER SHARE

HK\$ Million/HK\$

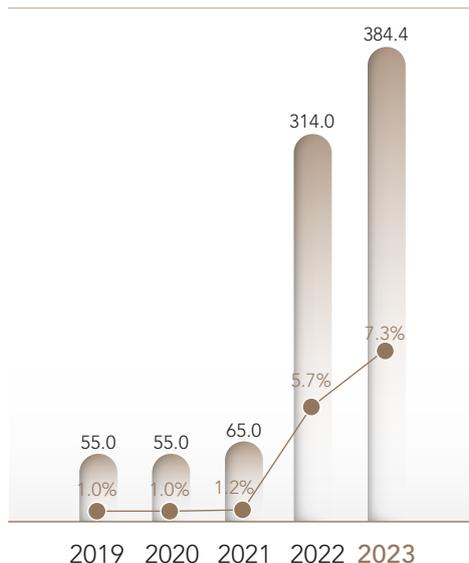


## OPERATING EARNINGS/DIVIDEND PER SHARE

HK\$



## GEARING/BORROWINGS



\* Excluding the impacts of major non-operating items (net of taxation)

# BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

## DIRECTORS

### WONG TAT CHANG, ABRAHAM

*B.Sc. (Cornell), Ph.D. (Calif. Berkeley)*

*Executive Director (Chairman and Managing Director) (Age: 72)*

Mr. Wong has been with the Group since 1981. Mr. Wong is the chairman of the nomination committee of the board of directors of the Company (the "Directors", the "Board" and the "Nomination Committee", respectively) and a member of the remuneration committee of the Board (the "Remuneration Committee"). He graduated from Cornell University, the United States of America ("USA") with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and holds a Master and a Doctor of Philosophy degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, USA. He is a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He is the elder brother of Mr. Wong Tat Kee, David and Mr. Wong Tat Sum, Samuel, both executive Directors ("EDs").

### WONG TAT KEE, DAVID

*B.Sc., M.Sc. (Stanford), MBA (Western Ontario)*

*ED (Age: 71)*

Mr. Wong has been a Director since 1981. He graduated from Stanford University, USA with a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in mechanical engineering and also holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Western Ontario, Canada. He has been involved in the building construction business in Hong Kong for over 40 years and is a director of B L Wong (Holdings) Limited and a number of other private companies. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He is the younger brother of Mr. Wong Tat Chang, Abraham, an ED, the chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") and the managing Director and the elder brother of Mr. Wong Tat Sum, Samuel, an ED.

### WONG TAT SUM, SAMUEL

*B.Sc., B.A. (Tufts)*

*ED (Age: 68)*

Mr. Wong has been a Director since 1981. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from Tufts University, USA. He has been actively involved in the building construction industry and property investment, development and management. He is a director of B L Wong (Holdings) Limited. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He is the younger brother of Mr. Wong Tat Chang, Abraham, an ED, the Chairman and the managing Director and Mr. Wong Tat Kee, David, an ED.

### LI KWOK SING, AUBREY

*ScB, MBA*

*Independent Non-executive Director ("INED") (Age: 73)*

Mr. Li was appointed as an INED on 30 September 2004. He is the chairman of the audit committee of the Board (the "Audit Committee") and a member of each of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee. He holds a Master's degree of Business Administration from Columbia University, USA and a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Brown University, USA. He is a director of IAM Family Office Limited, a Hong Kong-based investment firm. He has over 50 years' experience in merchant banking and commercial banking. He is currently a non-executive director of The Bank of East Asia, Limited, and an independent non-executive director of each of Cafe de Coral Holdings Limited and Kowloon Development Company Limited, all being companies listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). Mr. Li was an Independent Non-executive Director of Kunlun Energy Company Limited (a company listed on the Stock Exchange) and Tai Ping Carpets International Limited (a company listed on the Stock Exchange).

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

### SIT HOI WAH, KENNETH

*LLB (Hons.)*

*INED (Age: 65)*

Mr. Sit was appointed as an INED on 10 October 2005. He is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of each of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee. The holder of a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) degree from the University of Hong Kong, he is a practising solicitor and notary public in Hong Kong with over 40 years' experience in the legal profession. He is a partner of Messrs. Kenneth Sit, Solicitors. He is currently an independent non-executive director of Qi-House Holdings Limited (formerly known as "Tree Holdings Limited") (a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange). Mr. Sit was an Independent Non-executive Director of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd. (a company listed on the Stock Exchange and the Shanghai Stock Exchange) during 2013 to 2019.

### SETO GIN CHUNG, JOHN

*INED (Age: 75)*

Mr. Seto was appointed as an INED on 1 July 2019 and is a member of the Audit Committee. He is an independent non-executive director of MS Group Holdings Limited (a company listed on the Stock Exchange). Mr. Seto obtained a master's degree in business administration from the New York University in 1973. Mr. Seto resigned as an independent non-executive director and the chairman of the board of Hop Hing Group Holdings Limited on 15 February, 2022, which was privatized and delisted from the Stock Exchange on 27 January 2022. He also resigned as independent non-executive director of Kowloon Development Company Limited with effect from 8 June 2022. Mr. Seto has over 40 years of experience in the securities and futures industry which includes his services as the chief executive officer in HSBC Broking Services (Asia) Limited, a non-executive director of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, a council member of the Stock Exchange and the first vice chairman of the Stock Exchange.

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT

### WONG CHIN YEE

*General Manager (Age: 41)*

Mr. Wong was appointed as the general manager of the Company in January 2016. He is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He holds Master Degrees in Urban Planning and Public Administration from University of Southern California, USA. He has about 10 years of experience of international development, sustainable development and urban planning. He resided and worked in the People's Republic of China, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and USA prior to returning to Hong Kong. He is a son of Mr. Wong Tat Chang, Abraham, the Chairman, the managing Director and an ED, and a nephew of each of Mr. Wong Tat Kee, David and Mr. Wong Tat Sum, Samuel, both EDs.

### HUI SUI YUEN

*F CPA, ACA*

*Company Secretary and Financial Controller (Age: 44)*

Mr. Hui joined the Group in July 2012 and is now the company secretary and financial controller of the Company, responsible for the company secretarial, financial and accounting matters of the Group. He is a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He has over 20 years' accounting and finance working experience.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

## ABOUT THIS REPORT

Pokfulam Development Company Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively as the “**Group**”, “**Pokfulam**” or “**We**”) is delighted to present our Environmental, Social and Governance (“**ESG**”) Report (the “**Report**”). The Report aims to demonstrate the Group’s commitment on sustainable development and present transparently the Group’s material sustainability performance to our stakeholders.

### Reporting Scope and Reporting Period

Unless otherwise stated, the Report covers our business segments of (i) property investment and management; and (ii) trading of goods which contributed to the Group’s major sources of revenue for the period from 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2023 (the “**Reporting Period**”).

The reporting boundary is primarily determined by the financial significance and the Group’s operational influence, as well as on the ESG significance to the Group and its stakeholders. There were no significant changes in the scope of the Report from that of Year 2021/2022 ESG Report published by the Group.

### Reporting Standards

The Report has been prepared in compliance with latest disclosure requirements set out in the ESG Reporting Guide (the “**Guide**”) in Appendix 27 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**HKEx**”). A content index is provided at the end of the Report to enhance readability. Further details of our corporate governance are detailed in the Corporate Governance Report section of our Annual Report.

### Reporting Principles

In the preparation of the Report, the Group followed the “Reporting Principles” stipulated in the Guide, as shown below.

Reporting Principles	Definition	Response from the Group
Materiality	The Report should report ESG issues that are sufficiently important to investors and other stakeholders.	We identify material sustainability topics that are important to the Group’s business and our stakeholders through regular stakeholder engagement and materiality assessment. Please refer the section headed “Materiality Assessment” for details.
Quantitative	The Report should disclose key performance indicators (“ <b>KPIs</b> ”) in a way that is measurable. Comparative data should be provided where appropriate.	The Report discloses quantitative environmental and social KPIs, as well as historical data of KPIs to facilitate comparability over time, as far as practicable. Please refer to “Performance Data Summary” for more details.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

Reporting Principles	Definition	Response from the Group
Balance	This ESG Report should present an unbiased picture of the Group's sustainability performance, avoiding selections, omissions, or presentation formats that may inappropriately influence readers' decisions or judgments.	The Report provides our stakeholders with fair disclosures on material aspects related to the Group's business. It covers the Group's sustainability-related progress, achievements and challenges.
Consistency	Consistent methodologies should be employed in the Report to facilitate meaningful comparisons of ESG data over time.	Unless otherwise specified, consistent methodologies were applied when compiling the data disclosed in the Report. Necessary explanations are provided on any changes to the methodology used as compared to the previous year in the Report.

## Feedback

We welcome your comments and suggestions on our sustainability performance and disclosure. Please share your feedback with us at [pdcl@pokfulam.com.hk](mailto:pdcl@pokfulam.com.hk).

## ABOUT POKFULAM DEVELOPMENT

### Overview

Founded in 1970 and listed on the Main Board of the HKEx since 1972, the Company (Stock Code: 225) stands as a respectable property investment and investment holding company, with a focus on three major business segments:

#### Property Investment and Management

- Letting and management of commercial, industrial and residential properties

#### Trading of Goods

- Trading of visual and sound equipment, and home appliances

#### Securities Investment

- Investment in securities

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

## Our Vision, Properties and Services

### *Providing You with the Ideal Living and Work Environment*

With over five decades of expertise, the Company specialises in property development and management in Hong Kong and beyond. Our exceptional property portfolio comprises luxurious residential developments in prestigious Hong Kong neighbourhoods, as well as commercial and industrial buildings strategically located in key business districts. Our dedicated in-house property management team ensures the highest standards of property operation, creating the ideal living and working environment for our tenants.

## RECOGNISED FOR SUSTAINABILITY

During the Reporting Period, the Group was pleased to receive recognitions from various prestigious organisations for our commitment to sustainability and achievements.



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## OUR SUSTAINABILITY HIGHLIGHTS



### SMART

- Leveraged innovative solutions, such as **UpKeep, SleekFlow** and **Snapinspect**, for creating a quality tenant experience
- **Digitalised** existing internal administrative and operational processes for enhanced **efficiency and future-proof**



### WELLNESS

- Male to female: 2:1
- Average training hours: 1.5 hours
- Maintained 0 reportable work-related accidents and 0 fatality
- Launched **family-friendly arrangement and support programmes**, such as paid family leaves and flexible working hours



### GREEN

- **Applied renewable energy** sources such as on-site solar panel and generated **10,514 kWh of solar energy**
- Purchased **9,860 kWh** of renewable energy certificates (“RECs”)
- Total GHG emission (Scopes 1 and 2) intensity per number of working days  
↓ 7.67%



### COMMUNITY

- Donated **HK\$32,000**, focusing on **environmental protection, connecting sustainability efforts** as well as **community health and wellness**
- Supported the **WWF-Hong Kong** as the **Silver Member** for **environmental conservation** for present and future generations
- **Advanced sustainability** in business and public sectors through our participation in the **ESG+ Pledge Scheme**

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

## OUR MANAGEMENT APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

### Sustainability Strategy

Guided by our corporate sustainability vision *To Make Our Properties Healthier to the Environment and More Responsive to Present and Future Tenant Needs*, our sustainability strategy revolves around four sustainability pillars: (i) Smart, (ii) Wellness, (iii) Green and (iv) Community, which are linked to specific directions, goals and targets as well as our actions. We are dedicated to leveraging technology in our properties and services to create healthy, hygienic and environmental-friendly working and living spaces, with a focus on long-term value creation. The Board has approved our sustainability strategy.

### Pokfulam's Sustainability Strategy



#### SMART

**Direction:**  
Utilising technology to provide products and services of the highest quality

**Goal:**  
We are committed to delivering premium products and services of excellent quality to add value to customers.

**Our Actions:**

- We integrate **network-based technologies** into our buildings, enhancing the energy efficiency while prioritising the comfort of our tenants.
- Residential units are retrofitted with **sustainable building materials**, such as volatile organic compound ("VOC")-free paint and Forest Stewardship Council ("FSC") certified tile floor tiles.
- Our properties feature retrofitted smart and energy-efficient **Internet of Things ("IoT") systems**, allowing tenants to monitor, control and automate their home and office environments through mobile devices, offering convenience and efficiency.



#### WELLNESS

**Direction:**  
Providing a healthy work environment for employees

**Goal:**  
We create and protect a fair, mutually beneficial, safe, and inclusive work environment to create value for our employees.

**Our Actions:**

- We are dedicated to nurturing a **safe and diverse working environment** in compliance with local labour laws and regulations.
- We foster a culture that celebrates the importance of **inclusion, diversity and equal opportunities**.
- We provide **diverse training programmes** to raise staff awareness on **occupational health and safety, sustainability, etc.**



#### GREEN\*

**Direction:**  
Building a smart and green environment

**Goal:**  
We pursue sustainability by enhancing energy efficiency and better use of resource.

**Our Actions:**

- We are devoted to enhancing **climate resilience** while reducing our ecological footprint.
- We take pride in our sponsorship of the **Business Environment Council** and **WWF-Hong Kong** to advance intelligent and environmentally responsible building practices.
- We ensure all our property tenants have ready access to facilities promoting a smart and sustainable lifestyle, including **green technologies, electric vehicle chargers and recycling facilities**.



#### COMMUNITY

**Direction:**  
Orientating towards the community

**Goal:**  
We fulfil social responsibility and bring positive impacts to the community so as to cultivate a caring and supportive culture.

**Our Actions:**

- We foster thriving and resilient communities that improve the quality of living through active support for **community health and wellness**.
- We champion **environmental protection** through community investments for promoting a climate resilient future.
- We are keen on **connecting sustainability efforts**, driving meaningful impacts across wider communities.

\* Please refer the section headed "Green" for details on our green targets.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

## ESG Governance Structure and Board's Oversight

Ensuring a resilient framework for sustainability governance is crucial for the Group's long-term growth. The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors"), as the highest governance body, has overall responsibility for the Group's ESG strategy and reporting. To seamlessly integrate ESG principles into our day-to-day business activities, the Board provides strategic directions and advice on our sustainability management.

Appointed by the Board and led by the General Manager, the ESG Working Group is responsible for regularly overseeing and advising the Board on matters related to the Group's sustainability management, development and implementation. Our sustainability governance structure is outlined as follows:

### Roles and Responsibilities

#### The Board

- Assume overall responsibility for overseeing the Group's ESG-related issues
- Supervise the Group's ESG vision, mission, strategy, priorities and management approach
- Provide strategic directions and advice on sustainability management of the Group
- Oversee the process to identify, evaluate, prioritise and manage material ESG-related issues (including risks to our businesses, such as climate-related risks as well as environmental and social risks along the supply chain)
- Establish an internal control mechanism for monitoring and overseeing the management of ESG-related issues
- Review progress made against ESG-related goals and targets
- Review and approve updates to ESG policies and procedures

#### ESG Working Group

- Formulate the Group's sustainability strategy, work plans, as well as goals and targets
- Identify, evaluate, prioritise and manage material ESG-related issues and risks (including climate-related risks as well as environmental and social risks along the supply chain)
- Establish an effective risk management and internal control mechanism
- Monitor the Group's ESG performance and progress made against ESG-related goals and targets
- Ensure the effective implementation of ESG-related policies and initiatives
- Review compliance with relevant laws, rules and regulations related to ESG
- Prepare an annual ESG report on its activities for the Board's approval

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## ESG-related Risk Management

We are committed to advancing sustainability through effective ESG risk management. The Board is responsible for overseeing our ESG risk management process, while the ESG Working Group is responsible for managing and monitoring the Group's risk management activities. The details of our ESG-related risk management process are as follows:

- 1. Identification** We identify relevant ESG-related risks (including climate related risks and ESG risks along the supply chain) by referencing the latest market and industry trends, with the support of an independent third-party sustainability consultant.
- 2. Evaluation** We assess the potential impacts and likelihood of the relevant ESG-related risks to identify those with the most significant impact, which are then addressed for appropriate mitigation.
- 3. Prioritisation** We prioritise material ESG-related risks based on assessments of their risk levels in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence. During the Reporting Period, the Board reviewed and confirmed the ESG-related risk assessment results.
- 4. Mitigation** We formulate mitigation measures for identified ESG-related risks and delegate their implementation to relevant units.

For further details on our corporate governance and risk management approach, please refer to the Corporate Governance Report section.

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## Stakeholder Engagement

The Group endeavours to maintain open communication with our stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of their expectations. This, in turn, allows us to develop strategies that cater to their needs and promote sustainable business growth. Below are the communication channels we use to regularly engage our diverse stakeholder groups.

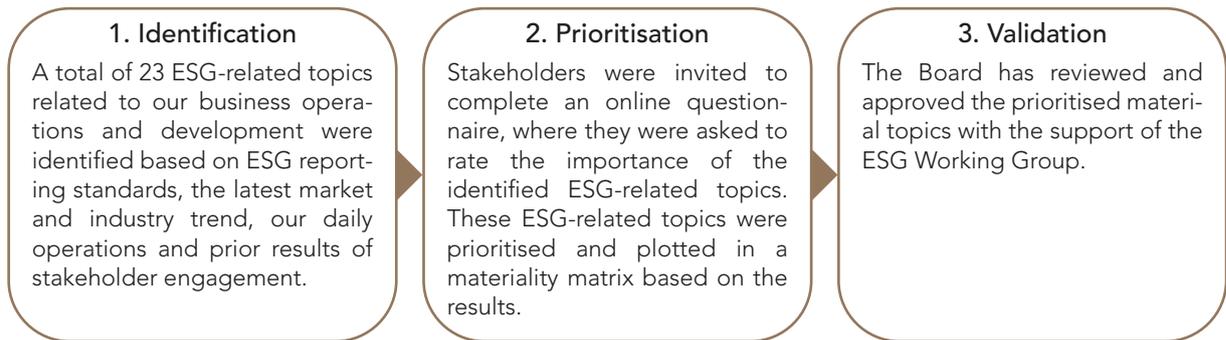
Stakeholder Group	Engagement Channels
Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Staff meetings</li><li>– Internal communication platforms</li><li>– Staff trainings</li></ul>
Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Company website</li><li>– Daily Operations</li><li>– Customer service support</li><li>– Customer satisfaction surveys</li></ul>
Shareholders and Investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Shareholders’ meetings and annual general meetings</li><li>– Company website</li><li>– Investor conferences</li><li>– Financial reports</li></ul>
Suppliers and Business Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Company website</li><li>– Site visits</li><li>– Regular reviews</li></ul>
Government and Regulatory Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Meetings and interviews</li><li>– Policy consultations</li><li>– Disclosures and announcements</li></ul>
The Community and the General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Company website</li><li>– Media</li><li>– Community events</li><li>– Charity activities</li></ul>

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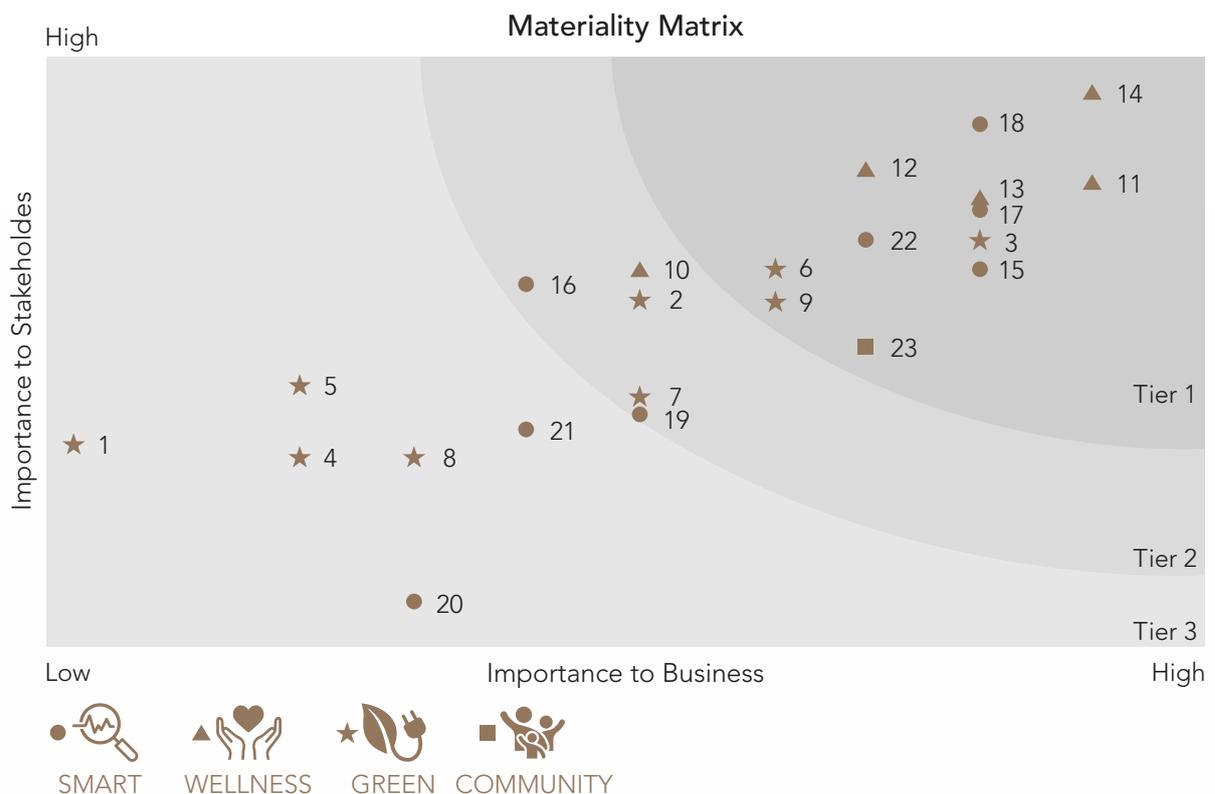
## Materiality Assessment

To pinpoint ESG-related topics of significance to both the Group and its stakeholders, we conducted a materiality assessment during the Reporting Period. With the assistance of an independent third-party sustainability consultant, we invited input from internal and external stakeholders through an online questionnaire where they rated the importance of various ESG topics. Additionally, stakeholders were also encouraged to share their insights regarding the Group’s sustainability performance.

Our materiality assessment involved multiple steps: identification, prioritisation and validation, which formed our sustainability strategy and facilitated the preparation of this Report.



The materiality matrix below summarises the relative importance of the 23 ESG-related topics to stakeholders (Y-axis) and to our business development (X-axis) based on the aggregated scores obtained from our internal and external stakeholders through an online questionnaire. A total of 12 topics (most material topics) located in the Tier 1 of the matrix were prioritised as the most significant for us to address and report on during the Reporting Period.



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1. Air Emissions	10. Equal Opportunities	15. Corporate Governance and Risk Management	23. Caring for the Community
2. Waste and Recyclables Management	11. Occupational Health and Safety	16. Ethically Responsible Sourcing	
3. Energy Efficiency	12. Staff Development and Training	17. Product Assurance and Quality	
4. Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions	13. Employee Benefits and Welfare	18. Customer Service	
5. Water Management	14. Anti-corruption	19. Intellectual Property Rights Protection	
6. Climate Change		20. Marketing and Advertising	
7. Green Procurement		21. Environmental Product Stewardship	
8. Environmental Risk in Supply Chain and Its Remedies		22. Information Security and Personal Data Protection	
9. Clean Technology			

## List of Most Material Topics Identified

Most Material Topics	Relevant Chapters
3. Energy Efficiency	GHG Reduction and Energy Conservation
6. Climate Change	Climate Resilience and Management Sustainable Properties
9. Clean Technology	Sustainable Properties
11. Occupational Health and Safety	Occupational Health and Safety
12. Staff Development and Training	Professional Development and Training
13. Employee Benefits and Welfare	Attracting and Retaining Talent
14. Anti-corruption	Business Ethics and Integrity
15. Corporate Governance and Risk Management	ESG Governance Structure and Board's Oversight ESG-related Risk Management
17. Product Assurance and Quality	Product and Service Quality Management
18. Customer Service	Customer Feedback
22. Information Security and Personal Data Protection	Data Privacy and Intellectual Property Rights
23. Caring for The Community	Community

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## SMART

*Utilising technology to provide products and services of the highest quality*

Goal:	Most material topics covered in this chapter:
We are committed to delivering premium products and services of excellent quality to add value to customers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corporate Governance and Risk Management</li><li>• Product Assurance and Quality</li><li>• Customer Service</li><li>• Information Security and Personal Data Protection</li></ul>

The Group is committed to prioritising customers' interests and cater to their individual needs. We maintain strict adherence to relevant laws and regulations<sup>1</sup> in relation to product responsibility. To guarantee the provision of high-quality products and services, the Group has obtained the ISO 9001 Quality Management System certification<sup>2</sup>. We have in place comprehensive quality management policies to govern our quality management procedures and measures.

During the Reporting Period, the Group was not aware of any material non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations relating to health and safety, advertising, labelling and privacy matters relating to products and services provided, as well as methods of redress.

### Product and Service Quality Management

In our efforts to foster and cultivate long-term relationships with our tenants, we have integrated technology into the provision of our tenancy services.

#### UpKeep

UpKeep serves as an internal work process monitoring system that seamlessly integrates maintenance and operations. It efficiently streamlines work requests and communication between departments, guaranteeing the timely delivery of high-quality services for both leased and common areas, both before property handover and during tenancy.

#### SleekFlow

In collaboration with Upkeep, SleekFlow centralises both internal and external information received from diverse communication channels, including WhatsApp, WeChat, email and more, onto a unified platform. Tenants have direct access to our customer service for inquiries related to property management, billing, and leasing matters. Upon receiving these inquiries, our employees can promptly create work requests and schedule maintenance tasks through UpKeep. This seamless integration between UpKeep and SleekFlow enables us to respond promptly to tenants' immediate requests.

#### Snapinspect

Snapinspect streamlines our property inspection process, offering comprehensive solutions for our employees to document essential details, comments, and photographs during inspections, and to create inspection checklists. These inspection records serve as valuable references for both management and tenants for evaluating future property conditions.

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the "Significant Laws and Regulations" section for the list of product responsibility-related laws and regulations significant to the Group's business operations.

<sup>2</sup> Our Elephant Holdings Limited ("EHL"), a subsidiary of the Company, has obtained the ISO 9001 Quality Management System certification.

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In addition, we have in place clear standardised procedures to ensure the delivery of high-quality services to our tenants before, during and after the tenancy.

<b>1. Setting of Rental</b>	The saleable area mentioned in the vacancy listing is official information sourced directly from the Rating and Valuation Department.
<b>2. Marketing of Property</b>	The tenancy agreement incorporates a clause that allows for property viewings at a mutually agreed upon and reasonable time. This provision enables interested customers to inspect the units, ensuring they acquire an accurate understanding of the current interior conditions, thus mitigating potential disputes or confusion in the future.
<b>3. Negotiation</b>	Negotiations are conducted through a licensed estate agent or via direct communication between leasing managers and tenants, adhering to the Company's established practices and standards.
<b>4. Documentation</b>	Upon reaching a binding agreement, follow-up documentation, including the draft tenancy agreement and signed offer letter, is handled in strict accordance with the Company's pre-established legal and detailed manner.
<b>5. Handover</b>	The handover procedure is facilitated by the use of the Snapinspect app, which generates an inspection report for the reference of both parties involved.
<b>6. Maintenance and Support</b>	Our Property Management and Technical Departments uphold a rigorous standard of post-sale service to guarantee the health and safety of our tenants and customers.

<b>Property Management Company Licence</b>	
As a responsible property management service provider, we ensure that we obtain all necessary licences required to operate our business. During the Reporting Period, we obtained the Property Management Company Licence issued by the Property Management Services Authority, and were committed to ensuring quality, integrity and advancement for our property management services.	

<b>Enhancing efficiency</b>
During the Reporting Period, we upgraded and digitalised some of our existing administrative and operational processes to enhance efficiency and productivity by streamlining our routine procedures.

### Customer Feedback

The Group genuinely appreciates the valuable insights and feedback shared by our tenants, which consistently guides us in our commitment to improving our services. Leveraging SleekFlow and Upkeep, our robust complaint handling procedures to address customer feedback thoroughly:

1. Tenants are encouraged to share their requests or complaints through easily accessible channels such as WhatsApp, WeChat, email, etc., which are consolidated and managed in SleekFlow and UpKeep.
2. Our dedicated in-house technicians conduct thorough inspections to determine if the issues can be resolved internally or if outsourcing is necessary.

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3. In cases requiring immediate attention, our Technical Department representatives promptly visit the site on the same day as the complaint or the following day to assess the extent and scope of the necessary rectification work.
4. To prevent any situation from deteriorating, we swiftly implement a range of temporary measures, ensuring the utmost care and safety.
5. We follow a structured process to obtain management approval for the necessary work, which is then scheduled and completed at a mutually agreed-upon date and time, guaranteeing efficiency and satisfaction.

During the Reporting Period, the Group did not receive any material complaints<sup>3</sup> related to the works and services provided. (2021/22: 0)

### Data Privacy and Intellectual Property Rights

The Group holds customer privacy and information security in the highest regard. We ensure that customer data is handled with strict adherence to all relevant laws and regulations<sup>4</sup>, always maintaining the utmost confidentiality in our tenant information collection process. Comprehensive guidelines and protocols are provided to our employees, ensuring the proper handling of data from collection to storage, processing and disposal. We transparently communicate the purposes of data collection and obtain customer consent, when necessary, before using the data.

In our commitment to safeguarding the Group's information security and data privacy, we strictly prohibit our employees from engaging in any unauthorised access or copying of company data. Additionally, we prohibit the use of illegal software, effectively minimising the risk of information security breaches.

To safeguard the Group's intellectual property rights, we provide guidelines and consistently remind our employees to refrain from infringing upon third parties' intellectual property rights, which may include but are not limited to copyrights, patents, and trademarks.

### Supply Chain Management

The Group is committed to collaborating with suppliers who meet high quality and sustainability standards, and continually working to enhance the sustainability of our supply chain. Our comprehensive supplier engagement procedures are established to address and manage our environmental and social risks of the supply chain effectively.

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<sup>3</sup> Material complaints refer to complaints that have a significant long-term impact on our customers or are related to the failure to deliver the agreed product and service requirements.

<sup>4</sup> Please refer to the "Significant Laws and Regulations" section for the list of laws and regulations significant to the Group's business operations.

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<p><b>1. Selecting Suppliers</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When screening suppliers, we consider factors including the following as our tendering criteria:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Price</li> <li>➤ Product and service quality</li> <li>➤ Use of sustainable construction materials</li> <li>➤ Environmental and safety-related qualifications and performance (e.g., noise control)</li> <li>➤ Adequate insurance coverage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Supplier Evaluation and Ensuring Suppliers' Sustainability Performance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apart from the above selection criteria, the supplier evaluation is assessed and/or taken into consideration the criteria, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Track record</li> <li>➤ Possession of valid licenses and certificates</li> <li>➤ History of workplace injuries and legal disputes</li> <li>➤ Environmental protection</li> <li>➤ Occupational health and safety management</li> <li>➤ Product and service quality</li> <li>➤ Conduct and ethics</li> <li>➤ Compliance with laws and regulations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Monitoring Suppliers' Performance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We monitor the performance of suppliers through on-site inspections to ensure that they meet all necessary requirements.</li> <li>• In the event of identifying issues, including any adverse environmental or social impacts, during these inspections, we will respond with appropriate measures, which may, if required, involve a reconsideration of our partnership relationships.</li> </ul>

In our efforts to mitigate environmental and social risks, we conducted an ESG-related risk assessment for our suppliers along the supply chain during the Reporting Period. The Board and ESG Working Group continually oversee the environmental and social risks along the supply chain and assess control measure effectiveness on a regular basis. We will continue to look for areas for improvement to further strengthen our supplier management approach. According to our findings, none of these suppliers were considered "high risk" in the assessment.

During the Reporting Period, the Group engaged a total of 170 suppliers, all of whom were implemented the practices related to engaging suppliers.

### Responsible Advertising and Marketing

With our primary focus on property management and investment, we collaborate with licensed estate agents who employ their marketing strategies to connect our properties with potential tenants. All marketing materials shared with agents or featured on our company website undergo thorough review and approval by designated staff to prevent any misleading information.

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## WELLNESS

### *Providing a Healthy Work Environment for Employees*

**Goal:**

**Most material topics covered in this chapter:**

We create and protect a fair, mutually beneficial, safe, and inclusive work environment to create value for our employees.

- Occupational Health and Safety
- Staff Development and Training
- Employee Benefits and Welfare
- Anti-corruption

The Group is deeply committed to creating a safe, diverse and inclusive working environment for our employees. We prioritise their wellness and wellbeing by providing ample benefits and training opportunities, all while upholding a strong commitment to ethical and fair operations.

In this regard, we are in strict compliance with applicable laws and regulations<sup>5</sup> relating to employment, health and safety, labour standards and anti-corruption. Our Employees’ Handbook and other human resources policies detail our expectations and arrangement on various aspects, including compensation and dismissal, recruitment and promotion, working hours, rest periods, equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination, and other benefits and welfare, as well as labour standards, health and safety and anti-corruption.

During the Reporting Period, we were not aware of any material non-compliance with laws and regulations relating to compensation and dismissal, recruitment and promotion, working hours, rest periods, equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination, and other benefits and welfare, as well as preventing child and forced labour.

### Attracting and Retaining Talent

We provide competitive packages to attract and retain diverse talents, and maintain our competitiveness. Our employees are entitled to comprehensive benefits and welfare, such as medical, various kinds of paid leaves, allowances and retirement benefits, including but not limited to:

Medical benefits	Family leaves	Study leaves	Compensation leaves	Exam leaves
				
Flexible working locations	Flexible working hours	Family insurance plans	Retirement plans	Allowances
				

We seek to promote an open feedback culture and value the voices of our people. Through various communication channels, including notices, circulars and team briefings, we collect their opinions on a regular basis to address concerns.

<sup>5</sup> Please refer to the “Significant Laws and Regulations” section for the list of laws and regulations significant to the Group’s business operations.

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We also organise various employee activities, such as company lunches and mental health sessions to enhance employees' well-being.

Good MPF Employer Award 2022-2023	
	During the Reporting Period, the Group was awarded with the Good MPF Employer 5 Years+ Award, e-Contribution Award and the MPF Support Award by the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, as a recognition of our efforts to support the retirement protection for employees.

### Diversity, Inclusiveness and Equal Opportunities

The Group is dedicated to advancing workplace diversity, inclusiveness and equal opportunities. Guided by our Employees' Handbook and Employee Code of Conduct, we strictly prohibit any forms of harassment and discrimination in our workplace. Throughout recruitment, internal transfer, promotions and benefits provision, we extend equal opportunities to both candidates and employees, regardless of their gender, nationality, marital status, physical abilities, or religious belief.

To promote inclusiveness in the workplace, we have launched family-friendly arrangement and support programmes, such as paid family leaves and flexible working hours for employees with special needs.

### Occupational Health and Safety

The Group strives to provide a healthy, safe, and congenial work environment for our employees. Under a set of policies and guidelines, we continuously monitor the implementation of our safety management system and relevant measures to safeguard employee health and safety, including but not limited to:

- Ensuring all employees have access to the Health and Safety Policy and first-aid kit(s)
- Providing job safety training
- Conducting job hazard analysis
- Arranging regular safety meetings at jobsites
- Requiring workers to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and appropriate clothing, where necessary, such as safety belts and safety gloves, masks and glasses, etc.
- Reporting all accidents and incidents immediately
- Inspecting fire extinguishers, emergency exits, smoke detectors, and other safety-related facilities and equipment used during technical construction work

To ensure the proper implementation of health and safety measures, we provide an Occupational Health Code to contractors, security guards and technicians.

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### Occupational Health Code

- Contractors are required to comply with health and safety laws and regulations, and utilise necessary safety equipment as mandated by the Company
- Contractors are obligated to ensure that all workers have received necessary training and obtained relevant certifications
- Security guards and technicians are required to identify and assess safety risks and implement necessary measures to mitigate such risks
- Supervisors are responsible for monitoring the implementation of the occupational health and safety control measures
- Security guards and technicians are required to promptly report incidents and safety issues

### Health and Safety Training

During the Reporting Period, the Group conducted a comprehensive series of occupational health and safety training courses, covering topics such as working in adverse weather conditions, accident prevention, employee safety duties, working at heights, and the safe use of scaffolds, suspended platforms, tower cranes, and lifting equipment. By providing these safety training sessions to our employees, we are dedicated to protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees.

### Enhancing Safety Through Renovation

To continuously enhance safety in our properties, we have conducted renovation works aimed at improving the safety standards of our buildings.

#### Warehouse Renovation

We carried out renovation work at our warehouse to repair and replace the waterproofing system and concretes, in order to improve stability and safety.

#### China Paint Building Renovation

Renovation work was undertaken at the China Paint Building to improve fire safety equipment. This included the installation of fire-resistant doors and escape staircases.

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During the Reporting Period, we were not aware of any material non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations in relation to the occupational health and safety of employees. In addition, there were no reportable lost days due to work injury. There were no work-related fatalities occurred in each of the past three years including the Reporting Period.

### *Response to COVID-19*

Although the situation of the COVID-19 has relieved, we remained vigilant and adopt necessary measures to prevent the spread of diseases during the Reporting Period, such as adopting flexible working hours, work from home arrangement and shifts to minimise personal contact.

### Professional Development and Training

The Group is dedicated to enhancing employees' capabilities and expertise in the ever-evolving business landscape. We provide a wide range of training opportunities, including on-the-job training, seminars, workshops, site visits and formal training programmes, to help our employees improve their knowledge and skills relevant to their work. To incentivise employee participation in training and development, we provide corporate subsidies for continuous professional development.

Providing employees with rewarding career paths is essential for retaining and motivating talent. The Group focuses on enhancing career development and promotion opportunities, conducting regular formal performance appraisals to evaluate employee performance.

During the Reporting Period, we delivered a total of 137.7 hours of training to employees, covering areas such as occupational health and safety, professional knowledge, etc.

#### **Directors' Continuous Learning Programme**

In our dedication to continuous learning, during the Reporting Period, we organised the training session for our directors on "Governance and Oversight over Digital Transformation in Modern Business Operations", with the aim of equipping our directors with the knowledge and expertise required in our evolving business landscape.

### Respect for Labour Standards

The Group seeks to build an ideal and respectful work environment where human rights are upheld. We maintain a zero-tolerance approach towards child and forced labour.

During the recruitment process, candidates are required to present identification documents as a preventive measure to ensure they are of legal working age. Moreover, to avoid forced labour, we have developed an Employee's Handbook and other policies which detail our terms and conditions regarding overtime compensation, dismissal procedures, working hours and rest period, etc. If any child or forced labour is discovered at the workplace, we will immediately escort them out of the workplace, terminate the labour relationship, and conduct all necessary follow-up actions as required by relevant laws and regulations.

Our Human Resources Department continually reviews our employment practices to ensure the effectiveness of our existing measures in preventing child or forced labour.

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## Business Ethics and Integrity

### Anti-Corruption

The Group observes strict ethical standards and maintains a zero-tolerance stance against any forms of bribery, extortion, fraud, and money laundering. These expectations are clearly articulated in our Employee Code of Conduct, which provides our staff with guidelines on anti-corruption practices, as detailed below.

- Employees are prohibited from offering, soliciting or accepting anything of material value to or from their colleagues, customers, suppliers or other business partner without prior consent.
- Employees must promptly declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest that may arise during the course of their official duties.
- Employees are expected to avoid any conflicts between their personal interest and the interest of the Company when dealing with suppliers, consumers and other organisations.

To raise employees' understanding of ethical business practices, all employees and directors are required to complete anti-bribery and anti-corruption training upon joining the Group. During the Reporting Period, we provided anti-corruption training to directors and staff, focusing on practices specific to the property management industry, ethical standards, internal control and risk management. This aims to elevate their understanding of business ethics and foster a heightened awareness of anti-corruption practices.

During the Reporting Period, we were not aware of any material non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations relating to bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering. In addition, there were no concluded legal cases regarding corrupt practices brought against the Group or our employees (2021/22: 0).

#### Anti-corruption Training for Property Management

During the Reporting Period, we provided an online anti-corruption training programme in collaboration with the Independent Commission Against Corruption ("ICAC") for our employees. This programme specifically addressed anti-corruption practices for property management personnel, demonstrating our commitment to integrity and professionalism.

### Whistleblowing Mechanism

The Group encourages our staff and those who deal with the Group to raise any concerns regarding potential misconduct. Our whistleblowing policy states our commitment to whistle-blower protection as well as our complaint initiation and investigation procedures. The Board has the overall responsibility for the mechanism, whereas the Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing and implementing the mechanism.

Reporting	Investigation	Outcome
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An employee and those who deal with the Group with a concern about malpractice are encouraged to report it verbally or in writing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns are escalated directly to the respective division or department head, and if necessary, to the Managing Director or the Chairman of the Board, the Audit Committee in the event if the concern involves the Managing Director or the Chairman of the Board.</li> <li>• Whistleblower identities will remain confidential.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following an investigation, appropriate follow-up actions will be taken, and recommendations for improvement will be made.</li> </ul>

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## GREEN

### Building a smart and green environment

Goal:	Most material topics covered in this chapter:
We pursue sustainability by enhancing energy efficiency and better use of resource.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Efficiency</li> <li>• Climate Change</li> <li>• Clean Technology</li> </ul>

The Group is dedicated to strengthening climate resilience and implementing environmental protection and conservation across our operations. Apart from ensuring compliance with relevant environmental laws and regulations<sup>6</sup>, we have implemented various measures to enhance our climate resilience and reduce environmental impacts.

To protect the environment and natural resources, we identify, assess and manage potential adverse environmental impacts when necessary. Furthermore, we consistently integrate environmental protection and conservation of natural resources into our business strategies and plans.

During the Report Period, the Group was not aware of any material non-compliance with laws and regulations relating to air and GHG emissions, discharges into water and land, and generation of hazardous and non-hazardous waste.

### Our Green Targets

As part of our commitment to climate action and sustainability, we have established and monitored our green targets, as outlined below.

Green Targets		Progress in FY2023
Emissions 	Reducing our air emissions and greenhouse gas emissions by improving energy efficiency and incorporating energy-saving measures and automation technologies	Making Progress ➔
Energy 	Reducing our energy consumption by implementing energy conservation measures and automation technologies	Achieved ✔
Waste 	Minimising our waste generation by promoting recycling	Achieved ✔
Water 	Improving water efficiency by implementing water conservation measures	Making Progress ➔

<sup>6</sup> Please refer to the “Significant Laws and Regulations” section for the list of environmental laws and regulations significant to the Group’s business operations.

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## Climate Resilience and Management

In recognition of the climate emergency, we have stepped up efforts to strengthen our climate resilience and management. The Group conducted an ESG-related risk assessment during the Reporting Period to identify the potential impact of climate change on our business, and formulated control measures to mitigate these climate-related risks. Below are the identified material climate-related risks, potential impacts and our corresponding mitigation measures:

Climate Risks		Potential Impacts	Our Mitigation Measures
Acute physical risk	Increased severity of extreme weather events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased capital expenditures for maintenance and implementation of preventative measures</li> <li>Capital loss and the interruption of business operations due to repairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement precautionary measures across our property projects</li> <li>Protect our properties with relevant insurances, subject to periodic review for adequacy</li> <li>Preferably invest in assets located outside of areas prone to natural hazards, where applicable, such as floods and landslides</li> </ul>
Chronic physical risk	Increase in global average temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rise in energy consumption expenditure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate green building measures into our property projects, where suitable, including the installation of smart electrical systems, such as automated air-conditioning systems and lighting</li> </ul>
Transition risk – policy and legal risks	Enhanced building regulations and reporting obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher capital expenditures in the procurement of energy efficient equipment during construction and operation</li> <li>Increased risks of non-compliance with the regulatory requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Periodically review the latest laws and policy documents</li> <li>Integrate green building and renewable energy measures into our property projects, such as installing solar panels and purchasing RECs</li> </ul>
Transition risk – market risks	Shift in consumer preferences in low-carbon measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased spending on construction materials to meet market demands</li> <li>Reduced demand for goods and services that adopt traditional methods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritise the purchase of low-carbon construction materials, such as reflective glass to reduce temperatures</li> <li>Closely monitor customer preferences, market trends, as well as regularly review business plans</li> </ul>

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## Sustainable Properties

We have introduced various initiatives across our properties to promote sustainability and facilitate the transition to green building practices, including but not limited to:

- Implementing network-based smart-home systems for monitoring, controlling and automating lighting, air conditioning, shading and other systems
- Utilising the ControlFree application to monitor electricity consumption and implement energy-saving measures
- Installing real-time sensors to monitor and regulate indoor air quality (IAQ)
- Installing solar photovoltaic (PV) panels to generate electricity at our properties
- Purchasing RECs
- Retrofitting our residential units with VOC-free paint and FSC-certified floor tiles

### Promoting the Use of Renewable Energy

#### Onsite Renewable Energy Generation

We are pleased to share that our property at No. 4 Headland Road is equipped with solar PV panels, marking a significant leap in our adoption of renewable energy. Through the feed-in tariff scheme introduced by Hong Kong Electric in 2019, the renewable energy generated by our solar panels is integrated into the electric grid.

During the Reporting Period, we generated approximately 10,514kWh of solar energy.

#### Renewable Energy Certificates

In line with our ongoing commitment to reducing our carbon emissions associated with purchased electricity, we have harnessed renewable electricity generated from local solar PV and wind power systems by purchasing RECs from Hong Kong Electric. During the Reporting Period, we obtained approximately 9,860kWh of electricity through these RECs.

## GHG Reduction and Energy Conservation

Our primary sources of GHG and energy consumption include the usage of purchased electricity for offices and properties, and the consumption of fuel for our vehicles. We strive to reduce our GHG emissions and energy consumption by adopting various measures to improve energy efficiency and raise awareness of environmental protection, including but not limited to:

- Giving priority to products with better energy-efficiency when replacing electrical equipment
- Redesigning the air conditioning system by relocating the air vents at office to maximise energy efficiency and improve the apparent temperature perceived by employees
- Maintaining a room temperature of 25.5°C
- Installing time control devices in some electrical equipment for automatic shutdown during non-office hours to avoid unnecessary energy consumption
- Putting up conspicuous signs by the switches of air conditioners
- Reminding employees to close doors and windows when turning on air conditioners
- Cleaning air conditioners regularly to improve operational efficiency
- Using natural light as much as possible during daytime to reduce the use of lighting
- Ensure that all fleet are properly maintained to maximise efficiency.

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## Waste Management

The Group does not generate a significant amount of hazardous waste in our daily operation. Whereas our non-hazardous waste generation is mainly attributed to office paper usage. We are dedicated to minimising the waste generation by our business activities employing technology and behavioural encouragement measures:

- Adopting electronic systems for daily operations
- Introducing recycling bins to our properties
- Using environmentally friendly paper for bulk print of annual reports
- Advocating double-side printing, recycling and reuse of office supplies and paper
- Recycling and reusing printing and copying consumables
- Encouraging our tenants and employees to use the facilities for waste separation
- Developing waste guidelines for our trading business to support the producer responsibility scheme on waste electrical and electronic equipment

### Reducing Office Paper Usage in Daily Operations

The Group utilises a Purchase Order System to reduce the use of office paper. The system enables our employees to issue and approve work orders and process invoice submissions online, significantly reducing our paper consumption in our daily operations.

## Water Management

Water used in our business operations is sourced from municipal water supply, hence we did not experience any issues in sourcing water that was fit for purpose during the Reporting Period. The Group is devoted to improving water efficiency by adopting water-saving measures and educating our employees on water saving. To accomplish this objective, we have undertaken the following measures:

- Providing inspection and timely repairs on worn-out water supply facilities and defective pipes
- Providing water-saving tips at workplace and encourage employees to follow
- Installing smart water metering and automatic sensor faucets in our properties

## Green Procurement

The Group strives to minimise adverse environmental impact arising from our procurement activities. To address environmental risk along the supply chain, we have adopted a series of measures to promote environmentally preferable products and services when selecting suppliers during our procurement process, including but not limited to the following:

- Prioritise energy-saving lighting solutions with lux or motion sensors
- Consider sun control window films as a faster and easily-installed option to enhance heat management
- Minimise unnecessary purchase, when necessary
- Prioritise local suppliers to minimise carbon emissions during transportation
- Prioritise goods with higher energy efficiency and less environmental impact in our trading of goods business

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## COMMUNITY

### Orientating towards the community

**Goal:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Most material topics covered in this chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

We fulfil social responsibility and bring positive impacts to the community so as to cultivate a caring and supportive culture.

- Caring for the Community

The Group, as a socially responsible corporate, is in the constant pursuit of driving positive change in the communities where we operate. Through continuous community engagement and investment in various initiatives, we aim to actively collaborate with non-profit organisations and social enterprises. We also encourage our employees to participate in volunteer services.

During the Reporting Period, we extended our support in three focus areas – environmental protection, connecting sustainability efforts as well as community health and wellness, with charitable donations of a total of HK\$32,000.

### Environmental Protection

WWF Corporate Membership Programme	
In line with our dedication to advancing smart and green building practices within our community and beyond, the Group has partnered with WWF-Hong Kong in the Corporate Membership Programme (CMP) since 2019. As a Silver Member, our ongoing collaboration with WWF-Hong Kong during the Reporting Period, reflects our strong commitment to environmental conservation, sustainability, and the promotion of a more connected, greener future for present and future generations.	

Green Low Carbon Day 2023	
In our commitment to champion a low-carbon and sustainable lifestyle, we actively supported the Green Low Carbon Day organised by the Community Chest during the Reporting Period. Through our enthusiastic participation, we not only inspired our employees to embrace low-carbon transportation but also contributed charitable donations to support green projects endorsed by the Community Chest.	

### Connecting Sustainability Efforts

ESG+ Pledge Scheme	
We take pride in our active participation in the ESG+ Pledge Scheme, a collaborative effort between CMA Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Brand Development Council, during the Reporting Period. By joining this initiative, we demonstrate our commitment to sustainable development and environmental stewardship. Our engagement in this programme has provided us with valuable insights into practical solutions and best practices, enhancing our ESG management efforts with the wider business community.	

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## Community Health and Wellness

### Love Teeth Day 2022/2023



The Group is honoured to support the “Love Teeth Day 2022/2023”, a collaborative event organised by The Community Chest, the Hong Kong Dental Association, and the Oral Health Education Division of the Department of Health during the Reporting Period. This initiative aims to promote dental care and oral health awareness while raising essential funds to aid underprivileged individuals in Hong Kong. Thanks to the combined efforts of the Group and other organisations, over 28,000 Love Teeth Day Packs were distributed, resulting in an estimated HK\$1.5 million raised.

### Hong Kong Rett Syndrome Association

During the Reporting Period, the Group extended financial support to an event organised by the Hong Kong Rett Syndrome Association. The event focused on raising awareness about Rett Syndrome through a fundraising race and games.

### Skip Lunch Day 2023

Recognising the presence of individuals in our society facing food insecurity, we demonstrated our commitment to community care by actively engaging in Skip Lunch Day 2023, an initiative organised by the Community Chest during the Reporting Period. Through the selfless act of skipping lunch, our employees redirected their lunch fees towards supporting street sleepers as well as residents in cage homes and cubicles, with the overarching goal of promoting and enhancing their health and overall wellbeing.



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## PERFORMANCE DATA SUMMARY

### Environmental<sup>7 8</sup>

Indicator	Unit	2022/23	2021/22
<b>GHG Emissions<sup>9</sup></b>			
Total GHG emissions (Scopes 1 and 2)	t-CO <sub>2</sub> e	715.04	773.89
– Direct GHG emissions (Scope 1)	t-CO <sub>2</sub> e	23.75	16.78
– Indirect GHG emissions (Scope 2)	t-CO <sub>2</sub> e	691.29	757.11
Total GHG (Scopes 1 and 2) intensity – per working days	t-CO <sub>2</sub> e/days	2.89	3.13
Total GHG (Scopes 1 and 2) intensity – per gross floor area	t-CO <sub>2</sub> e/m <sup>2</sup>	0.04	0.05
<b>Air Emissions</b>			
Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	kg	19.10	15.20
Sulphur oxides (SO <sub>x</sub> )	kg	0.14	0.10
Particulate matter (PM)	kg	1.70	1.36
<b>Energy Consumption</b>			
Total energy consumption	MWh	1,125.35	1,137.71
– Unleaded petrol	MWh	42.55	23.27
– Diesel	MWh	42.21	37.24
– Purchased electricity	MWh	1,030.72	1,066.35
– Off-site renewable electricity purchased (via RECs)	MWh	9.86	10.84
Total energy consumption intensity – per working days	MWh/days	4.56	4.61
Total energy consumption intensity – per gross floor area	MWh/m <sup>2</sup>	0.07	0.07
<b>Waste<sup>10 11</sup></b>			
Total non-hazardous waste generated	Tonnes	1.29	5.87
– Total non-hazardous waste disposed	Tonnes	0.80	1.64
– Total non-hazardous waste recycled	Tonnes	0.50	4.23
Total non-hazardous waste intensity – per working days	kg/days	5.23	23.78
Total non-hazardous waste intensity – per gross floor area	kg/m <sup>2</sup>	0.08	0.35
<b>Water<sup>12</sup></b>			
Total water consumption	m <sup>3</sup>	8,792.28	4,445.58
Total water consumption intensity – per working days	m <sup>3</sup> /days	35.60	18.00
Total water consumption intensity – per gross floor area	m <sup>3</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	0.52	0.27

<sup>7</sup> Totals may not be the exact sum of numbers shown here due to rounding.

<sup>8</sup> Certain data has been adjusted to reflect actual situation.

<sup>9</sup> In accordance with The Greenhouse Gas Protocol – A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition) published by World Business Council for Sustainable Development and World Resources Institute, Scope 1 direct emissions are resulted from operations that are owned or controlled by the Group, while Scope 2 indirect emissions are resulted from the generation of purchased or acquired electricity, heating, cooling and steam consumed within the Group.

<sup>10</sup> There was no significant generation of hazardous waste during the respective reporting period.

<sup>11</sup> The reduction in the total non-hazardous waste generated in 2022/23 is due to the completion of office renovation.

<sup>12</sup> The increase in total water consumption in 2022/23 is due to the completion of office renovation.

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## Social

Indicator	Unit	2022/23	2021/22
<b>Workforce</b>			
Total workforce	Number of People	72	84
<b>By Gender</b>			
Male	Number of People	49	57
Female		23	27
<b>By Employment Type</b>			
Full-time	Number of People	68	83
Part-time		4	1
<b>By Employee Category</b>			
Senior management	Number of People	13	13
Middle management		10	12
General employees		49	59
<b>By Age Group</b>			
18-30	Number of People	2	5
31-45		20	25
46-60		29	30
61 or above		21	24
<b>By Geographical Region</b>			
Hong Kong	Number of People	72	84
<b>Employee Turnover</b>			
Total turnover rate	%	31	15
<b>By Gender</b>			
Male	%	37	19
Female		17	7
<b>By Age Group</b>			
18-30	%	200	80
31-45		60	24
46-60		10	10
61 or above		14	0
<b>By Geographical Region</b>			
Hong Kong	%	31	15
<b>Health and Safety</b>			
Lost days due to work injury	Day(s)	0	0
Work-related fatality	Number	0	0
<b>Employee Training<sup>13</sup></b>			
<b>Percentage of Employees Trained</b>			
Total	%	72	22
<b>By Gender</b>			
Male	%	81	43
Female		19	57
<b>By Employee Category</b>			
Senior management	%	7	29
Middle management		5	19
General employees		88	52

<sup>13</sup> The calculation of employee training data includes the relevant training data of employees who left the Group during the respective year, reflecting the resources invested in training by the Group.

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Indicator	Unit	2022/23	2021/22
<b>Average Training Hours</b>			
Total	Hour(s)	1.5	1.3
<b>By Gender</b>			
Male	Hour(s)	1.1	0.5
Female		2.3	3.1
<b>By Employee Category</b>			
Senior management	Hour(s)	5.0	3.9
Middle management		0.3	1.0
General employees		0.9	0.9
<b>Supply Chain</b>			
<b>Number of suppliers by geographical region</b>			
Hong Kong	Number of Supplier	170	113
Mainland China		0	4
Other region(s)		0	7
<b>Community Investment</b>			
Donations	HK\$	32,000	55,000

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## SIGNIFICANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Aspect	Significant Laws and Regulations
Aspect A: Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 311 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Water Pollution Control Ordinance (Cap. 358 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Waste Control Ordinance (Cap. 354 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> </ul>
Aspect B1: Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Sex Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 480 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Family Status Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 527 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Race Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 602 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> </ul>
Aspect B2: Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> </ul>
Aspect B4: Labour Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment Ordinance (Cap. 57 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> </ul>
Aspect B6: Product Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> <li>• Property Management Services Ordinance (Cap. 626 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> </ul>
Aspect B7: Anti-corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Cap. 201 of the laws of Hong Kong)</li> </ul>

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KPI A1.2	Greenhouse gas emissions in total (in tonnes) and intensity.	Performance Data Summary – Environmental	36
GHGKPI A1.3	Total hazardous waste produced (in tonnes) and intensity.	Due to our business nature, there was no significant generation of hazardous waste during the Reporting Period.	N/A
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KPI B1.1	Total workforce by gender, employment type, age group and geographical region.	Performance Data Summary – Social	37-38
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KPI B6.1	Percentage of total products sold or shipped subject to recalls for safety and health reasons.	During the Reporting Period, we were not aware of any recall concerning the provision and use of products and services for safety and health reasons that had a significant impact on us.	N/A
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# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The board of directors of Pokfulam Development Company Limited (the “Company”, the “Directors” and the “Board”, respectively) is pleased to present this corporate governance report for the year ended 30 September 2023 (the “Year”).

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board considers good corporate governance practices to be essential to the promotion of the value of the Company’s shareholders (the “Shareholders”) and the confidence of the investors.

The Board has adopted all the code provisions (the “Code Provisions”) as set out in the Corporate Governance Code contained in Part 2 of Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”, the “Listing Rules” and the “Code”, respectively) as the corporate governance code of the Company.

During the Year, the Company has applied all the principles and complied with all the Code Provisions as set out in the Code, except for certain Code Provisions which are explained in this report. The Company has been committed to maintaining high corporate governance standards. The Company devotes considerable efforts to identify and formalize the best corporate governance practices suitable for the Company’s needs. In addition, the Company reviews regularly its organizational structure to ensure that operations are done in compliance with good corporate governance practices as set out in the Code.

The key corporate governance principles and practices of the Company are summarized as follows:

## THE BOARD

### Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for leadership and control of the Company and oversees the businesses, strategic decisions and performance of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”). The Board has also established Board committees and has delegated to these Board committees various responsibilities as set out in their respective terms of reference.

The Board reserves for its decisions all major matters of the Company, including approval and monitoring of all policy matters, overall strategies and budgets, internal control and risk management systems, material transactions (in particular those that may involve conflict of interests), financial reports, appointment of Directors and other significant financial and operational matters.

All Directors are committed to carrying out their duties in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws, rules, regulations and codes and in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders at all times.

The day-to-day management, administration and operations of the Company are delegated to the managing director of the Company (the “Managing Director”) (who is also the chief executive within the meaning of the Listing Rules) and the senior management of the Company (the “Senior Management”). The delegated functions and responsibilities are formalized and adopted in written terms, and they are periodically reviewed by the Board. The Managing Director and the Senior Management are required to obtain prior approval from the Board for any significant transactions.

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Directors have full and timely access to all the relevant information as well as advice and services of the company secretary of the Company (the “Company Secretary”), with a view to ensuring that Board procedures and all applicable laws, rules, regulations and codes are followed. Each Director is normally able to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances at the Company’s expense, upon making a reasonable request to the Board. Directors make decisions objectively in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

### Board Composition

The Board currently comprises six members, namely three executive Directors (the “EDs”) and three independent non-executive Directors (the “INEDs”). The number of INEDs represents half of the Board members, which exceeds the one-third requirement of Rule 3.10A of the Listing Rules.

The Board comprises the following Directors:

#### *EDs*

Mr. Wong Tat Chang, Abraham (“Mr. Abraham Wong”) (*chairman of the Board (the “Chairman”), Managing Director, chairman of the Nomination Committee and member of the Remuneration Committee*)  
Mr. Wong Tat Kee, David (“Mr. David Wong”)  
Mr. Wong Tat Sum, Samuel (“Mr. Samuel Wong”)

#### *INEDs*

Mr. Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey (“Mr. Li”) (*chairman of the Audit Committee and members of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee*)  
Mr. Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth (“Mr. Sit”) (*chairman of the Remuneration Committee and members of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee*)  
Mr. Seto Gin Chung, John (“Mr. Seto”) (*member of the Audit Committee*)

A list of the Directors (by category) is also disclosed in all corporate communications issued by the Company from time to time pursuant to the Listing Rules and is available on the respective websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The biographical information of the Directors, and the relationships amongst them, if any, are set out in the section headed “Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management” on pages 9 and 10 of this annual report.

Mr. Abraham Wong is the elder brother of Mr. David Wong and Mr. Samuel Wong, who are younger brothers of Mr. Abraham Wong. Save as disclosed above, there is no financial, business or family relationship amongst the Directors.

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All Directors, including the INEDs, have brought a wide spectrum of valuable business experience, knowledge and professionalism to the Board for its efficient and effective functioning. The INEDs have been appointed to serve on the Board's nomination committee (the "Nomination Committee"), audit committee (the "Audit Committee") as well as remuneration committee (the "Remuneration Committee"). All these Committees provide appropriate advice to the Board.

### Board Independence

The Company has established following mechanisms to ensure that independent views and input are available to the Board, which have been reviewed by the Board and considered to be effective:

- (a) As at the date of this report, three out of the six directors are INEDs, which meets the requirement of the Listing Rules that at least one-third of the Board members are independent non-executive directors.
- (b) All INEDs are appointed to the Board committees and continue to contribute actively in Board and Board committees' meetings to bring independent judgement on the development, performance and risk management of the Group.
- (c) The Nomination Committee strictly adheres to the independence assessment criteria as set out in the Listing Rules with regard to the nomination and appointment of the INEDs, and is mandated to assess annually the independence of the INEDs to ensure that they can continually exercise independent judgement. The Company has received from each INED a written confirmation of his independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. With the assessment conducted by the Nomination Committee, the Board still considers that each INED is independent in character and judgement.
- (d) The Chairman encourages questions and challenges from all Directors in particular of the INEDs and their comments and concerns will be closely followed up and addressed. All Directors are given an opportunity to include matters in the agenda for the Board meetings.
- (e) If a Director has a conflict of interest in a matter that is determined to be material, the matter should be dealt with by a physical Board meeting. INEDs and other Directors who have no material interest in the matter should be present at or participating in that Board meeting to express their views and input on the matter.
- (f) No equity-based remuneration with performance-related elements will be granted to INEDs, as this may lead to bias in their decision-making and compromise their objectivity and independence.

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## Appointment, Re-election and Succession Planning of Directors

The procedures for the Shareholders to propose a person for election as a Director are available and accessible on the Company's website at <https://www.pokfulam.com.hk>.

The procedures and process of appointment, re-election and removal of Directors are laid down in the Company's articles of association (the "Articles of Association"). The Nomination Committee aims to review the structure, size and composition of the Board by considering the benefits of all aspects of diversity in order to maintain an appropriate range and balance of talents, skills, experience and background on the Board, identify suitable candidates to the Board and make recommendations on any matters in relation to the appointment or re-appointment of members of the Board by considering candidates on merit against objective criteria and with due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board. Appointment of new Directors is reserved for the Board's approval.

The Nomination Committee ensures that the Board comprises members with a balance of gender, age, cultural and educational background, race, professional experience, skills, knowledge, length of service, independence and the diversity to oversee the Group's business development, strategies, operations, challenges and opportunities. The Nomination Committee considers candidates on merit, against objective criteria and with due regard to the nomination policy and the board diversity policy adopted by the Company (the "Nomination Policy" and the "Board Diversity Policy", respectively), and assess the independence of the proposed INEDs as appropriate before making any recommendations to the Board in relation to the appointment or re-appointment of members of the Board.

Where a vacancy on the Board exists as a result of filling a casual vacancy or appointing an additional Director, the Board will carry out the selection process, with the advice provided by the Nomination Committee, by making reference to the selection criteria stated in the Nomination Policy, the Company's needs and other relevant statutory requirements and regulations. An external recruitment agency may be engaged to carry out the recruitment and selection process when necessary.

Pursuant to article 128 of the Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company (in case of filling of a casual vacancy) or the next following annual general meeting of the Company (the "AGM") (in case of appointment of an additional Director), and shall then be eligible for re-election.

In accordance with article 123 of the Articles of Association, at each AGM, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third), including those appointed for a specific term or holding office as Chairman or Managing Director, shall retire from office by rotation at least once every three years. Accordingly, Mr. Abraham Wong and Mr. Sit (the "Retiring Directors") shall retire by rotation and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM. Pursuant to Code Provision B.2.3 of the Code, the re-election of an INED will be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by the Shareholders at the forthcoming AGM if he has served on the Board for more than 9 years.

The INEDs are not appointed for a specific term, but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association.

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Each of Mr. Li and Mr. Sit has served the Company as an INED for more than nine years and does not have any executive or management role in the Company nor has he been under the employment of any member of the Group. The Board considers that they have made considerable contributions to the Company with their relevant experience and knowledge throughout their years of service and they have maintained an independent view in relation to the Company's affairs.

The Board has taken the recommendation of the Nomination Committee and proposed the Retiring Directors standing for re-election as Director the forthcoming AGM. In the context of re-appointment of any existing member(s) of the Board, the Nomination Committee will also review the overall contribution and service to the Company of each retiring director, including his attendance of Board meetings and, where applicable, general meetings, and the level of participation and performance of the Board and shall then make recommendations to the Board for its consideration and recommendation for the proposed candidate(s) to stand for re-election at the AGM.

The Company's circular to be dated 27 December 2023 contains detailed information of the Retiring Directors standing for re-election.

### Induction and Continuous Professional Development

The Company Secretary updates all Directors on the latest developments of and changes to the Listing Rules and the applicable legal and regulatory requirements as well as the business environment regarding subjects necessary for the discharge of their duties. All Directors are encouraged to participate in continuous professional development (the "CPD") to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills.

Directors are required to submit to the Company annually details of training sessions undertaken by them in each financial year so that the Company can maintain records for the Director's training. According to the training records maintained by the Company, the trainings received by each of the Directors during the Year is summarised as follows:

Name of Directors	Type of trainings
<b>EDs</b>	
Mr. Abraham Wong	A and B
Mr. David Wong	A and B
Mr. Samuel Wong	A and B
<b>INEDs</b>	
Mr. Li	A and B
Mr. Sit	A and B
Mr. Seto	A and B

A: attending seminars/webinars/conferences/forums (including anti-bribery and corruption training)

B: reading newspapers, journals and updates relating to the economy, general business, real estate, corporate governance and director's duties and responsibilities

### Insurance Cover for Directors

During the Year, the Company has arranged appropriate insurance cover in respect of legal action against its Directors to comply with the requirement of the Code.

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## DIVERSITY OF THE BOARD AND OF THE WORKFORCE

The Company has adopted a Board Diversity Policy in accordance with the requirement set out in Code Provision B.1.3 of the Code. The Company recognizes and embraces the benefits of having a diverse board, and sees diversity at board level as an essential element in maintaining a competitive advantage. A truly diverse board will include and make good use of the broad array of gender, age, cultural and educational background, race, professional experience, skills, knowledge, length of service and other qualities of the members of the Board. These different qualities and, if appropriate, independence will be considered in determining the optimum composition of the Board and, when possible, should be balanced appropriately. All appointments of the members of the Board are made on merit, and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board.

The Nomination Committee will monitor the implementation of the Board Diversity Policy and will from time to time review the Board Diversity Policy, as appropriate, and recommend revisions to the Board for consideration and approval.

The Board values gender diversity and targets to appoint at least a female director no later than 31 December 2024. The Board will take initiatives to identify suitable candidates to strengthen the Board diversity.

The Board places emphasis on diversity (including gender diversity) across all levels of the Group. As at 30 September 2023, the total workforce of the Group was 70% male and 30% female. When hiring employees, the Group considers a number of factors, including gender, age, cultural and education background, qualification, ethnicity, professional experience, skills and knowledge etc.

## CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

Code Provision C.2.1 of the Code stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual.

Although Mr. Abraham Wong holds both the positions of the Chairman and the Managing Director, the Board considers that vesting the roles of both Chairman and Managing Director in the same person provides the Company with strong and consistent leadership and allows for effective and efficient planning and implementation of business decisions and strategies. The Board also considers that the current Board composition, where half of the Board members are INEDs, and the corporate governance structure of the Group ensure effective oversight of management.

The Board will continue to review the effectiveness of the Group's corporate governance structure and consider whether any changes, including the separation of the roles of Chairman and Managing Director, are necessary.

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## BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board has established three committees, namely the Remuneration Committee, the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee, for overseeing particular aspects of the Company's affairs. All Board committees of the Company are established with defined written terms of reference. The terms of reference of the Board committees are posted on the Company's website at <https://www.pokfulam.com.hk> and the Stock Exchange's website at <http://www.hkexnews.hk> and are available to the Shareholders upon request. Board committees report to the Board on their work, findings, recommendations and decisions pursuant to their terms of reference.

Board committees are provided with sufficient resources to discharge their duties and upon reasonable request, are able to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances at the Company's expense.

Draft minutes of the Board committee meetings are circulated to the respective members of the Board committee concerned for comments and the signed minutes are kept by the Company Secretary.

### Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee comprises three members, namely Mr. Sit (chairman), Mr. Abraham Wong and Mr. Li. The majority of the members of the Remuneration Committee are INEDs.

The main duties and responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee are to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of the EDs, INEDs and the Senior Management for the Board's approval, make recommendations to the Board to improve the transparency of the Company's overall remuneration policy and review and recommend the compensation arrangements relating to any loss or termination of office of the Directors and the Senior Management.

The primary functions of the Remuneration Committee include the following:

- To make recommendations on the establishment of procedures for developing the remuneration policy and structure for all Directors and the Senior Management, which policy and structure shall ensure, amongst other matters, that no Director or any of his associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) will participate in deciding his own remuneration.
- To review and recommend remuneration proposals of the Company's management (the "Management") by reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives.
- To review and recommend to the Board the remuneration packages of all Directors and the Senior Management by reference to the salaries paid by comparable companies, their time commitment and responsibilities as well as the employment terms and conditions offered by other member companies within the Group.
- To review and recommend the compensation arrangements for all Directors and the Senior Management.

The Remuneration Committee met once during the Year and reviewed the remuneration policy and structure of the Company and the remuneration packages of all Directors and the Senior Management for the Year.

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## Audit Committee

The Audit Committee comprises three members, namely Mr. Li (chairman), Mr. Sit and Mr. Seto. All the members of the Audit Committee are INEDs, including at least one member who possesses the appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise. None of the members of the Audit Committee is a former partner of the Company's existing external auditor.

The main duties of the Audit Committee include the following:

- To review the financial statements and reports and consider any significant or unusual items raised by the Management or the external auditors before submission to the Board.
- To review the relationship with the external auditors by reference to the work performed by the external auditors, as well as their independence, fees and terms of engagement, and make recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of external auditors.
- To review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's financial reporting system, internal control system and risk management system and associated procedures, as well as those relating to the Company's environmental, social and governance (the "ESG") performance and reporting.
- To develop and implement a policy on engaging an external auditor to supply non-audit services.
- To review arrangements that employees of the Company can use, in confidence, to raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters of the Group (the "Employees' Arrangements"), and to ensure that proper arrangements are in place for fair and independent investigation of these matters and for appropriate follow-up action.

The Audit Committee held two meetings during the Year to review the annual and interim financial results of the Group for the year ended 30 September 2022 and the six months ended 31 March 2023, respectively (the "Annual and Interim Results") and their accompanying reports, financial reporting and compliance procedures, financial control system, internal control system, risk management system, the adequacy of resources, accounting staff's qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Company's accounting and financial reporting function, the re-appointment of the external auditor and the Employees' Arrangements, as well as those relating to the Company's ESG performance and reporting.

The Audit Committee met the external auditor once during the Year in the absence of the Management, to discuss matters relating to any issues arising from the audit and any other matters that the external auditor may wish to raise.

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The Audit Committee regularly reviews the internal control system and the risk management system (which includes the system to manage the risks relating to ESG) of the Company and reports to the Board on any variance or risks identified by the Management and makes recommendations to the Board in respect of any actions, as appropriate.

The Audit Committee regularly reviews the relationship with the external auditors and recommends to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of external auditors.

On 20 December 2023, the Company's annual consolidated results for the Year have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

### Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee has been established by the Board with written terms of reference in compliance with the Code.

The primary functions of the Nomination Committee include the following:

- To determine the Nomination Policy.
- To review the structure, size and composition (including the gender, age, cultural and educational background, race, professional experience, skills, knowledge, length of service and other qualities of the members of the Board) of the Board at least annually and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy and the requirement of Board diversity.
- To identify individuals suitably qualified to become Board members and select or make recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships.
- To assess the independence of the INEDs.
- To make recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-appointment of Directors and succession planning for the Directors, in particular the Chairman and the Managing Director.
- To review the Board Diversity Policy, as appropriate, and the measurable objectives that the Board has set for implementing such Policy, and the progress of achieving the objectives and make recommendations to the Board on any proposed change to the same and to exercise such other powers and authorities, and to perform such other duties, as set out in the Board Diversity Policy or delegated by the Board from time to time.

The Nomination Committee comprises one ED Mr. Abraham Wong (chairman), and two INEDs, namely Mr. Li and Mr. Sit. The majority of the members of the Nomination Committee are INEDs.

The Nomination Committee met once during the Year and reviewed the diversity, structure, size and composition of the Board and the independence of the INEDs, considered the qualifications, experience and performance of the retiring Directors and recommended to the Board their re-election at the AGM for 2021/2022 (the "2021/2022 AGM").

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## Number of Meetings and Directors' Attendance

Code Provision C.5.1 of the Code stipulates that the board of directors should meet regularly and board meetings should be held at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals. During the Year, the Board held four regular meetings. During these meetings, the Directors discussed and approved overall strategies and policies of the Group, reviewed and monitored the financial and operational performance, and approved the Annual and Interim Results of the Group.

During the Year, the attendance records of the Directors at the respective meetings of the Board, the Remuneration Committee, the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee and the 2021/2022 AGM are set out below:

Name of Directors	Attendance/Number of Meetings Entitled to Attend				2021/2022 AGM
	Regular Board Meetings	Remuneration Committee Meeting	Audit Committee Meetings	Nomination Committee Meeting	
<b>EDs</b>					
Mr. Abraham Wong <i>(Chairman, Managing Director, chairman of the Nomination Committee and member of the Remuneration Committee)</i>	4/4	1/1	N/A	1/1	1/1
Mr. David Wong	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Mr. Samuel Wong	4/4	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
<b>INEDs</b>					
Mr. Li <i>(chairman of the Audit Committee and members of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee)</i>	4/4	1/1	2/2	1/1	1/1
Mr. Sit <i>(chairman of the Remuneration Committee and members of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee)</i>	4/4	1/1	2/2	1/1	1/1
Mr. Seto <i>(member of the Audit Committee)</i>	4/4	N/A	2/2	N/A	1/1

Apart from the above-mentioned Board meetings, the Chairman held a meeting with all the INEDs without the presence of other EDs during the Year for, amongst other matters, discussing the Directors' time commitments and contribution in performing their responsibilities to the Company and the Group's strategy.

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## Practices and Conduct of Meetings

The schedules for annual regular Board meetings and draft agenda of each meeting are normally made available to the Directors in advance in order to allow the Directors to include any other matters in the agenda that is required for discussion and resolution at each meeting.

Notices of regular Board meetings are served on all Directors at least 14 days before the meetings. For other Board meetings and the Board committee meetings, reasonable notice is generally given.

Board papers are sent to all Directors to keep the Directors apprised of the latest developments and financial position of the Company and enable them to make informed decisions in accordance with the Code Provisions as stipulated in the Code. The Board and each Director also have separate and independent access to the Senior Management whenever necessary.

The Management has provided all Board members with monthly updates, giving a balanced and understandable assessment of the Company's performance, position and prospects in sufficient details to enable the Board as a whole and each Director to discharge their duties.

The Senior Management members are invited to attend Board and Board committees' meetings to report on business developments, financial and accounting matters, statutory compliance, corporate governance and other major aspects of the Company.

The Company Secretary is responsible for taking and keeping minutes of all Board meetings and Board committees' meetings. Minutes of meetings of the Board and the Board committees record in reasonable detail the matters considered and the decisions reached, including any concerns raised by the Directors or dissenting views expressed. Draft minutes are normally circulated for comment within a reasonable time after each meeting and the final version is open for the Directors' inspection.

According to current Board practice, any material transaction, which involves a conflict of interests for a substantial/controlling Shareholder or a Director, will be considered and dealt with by the Board at a duly convened Board meeting. The Articles of Association also contain provisions requiring Directors to abstain from voting and not to be counted in the quorum at meetings for approving transactions in which such Directors or any of their associates have a material interest.

## SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

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 own code of conduct for Directors' securities transactions.

In response to a specific enquiry made by the Company on each of the Directors, all the Directors have confirmed that they had complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code throughout the Year and the period thereafter up to the date of this annual report.

The Company has also established written guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code for securities transactions by employees who are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information of the Company (the "Employees Written Guidelines"). The Employees Written Guidelines includes the anti-corruption policy.

No incident of non-compliance with the Employees Written Guidelines by the employees was noted by the Company.

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## DIRECTORS' AND AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the financial statements of the Company for the Year with the assistance of the finance department of the Group.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the preparation of financial statements of the Company with a view to ensuring that such financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and that relevant statutory and regulatory requirements and applicable financial reporting standards are complied with.

The Board has received from the Management explanations and relevant information which enable the Board to make an informed assessment for approving the financial statements.

The statement of the external auditor of the Company about its reporting responsibilities on the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Year is set out in the "Independent Auditor's Report" on pages 80 to 84 of this annual report.

## REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Particulars of the Directors' remuneration for the Year are set out in note 11 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Pursuant to Code Provision E.1.5 of the Code, the remuneration of the members of the Senior Management (other than the Directors) whose particulars are contained in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report for the Year by band is set out below:

Remuneration band (in HK\$)	Number of individuals
Nil to 1,000,000	–
1,000,001 to 2,000,000	1
2,000,001 to 3,000,000	1

## REMUNERATION POLICY FOR DIRECTORS

The remuneration payable to the Directors will depend on the contractual terms under their respective letters of appointment or service contracts. The remuneration of the EDs and the INEDs are determined by the Board by reference to the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee, having regard to a number of factors, including the remuneration paid by comparable companies in the local industry, the time commitment, job duties and responsibilities in respect of the relevant positions as well as their qualifications and experience. Authorisation is to be granted by the Shareholders at each AGM to determine Directors' remuneration for each financial year. No Director can be involved in deciding his own remuneration.

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## RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board has overall responsibility for evaluating and determining the nature and extent of the risks it is willing to take in achieving the Group's strategic objectives, and maintaining appropriate and effective risk management and internal control systems for the Group. The systems are designed to manage the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Management has established a set of comprehensive policies, standards and procedures in areas of operational, financial and risk controls for (i) safeguarding assets against unauthorised use or disposition; (ii) maintaining proper accounting records; (iii) ensuring the reliability of financial information to achieve a satisfactory level of assurance against the likelihood of the occurrence of fraud and errors; and (iv) monitoring material risk relating to ESG.

The Board, through the Audit Committee, has overseen the Company's risk management and internal control systems on an ongoing basis. The Company does not have a formal internal audit function but has been engaging an independent professional internal audit consultant (the "IA Consultant") to conduct a year-end review of the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems annually and the systems are considered to be effective and adequate. The IA Consultant has also performed the internal audit function to carry out an analysis and independent appraisal of the adequacy and effectiveness of the systems, and the Company has procedures in place to keep information confidential and manage actual or potential conflict of interests. Stringent internal structures have been designed to prevent the misuse of inside information and avoid conflict of interests.

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## INSIDE INFORMATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Group acknowledges its responsibilities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong and the Listing Rules and the overriding principle that inside information should be announced as soon as reasonably possible when it is the subject of a decision. The procedures and internal controls for the handling and dissemination of inside information are as follows:

- the Group conducts its affairs with close regard to the disclosure requirement under the Listing Rules as well as the “Guidelines on Disclosure of Inside Information” published by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong in June 2012;
- the Group has implemented and disclosed its policy on fair disclosure by pursuing broad, non-exclusive distribution of information to the public through channels such as financial reporting, public announcements and its website;
- the Group has strictly prohibited unauthorised dissemination or use of confidential or inside information; and
- the Group has established and implemented procedures for responding to external enquiries about the Group’s affairs, so that only the EDs and the Company Secretary are authorised to communicate with parties outside the Group.

## COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS

The Company considers that effective communication with the Shareholders is essential for enhancing investor relations and investor understanding of the Group’s business performance and strategies. The Company endeavours to maintain an on-going dialogue with the Shareholders and in particular, through AGMs and other general meetings. The Chairman, both other EDs, INEDs, and the chairmen of all Board committees (or their delegates) will continue to make themselves available at the AGMs to meet the Shareholders and answer their enquiries. Likewise, the Chairman and other Directors will do so at other general meetings of the Company.

The Shareholders’ communication policy of the Company sets out the Company’s procedures in providing the Shareholders with prompt and equal access to information about the Company, in order to enable the Shareholders to assess the Company’s overall performance, exercise their rights in an informed manner and engage actively with the Company.

The 2021/2022 AGM was held on 17 February 2023. The notice of 2021/2022 AGM was sent to the Shareholders at least 20 clear business days (as defined in the Listing Rules) before the 2021/2022 AGM.

The Chairman as well as the chairman of each of the Remuneration Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Audit Committee or, in their absence, other members of the respective committees, and the Company’s independent auditor attended the 2021/2022 AGM to answer the Shareholders’ questions.

At the AGMs and other general meetings, each substantially separate issue has been/will be considered by a separate resolution, including the election of individual Director, and the poll procedures have been/will be clearly explained.

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To promote effective communication, the Company maintains its website at <https://www.pokfulam.com.hk>, where up-to-date information and updates on the Company's financial information, corporate governance practices and other information are posted.

The Company continues to enhance communication and relationships with its investors. The Senior Management has undertaken the role of establishing an effective communication system. They are responsible for responding to the enquiries from the Shareholders/investing public or the media from time to time.

The Board has reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the Shareholders' communication policy. Having considered the multiple channels of communication and engagement in place, it is satisfied that the Shareholder's communication policy has been implemented during the Year and is effective.

### SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

#### 1. Convening of a general meeting on requisition by Shareholders

Pursuant to Section 566 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "CO"), Shareholders representing at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders having a right to vote at general meetings are entitled to send a request to the Company to convene a general meeting.

Such request must state the general nature of the business to be dealt with at the meeting and may include the text of a resolution that may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at the meeting. A request may be sent to the Company in hard copy form or in electronic form and must be authenticated by the person or persons making it.

#### 2. Procedures for sending enquiries to the Board

Shareholders may send their enquiries and concerns in writing to the Board by addressing them to the Company Secretary at the registered office of the Company and the Company Secretary shall then forward the same to the appropriate executives of the Company or members of the Board for further handling.

#### 3. Procedures for putting forward proposals at AGM by Shareholders

Pursuant to Section 615 of the CO, Shareholders representing at least 2.5% of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders or at least 50 Shareholders who have a right to vote on the resolution at the AGM to which the request relates can request the Company to give notice of a resolution that may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at an AGM. A request may be sent to the Company in hard copy form or in electronic form and must identify the resolution of which notice is to be given. It must be authenticated by the person or persons making it and be received by the Company not later than 6 weeks before the AGM to which the request relates; or if later, the time at which notice is given of that meeting.

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## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS

The Board is responsible for performing the corporate governance functions set out in Code Provisions A.1.1 and A.2.1 of the Code, including the following:

- To establish the Company's purpose, values and strategy and ensure its alignment with the Company's culture.
- To develop, monitor and evaluate a healthy and sustainable Company's culture to support the pursuit of success while adhering to core values of integrity, honesty, fairness, impartiality and ethical business practices.
- To develop, review and update the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance.
- To review and monitor the training and CPD of the Directors and the Senior Management.
- To review and monitor the Company's policies and practices in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.
- To develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual applicable to employees, the Directors and third-parties.
- To review the Company's compliance with the Code and disclosure in the corporate governance report for inclusion in its annual report.
- To perform such other corporate governance duties and functions set out in the Code for which the Board is responsible.

The Board has reviewed the Company's corporate governance policies and practices, training and CPD of the Directors and the Senior Management, policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, compliance with the Model Code, the Employees Written Guidelines (including the Anti-Corruption Code of Conduct (as defined below)) and the Code as well as disclosure in this corporate governance report.

## COMPANY SECRETARY

The Company Secretary is responsible for advising the Board through the Chairman on governance matters and also facilitates induction and professional development of the Directors. The Company Secretary reports to the Chairman. All Directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary to ensure that Board procedures as well as all applicable laws, rules, regulations and codes are followed.

During the Year, Mr. Hui Sui Yuen, the Company Secretary, has undertaken sufficient hours of relevant professional training in compliance with Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

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## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Group is conscious of its role as a socially responsible group of companies. It has made donations for community well-being from time to time and encourages its employees to participate in charitable events.

## DIVIDEND POLICY

The Company has adopted a dividend policy (the “Dividend Policy”). Pursuant to the Dividend Policy, in considering the declaration and payment of dividends, the Board will take into account, amongst other matters:

- (a) the Group’s business strategies, business cycle, operations, earnings, financial condition, cash requirements and availability as well as capital expenditure and future development requirements and the dividend received by the Company from its subsidiaries;
- (b) the possible effects of the Group’s credit-worthiness, the financial covenants to which the Group is subject and any restrictions on the payment of dividends that may be imposed by the Group’s lenders;
- (c) the interests of the Shareholders and the taxation consideration;
- (d) the general economic and political conditions and other internal and external factors that may have an impact on the business and financial performance of the Group;
- (e) any restrictions under all applicable laws, the Listing Rules, the Code and other corporate governance regulations, the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards that the Group has adopted as well as the Articles of Association; and
- (f) other factors that the Board may consider relevant.

Depending on the conditions and factors as set out above, the Board may propose, recommend and/or declare dividends with respect to the Company’s ordinary shares in issue on a per share basis for a financial year or period as interim dividend, final dividend, special dividend and any distribution of net profit that the Board may consider appropriate. Dividends must be paid out of the distributable reserve of the Company and the payment of any final dividend for a financial year will be subject to the Shareholders’ approval. Dividend may be paid up in the form of cash or scrip or by distribution in any form. Any dividend unclaimed will be forfeited and will revert to the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association.

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## WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY AND ANTI-CORRUPTION CODE OF CONDUCT

The Company is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of openness, probity and accountability. In line with this commitment, the Board revised and adopted a whistleblowing policy of the Company (the “Whistleblowing Policy”) in September 2022, which provides reporting channels and guidance for its employees and other third parties who deal with the Group (e.g. customers, tenants, contractors and suppliers) to report any suspected impropriety, misconduct or malpractice within the Group. The Company aims to cultivate a “speak up” culture and encourage employees and all relevant parties to report improprieties to enhance corporate governance. The Audit Committee will review and investigate the reported matters and determine the subsequent corrective action. All information received from a whistleblower and his/her identity will be kept confidential.

The Audit Committee is empowered to take any further appropriate course of action and report to the Board that requires its attention and approval. The Audit Committee will review the Whistleblowing Policy to ensure its effectiveness from time to time and make recommendation of any revisions to the Board for its approval.

The Company is also committed to conducting business honestly, ethically and with integrity. In line with this commitment, the Board revised and adopted an anti-corruption code of conduct of the Company (the “Anti-Corruption Code of Conduct”) in September 2022, which sets out the minimum standards of conduct of directors, officers and employees of the Group when dealing business under the applicable anti-corruption laws, rules and regulations. Every employee has a duty to timely report any actual or suspected breach of the policy through the procedures as stated in the Whistleblowing Policy. The Board is responsible for monitoring the implementation of this policy and will from time to time review this policy as appropriate to ensure the effectiveness thereof.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REMUNERATION

The Company’s independent external auditor is BDO Limited. The Audit Committee is responsible for considering the appointment of the external auditor and also reviews any non-audit functions performed by the external auditor for the Group. In particular, the Audit Committee will consider, in advance of them being contracted for and performing their duties, whether such non-audit functions could lead to any potential material conflict of interest.

Particulars of the remuneration paid/payable to BDO Limited in respect of the Year are set out below:

<u>Category of Services</u>	<u>Fee paid/payable</u> HK\$'000
Audit services	761
Non-audit services (including review of interim results, taxation and other services)	296
	<u>1,057</u>

## CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

There was no change in the Company’s constitutional documents during the Year.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors of Pokfulam Development Company Limited (the “Company” and the “Directors”, respectively) present their annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the year ended 30 September 2023 (the “Year” and the “Consolidated Financial Statements”, respectively).

### PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The Company is a public limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong and its issued ordinary shares (the “Shares”) are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). The address of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company is 23rd Floor, Beverly House, 93-107 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Company are property investment and investment holding. The principal activities of the Company’s subsidiaries and joint venture entity are set out in notes 27 and 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, respectively.

### RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The results of the Group for the Year are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on page 85 of this annual report.

An interim dividend of HK4 cents per Share amounting to HK\$4,407,000 was paid to the shareholders of the Company (the “Shareholders”) during the Year. The Directors now recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK34 cents per Share, amounting to HK\$37,461,000 (the “Proposed Final Dividend”), to the Shareholders whose names will appear on the register of members of the Company (the “Register of Members”) on Friday, 23 February 2024.

### BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group is principally engaged in the businesses of property investment in Hong Kong and trading of visual and sound equipment. The strategy of the Group is twofold: to generate recurring income sufficient to cover its operating overheads, including administration expenses and finance costs, and dividends, and to achieve capital appreciation. Please refer to the “Chairman’s Statement” and “Management Discussion and Analysis” of this annual report for business review of the Group in detail.

One of the principal risks faced by the Group lies in the adverse changes in the market value of its investment properties. The Group consistently maintains the asset-backed borrowings at reasonable loan- to-value ratios to weather any hard time during an economic downturn. For details of management of capital and financial risks of the Group, please refer to notes 33 and 34 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, respectively.

In the years ahead, the Group is prepared to further enhance its investment property portfolios for generating recurring rental income through acquisition of completed properties should appropriate opportunities arise.

Discussions on the Group’s environmental policies and performance, relationships with its key stakeholders, and compliance with the relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the Group are provided in the Chairman’s Statement, the Environmental, Social and Governance Report and the Corporate Governance Report of this annual report and this report.

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Information about a fair review of, and an indication of likely future development in, the Group's business is set out in the "Chairman's Statement" and "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this annual report.

### COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

In relation to human resources, the Group is committed to complying with the requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, Cap. 486 of the Laws of Hong Kong, and ordinances relating to disability, sex, family status and race discrimination, as well as the Employment Ordinance, Cap. 57 of the Laws of Hong Kong, the Minimum Wage Ordinance, Cap. 608 of the Laws of Hong Kong and ordinances relating to occupational safety of employees of the Group, so as to safeguard the interests and well-being of its employees.

The Group is also committed to safeguarding the security of personal data. When collecting and processing such data, the Group complies with the above Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance and the guidelines issued by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data, with a view to protecting the privacy of its employees, tenants and owners of properties under its management.

The Group complies with applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the Lands Department, the Buildings Department and the Planning Department governing property development and property investment in Hong Kong and holds relevant required licences for the provision of services.

The Group establishes and protects its intellectual property rights and has registered its domain name. The Group takes all appropriate actions to enforce its intellectual property rights.

It is the policy of the Group to strictly prohibit bribery and corrupt practices to ensure that the conduct of the Group and its directors and employees are in compliance with laws, rules and regulations. All of them are required to adhere strictly to the provisions of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, Cap. 201 of the Laws of Hong Kong and may not solicit or accept from or offer to any business partners for his/her personal benefit any advantage which includes benefits in money or in any kind. Any changes in the applicable laws, rules and regulations are brought to the attention of relevant directors and employees and relevant operation units from time to time.

On the corporate level, the Group complies with the requirements under the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong (the "CO"), the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") and the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong (the "SFO") for, among other things, the disclosure of information and corporate governance, and the Group has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") as its own code of conduct for Directors' securities transactions.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Group is committed to building an environmental-friendly corporation with the aim of conserving natural resources. The Group has taken initiatives to reduce energy consumption and encourage recycle of office supplies and other materials. The Directors consider that environmental protection is essential to the long-term development of the Group and will constantly improve management practices so as to minimise waste, maximise efficiencies and reduce the Group's negative environmental impact on the environment.

For details, please refer to the Environmental, Social and Government Report of this annual report.

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## KEY RISK FACTORS

The following lists out the key risks and uncertainties faced by the Group.

### Impact of Local and International Regulations

The business operation of the Group is also subject to government policies, relevant regulations and guidelines established by the legal and regulatory authorities. Failure to comply with the rules and requirements may lead to penalties, amendments or suspension of the business operation by the authorities. The Group closely monitors changes in government policies, regulations, laws and property development and investment markets as well as conducts studies to assess the impact of such changes.

### Third-Party Risks

The Group has been relying on third-party service providers in certain parts of its business to improve the performance and efficiency of the Group. While gaining the benefits from external service providers, management of the Group (the "Management") realises that such operational dependency may pose a threat of vulnerability to unexpected poor or cessation of service, including reputation damage, business disruption and monetary losses. To address such uncertainties, the Group engages only reputable third-party providers and closely monitors their performance.

### Risks Pertaining to the Property Market in Hong Kong

A substantial portion of the Group's investment property portfolio is located in Hong Kong, earning rental and management income. Therefore, the Group is susceptible to changes in economic conditions, consumer consumption and the tourist market in Hong Kong. Besides, the local government may introduce further regulatory measures on the property market, thus adversely affecting the local business environment.

### Interest Rate Risks

The Group's bank borrowings mainly bear floating rates. The Group's finance and treasury operation is affected by the change in interest rates and market condition. To reduce its exposure due to volatility in interest rates, the Group has closely monitored the interest rate movements and refinanced existing banking facilities when favourable pricing opportunities arise.

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## Key Relationships with Employees, Customers and Suppliers

The Group recognises the accomplishment of the employees by providing comprehensive benefit package, career development opportunities and internal training appropriate to individual needs. The Group provides a healthy and safe workplace for all employees. No strikes and cases of fatality due to workplace accidents were found in the Year.

The Group encompasses working relationships with suppliers to meet its customers' needs in an effective and efficient manner. The departments work closely to make sure that the tendering and procurement process is conducted in an open, fair and just manner. The Group's requirements and standards are also communicated well to the suppliers before the commencement of a project.

The Group values the views and opinions of all customers through various means and channels, including usage of business intelligence to understand customer trends and needs and regular analysis of customers' feedbacks. The Group also conducts comprehensive tests and checks to ensure that only quality products and services are offered to the customers.

## OPERATING SEGMENTS INFORMATION

The Group's revenue and contribution to profit for the Year from operations analysed by principal activities are set out in note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## SUBSIDIARIES AND JOINT VENTURE

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries and joint venture entity as at 30 September 2023 are set out in notes 16 and 27 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, respectively.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Financial Review

#### *Liquidity and financial resources*

Shareholders' funds as at 30 September 2023 were HK\$5,250.3 million (2022: HK\$5,481.9 million).

As at 30 September 2023, the Group's total time deposits, bank balances and cash amounted to HK\$100.5 million (2022: HK\$35.8 million), of which over 49% (2022: 53%) was denominated in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), 36% (2022: 1%) was denominated in United States dollars ("US\$") and 14% (2022: 46%) was denominated in Renminbi. As at 30 September 2023, a portion of the Group's securities investments of HK\$50.3 million (2022: HK\$65.5 million) was denominated in US\$. The foreign exchange exposure of the Group was not significant given that its large asset base and operational cash flow were denominated primarily in HK\$ and HK\$ is pegged to US\$.

As at 30 September 2023, the Group's total borrowings, which were denominated in HK\$, were HK\$384.4 million (2022: HK\$314.0 million).

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The maturity profile of the Group's total borrowings as at 30 September 2023, which is based on the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements, is set out as follows:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$ Million</i>	<i>HK\$ Million</i>
Repayable:		
Within one year	192.8	208.1
After one year but within two years	5.4	5.9
After two years but within five years	173.1	19.3
After five years	13.1	80.7
	<b>384.4</b>	<b>314.0</b>

The Group's bank loans of HK\$187.4 million are 1-month revolving loans and classified under current liabilities.

The Group's bank term loans of HK\$197.0 million, which contains a repayment on demand clause, is classified under current liabilities.

The bank borrowings carry interest at Hong Kong InterBank Offer Rate (HIBOR) plus a margin.

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had unutilised banking facilities of HK\$1,382.5 million which will provide adequate funding for the Group's operational and capital expenditure requirements.

### *Financial Investments*

Financial investments mainly represent return earned on the Group's holdings of time deposits, as well as equity investments. Further information about the performances of financial investments can be found in notes 5 and 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

### *Gearing and Charge on Assets*

As at 30 September 2023, the debt to equity ratio, based on the Group's total borrowings of HK\$384.4 million and the consolidated equity attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$5,250.3 million, was 7.3%, as compared with 5.7% as at 30 September 2022.

As at 30 September 2023, (i) investment properties of the Group with a carrying amount of approximately HK\$4,972.6 million (2022: approximately HK\$3,697.6 million); and (ii) ownership interests in leasehold land held for own use and building of the Group with a carrying amount of approximately HK\$1.9 million (2022: approximately HK\$2.0 million) were pledged to banks to secure the general banking facilities granted to the Group.

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## *Treasury Policies*

During the Year, there were no significant changes in the Group's treasury policies.

The principal investment objectives of the Company are to seek capital appreciation with a view to enhancing the application of the Group's surplus funds in accordance with its policies for financial investments and for hedging purpose. For short-term cash investments with horizon of not more than one year, the surplus cash is intended to place as time deposits in licensed banks in Hong Kong or investment in debt or similar financial instruments with a pre-determined minimum credit rating. Any other longer term investments made by the Group from its surplus funds are intended to be financial investments with horizon of over one year, with no fixed cut-off period for equities, and up to 7 years for debt instruments, private equity and private equity funds.

## *Commitments*

Particulars of the commitments of the Group are set out in note 29 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## *Employees and Remuneration Policies*

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had 113 (2022: 125) employees. The staff remuneration, including Directors' emoluments and other employee expenses for the Year amounted to approximately HK\$31.3 million (2022: HK\$31.1 million). There has been no change in the employment and remuneration policies of the Group and the Company does not have any share option scheme for the Group's employees (including the Directors).

The Group recognises the importance of maintaining a stable staff force for its continued success. Under the Group's existing policies, the employee pay rates are maintained at competitive levels whilst promotion and salary increments are assessed on a performance-related basis. Discretionary bonuses are granted to the employees based on their merit and in accordance with the industry practice. Other benefits, including free hospitalisation insurance plan, subsidised medical care, training programmes and long-service awards are offered to the eligible employees.

## RESERVES

Details of movements in the reserves of the Group and the Company during the Year are set out on page 87 of this annual report and in note 27 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, respectively.

As at 30 September 2023, the Company's reserves available for distribution to the Shareholders represented the retained profits of HK\$957.4 million (2022: HK\$941.3 million).

After the end of the reporting period, the Directors proposed a final dividend of HK34 cents per Share (2022: HK34 cents per Share), amounting to HK\$37,461,000 (2022: HK\$37,461,000). This dividend has not been recognized as a liability at the end of the reporting period.

## SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movements in the share capital of the Company during the Year are set out in note 24 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## PRINCIPAL PROPERTIES

Details of the principal properties of the Group as at 30 September 2023 are set out on pages 175 and 176 of this annual report.

## INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Details of movements in the investment properties of the Group are set out in note 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group are set out in note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## GROUP BORROWING AND INTEREST CAPITALISED

Details of repayable on demand and secured bank loans are shown in note 25 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

There was no interest capitalised during the Year by the Group (2022: Nil).

## FIVE YEARS' FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the past five financial years, as extracted from the published audited financial statements, is set out on page 174 of this annual report.

## MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

For the Year, the five largest customers of the Group accounted for less than 30% of the Group's revenue. The five largest suppliers of the Group accounted for approximately 58% of the Group's total purchases for the Year and purchases from the largest supplier included therein accounted for approximately 32%.

At no time during the Year did a Director, a close associate (as defined in the Listing Rules) of a Director or any Shareholder (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) have an interest in any of the Group's five largest suppliers.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## DIRECTORS

The Directors during the Year and up to the date of this report are:

### Executive Directors

Mr. Wong Tat Chang, Abraham ("Mr. Abraham Wong") (*Chairman and Managing Director*)  
Mr. Wong Tat Kee, David ("Mr. David Wong")  
Mr. Wong Tat Sum, Samuel ("Mr. Samuel Wong")

### Independent Non-executive Directors (the "INEDs")

Mr. Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey ("Mr. Li")  
Mr. Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth ("Mr. Sit")  
Mr. Seto Gin Chung, John ("Mr. Seto")

In accordance with article 123 of the Company's articles of association, Mr. Abraham Wong and Mr. Sit will retire by rotation from the office at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company (the "AGM") and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The Company has received from each of the INEDs an annual written confirmation of independence in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Notwithstanding that Mr. Li and Mr. Sit have served as INEDs for more than nine years, both INEDs meet the independence guidelines set out in such Rule 3.13 and have never been involved in the daily management of the Company nor are they in any relationships or circumstance which would interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment. The nomination committee of the board of Directors (the "Board") has assessed and is satisfied with the independence of Mr. Li, Mr. Sit and Mr. Seto. Hence, the board is of the opinion that all the INEDs remain independent within the definition of the Listing Rules by reference to the factors stated therein.

The proposed re-election of Mr. Sit as an INED was made in accordance with the nomination policy of the Company and took into account a wide range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of services, with due regard of the benefits of diversity as set out under the board diversity policy of the Company.

In addition, the Board had evaluated the performance of Mr. Sit and is of the view that Mr. Sit has provided valuable contributions to the Company and has demonstrated his abilities to provide independent, balanced and objective view to the Company's affairs. The Board is also of the view that Mr. Sit would bring to the Board his own perspective, skills and experience, as further described in his biography as set out on page 10 of this annual report, and can contribute to the diversity of the Board taking into account his educational background and professional experience. The Board believes that his re-election as INED of the Company would be in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

The biographical details of the Directors and the Senior Management are set out on pages 9 and 10 of this annual report.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## DIRECTORS OF SUBSIDIARIES

The names of all directors who have served on the board of the subsidiaries of the Company during the Year and up to the date of this report are as follows:

- Mr. Abraham Wong
- Mr. David Wong
- Mr. Samuel Wong
- Mr. Wong Chin Yee
- Ms. Wong Chin Yan
- Mr. Wong Chin Shiong
- Mr. Hui Sui Yuen
- Ms. Sung Kwan Yuk, Katherine
- Mr. Yu Tsz Hang
- Mr. Cheung Man Chung (resigned on 31 December 2022)

## PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

The Company has arranged for appropriate insurance cover for Directors' and officers' liabilities in respect of legal actions against its Directors and senior Management arising out of corporate activities. The permitted indemnity provision is in force for the benefit of the Directors as required for disclosure by section 470 of the CO when this report prepared by the Directors is approved in accordance with section 391(1)(a) of the CO.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

### DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 30 September 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which were required to be: (a) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, recorded in the register referred to therein; or (c) pursuant to the Model Code, notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, were as follows:

(a) Long position interests in the Shares

Name of Directors/ Chief executive	Number of Shares held			Total	Approximate percentage of the Company's issued Shares*
	Personal interests	Family interests (note 1)	Other interests (note 2)		
Mr. Abraham Wong	450,800	–	80,633,866	81,084,666	73.6%
Mr. David Wong	–	–	80,633,866	80,633,866	73.2%
Mr. Samuel Wong	556,000	28,800	80,633,866	81,218,666	73.7%

(b) Long position in the shares of Elephant Holdings Limited ("EHL"), a subsidiary of the Company

Name of Directors/ Chief executive	Number of ordinary shares held		Total	Approximate percentage of interest in the issued shares of EHL
	Personal interests			
Mr. Abraham Wong	10		10	0.1%

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Samuel Wong, an ED, is deemed to be interested in 28,800 ordinary Shares, being the interest held beneficially by his wife.
  - (2) Shares included in other interests are beneficially owned by the discretionary trusts, of which Mr. Abraham Wong, Mr. David Wong and Mr. Samuel Wong are beneficiaries and the number of Shares in each of the above companies are duplicated for each of these three EDs.
- \* The percentage represents the total number of the Shares and the underlying Shares, if any, interested divided by the number of issued Shares of 110,179,385 as at 30 September 2023.

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Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2023, none of the Directors nor the chief executive of the Company had any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO), which were required to be: (a) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, recorded in the register referred to therein; or (c) pursuant to the Model Code, notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 30 September 2023, other than the interests which would be required to be disclosed under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO in respect of the Directors or the chief executive of the Company, the Company had not been notified by any person or entity, not being a Director or the chief executive of the Company, of interests and short positions in the Shares and underlying Shares as required to be recorded in the register pursuant to section 336 of the SFO.

### RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Details of the related party transactions are set out in note 35 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

### CONNECTED TRANSACTION

On 15 December 2022, Pokfulam Property Management Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a construction contract with B.L. Wong & Co., Ltd (the "Contractor") to engage the Contractor to perform certain renovation works for an industrial building (the "Building") at a contract sum of HK\$4,688,000 (the "Contract Sum" and the "Construction Contract", respectively). The Building is situated at China Paint Building, No. 1163 Canton Road, No. 5B Arran Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong and is partially owned by Metrocenter Holdings Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The Contractor is beneficially owned by the executive Directors in equal shares. Accordingly, the Contractor is an associate of the executive Directors and a connected person of the Company pursuant to Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Construction Contract, therefore, constitutes a connected transaction of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Since the highest applicable percentage ratio (as defined under Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules) in respect of the transaction contemplated under the Construction Contract was more than 0.1% but less than 5%, the Construction Contract was subject to the reporting and announcement requirements but was exempt from the circular and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Construction Contract was approved by the Board. In view of their interests in the Contractor, each of the Executive Directors was considered to have a material interest in the Construction Contract and, therefore, they abstained from voting at the meeting of the Board convened for considering and approving the Construction Contract. Further details regarding the Construction Contract were set out in the Company's announcement dated 15 December 2022.

Save as disclosed above, there were no discloseable non-exempted connected transaction or non-exempted continuing connected transaction of the Company under the Listing Rules during the Year and up to the date of this report. None of the "Related Party Transactions" as disclosed in note 35 to the Consolidated Financial Statements constituted discloseable non-exempted connected transaction or non-exempted continuing connected transaction under the Listing Rules and the Company had complied with the relevant requirements of Chapters 14 and 14A of the Listing Rules during the Year.

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### DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULE 13.18 OF THE LISTING RULES

- (a) Pursuant to a facility agreement dated 15 November 2022 entered into amongst Patricus Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, as borrower, the Company as guarantor and The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited as lender (the "HSBC Facility Agreement"), a revolving loan facility of HK\$200 million (the "HSBC Facility") was made available by the lender to Patricus Limited on the terms contained therein. Under the terms of the HSBC Facility Agreement, if Mr. Abraham Wong, Mr. David Wong and Mr. Samuel Wong, in aggregate, cease to beneficially own (directly or indirectly) at least 51% of the issued share capital of the Company and/or cease to be entitled to exercise management control on the Company, the commitments under the HSBC Facility may be cancelled and the amounts outstanding, together with accrued interest and other amounts (if any) payable, under the HSBC Facility may become immediately due and repayable.
- (b) Pursuant to a facility agreement dated 17 March 2023 entered into amongst the Company and/or Patricus Limited, as borrowers, the Company as guarantor and Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited as lender (the "ICBC Facility Agreement"), loan facilities with an aggregate amount of HK\$232 million (the "ICBC Facility") was made available by the lender to the Company and/or Patricus Limited on the terms contained therein. Under the terms of the ICBC Facility Agreement, if Mr. Abraham Wong, Mr. David Wong and Mr. Samuel Wong, in aggregate, maintain beneficial ownership (directly or indirectly) of less than 50% of the issued share capital of the Company, the commitments under the ICBC Facility may be cancelled and amounts outstanding, together with accrued interest and other amounts (if any) payable, under the ICBC Facility may become immediately due and repayable.

### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENT OR CONTRACTS

Save as disclosed in the "Related Party Transactions" as disclosed in note 35 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, no transaction, arrangement or contract of significance to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party, and in which a Director or an entity connected with him had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the Year or at any time during the Year.

### SERVICE AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No Director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming AGM has an unexpired service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

No contracts of significance concerning management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company or any of its subsidiaries were entered into during the Year or subsisted at the end of the Year.

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### ARRANGEMENTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

At no time during the Year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESSES

During the Year, Mr. Li had been an independent non-executive director of Kowloon Development Company Limited ("KDCL") (a company whose issued shares are listed and traded on the Stock Exchange). KDCL and its subsidiaries were engaged in property investment and property development businesses. As such, Mr. Li was regarded as being interested in such businesses, which competed or was likely to compete with the Group. However, such businesses were managed by a separate publicly listed company with independent management and its board composition is different and separate from the Company.

### SHAREHOLDERS' INTEREST IN CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

No Shareholder had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party during the Year.

### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

During the Year, the Company did not redeem any of its listed securities, nor did the Company or any of its subsidiaries purchase or sell such securities.

### RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

The Group operates a mandatory provident fund scheme (the "MPF Scheme") for all qualifying employees in accordance with the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, Cap. 485 of the Laws of Hong Kong (the "MPF Ordinance"). The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group, and in funds under the control of the trustees.

The Group's contributions to the MPF Scheme were calculated at 5% of the employee's monthly relevant income. Any contributions which exceed the contributions required under the MPF Ordinance are paid to the MPF Scheme as voluntary contribution.

Contributions to the MPF Scheme for the Year made by the Group amounted to HK\$932,000 (2022: HK\$975,000).

Save as aforementioned, no retirement benefits were paid or are payable by the Group in respect of the Year.

### CHANGES IN DIRECTORS' INFORMATION

In accordance with Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, there was no change of information required to be disclosed pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (e) and (g) of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules during the course of the Directors' terms of office for the period from the date of publication of the Company's last interim report up to the date of this annual report.

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### FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS

The Group has no plan authorised by the Board for other material investments or additions of capital assets as at the date of this report.

### EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

No equity-linked agreements that (i) will or may result in the Company issuing Shares or (ii) require the Company to enter into any agreements that will or may result in the Company issuing Shares were entered into by the Company during the Year or subsisted at the end of the Year.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company's key corporate governance practices are set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 47 to 64 of this annual report.

### REVIEW OF ANNUAL RESULTS

The audit committee of the Board (the "Audit Committee") comprises all the three INEDs. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the Management the Group's audited Consolidated Financial Statements and this annual report, including the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group. It has also considered selected accounting, risk management, internal control and financial reporting matters of the Group, in conjunction with the Company's external auditor.

### EMOLUMENT POLICY/TRAINING

The Company has established a remuneration committee of the Board (the "Remuneration Committee") with written terms of reference pursuant to the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules. The Remuneration Committee is principally responsible for formulating and making recommendations to the Board on all remuneration of the Directors and senior Management on the Group's emolument policy.

The emoluments of employees of the Group are determined on the basis of their performance, experience and prevailing industry practices.

The Company determines the emoluments of the Directors on the basis of their time commitment and duties, the market competitiveness, the employment conditions elsewhere in the Group as well as the Company's corporate goals and objectives.

Details of the emoluments of the Directors and the five individuals with the highest emoluments for the Year are set out in notes 11 and 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, respectively.

### SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, the Board confirms that the Company has maintained a sufficient public float (i.e. at least 25% of the issued Shares were held by the public) throughout the Year and up to the date of this report as required under the Listing Rules.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## TAX RELIEF

The Company is not aware of any relief on taxation available to the Shareholders by reason of their holding of the Shares. If the Shareholders are unsure about the taxation implications of purchasing, holding, disposing of, dealing in, or exercising any rights in relation to, the Shares, they are advised to consult their professional advisors.

## CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS FOR AGM

The AGM is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 30 January 2024. For determining the Shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the forthcoming AGM, the Register of Members will be closed from Thursday, 25 January 2024 to Tuesday, 30 January 2024 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares will be effected. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the forthcoming AGM, non-registered Shareholders must lodge all completed transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Standard Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 January 2024.

## CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS FOR THE PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND

The Proposed Final Dividend is subject to the approval by the Shareholders at the forthcoming AGM. For determining the Shareholders' entitlement to the Proposed Final Dividend, the Register of Members will be closed from Wednesday, 21 February 2024 to Friday, 23 February 2024 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the Proposed Final Dividend, non-registered Shareholders must lodge all completed transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Standard Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 February 2024.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Charitable donations made by the Group during the Year amounted to HK\$32,000 (2022: HK\$55,000).

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The Consolidated Financial Statements have been audited by BDO Limited ("BDO") which will retire at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment. The Board has taken the recommendation of the Audit Committee that a resolution will be proposed to the Shareholders at the forthcoming AGM to re-appoint BDO as the independent auditor of the Company.

By Order of the Board

**Wong Tat Chang, Abraham**  
*Chairman and Managing Director*

Hong Kong, 20 December 2023

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF POKFULAM DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

博富臨置業有限公司

*(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

## OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Pokfulam Development Company Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") set out on pages 85 to 173, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 September 2023, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

## BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSA") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's "Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants" (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### Valuation of investment properties

(refer to notes 3 and 4(ii)(c) for the significant accounting policies and disclosure for the estimation of fair value of investment properties respectively, and note 13 to the consolidated financial statements)

Management estimated the fair value of the Group's investment properties to be approximately HK\$5,304,494,000 as at 30 September 2023, with a fair value loss of approximately HK\$214,937,000 recognised in the profit or loss for the year then ended. The fair value of the investment properties was arrived at on the basis of the valuation carried out by an independent qualified professional valuer using property valuation techniques which involve certain assumptions of prevailing market conditions. Favourable or unfavourable changes to these assumptions may result in changes in the fair value of the Group's investment properties and corresponding adjustments to the changes in fair value reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and the carrying amount of these properties included in the consolidated statement of financial position. The valuations of the Group's investment properties are dependent on valuation models used by management, certain key assumptions and estimations that require significant management judgement.

### Our responses

Our procedures in relation to this key audit matter included:

- Involving an auditor's expert to assist us in evaluating the appropriateness of the valuation methodologies and the reasonableness of the key assumptions and estimations used in the valuation of the fair value of the major investment properties;
- Evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the management's expert and the auditor's expert;
- Evaluating the reliability of the sources of inputs used in the valuation prepared by the management's expert; and
- Checking, on a sample basis, the accuracy and relevance of the input data used and the resultant calculation.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are also responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process. The Audit Committee assists the directors in discharging their responsibility in this regard.

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. This report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

**BDO Limited**

Certified Public Accountants

**Cheung Wing Yin**

Practising Certificate Number P06946

Hong Kong, 20 December 2023

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		2023	2022
	NOTES	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	5	180,022	163,550
Other income and gains	6	13,529	15,753
Costs:			
Property and related costs			
– property investment		(15,031)	(22,756)
– property management		(9,170)	(6,994)
Trading of goods costs		(40,593)	(32,605)
Staff costs		(31,329)	(31,110)
Other expenses		(17,543)	(19,747)
		(113,666)	(113,212)
Profit before changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and investment properties		79,885	66,091
Decrease in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(8,880)	(6,792)
Decrease in fair value of investment properties	13	(214,937)	(27,174)
		(143,932)	32,125
Impairment losses on financial assets, net		(5,870)	(1,810)
Finance costs on bank borrowings		(18,228)	(5,203)
Share of losses of joint ventures		(5,231)	(3,718)
(Loss)/profit before income tax	7	(173,261)	21,394
Income tax expense	8	(8,475)	(8,000)
(Loss)/profit for the year		(181,736)	13,394
<b>Other comprehensive loss</b>			
<i>Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Change in fair value on equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		(2,909)	(4,016)
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Change in fair value on debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of tax		55	(571)
Release on disposal of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		71	(228)
Exchange loss arising on translation of financial statements of foreign operations		(2,397)	(7,516)
Exchange loss arising from long term advances to a joint venture		(422)	(2,649)
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax		(5,602)	(14,980)
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(187,338)	(1,586)
<b>(Loss)/profit for the year attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the Company		(181,785)	14,795
Non-controlling interests		49	(1,401)
		(181,736)	13,394
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the Company		(187,387)	(185)
Non-controlling interests		49	(1,401)
		(187,338)	(1,586)
(Loss)/earnings per share	10	HK\$ (1.65)	HK\$ 0.13

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		2023	2022
	NOTES	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Non-current Assets</b>			
Investment properties	13	5,304,494	5,518,924
Property, plant and equipment	14	13,001	8,172
Intangible assets	15	–	300
Interest in joint venture	16	25,860	23,914
Amount due from a joint venture	16	122,665	135,625
Deposits and prepayments		418	1,338
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	19	94,805	101,861
Equity instrument designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	17	9,075	11,984
		<b>5,570,318</b>	<b>5,802,118</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Inventories	18	18,912	18,553
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	19	39,580	20,477
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	17	–	7,789
Trade and other receivables	20	13,369	13,952
Deposits and prepayments		6,425	9,381
Time deposits with maturity over three months	21	39,386	7,747
Bank balances and cash	21	61,110	28,008
		<b>178,782</b>	<b>105,907</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	22	23,061	22,521
Contract Liabilities	23	8,475	9,124
Rental and management fee deposits		24,518	25,740
Amount due to the non-controlling interest		–	650
Provision for taxation		678	1,391
Bank borrowings, secured	25	384,438	313,956
		<b>441,170</b>	<b>373,382</b>
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>		<b>(262,388)</b>	<b>(267,475)</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>5,307,930</b>	<b>5,534,643</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Share capital	24	146,134	146,134
Reserves		5,104,120	5,335,745
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>		<b>5,250,254</b>	<b>5,481,879</b>
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>(2,393)</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>5,250,280</b>	<b>5,479,486</b>
<b>Non-current Liability</b>			
Deferred taxation	26	57,650	55,157
		<b>5,307,930</b>	<b>5,534,643</b>

The consolidated financial statements on pages 85 to 173 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 20 December 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

Wong Tat Chang, Abraham  
DIRECTOR

Wong Tat Sum, Samuel  
DIRECTOR

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Attributable to owners of the Company							Total
	Share capital	Translation reserve*	Investment revaluation reserves* (recycling)	Investment revaluation reserves* (non-recycling)	Retained profits*	Subtotal	Non-controlling interests	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
As at 1 October 2021	146,134	13,903	673	8,000	5,355,222	5,523,932	(992)	5,522,940
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	14,795	14,795	(1,401)	13,394
Other comprehensive loss for the year:								
Changes in fair value on:								
- Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(571)	-	-	(571)	-	(571)
- Equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(4,016)	-	(4,016)	-	(4,016)
- Release on disposal of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	(228)	-	-	(228)	-	(228)
Exchange loss arising on translation of foreign operations	-	(7,516)	-	-	-	(7,516)	-	(7,516)
Exchange loss arising from long-term advances to a joint venture	-	(2,649)	-	-	-	(2,649)	-	(2,649)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(10,165)	(799)	(4,016)	14,795	(185)	(1,401)	(1,586)
Final dividend for 2021 paid (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	(37,461)	(37,461)	-	(37,461)
Interim dividend for 2022 paid (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	(4,407)	(4,407)	-	(4,407)
As at 30 September 2022	146,134	3,738	(126)	3,984	5,328,149	5,481,879	(2,393)	5,479,486
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(181,785)	(181,785)	49	(181,736)
Other comprehensive loss for the year:								
Changes in fair value on:								
- Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	55	-	-	55	-	55
- Equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(2,909)	-	(2,909)	-	(2,909)
- Release on disposal of debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	71	-	-	71	-	71
Exchange loss arising on translation of foreign operations	-	(2,397)	-	-	-	(2,397)	-	(2,397)
Exchange loss arising from long-term advances to a joint venture	-	(422)	-	-	-	(422)	-	(422)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(2,819)	126	(2,909)	(181,785)	(187,387)	49	(187,338)
Change in equity interest without loss of control	-	-	-	-	(2,370)	(2,370)	2,370	-
Final dividend for 2022 paid (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	(37,461)	(37,461)	-	(37,461)
Interim dividend for 2023 paid (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	(4,407)	(4,407)	-	(4,407)
As at 30 September 2023	146,134	919	-	1,075	5,102,126	5,250,254	26	5,250,280

\* These reserve accounts comprise the consolidated reserves of approximately HK\$5,104,120,000 in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 September 2023 (2022: HK\$5,335,745,000).

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		2023	2022
	NOTES	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Operating activities</b>			
(Loss)/profit before income tax		(173,261)	21,394
Adjustments for:			
Decrease in fair value of investment properties	13	214,937	27,174
Decrease in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")		8,880	6,792
Amortisation of Intangible assets	7	65	260
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	7	19	2
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	7	(65)	–
Depreciation on owned property, plant and equipment	7	1,361	1,141
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	7	8	8
Impairment loss of goodwill	7	–	786
Impairment loss of intangible assets	7	–	372
Dividend income from equity instrument designated at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")	6	(2,099)	(3,113)
Imputed interest income on amount due from a joint venture	6	(8,776)	(9,020)
Interest income		(941)	(933)
Dividend income from financial assets at FVTPL	5	(8,291)	(5,654)
Loss/(gain) on release of investment revaluation reserve upon disposal of debt instrument at FVOCI		71	(228)
Finance costs on bank borrowings		18,228	5,203
Share of losses of joint ventures		5,231	3,718
Modification loss on amount due from a joint venture	7	–	7,895
Reversal of impairment loss on trade and other receivables	7	(1,022)	(1,825)
(Reversal of)/provision for impairment loss on deposits	7	(14)	76
Provision for impairment loss on amount due from a joint venture	7	6,906	3,559
Exchange loss		7,589	–
Operating cash flows before working capital changes		68,826	57,607
Increase in inventories		(359)	(2,687)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments		5,795	(3,295)
Decrease in trade and other payables and rental and management fee deposits		(682)	(7,366)
(Decrease)/increase in contract liabilities		(649)	2,329
Decrease in amount due to non-controlling interest		(650)	–
Cash generated from operations		72,281	46,588
Interest received		941	933
Dividend received		8,291	5,654
Income tax paid		(6,695)	(4,898)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>74,818</b>	<b>48,277</b>

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		2023	2022
	NOTES	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Placement of time deposits with maturity over three months		(55,350)	(7,747)
Release of time deposits with maturity over three months		23,711	–
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	14	(6,217)	(415)
Addition of investment properties		(2,830)	(318,375)
Proceed from disposal of financial assets at FVTPL		940	–
Redemption of debt securities investment		7,867	27,350
Dividend received from equity instrument designated at FVOCI		2,099	3,113
Investment made in financial assets at FVTPL		(21,867)	(2,629)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(51,647)</b>	<b>(298,703)</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Bank borrowings raised	28	282,000	432,161
Repayment of bank borrowings	28	(211,518)	(183,205)
Dividends paid		(41,868)	(41,868)
Interest paid	28	(18,228)	(5,203)
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>		<b>10,386</b>	<b>201,885</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>33,557</b>	<b>(48,541)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		28,008	68,383
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		(455)	8,166
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year, represented by bank balances and cash		61,110	28,008
<b>Analysis of the balances of cash and cash equivalents</b>			
Bank balances and cash		52,072	28,008
Time deposit with an original maturity of less than three months		9,038	–
		<b>61,110</b>	<b>28,008</b>

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

## 1. GENERAL

Pokfulam Development Company Limited (the “Company”) is a public limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong and its issued Shares (the “Shares”) are listed and traded on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). The Company and its subsidiaries are together referred to as the Group.

The principal activities of the Company are property investment and investment holding. The principal activities of the Group are property investment and management, trading of visual and sound equipment, and home appliances, and securities investment.

The address of the registered office and the principal place of business of the Company is 23rd Floor, Beverly House, 93-107 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

The consolidated financial statements of the Group are presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), which is the same as the functional currency of the Company.

## 2. ADOPTION OF HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”)

### 2.1 Adoption of revised HKFRSs

In the current year, the Group has applied for the first time the following amendments and interpretations (“the amended HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), which are relevant to and effective for the Group’s consolidated financial statements for the annual period beginning on 1 October 2022:

Amendments to HKFRS 3	Reference to the Conceptual Framework
Amendments to HKAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use
Amendments to HKAS 37	Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract
Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020	Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9, Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16, and HKAS 41

The adoption of the above amendments to HKFRSs has had no significant financial effect on the consolidated financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

## 2. ADOPTION OF HKFRSs (CONTINUED)

### 2.2 New or revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective

The following new or revised HKFRSs, potentially relevant to the Group's consolidated financial statements, have been issued, but are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group. The Group's current intention is to apply these changes on the date they become effective.

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011)	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>4</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts <sup>1,6</sup>
Amendment to HKFRS 17	Initial Application of HKFRS 17 and HKFRS 9 – Comparative Information <sup>7</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (the "2020 Amendments") <sup>2,5</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (the "2022 Amendments") <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 12	International Tax Reform-Pillar Two Model Rules <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangement <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

<sup>4</sup> No mandatory effective date yet determined but available for adoption

<sup>5</sup> As a consequence of the 2022 Amendments, the effective date of the 2020 Amendments was deferred to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. In addition, as a consequence of the 2020 Amendments and 2022 Amendments, Hong Kong Interpretation 5 Presentation of Financial Statements — Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause was revised to align the corresponding wording with no change in conclusion

<sup>6</sup> As a consequence of the amendments to HKFRS 17 issued in October 2020, HKFRS 4 was amended to extend the temporary exemption that permits insurers to apply HKAS 39 rather than HKFRS 9 for annual periods beginning before 1 January 2023

<sup>7</sup> An entity that chooses to apply the transition option relating to the classification overlay set out in this amendment shall apply it on initial application of HKFRS 17

The directors of the Company anticipate that the application of these new standards, amendments and improvements to HKFRSs and interpretations will have no material impact on the Group's accounting policies.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "HKFRS") and the provisions of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance which concern the preparation of financial statements. In addition, the financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange.

### Basis of assumption and going concern assumption

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair value, as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2 *Share-based Payment*, leasing transactions that are accounted for in accordance with HKFRS 16, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 *Inventories* or value in use in HKAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*.

The Group had net current liabilities of approximately HK\$262,388,000 as at 30 September 2023. Included in the Group's current liabilities as at 30 September 2023, the Group had bank interest-bearing borrowings of HK\$384,438,000 subject to repayment on demand clause at the discretion of the relevant banks as set out in note 25 to the consolidated financial statements.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Basis of assumption and going concern assumption (Continued)

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared on a going concern basis on the assumption that the Group will be able to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future taking into account of the unutilised banking facilities of approximately HK\$1,382,539,000 (Note 25) as at 30 September 2023. As at 30 September 2023, the directors of the Company believe that the Group has adequate resources to continue operation for the foreseeable future of not less than twelve months from the end of the reporting period, and they do not believe that the bank borrowings will be called in their entirety within 12 months, and they consider that the bank borrowings will be repaid in accordance with the maturity dates as set out in the banking facility letters. This evaluation was made considering: the financial position of the Group at the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements; the Group's compliance with the loan covenants; the lack of events of default; and the fact that the Group has made all previously scheduled repayments on time. Therefore, they are of the opinion that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

### Business combination and basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### *Business combination and basis of consolidation (Continued)*

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each item of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

Acquisition of subsidiaries or businesses is accounted for using the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the acquisition-date fair value of assets transferred, liabilities incurred and equity interests issued by the Group, as the acquirer. The identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are principally measured at acquisition-date fair value. The Group's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is re-measured at acquisition-date fair value and the resulting gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss. The Group may elect, on a transaction-by-transaction basis, to measure the non-controlling interests that represent present ownership interests in the subsidiary either at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All other non-controlling interests are measured at fair value unless another measurement basis is required by HKFRSs. Acquisition-related costs incurred are expensed unless they are incurred in issuing equity instruments in which case the costs are deducted from equity.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Business combination and basis of consolidation (Continued)

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer is recognised at acquisition-date fair value. Subsequent adjustments to consideration are recognised against goodwill only to the extent that they arise from new information obtained within the measurement period (a maximum of 12 months from the acquisition date) about the fair value at the acquisition date. All other subsequent adjustments to contingent consideration classified as an asset or a liability are recognised in profit or loss.

### Investments in joint ventures

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint arrangement. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The results and assets and liabilities of a joint venture are incorporated in these consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting. The financial statements of joint ventures used for equity accounting purposes are prepared using uniform accounting policies as those of the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances. Under the equity method, an investment in a joint venture is initially recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the joint venture. When the Group's share of losses of a joint venture exceeds the Group's interest in that joint venture (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the joint venture), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint venture.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Investments in joint ventures (Continued)

An investment in a joint venture is accounted for using the equity method from the date on which the investee becomes a joint venture. On acquisition of the investment in a joint venture, any excess of the cost of the investment over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the investee is recognised as goodwill, which is included within the carrying amount of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities over the cost of the investment, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

The Group assesses whether there is an objective evidence that the investment in a joint venture may be impaired. When any objective evidence exists, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognised is not allocated to any asset, including goodwill, that forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised in accordance with HKAS 36 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

The Group continues to use the equity method when an investment in a joint venture becomes an investment in an associate. There is no remeasurement to fair value upon such changes in ownership interests.

When the Group reduces its ownership interest in a joint venture but the Group continues to use the equity method, the Group reclassifies to profit or loss the proportion of the gain or loss that had previously been recognised in other comprehensive income relating to that reduction in ownership interest if that gain or loss would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities.

When a group entity transacts with a joint venture of the Group, profits and losses resulting from the transactions with the joint venture are recognised in the Group's consolidated financial statements only to the extent of interests in the joint venture that are not related to the Group.

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### 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Goodwill

Goodwill is initially recognised at cost being the excess of the aggregate of fair value of consideration transferred, the amount recognised for non-controlling interests and the acquisition date fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired.

Where the fair value of identifiable assets and liabilities exceed the aggregate of the fair value of consideration paid, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition date fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree, the excess is recognised in profit or loss on the acquisition date, after re-assessment.

Goodwill is measured at cost less impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill arising from an acquisition is allocated to each of the relevant cash-generating units. A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets. A cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually, by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable amount (see note 4(g)), and whenever there is an indication that the unit may be impaired.

For goodwill arising on an acquisition in a financial year, the cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment before the end of that financial year. When the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit first, and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount to each asset in the unit. However, the loss allocated to each asset will not reduce the individual asset's carrying amount to below its fair value less cost of disposal (if measurable) or its value in use (if determinable), whichever is the higher. Any impairment loss for goodwill is recognised in profit or loss and is not reversed in subsequent periods.

#### Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation.

Investment properties are initially measured at cost, including any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are measured at fair value using the fair value model. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of investment properties are included in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

An investment property is derecognised upon disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from its disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the period in which the property is derecognised.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment including land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes, are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write-off the cost of assets less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following rates per annum:

Leasehold Land in Hong Kong under long-term lease	Over the term of the lease
Buildings	Over the shorter of the term of the lease of the land, or 50 years
Leasehold improvement	Over the shorter of the term of the lease of the land, or 50 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	12%-20%
Motor vehicles	15%-25%

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Impairment of assets (other than goodwill and financial assets)

At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of the following assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss or an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may be decreased:

- Property, plant and equipment;
- Intangible assets; and
- Interests in joint ventures.

If the recoverable amount (i.e. the greater of the fair value less costs to sell and value in use) of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately.

Value in use is based on the estimated future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset or cash generating unit, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or cash generating unit.

### Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs of inventories are determined on a weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale.

### Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and have a short maturity of generally within three months when acquired, less bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Cash and cash equivalents (Continued)

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of financial position, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and at banks, including short term deposits (generally with original maturity of three months or less), and assets similar in nature to cash, which are not restricted as to use.

### Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchanges prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise except for exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised initially in other comprehensive income and reclassified from equity to profit or loss on disposal or partial disposal of the Group's interests.

For the purposes of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (i.e. Hong Kong dollars) using exchange rates prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expenses items are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during the period, in which case, the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of translation reserve (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

### Income taxes

Income taxes for the year comprise current tax and deferred tax.

Current tax is based on the profit or loss from ordinary activities adjusted for items that are non-assessable or disallowable for income tax purposes and is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts used for tax purposes.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Income taxes (Continued)

Except for goodwill and recognised assets and liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profits, deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of reporting period.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

An exception to the general requirement on determining the appropriate tax rate used in measuring deferred tax amount is when an investment property is carried at fair value under HKAS 40 Investment Property. Unless the presumption is rebutted, the deferred tax amount on these investment properties are measured using the tax rates that would apply on sale of these investment properties at their carrying amount at the reporting date. The presumption is rebutted when the investment property is depreciable and is held within a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all the economic benefits embodied in the property overtime, rather than through sale.

Deferred tax assets or liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income tax levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Income taxes are recognised in profit or loss except when they relate to items recognised in other comprehensive income in which case the taxes are also recognised in other comprehensive income.

### Financial Instruments

#### (i) Financial assets

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, that is, the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the market place.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Financial Instruments (Continued)

#### (i) Financial assets (Continued)

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

#### Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are three measurement categories into which the Group classifies its debt instruments:

**Amortised cost:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate method. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

**FVOCI:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. Debt investments at FVOCI are subsequently measured at fair value. Interest income calculated using the effective interest rate method, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income. On derecognition, gains and losses accumulated in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

**FVTPL:** Financial assets at FVTPL include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss, or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are also classified as held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments. Financial assets with cash flows that are not solely payments of principal and interest are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model. Notwithstanding the criteria for debt instruments to be classified at amortised cost or at FVOCI, as described above, debt instruments may be designated at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition if doing so eliminates, or significantly reduces, an accounting mismatch.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Financial Instruments (Continued)

#### (i) Financial assets (Continued)

##### Equity instruments

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Group could irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in other comprehensive income. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis. Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income are measured at fair value. Dividend income are recognised in profit or loss unless the dividend income clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investments. Other net gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income and are not reclassified to profit or loss. All other equity instruments are classified as FVTPL, whereby changes in fair value, dividends and interest income are recognised in profit or loss.

#### (ii) Impairment loss on financial assets

The Group recognises loss allowances for expected credit loss ("ECL") on trade receivables, financial assets measured at amortised cost and debt investments measured at FVOCI. The ECLs are measured on either of the following bases: (1) 12-months ECLs: these are the ECLs that result from possible default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and (2) lifetime ECLs: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive. The shortfall is then discounted at an approximation to the assets' original effective interest rate.

The Group has elected to measure loss allowances for trade receivables using HKFRS 9 simplified approach and has calculated ECLs based on lifetime ECLs. The Group has established a provision matrix that is based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

For other debt financial assets, the ECLs are based on the 12-months ECLs. However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECLs.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Financial Instruments (Continued)

#### (ii) *Impairment loss on financial assets (Continued)*

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECL, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Group considers a financial asset to be credit-impaired when: (1) the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or (2) the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

Interest income on credit-impaired financial assets is calculated based on the amortised cost (i.e. the gross carrying amount less loss allowance) of the financial asset. For non credit-impaired financial assets interest income is calculated based on the gross carrying amount.

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, for example, when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings. Financial assets written off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. Any subsequent recoveries are recognised in profit or loss.

#### (iii) *Financial liabilities*

The Group classifies its financial liabilities, depending on the purpose for which the liabilities were incurred. Financial liabilities at amortised costs are initially measured at fair value, net of directly attributable costs incurred.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities at amortised cost including trade and other payables, rental and management fee deposits, amounts due to non-controlling interest and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. The related interest expense is recognised in profit or loss.

Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Financial Instruments (Continued)

#### (iv) *Effective interest method*

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts or payments through the expected life of the financial asset or liability, or where appropriate, a shorter period.

#### (v) *Equity instruments*

Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

#### (vi) *Derecognition*

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the future cash flows in relation to the financial asset expire or when the financial asset has been transferred and the transfer meets the criteria for derecognition in accordance with HKFRS 9.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of goods or services is transferred to the customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services, excluding those amounts collected on behalf of third parties. Revenue excludes value added tax or other sales taxes and is after deduction of any trade discounts.

Depending on the terms of the contract and the laws that apply to the contract, control of the goods or service may be transferred over time or at a point in time. Control of the goods or service is transferred over time if the Group's performance:

- provides all of the benefits received and consumed simultaneously by the customer;
- creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; or
- does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

If control of the goods or services transfers over time, revenue is recognised over the period of the contract by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the goods or service.

When the contract contains a financing component which provides the customer a significant benefit of financing the transfer of goods or services to the customer for more than one year, revenue is measured at the present value of the amounts receivable, discounted using the discount rate that would be reflected in a separate financing transaction between the Group and the customer at contract inception. Where the contract contains a financing component which provides a significant financing benefit to the Group, revenue recognised under that contract includes the interest expense accreted on the contract liability under the effective interest method. For contracts where the period between the payment and the transfer of the promised goods or services is one year or less, the transaction price is not adjusted for the effects of a significant financing component, using the practical expedient in HKFRS 15.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Revenue recognition (Continued)

#### (i) *Sales of goods (i.e. visual and sound equipment, and home appliances)*

Customers obtain control of the goods when the visual and sound equipment, and home appliances are delivered to and has been accepted. Revenue is thus recognised upon when the customers accepted the visual and sound equipment, and home appliances. There is generally only one performance obligation. Invoices are usually payable within 30 days. Customers are normally required to pay deposit in advance. The advances received is recognised as contract liabilities.

Warranty is generally offered to customers in accordance with agreed-upon specification with the customers to maintain the specified performance as stated in the original contracts, therefore it is considered that the warranty is an assurance-type.

#### (ii) *Building management services*

Building management fees income is recognised over the period when services are provided.

#### (iii) *Contract liabilities*

A contract liability represents the Group's obligation to transfer services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer.

If the considerations (including advances received from customers) exceeds the revenue recognised to date under the output method then the Group recognises a contract liability for the difference.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Revenue recognition (Continued)

#### (iv) *Contract costs*

The Group recognises an asset from the costs incurred to fulfil a contract when those costs meet all of the following criteria:

- (a) the costs relate directly to a contract or to an anticipated contract that the entity can specifically identify;
- (b) the costs generate or enhance resources of the entity that will be used in satisfying (or in continuing to satisfy) performance obligations in the future; and
- (c) the costs are expected to be recovered.

The asset recognised is subsequently amortised to profit or loss on a systematic basis that is consistent with the transfer to the customer of the goods or services to which the cost relate. The asset is subject to impairment review.

### Revenue from other sources

#### (v) *Rental income*

Rental income under operating leases is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

#### (vi) *Dividend income*

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established.

#### (vii) *Interest income*

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans is recognised using the original effective interest rate.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Leasing

#### *Definition of a lease*

A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys a right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

#### *Accounting as a lessor*

The Group has leased out its investment properties to a number of tenants. Rental income from operating leases is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised as an expense on the straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### *Accounting as a lessee*

All leases are required to be capitalised in the consolidated statement of financial position as right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, but accounting policy choices exist for an entity to choose not to capitalise (i) leases which are short-term leases and/or (ii) leases for which the underlying asset is of low-value. The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for low-value assets and leases for which at the commencement date have a lease term less than 12 months. The lease payments associated with those leases have been expensed on straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### *Right-of-use assets*

The right-of-use assets should be recognised at cost and would comprise: (i) the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability (see below for the accounting policy to account for lease liability); (ii) any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received; (iii) any initial direct costs incurred by the lessee and (iv) an estimate of costs to be incurred by the lessee in dismantling and removing the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease, unless those costs are incurred to produce inventories. Except for right-of-use asset that meets the definition of an investment property, the Group measures the right-of-use assets applying a cost model. Under the cost model, the Group measures the right-to-use assets at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liability.

The Group accounts for leasehold land and buildings that are held for rental or capital appreciation purpose under HKAS 40 and are carried at fair value. For right-of-use asset that meets the definition of a leasehold land and buildings held for own use, they are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated losses.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Leasing (Continued)

#### *Lease liability*

The lease liability is recognised at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the date of commencement of the lease. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group uses the Group's incremental borrowing rate.

The following payments for the right-to-use the underlying asset during the lease term that are not paid at the commencement date of the lease are considered to be lease payments: (i) fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable; (ii) variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at commencement date; (iii) amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees; (iv) the exercise price of a purchase option if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and (v) payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising an option to terminate the lease.

Subsequent to the commencement date, the Group measures the lease liability by: (i) increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability; (ii) reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made; and (iii) remeasuring the carrying amount to reflect any reassessment or lease modifications, e.g., a change in future lease payments arising from change in an index or rate, a change in the lease term, a change in the in substance fixed lease payments or a change in assessment to purchase the underlying asset.

#### *Intangible assets (other than goodwill)*

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognised at cost. Subsequently, intangible assets with finite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is provided on a straight-line basis over their useful lives as follows. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are carried at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The amortisation expense is recognised in profit or loss and included in administrative expenses.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Government grants

Grants from the government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Group will comply with all attached conditions.

Government grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in the profit or loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate.

### Retirement benefit scheme

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans (i.e. the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme) are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

### Short-term and other long-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognised at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid as and when employees rendered the services. All short-term employee benefits are recognised as an expense unless another HKFRS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefit in the cost of an asset. A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees (such as wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave) after deducting any amount already paid.

Liabilities recognised in respect of other long-term employee benefits (e.g. long service payments ("LSP")) are measured at present value of the estimated future cash outflows expected to be made by the Group in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Any changes in the liabilities' carrying amounts resulting from service cost, interest and remeasurements are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that another HKFRS requires or permits their inclusion in the cost of an asset.

The Group measures LSP obligations on a net basis. The estimated amount of future benefit is determined after deducting the negative service cost arising from the accrued benefits derived from the Group's MPF contributions that have been vested with employees, which are deemed to be contributions from the relevant employees.

### Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Borrowing costs (Continued)

Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

### Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, which it is probable will result in an outflow of economic benefits that can be reliably estimated.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, the existence of which will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events, are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

### Related parties

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family is related to the Group if that person:
  - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
  - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
  - (iii) is a member of key management personnel of the Group or the Company's parent.
- (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions apply:
  - (i) The entity and the Group are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
  - (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
  - (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.
  - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.

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## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Related parties (Continued)

(b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions apply: (Continued)

- (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of the employees of the Group or an entity related to the Group.
- (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
- (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).
- (viii) The entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the group or to the group's parent.

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity and include:

- (i) that person's children and spouse or domestic partner;
- (ii) children of that person's spouse or domestic partner; and
- (iii) dependents of that person or that person's spouse or domestic partner.

## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies which are described in note 3, the directors of the Company are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The following is the critical judgement, apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately below), that management has made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

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## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (CONTINUED)

### (i) Critical judgements in applying accounting policies

#### *Going concern assumption*

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors of the Company believe that the Group will have sufficient funds to finance its current working capital requirements in the next twelve months from the end of the reporting date taking into account of the unutilised banking facilities of approximately HK\$1,382,539,000 as at 30 September 2023. Details are explained in note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.

### (ii) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

In addition to information disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, other key sources estimation uncertainty that have significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities within next financial period are as follows:

#### (a) *Deferred taxation on investment properties*

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax liabilities or deferred tax assets arising from investment properties that are using the fair value model, the directors of the Company have reviewed the Group's investment property portfolios and concluded that the Group's investment properties situated in Hong Kong are not held under a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment properties over time rather than through sale whereas those situated in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") are held under such a business model. Therefore, the presumption that the carrying amounts of investment properties are recovered entirely through sale is rebutted for properties situated in the PRC but is not rebutted for properties situated in Hong Kong. However, the Group has not recognised any deferred taxes on changes in fair value of these investment properties located in Hong Kong as the Group is not subject to any income tax on disposal of these investment properties. The presumption that the carrying amount of the Group's investment properties in the PRC is to recover through sale rather than through use has been rebutted and deferred tax on the changes in fair value is recognised according to the relevant tax rules.

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## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (CONTINUED)

### (ii) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (Continued)

#### (b) Fair value measurement

A number of assets and liabilities included in the Group's consolidated financial statements require measurement at and/or disclosure of fair value.

The fair value measurement of the Group's financial and non-financial assets and liabilities utilises market observable inputs and data as far as possible. Inputs used in determining fair value measurements are categorised into different levels based on how observable the inputs used in the valuation technique utilised are (the "fair value hierarchy"):

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical items (unadjusted);
- Level 2: Observable direct or indirect inputs other than Level 1 inputs;
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs (i.e. not derived from market data).

The classification of an item into the above levels is based on the lowest level of the inputs used that has a significant effect on the fair value measurement of the item. Transfers of items between levels are recognised in the period they occur.

The Group measures a number of items at fair value:

- Investment properties (Note 13);
- Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (Note 17); and
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Note 19).

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## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (CONTINUED)

### (ii) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (Continued)

#### (c) *Fair value of investment properties*

Investment properties are carried at their fair value in the consolidated statement of financial position at the end of the reporting period, details of which are disclosed in note 13. The fair value of the investment properties was determined by reference to valuations conducted on these properties by an independent qualified external valuer using property valuation techniques which involve certain assumptions of prevailing market conditions. Favourable or unfavourable changes to these assumptions may result in changes in the fair value of the Group's investment properties and corresponding adjustments to the changes in fair value reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and the carrying amount of these properties included in the consolidated statement of financial position. The valuations of the Group's investment properties are dependent on valuation models used by management, certain key assumptions and estimations that require significant management judgement. The carrying amount of investment properties at 30 September 2023 is approximately HK\$5,304,494,000 (2022: 5,518,924,000).

#### (d) *Impairment of trade receivables, other receivables and amount due from a joint venture*

The Group's management determines the provision for impairment of receivables on a forward-looking basis. In making the judgement, management considers available reasonable and supportive forward-looking information such as actual or expected significant changes in the operating results of debtors, actual or expected significant adverse changes in business and debtors' financial position.

At the end of each reporting periods, the historical observed default rates would be reassessed and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed. The assessment of the correlation among historical observed default rates, forecast economic conditions and ECLs is a significant estimate. The amount of ECLs is sensitive to changes in circumstances and forecast economic conditions. The Group's historical credit loss experience and forecast of economic conditions may also not be representative of customer's actual default in the future. The information about the ECLs and the Group's trade receivables, other receivables and amount due from a joint venture are disclosed in note 34(b) to the consolidated financial statements.

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## 4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (CONTINUED)

### (ii) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (Continued)

#### (e) Depreciation

The Group depreciates property, plant and equipment using straight-line method over the estimated useful lives, starting from the date on which the assets are placed into use. The estimated useful lives reflect the directors' estimate of the periods that the Group intends to derive future economic benefits from the use of the Group's property, plant and equipment. The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are disclosed in note 14.

#### (f) Income taxes

Significant judgement is required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Group recognises liabilities for anticipated tax based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences, of course, will impact upon the income tax and deferred tax provision in the period in which such determination is made.

#### (g) Impairment of non-financial assets (other than goodwill)

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the Group makes an estimate of the recoverable amount of the asset. This requires an estimation of the value-in-use of the cash-generating unit to which the asset is allocated. Estimating the value-in-use requires the Group to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the cash-generating unit and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. A change in the estimated future cash flows and/or the discount rate applied will result in an adjustment to the estimated impairment provision previously made. The information for the impairment assessment on the Group's software is disclosed in note 15.

#### (h) Estimated net realisable value of inventories

Allowance for slow-moving inventories is made based on the ageing and estimated net realisable value of inventories. The assessment of the allowance amount involves judgement and estimates. Where the actual outcome in future is different from the original estimate, such difference will impact the carrying value of inventories and allowance charge/write-back in the period in which such estimate has been changed.

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue from contracts with customers		
Sales of goods	54,731	40,766
Building management services	10,489	10,997
	65,220	51,763
Revenue from other sources		
– Rental income for operating leases with fixed lease payments	106,511	106,133
– Dividend income	8,291	5,654
	114,802	111,787
Total revenue	180,022	163,550

The following table provides information about timing of revenue recognition:

	Property investment and management		Trading of goods		Securities investment		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At a point in time	–	–	54,731	40,766	–	–	54,731	40,766
Over time	10,489	10,997	–	–	–	–	10,489	10,997
	10,489	10,997	54,731	40,766	–	–	65,220	51,763
Revenue from other sources	106,511	106,133	–	–	8,291	5,654	114,802	111,787
	117,000	117,130	54,731	40,766	8,291	5,654	180,022	163,550

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The Group's operating segments based on information reported to the chief operating decision maker (the "CODM") (i.e. the managing director of the Company) for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment are as follows:

Property investment and management	– letting and management of commercial, industrial and residential properties
Trading of goods	– trading of visual and sound equipment, and home appliances
Securities investment	– investment in securities

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by operating and reportable segment:

### Year ended 30 September 2023

	Property investment and management	Trading of goods	Securities investment	Segment total	Eliminations	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
REVENUE						
External	117,000	54,731	8,291	180,022	–	180,022
Inter-segment	1,594	356	–	1,950	(1,950)	–
	118,594	55,087	8,291	181,972	(1,950)	180,022
Segment (loss)/profit (Notes i and ii)	(141,584)	5,820	(2,004)	(137,768)	–	(137,768)
Unallocated other income and gains						13,529
Corporate expenses						(25,563)
Finance costs on bank borrowings						(18,228)
Share of losses of joint ventures						(5,231)
Loss before income tax						(173,261)

- Notes: i. Segment loss of property investment and management business included a decrease in fair value of investment properties of approximately HK\$214,937,000.
- ii. Segment loss of securities investment business included a decrease in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL of approximately HK\$8,880,000.

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Year ended 30 September 2022

	Property investment and management	Trading of goods	Securities investment	Segment total	Eliminations	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
REVENUE						
External	117,130	40,766	5,654	163,550	–	163,550
Inter-segment	1,905	661	–	2,566	(2,566)	–
	119,035	41,427	5,654	166,116	(2,566)	163,550
Segment profit/(loss) (Notes i and ii)	44,990	(1,216)	(793)	42,981	–	42,981
Unallocated other income and gains						15,753
Corporate expenses						(28,419)
Finance costs on bank borrowings						(5,203)
Share of losses of joint ventures						(3,718)
Profit before income tax						21,394

Notes: i. Segment profit of property investment and management business included a decrease in fair value of investment properties of approximately HK\$27,174,000.

ii. Segment profit of securities investment business included a decrease in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL of approximately HK\$6,792,000.

Inter-segment revenue is charged at mutually agreed terms.

Segment profit/(loss) represents the profit earned/(loss incurred) by each segment without allocation of certain other income and gains (mainly including interest income, dividend income from equity instrument at FVOCI, exchange gain and government subsidies), corporate expenses, finance costs, share of losses of joint ventures. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

No segment assets and liabilities are presented as the information is not regularly reported to the CODM in the resource allocation and assessment of performance processes.

### Other segment information

Amounts included in the measurement of segment (loss)/profit:

#### Year ended 30 September 2023

	Property investment and management	Trading of goods	Securities investment
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
(Reversal of)/provision for impairment on trade and other receivables	(1,265)	243	–
Reversal of provision for impairment loss on deposits	(7)	(7)	–
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	1,168	193	–
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	8	–	–
Amortisation of intangible assets	–	65	–
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	17	–
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	–	(65)	–
Capital expenditure	1,337	11	–

#### Year ended 30 September 2022

	Property investment and management	Trading of goods	Securities investment
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
(Reversal of)/provision for impairment on trade and other receivables	(1,944)	119	–
Provision for impairment loss on deposits	40	36	–
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	905	236	–
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	8	–	–
Amortisation of intangible assets	–	260	–
Impairment loss of goodwill and intangible assets	–	1,158	–
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2	–	–
Capital expenditure	370	45	–

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## 5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

### Geographical information

Substantially all of the Group's non-current assets (based on the location of assets) and revenue attributable to customers (based on the location of goods delivered and services provided) are located in Hong Kong in both years. In regards to the investment properties located in the PRC, details are disclosed in note 13.

### Information about major customers

The Group's customer base is diversified and includes only the following customer with whom transactions have exceeded 10% of the Group's revenue for the year ended 30 September 2023. Revenue derived from this customer is as follows:

	Revenue from external customer	
	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Customer A#	26,632	n/a

# Attributable to segment of trading of goods  
n/a Transactions did not exceed 10% of the Group's revenue

## 6. OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Dividend income from equity instruments designated at FVOCI	2,099	3,113
Imputed interest income on amount due from a joint venture	8,776	9,020
Interest income		
– Bank deposits	617	75
– Debt instruments at FVOCI	324	858
Gain on release of investment revaluation reserve upon disposal of debt instrument at FVOCI	–	228
Sundry income (Note)	1,713	2,459
	<b>13,529</b>	<b>15,753</b>

Note: Sundry income included the unconditional and one-off government subsidies from the Anti-epidemic Fund launched by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government. There were no unfulfilled conditions as at 30 September 2023 and 2022.

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## 7. (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(Loss)/profit before income tax has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Auditor's remuneration	761	710
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	19	2
Amortisation of intangible assets	65	260
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment		
– owned property, plant and equipment	1,361	1,141
– right-of-use-assets including within leasehold land in Hong Kong under long-term lease	8	8
Provision for impairment loss on amount due from a joint venture	6,906	3,559
Reversal of impairment loss on trade and other receivables	(1,022)	(1,825)
(Reversal of)/provision for impairment loss on deposits	(14)	76
Impairment loss of goodwill	–	786
Impairment loss of intangible assets	–	372
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	(65)	–
(Reversal of)/provision for inventories written down	(449)	974
Exchange loss, net	7,658	10,072
Modification loss on amount due from a joint venture ( <i>Note</i> )	–	7,895
Gross rental income from investment properties	(106,511)	(106,133)
Less: Direct operating expenses arising from investment properties that generated rental income	15,031	22,756
	<b>(91,480)</b>	<b>(83,377)</b>

Note: Modification loss on amount due from a joint venture was mainly due to change of contractual terms of dividend receivable from the joint venture during the year ended 30 September 2022.

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## 8. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Income tax has been recognised in profit or loss as following:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current tax		
– Hong Kong profits tax	4,474	4,744
– PRC Enterprise Income Tax	138	149
Under/(over) provision in prior years	1,370	(119)
	5,982	4,774
Deferred tax (Note 26)	2,493	3,226
	8,475	8,000

Hong Kong profits tax is calculated at the rate of 16.5% (2022: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong, except for the first HK\$2,000,000 of qualified group entity's assessable profit is calculated at 8.25%, which is in accordance with the two-tiered profits tax rates regime.

The Company's subsidiaries in the PRC are subject to the PRC enterprise income tax. The applicable PRC enterprise income tax rate for the PRC subsidiaries is 25% (2022: 25%) for the years ended 30 September 2023 and 2022.

The income tax expense can be reconciled to the (loss)/profit before income tax per the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
(Loss)/profit before income tax	(173,261)	21,394
Tax calculated at the statutory rate of 16.5% (2022: 16.5%) in Hong Kong	(28,588)	3,530
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	39,313	8,629
Tax effect of non-taxable income	(3,613)	(6,628)
Tax effect of share of losses of joint ventures	863	613
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	646	672
Tax loss utilised	(1,092)	(678)
Under/(over) provision in prior years	1,370	(119)
Others	(424)	1,981
Income tax expense	8,475	8,000

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## 9. DIVIDENDS

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Dividend recognised as distributions during the year:		
Final dividend for the year ended 30 September 2022 of HK34 cents per ordinary share (2022: for the year ended 30 September 2021 of HK34 cents per ordinary share)	37,461	37,461
Interim dividend for the year ended 30 September 2023 of HK4 cents per ordinary share (2022: for the year ended 30 September 2022 of HK4 cents per ordinary share)	4,407	4,407
	<b>41,868</b>	<b>41,868</b>
Dividend proposed:		
Final dividend for the year ended 30 September 2023 of HK34 cents per ordinary share (2022: for the year ended 30 September 2022 of HK34 cents per ordinary share)	37,461	37,461

The final dividend of HK34 cents (2022: HK34 cents) per share has been proposed by the Board of Directors of the Company and is subject to approval by the shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

## 10. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on the loss for the year attributable to the owners of the Company of approximately HK\$181,785,000 (2022: profit for the year attributable to the owner of the Company of approximately HK\$14,795,000) and on 110,179,385 (2022: 110,179,385) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

There were no potential ordinary shares in issue during both years and at the end of both reporting periods.

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## 11. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS

The emoluments paid or payable to the six (2022: six) directors of the Company are as follows:

	Fees	Basic salaries, allowances and benefits- in-kind	Contributions to retirement benefit scheme	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>Year ended 30 September 2023</b>				
<i>Executive Directors:</i>				
Wong Tat Chang, Abraham	120	2,309	–	2,429
Wong Tat Kee, David	120	–	–	120
Wong Tat Sum, Samuel	120	–	–	120
<i>Independent non-executive Directors:</i>				
Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey	120	150	–	270
Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth	120	120	–	240
Seto Gin Chung, John	120	60	–	180
	<b>720</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3,359</b>
<b>Year ended 30 September 2022</b>				
<i>Executive Directors:</i>				
Wong Tat Chang, Abraham	110	2,262	–	2,372
Wong Tat Kee, David	110	–	–	110
Wong Tat Sum, Samuel	110	–	–	110
<i>Independent non-executive Directors:</i>				
Li Kwok Sing, Aubrey	110	150	–	260
Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth	110	120	–	230
Seto Gin Chung, John	110	60	–	170
	<b>660</b>	<b>2,592</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>3,252</b>

Mr. Wong Tat Chang, Abraham is also the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company and his emoluments disclosed above include those for services rendered by him as the Chairman and Managing Director.

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## 11. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The executive directors' emoluments shown above were for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group.

The independent non-executive directors' emoluments shown above were for their services as Directors of the Company.

There was no arrangement under which a director or the Chairman and Managing Director waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the years ended 30 September 2023 and 2022.

## 12. EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group during the year ended 30 September 2023, one (2022: one) was a director of the Company whose emoluments have been included in note 11 above. The emoluments of the remaining four (2022: four) individuals were as follows:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Basic salaries, allowances and benefits-in-kind	4,278	4,188
Performance related bonus	870	1,035
Contributions to retirement benefit scheme	79	79
	<b>5,227</b>	<b>5,302</b>

Their emoluments were within the following bands:

	2023	2022
	No. of employees	No. of employees
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	1	2
HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	2	1
HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000	–	–
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$2,500,000	1	1

The emoluments paid or payable to members of senior management were within the following bands:

	2023	2022
	No. of employees	No. of employees
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	–	1
HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	1	–
HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000	–	–
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$2,500,000	1	1

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## 13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>FAIR VALUE</b>	
At 1 October 2021	5,235,958
Addition during the year	318,375
Decrease in fair value recognised in the profit or loss	(27,174)
Exchange loss	<u>(8,235)</u>
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	<u>5,518,924</u>
Addition during the year	<b>2,830</b>
Decrease in fair value recognised in the profit or loss	<b>(214,937)</b>
Exchange loss	<b>(2,323)</b>
At 30 September 2023	<b><u>5,304,494</u></b>

- (a) All of the Group's property interests in land held under operating leases to earn rentals are classified and accounted for as investment properties and measured using the fair value model.
- (b) An analysis of the (decrease)/increase in fair value of investment properties is set out below:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Properties located in Hong Kong:		
Residential	(180,400)	(9,027)
Commercial	(33,570)	(8,107)
Industrial	(2,259)	(10,040)
Properties located in the PRC:		
Residential ( <i>Note</i> )	1,292	–
	<u>(214,937)</u>	<u>(27,174)</u>

Note: Revenue contributed by the investment properties with fair value of approximately HK\$85,514,000 (2022: HK\$86,544,000) as at 30 September 2023 located in the PRC is approximately HK\$1,535,000 (2022: HK\$1,651,000) for the year ended 30 September 2023.

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## 13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

### (c) Fair value measurements and valuation processes

In estimating the fair value of the Group's investment properties, the Group used market observable data to the extent it is available. Where level 1 inputs are not available, the Group engages third party qualified valuer to perform the valuation of the Group's investment properties. At the end of each reporting period, the Group works closely with the qualified external valuer to establish and determine the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs for Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements. The Group will first consider and adopt Level 2 inputs where inputs can be derived from observable quoted prices in the active market. When level 2 inputs are not available, the Group will adopt valuation techniques that include Level 3 inputs. Where there is a material change in the fair value of the assets, the causes of the fluctuations will be reported to the Directors of the Company.

The Group's investment properties at 30 September 2023 and 2022 were stated at fair value which had been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out as at those dates by Cushman & Wakefield Limited, which is a firm of independent qualified external valuers not connected with the Group, a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors and has appropriate qualifications and recent experiences in the valuation of similar properties in the relevant locations.

The valuations have been arrived at using direct comparison method or income capitalisation method, where appropriate. In the valuation, the market rentals of all lettable units of the properties are assessed by reference to the rentals achieved in the lettable units as well as other lettings of similar properties in the neighbourhood. The capitalisation rate adopted, being the reversion yield, is made by reference to the yield rates observed by the valuer for the similar properties in the locality and adjusted based on the valuer's knowledge of the factors specific to the respective properties.

In estimating the fair value of the properties, the highest and best use of the properties is their current use.

The following table gives information about how the fair values of these investment properties are determined (in particular, the valuation techniques and inputs used), as well as the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised (Levels 1 to 3) based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements is observable.

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## 13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

### (c) Fair value measurements and valuation processes (Continued)

As at 30 September 2023

Investment properties held by the Group in the consolidated statement of financial position	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation		Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
		technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	
Investment properties in Hong Kong (Residential and industrial)	Level 3	Direct comparison method		
		The key input is		
		(1) Unit sale rate	Unit sale rate, taking into account the location, and individual factors, such as frontage and size, between the comparable and the property, of ranging from HK\$833,000 to HK\$1,200,000 per unit for car park spaces	An increase in the unit sale rate used would result in an increase in the fair value measurement of the investment properties by the same percentage increase, and vice versa.
Investment properties in Hong Kong (Commercial)	Level 3	Income capitalisation method		
		The key input are		
		(1) Reversion yield	Reversion yield, taking into account of the capitalisation of rental income potential, nature of the property and prevailing market condition, of ranging from 1.6% to 7.0%	A slight increase in the reversion yield used would result in a significant decrease in the fair value measurement of the investment properties, and vice versa.
		(2) Monthly market rent	Monthly market rents, taking into account of location and individual factors such as frontage and size, between the comparable and the property, of ranging from HK\$11.8 to HK\$113.3 per square feet per month on lettable area basis.	An increase in the monthly market rent used would result an increase in the fair value measurement of the investment properties by the same percentage, and vice versa.

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## 13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

### (c) Fair value measurements and valuation processes (Continued)

As at 30 September 2023 (Continued)

Investment properties held by the Group in the consolidated statement of financial position	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation		Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
		technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	
Investment properties in the PRC (Residential)	Level 3	Income capitalisation method		
		The key input are		
		(1) Reversion yield	Reversion yield, taking into account of the capitalisation of rental income potential, nature of the property and prevailing market condition, of 1.5%.	A slight increase in the reversion yield used would result in a significant decrease in the fair value measurement of the investment properties, and vice versa.
		(2) Monthly market rent	Monthly market rents, taking into account of time, location and individual factors such as frontage and size, between the comparable and the property, of RMB100 per square meter per month on lettable area basis.	An increase in the monthly market rent used would result an increase in the fair value measurement of the investment properties by the same percentage, and vice versa.

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## 13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

### (c) Fair value measurements and valuation processes (Continued)

As at 30 September 2022

Investment properties held by the Group in the consolidated statement of financial position	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Investment properties in Hong Kong	Level 3	Direct comparison method  The key input is  (1) Unit sale rate	Unit sale rate, taking into account the location, and individual factors, such as frontage and size, between the comparable and the property, of ranging from HK\$833,000 to HK\$1,280,000 per unit for car park spaces.	An increase in the unit sale rate used would result in an increase in the fair value measurement of the investment properties by the same percentage increase, and vice versa.
Investment properties in Hong Kong	Level 3	Income capitalisation method  The key inputs are  (1) Reversion yield  (2) Monthly market rent	Reversion yield, taking into account of the capitalisation of rental income potential, nature of the property and prevailing market condition, of ranging from 1.5% to 7.0%.  Monthly market rents, taking into account of location and individual factors such as frontage and size, between the comparable and the property, of ranging from HK\$11 to HK\$103.4 per square feet per month on lettable area basis.	A slight increase in the reversion yield used would result in a significant decrease in the fair value measurement of the investment properties, and vice versa.  An increase in the monthly market rent used would result an increase in the fair value measurement of the investment properties by the same percentage, and vice versa.

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## 13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

### (c) Fair value measurements and valuation processes (Continued)

As at 30 September 2022 (Continued)

Investment properties held by the Group in the consolidated statement of financial position	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable input(s)	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Investment properties in the PRC	Level 3	Income capitalisation method		
		The key inputs are		
		(1) Reversion yield	Reversion yield, taking into account of the capitalisation of rental income potential, nature of the property and prevailing market condition, of 1.5%.	An slight increase in the reversion yield used would result in a significant decrease in the fair value measurement of the investment properties, and vice versa.
		(2) Monthly market rent	Monthly market rents, taking into account of time, location and individual factors such as frontage and size, between the comparable and the property, of RMB106 per square meter per month on lettable area basis.	An increase in the monthly market rent used would result in an increase in the fair value measurement of the investment properties by the same percentage, and vice versa.

The fair values of all investment properties were measured using valuation techniques with significant unobservable inputs and hence were classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy throughout the year. There were no transfers between levels during the year ended 30 September 2022 and 2023.

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### 13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

- (d) The fair value of investment properties is a level 3 recurring fair value measurement

A reconciliation of the opening and closing fair value balance is provided below.

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Opening balance (level 3 recurring fair value)	5,518,924	5,235,958
Addition during the year	2,830	318,375
Decrease in fair value of investment properties	(214,937)	(27,174)
Exchange loss	(2,323)	(8,235)
Closing balance (level 3 recurring fair value)	<b>5,304,494</b>	5,518,924

- (e) The Group's certain investment properties are pledged to secure the general banking facilities granted to the Group (Note 30).

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## 14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Leasehold land in Hong Kong under long-term lease	Buildings	Leasehold improvement, furniture, fixtures and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 October 2021	1,172	5,269	29,607	3,040	39,088
Additions	–	–	415	–	415
Disposals	–	–	(252)	–	(252)
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	1,172	5,269	29,770	3,040	39,251
Additions	–	–	5,840	377	6,217
Disposals	–	–	(891)	–	(891)
At 30 September 2023	1,172	5,269	34,719	3,417	44,577
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 October 2021	346	4,008	23,237	2,589	30,180
Provided for the year	8	104	883	154	1,149
Eliminated on disposals	–	–	(250)	–	(250)
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	354	4,112	23,870	2,743	31,079
Provided for the year	8	104	1,095	162	1,369
Eliminated on disposals	–	–	(872)	–	(872)
At 30 September 2023	362	4,216	24,093	2,905	31,576
<b>NET CARRYING VALUES</b>					
At 30 September 2023	810	1,053	10,626	512	13,001
At 30 September 2022	818	1,157	5,900	297	8,172

The Group's leasehold land and buildings are pledged to secure the general banking facilities granted to the Group (Note 30).

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## 14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

The carrying value of the Group's right-of-use assets included in property, plant and equipment as at 30 September 2023 and 2022 represented the leasehold land in Hong Kong under long lease and carried at depreciated cost.

### Right-of-use assets

The analysis of the carrying amount of right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset is as follows:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Ownership interests in leasehold land held for own use, carried at depreciated cost in Hong Kong*	810	818

\* The Group had an ownership interest in leasehold land held for own use as head office in Hong Kong. The lease term is long lease. Lump sum payments were made upfront to lease the land, and there are no ongoing payments to be made under the terms of the land lease.

The analysis of expense items in relation to leases recognised in profit or loss is as follows:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Depreciation of right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset:		
Ownership interests in leasehold land	8	8

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## 15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Goodwill	Software	Total
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 October 2021, 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	1,186	975	2,161
Disposals	–	(975)	(975)
At 30 September 2023	<b>1,186</b>	–	<b>1,186</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT LOSS</b>			
At 1 October 2021	(400)	(43)	(443)
Provided for the year	–	(260)	(260)
Provision for impairment loss	(786)	(372)	(1,158)
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	(1,186)	(675)	(1,861)
Provided for the year	–	(65)	(65)
Disposals	–	740	740
At 30 September 2023	<b>(1,186)</b>	–	<b>(1,186)</b>
<b>NET CARRYING VALUES</b>			
At 30 September 2023	–	–	–
At 30 September 2022	–	300	300

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## 15. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONTINUED)

### Impairment testing on goodwill and software

For the purposes of impairment testing, property, plant and equipment (note 14), goodwill and the software have been allocated to one individual cash-generating unit ("CGU") of Elevant-Garde Limited ("Elevant-Garde") (collectively the "Elevant-Garde CGU"). The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment, goodwill and the software (net of accumulated impairment losses) allocated to Elevant-Garde CGU are as follows:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Goodwill	–	–
Software	–	300
Property, plant and equipment	2	23
	<b>2</b>	<b>323</b>

As at 30 September 2022, the recoverable amount of this CGU is determined using the value-in-use calculation based on cash flow projections from financial budgets approved by management covering a five-year period ("Period"). The key assumptions for the value-in-use calculation are those regarding the discount rates, growth rates and budgeted revenue for the Period. Cash flow beyond the Period are extrapolated using an estimated weighted average with nil growth rate for this CGU, which does not exceed the long-term growth rate for the Elevant-Garde business, and discount rate of 12.39%, which is pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to this CGU. The growth rate and revenue are determined based on the past performance and management's expectation of market development.

As at 30 September 2022, the recoverable amount of the Elevant-Garde CGU is approximately HK\$300,000. The market growth was slower than management's expectation. Based on the assessment and the allocation, the directors of the Company have consequently determined impairment loss of HK\$786,000 and HK\$372,000 on goodwill and the software, respectively, directly related to Elevant-Garde CGU, which were recognised in other expenses. Goodwill related to Elevant-Garde CGU amounting to HK\$786,000 has been fully impaired as at 30 September 2022.

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### 16. INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURE/AMOUNT DUE FROM A JOINT VENTURE

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost of unlisted investments ( <i>Note i</i> )	3	3
Fair value adjustments on non-current interest-free amount due from a joint venture	98,159	88,589
Dividend declared	(62,200)	(62,200)
Share of losses	(12,452)	(7,221)
Cumulative share of exchange gain recognised in other comprehensive income by the joint venture	4,743	13,410
Exchange realignment	(2,393)	(8,667)
	<b>25,860</b>	<b>23,914</b>
Amount due from a joint venture – non-current, net ( <i>Note ii</i> )	<b>122,665</b>	<b>135,625</b>

*Notes:*

- i. As at 30 September 2023, the cost of investments comprised of one investments in a joint ventures of HK\$3,000 (2022: one investments in a joint ventures of HK\$3,000).

The investment in a joint venture of HK\$3,000 (2022: HK\$3,000) represents a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % interest in the issued share capital of Silver Gain Development Limited (“Silver Gain”), a company incorporated in Hong Kong. Silver Gain is principally engaged in the development of a commercial/residential complex in Guangzhou, Silver Gain Plaza, the PRC, through a subsidiary established in the PRC named Guangzhou Garden Plaza Development Company Limited.

- ii. The amount due from a joint venture is unsecured, interest free, and is not expected to be repaid within twelve months from the end of the reporting period. The fair value adjustment on the amount due from a joint venture recognised during the year amounting to HK\$9,570,000 (2022: HK\$8,776,000) recognised upon revision of estimated repayment date which affected the estimates of timing of cash flows of repayment. The effective interest rate as at 30 September 2023 was 5.375% per annum.

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### 16. INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURE/AMOUNT DUE FROM A JOINT VENTURE (CONTINUED)

Notes: (Continued)

(iii). Movements on the provision for impairment of amount due from a joint venture is as follows:

	<i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 October 2021	23,116
Provision for impairment	3,559
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	<b>26,675</b>
Provision for impairment	<b>6,906</b>
At 30 September 2023	<b>33,581</b>

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### 16. INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURE/AMOUNT DUE FROM A JOINT VENTURE (CONTINUED)

The joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method in these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated financial information regarding Silver Gain and its subsidiary is set out below:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Revenue	11,168	20,892
Expenses	(26,862)	(32,045)
Loss for the year	(15,694)	(11,153)

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Financial position		
Non-current assets	1,272	1,400
Current assets	540,990	546,222
Current liabilities	(4,125)	(5,057)
Non-current liabilities	(460,556)	(470,820)
Net assets	77,581	71,745

Reconciliation of the above consolidated financial information to the carrying amount of the interest in Silver Gain and its subsidiary recognised in the Company's consolidated financial statements:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Net assets	77,581	71,745
Proportion of the Group's ownership interest in Silver Gain	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %
	25,860	23,914

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### 17. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Debt instruments at FVOCI</b>		
– Listed debt securities investment, at fair value and classified as current asset	–	7,789
<b>Equity instrument designated at FVOCI</b>		
– Unlisted equity investment, at fair value and classified as non-current asset	9,075	11,984

The equity investment was irrevocably designated at FVOCI and classified as non-current as the Group considers the investment to be long-term strategic capital investment in nature.

Changes in fair value of the above equity instrument are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated within the financial assets at FVOCI reserves within equity. The Group transfers amounts from investment revaluation reserve (non-recycling) to retained profits when the relevant equity instrument is derecognised.

The debt securities investment was listed in Hong Kong and denominated in United States Dollars (“US\$”) and it have been redeemed at par on 26 July 2023.

### 18. INVENTORIES

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Trading inventories	23,265	23,355
Less: Write-down of inventories	(4,353)	(4,802)
	18,912	18,553

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### 19. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Non-current portion (Note)</b>		
– Unlisted fund instrument in Hong Kong, at fair value	44,512	44,110
– Unlisted fund instruments outside Hong Kong, at fair value	50,293	57,751
	<b>94,805</b>	<b>101,861</b>
<b>Current portion</b>		
– Listed equity securities in Hong Kong, at fair value	39,580	20,477

Note:

The Group intends to hold the unlisted fund instruments for long term strategic capital investment purpose.

### 20. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

For sales of goods, the Group allows a credit period of 30 days to its trade customers. Rentals receivable from tenants are payable on presentation of invoices.

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Trade receivables	7,693	8,388
Less: Provision for impairment	(533)	(357)
Trade receivables, net	<b>7,160</b>	<b>8,031</b>
Other receivables	7,417	8,327
Less: Provision for impairment	(1,208)	(2,406)
Other receivables, net	<b>6,209</b>	<b>5,921</b>
Total trade and other receivables	<b>13,369</b>	<b>13,952</b>

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### 20. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables, net of provision, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting periods:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 30 days	6,486	5,061
31 – 60 days	552	1,319
61 – 90 days	65	1,181
Over 90 days	57	470
	<b>7,160</b>	<b>8,031</b>

Before accepting any new customer, the Group will assess the potential customer's credit quality. Limits attributed to customers are reviewed once a year. The Group's trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired have the best credit quality with reference to respective settlement history.

Movements on the provision for impairment on trade and other receivables are as follows:

	<i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 October 2021	4,588
Reversal of impairment	<u>(1,825)</u>
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	<b>2,763</b>
Reversal of impairment	<u>(1,022)</u>
At 30 September 2023	<b>1,741</b>

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### 21. BANK BALANCES AND CASH AND TIME DEPOSITS WITH MATURITY OVER THREE MONTHS

Bank balances and time deposits carry interest rates at prevailing rates which range from 0.05% to 5.20% (2022: 0.05% to 1.90%) per annum.

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Bank balances and cash	52,072	28,008
Time deposit with an original maturity of less than three months	9,038	–
Cash and cash equivalents	61,110	28,008
Time deposit with an original maturity of more than three months	39,386	7,747
	<b>100,496</b>	<b>35,755</b>

The currency in which bank balances and cash are denominated is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
HKD	49,868	19,139
RMB	14,179	16,180
USD	36,427	410
Others	22	26
	<b>100,496</b>	<b>35,755</b>

The Group had cash and bank balances denominated in RMB of approximately RMB12,974,000 (2022: RMB14,423,000) and the remittance of these funds out of the PRC was subject to the exchange control restrictions imposed by the PRC government.

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### 22. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting periods, and the total balances of trade and other payables comprise:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
0 – 30 days	2,409	735
31 – 60 days	284	230
61 – 90 days	14	15
Over 90 days	77	47
	<b>2,784</b>	<b>1,027</b>
Other payables	16,148	17,711
Renovation fee and retention payable	1,405	1,415
Receipt in advance	2,724	2,368
	<b>20,277</b>	<b>21,494</b>
	<b>23,061</b>	<b>22,521</b>

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## 23. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Contract liabilities ( <i>Note</i> )	8,475	9,124

*Note:*

Contract liabilities primarily relate to the advances received from customers for sale of goods. The advances remain as contract liabilities until they are recognised as revenue when control of goods is transferred to the customers. Contract liabilities amounted to HK\$7,385,000 as at 1 October 2022 were recognised as revenue (2022: HK\$1,862,000) in the current reporting period.

As at 30 September 2023, the transaction price allocated to performance obligation that are unsatisfied (or partially unsatisfied) in relation to sale of goods was approximately HK\$10,213,000 (2022: HK\$12,944,000). The directors expect that the unsatisfied performance obligation will be recognised as revenue varying from 1 to 3 years (2022: 1 to 3 years) according to the contract period.

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Year ended 30 September		
– 2023:	–	9,061
– 2024:	8,086	63
– 2025:	389	–
	8,475	9,124

## 24. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	Share capital
		<i>HK\$'000</i>
Issued and fully paid		
At 1 October 2021, 30 September 2022, 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023		
– Ordinary shares with no par value	110,179,385	146,134

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## 25. BANK BORROWINGS, SECURED

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Secured bank loans repayable based on scheduled repayment date set out in the loan agreements		
– Within one year	192,834	208,080
– After one year but not exceeding two years	5,431	5,878
– After two years but not exceeding five years	173,062	19,309
– After five years	13,111	80,689
	<b>384,438</b>	<b>313,956</b>

In accordance with relevant terms and clauses as stipulated in the banking facilities letters, the Group's bank borrowings of HK\$384,438,000 (2022: HK\$313,956,000) contain repayment on demand clauses at the discretion of the relevant banks and the Group, as a borrower, has no right to defer the settlement of the relevant bank borrowings as at 30 September 2023. Accordingly, the bank borrowings are shown under current liabilities at the end of the reporting period.

The bank borrowings carry interests at Hong Kong Interbank offered Rate (HIBOR) plus certain basis points and are denominated in HK\$, which is the functional currency of the relevant group entities.

The effective interest rates of the bank borrowings are ranged from 5.13% to 6.80% (2022: ranged from 1.83% to 4.73%) per annum.

The bank borrowings are secured by the Group's certain investment properties amounted to approximately HK\$3,318,600,000 as at 30 September 2023 (2022: HK\$1,988,100,000).

At 30 September 2023, the Group had unutilised bank facilities of HK\$1,382,539,000 (2022: HK\$1,093,668,000).

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### 26. DEFERRED TAXATION

The deferred tax liabilities/(assets) recognised during both years and at the end of the reporting periods in respect of temporary differences are attributable to the following:

	Investment properties	Property, plant and equipment	Trading securities	Tax losses	Other	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 October 2021	52,143	305	3,453	(3,485)	(485)	51,931
Charge/(credited) to profit or loss (note 8)	3,662	(103)	(1,249)	916	–	3,226
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	55,805	202	2,204	(2,569)	(485)	55,157
Charge/(credited) to profit or loss (note 8)	1,498	28	(125)	1,092	–	2,493
At 30 September 2023	57,303	230	2,079	(1,477)	(485)	57,650

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had unused tax losses of HK\$22,817,000 (2022: HK\$23,557,000) available for offset against future profits. A deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of such tax losses of HK\$8,952,000 (2022: HK\$15,570,000). No deferred tax asset has been recognised on the tax losses of HK\$11,906,000 (2022: HK\$7,987,000) due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The tax losses available may be carried forward indefinitely.

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## 27. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

Below is the financial position of the Company at the end of the reporting period:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Investment properties	4,172,980	4,357,980
Property, plant and equipment	7,105	1,961
Investments in subsidiaries	113,742	104,967
Amounts due from subsidiaries	843,257	734,921
Deposits and prepayments	419	1,338
Equity instrument designated at FVOCI	9,075	11,984
	<b>5,146,578</b>	<b>5,213,151</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debt instruments at FVOCI	–	7,789
Trade and other receivables	2,612	3,039
Deposits and prepayments	1,504	4,320
Tax recoverable	1,930	740
Bank balances and cash	13,628	9,565
	<b>19,674</b>	<b>25,453</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	12,903	12,002
Rental and management fee deposits	17,929	19,305
Amounts due to subsidiaries	2,896	11,465
Bank borrowings, secured	281,336	172,461
	<b>315,064</b>	<b>215,233</b>
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(295,390)</b>	<b>(189,780)</b>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>	<b>4,851,188</b>	<b>5,023,371</b>
<b>Capital and Reserve</b>		
Share capital	146,134	146,134
Reserves	4,670,097	4,843,647
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>4,816,231</b>	<b>4,989,781</b>
<b>Non-current Liability</b>		
Deferred taxation	34,957	33,590
	<b>4,851,188</b>	<b>5,023,371</b>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 20 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf.

**Wong Tat Chang, Abraham**  
DIRECTOR

**Wong Tat Sum, Samuel**  
DIRECTOR

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## 27. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

Below is the reserves of the Company at the end of the reporting period:

	Investment revaluation reserve (recycling)	Investment revaluation reserve (non- recycling)	Retained profits	Total
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 October 2021	673	8,000	4,868,289	4,876,962
Profit for the year	–	–	13,368	13,368
Other comprehensive income for the year:				
Changes in fair value on:				
– Debt instruments at FVOCI	(571)	–	–	(571)
– Equity instrument designated at FVOCI	–	(4,016)	–	(4,016)
Release on disposal of debt instrument at FVOCI	(228)	–	–	(228)
Final dividend for 2021 paid	–	–	(37,461)	(37,461)
Interim dividend for 2022 paid	–	–	(4,407)	(4,407)
<b>At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022</b>	<b>(126)</b>	<b>3,984</b>	<b>4,839,789</b>	<b>4,843,647</b>
Loss for the year	–	–	(128,899)	(128,899)
Other comprehensive income for the year:				
Changes in fair value on:				
– Debt instruments at FVOCI	55	–	–	55
– Equity instrument designated at FVOCI	–	(2,909)	–	(2,909)
Release on disposal of debt instrument at FVOCI	71	–	–	71
Final dividend for 2022 paid	–	–	(37,461)	(37,461)
Interim dividend for 2023 paid	–	–	(4,407)	(4,407)
<b>At 30 September 2023</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>4,669,022</b>	<b>4,670,097</b>

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## 27. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

Particulars of the subsidiaries at 30 September 2023 and 2022, which are incorporated and operating principally in Hong Kong unless otherwise stated, are as follows:

Name of subsidiaries	Issued share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of nominal value of paid-up issued share capital/ registered capital held by the Company				Principal activities
		Directly		Indirectly		
		2023	2022	2023	2022	
		%	%	%	%	
Avery Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Property investment
Avery Property Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Investment holding
Beverly Investment Company Limited	HK\$3,600,000	100	100	–	–	Property management
Dragon World Corporation Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Investment holding
Double Mark Enterprises Limited (ii)	HK\$2	–	–	100	100	Property investment
Dynabest Development Inc. (i)	USD10	–	–	100	100	Investment holding
Elephant Holdings Limited	HK\$3,100,000	99.80	99.80	–	–	Trading of visual and sound equipment and investment holding
Elephant Radio (China) Company Limited	HK\$2	–	–	99.80	99.80	Inactive
Elevant-Garde Limited	HK\$2,000,400	–	–	99.80	54.89	Inactive (2022: Provision of consulting, technical support and engineering services)
First Madison Holdings Limited (i)	USD10	100	100	–	–	Investment holding
Gold Channel Investments Limited	HK\$1	100	100	–	–	Investment holding
Marsbury Base Limited	HK\$10	100	100	–	–	Provision of trustee and nominee services
Metrocenter Holdings Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Investment holding (2022: Inactive)
Metroinvest Holding Limited (iv)	HK\$1	100	–	–	–	Inactive
Metropoint Holdings Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Investment holding

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## 27. FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

Name of subsidiaries	Issued share capital/ registered capital	Proportion of nominal value of paid-up issued share capital/ registered capital held by the Company				Principal activities
		Directly		Indirectly		
		2023	2022	2023	2022	
		%	%	%	%	
Metrowealth Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Investment holding
Monte Bella International Holdings Limited (i)	USD10	100	100	–	–	Investment holding
Pacific Limited	HK\$100,000	100	100	–	–	Property investment
Patricus Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Property investment and securities dealing
Pokfulam Property Management Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Property management
Premium Wealth Company Limited	HK\$2	100	100	–	–	Investment holding
Supreme Universal Limited	HK\$2	–	–	100	100	Investment holding
Well Vantage Company Limited (ii)	HK\$2	–	–	100	100	Property investment
Wellmake Holdings Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Property investment
Welshston Limited	HK\$10,000	100	100	–	–	Property investment
Worldwide Music Limited	HK\$200,000	–	–	99.80	99.80	Trading of visual and sound equipment
廣州市寶臨置業有限公司(iii)	USD1,000,000	–	–	100	100	Property investment and management
深圳利臨投資顧問有限公司(iii)	RMB100,000	–	–	100	100	Inactive

Notes:

- (i) Incorporated in the British Virgin Islands
- (ii) Operating principally in the PRC
- (iii) Registered in the PRC as wholly foreign owned enterprise
- (iv) Newly incorporated in Hong Kong during the year

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## 28. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities:

	Bank borrowings, secured (Note 25) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Amount due to the non-controlling interest <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 October 2021	65,000	650
Changes from financing cash flows:		
Bank borrowings raised	432,161	–
Repayment of bank borrowings	(183,205)	–
Interest paid	(5,203)	–
Other changes:		
Interest expense recognised	5,203	–
	<b>313,956</b>	<b>650</b>
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022		
Changes from financing cash flows:		
Bank borrowings raised	282,000	–
Repayment of bank borrowings	(211,518)	–
Interest paid	(18,228)	–
Other changes:		
Interest expense recognised	18,228	–
Written-off	–	(650)
	<b>384,438</b>	<b>–</b>
At 30 September 2023		

## 29. COMMITMENTS

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had the following commitments:

	2023 <i>HK\$'000</i>	2022 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Contracted, but not provided for:		
Property renovation costs	4,421	–
Investment in unlisted fund instruments	12,639	13,540
	<b>17,060</b>	<b>13,540</b>

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### 30. PLEDGED ASSETS

As at 30 September 2023 (i) investment properties of the Group with a carrying amount of approximately HK\$4,972,600,000 (2022: approximately HK\$3,697,600,000); and (ii) ownership interests in leasehold land held for own use and building of the Group with a carrying amount of approximately HK\$1,863,000 (2022: approximately HK\$1,975,000) were pledged to banks to secure the general banking facilities granted to the Group.

### 31. LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

At the end of the reporting period, the Group's investment properties with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$4,747,652,000 (2022: HK\$4,782,185,000) was leased out under operating leases for periods ranging from one to seven years (2022: one to seven years), a substantial portion of which does not have renewal options granted to the lessees. At the end of the reporting period, the Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Within one year	94,474	94,661
In more than one year but not more than two years	38,247	41,601
In more than two years but not more than three years	5,084	2,311
	<b>137,805</b>	<b>138,573</b>

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### 32. RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

The Group operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme for all qualifying employees in Hong Kong. The assets of the plan are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of trustees.

The total expense recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income of HK\$932,000 (2022: HK\$975,000) represents contributions paid and payable to the plan by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the plan.

### 33. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior year.

The capital structure of the Group consists of debts, which include the bank borrowings disclosed in note 25, and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital, retained profits, translation reserve and investment revaluation reserves.

The management of the Group reviews the capital structure on a regular basis. As a part of this review, management of the Group considers the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital and will adjust its overall capital structure through dividend payments, issuing new shares as well as issue of new debts or repayment of existing debt, if necessary.

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### 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### a. Categories of financial instruments

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Measured at fair value		
– Debt instruments at FVOCI	–	7,789
– Equity instrument designated at FVOCI	9,075	11,984
– Financial assets at FVTPL	134,385	122,338
Measured at amortised cost		
– Trade and other receivables	13,369	13,952
– Deposits	3,485	6,063
– Amount due from a joint venture	122,665	135,625
– Time deposits with maturity over three months	39,386	7,747
– Bank balances and cash	61,110	28,008
	<b>383,475</b>	<b>333,506</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at amortised cost		
– Trade and other payables	20,337	20,153
– Rental and management fee deposits	24,518	25,740
– Amount due to the non-controlling interests	–	650
– Bank borrowings, secured	384,438	313,956
	<b>429,293</b>	<b>360,499</b>

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies

The Group's financial instruments include debt instruments at FVOCI, financial assets at FVTPL, equity instrument designated at FVOCI, trade and other receivables, bank balances and cash, time deposits with maturity over three months, amount due from a joint venture, trade and other payables and bank borrowings. Details of the financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

#### *Market risk*

##### (i) Currency risk

Certain loans and receivables are denominated in foreign currencies of the relevant group entities. They expose the Group to foreign currency risk. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arises.

At the end of reporting periods, the carrying amounts of the Group's monetary assets denominated in currencies other than respective functional currencies of the relevant group entities are as follows:

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
USD	86,720	65,947
RMB	65,197	68,605

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

#### Market risk (Continued)

#### (i) Currency risk (Continued)

##### Sensitivity analysis

The Group is mainly exposed to a foreign currency risk arising from monetary assets that are denominated in USD and RMB.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% increase and decrease in HK\$ against USD and RMB. 5% (2022: 5%) is the sensitivity rate used in management's assessment of the possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding USD and RMB denominated monetary items at the end of the reporting periods for a 5% (2022: 5%) change in USD and RMB. A negative number below indicates an increase in post-tax loss or a decrease in post-tax profit where HK\$ strengthen 5% (2022: 5%) against USD and RMB. For a 5% (2022: 5%) weakening of the HK\$ against USD and RMB, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the losses or profits.

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
USD	(3,691)	(2,754)
RMB	(2,722)	(2,864)

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

#### *Market risk (Continued)*

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Group's cash flow interest rate risk relates primarily to a floating-rate bank borrowings (note 25) and bank balances (note 21) and mainly concentrated on the fluctuation of HIBOR. The Group currently does not have an interest rate hedging policy. However, the management monitors interest rate exposure and will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

#### Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments (variable rate bank borrowings) at the end of the reporting period. No sensitivity analysis for bank balances is prepared as the directors of the Company consider that the Group's exposure is not significant as these interest-bearing bank balances are within a short maturity period.

The analysis is prepared assuming the amount of the bank borrowings outstanding at the end of the reporting period were outstanding for the whole year. 50 (2022: 50) basis points increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible changes in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 50 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's loss for the year ended 30 September 2023 would increase/decrease by approximately HK\$1,605,000 (2022: profit for the year decrease/increase by approximately HK\$1,311,000). This is mainly attributable to the Group's exposure to interest rates on its variable-rate bank borrowings.

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

#### *Market risk (Continued)*

#### (iii) Other price risk

Price risk relates to the risk that the fair values or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Group is exposed to change in market prices of listed equity securities, in respect of its investments classified as financial assets at FVTPL and debt instruments at FVOCI.

To manage its market price risk arising from these investments, the Group diversifies its portfolio. Diversification of the portfolio is done in accordance with the limits set by the board of directors. The policies to manage the price risk have been followed by the Group since prior years and are considered to be effective.

For those equity and debts investments at FVTPL and FVOCI, the sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to price risk at the end of the reporting period. If the price had been 20% higher/lower:

- loss for the year ended 30 September 2023 would decrease/increase by approximately HK\$25,572,000 (2022: profit for the year increase/decrease by approximately HK\$23,792,000) due to the change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL; and
- other comprehensive loss for the year ended 30 September 2023 would decrease/increase by approximately HK\$1,815,000 (2022: increase/decrease by HK\$3,955,000) as a result of the change in fair value of financial assets at FVOCI.

The increase and decrease of 20% in market price of investment represents management's assessment of a reasonably possible change in market price of investments over the period until the next annual reporting date.

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

#### *Credit risk*

The objective of the Group's measures to manage credit risk is to control potential exposure to recoverability problem.

In order to minimise credit risk, the Group has policies in place for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. There was no significant concentration of credit risk as at 30 September 2022 and 2023.

The Group considers whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk of financial assets on an ongoing basis throughout each reporting period by comparing the risk of a default occurring as at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forwarding-looking information. Especially the following information is used:

- internal credit rating;
- actual or expected significant adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant change to the borrower's ability to meet its obligations;
- actual or expected significant changes in the operating results of the borrower;
- significant changes in the value of the collateral or in the quality of guarantees or credit enhancements; and
- significant changes in the expected performance and behaviour of the borrower, including changes in the payment status of borrower.

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

#### *Credit risk (Continued)*

Most of the Group's bank balances are held in major financial institutions in Hong Kong and the PRC, which management believes are of high credit quality. The listed debt investment held by the well-established banks or financial institutes and are not used for hedging purpose. These are mainly entered with banks or financial institutes with sound credit rating and management does not expect any investment counterparty to fail to meet its obligations. In this regard, the Group does not expect to incur material credit losses on managing these financial assets. Accordingly, the ECLs for bank balances and cash and financial assets at FVOCI were expected to be minimal.

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables, deposits, amount due from a joint venture and debt instruments at FVOCI included in the consolidated statement of financial position represent the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its financial assets which carry significant exposure to credit risk.

#### (i) Impairment of trade receivables

The following tables provide information about the Group's exposure to credit risk and ECLs for the trade receivables as at 30 September 2022 and 2023:

	2023			2022		
	Expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance
	(%)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	(%)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Neither past due nor impaired	0.61%	3,254	20	2.26%	2,705	61
1-30 days past due	0.97%	3,284	32	0.78%	2,435	19
31-60 days past due	4.00%	575	23	2.80%	1,358	38
61-90 days past due	5.80%	69	4	0.42%	1,186	5
Over 90 days past due	88.85%	511	454	33.24%	704	234
		<u>7,693</u>	<u>533</u>		<u>8,388</u>	<u>357</u>

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

#### *Credit risk (Continued)*

#### (i) Impairment of trade receivables (Continued)

The Group measures loss allowances for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, which is calculated using a provision matrix based on days past due for groupings of customer segments that have similar loss patterns.

Expected loss rates are based on actual loss experience over the past three years. These rates are adjusted to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

#### (ii) Impairment of other receivables and amount due from a joint venture

The Group measures loss allowances for other receivables and amount due from a joint venture using the general approach under HKFRS 9. Impairment of these receivables and loan was provided based on the "three-stage" model by referring to the changes in credit quality since initial recognition.

Other receivables that are not credit-impaired on initial recognition are classified in "Stage 1" and have their credit risk continuously monitored by the Group.

If a significant increase in credit risk (as defined in accounting policy at Note 3) since initial recognition is identified, the financial asset is moved to "Stage 2" but it not yet deemed to be credit-impaired. The ECL is measured on lifetime basis. The directors consider that there is a significant increase in credit risk for the amount due from a joint venture after considering the financial background and condition of the counterparty as at 30 September 2023.

If the financial asset is credit-impaired (as defined in accounting policy at Note 3), the financial asset is then moved to "Stage 3". The ECL is measured on lifetime basis.

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

#### Credit risk (Continued)

#### (ii) Impairment of other receivables and amount due from a joint venture (Continued)

At Stages 1 and 2, interest income is calculated on the gross carrying amount (without deducting the loss allowance). If a financial asset subsequently becomes credit-impaired (Stage 3), the Group is required to calculate the interest income by applying the effective interest method in subsequent reporting periods to the amortised cost of the financial asset (the gross carrying amount net of loss allowance) rather than the gross carrying amount.

The following table provides information about the Group's exposure to credit risk and ECLs for other receivables and loan as at 30 September 2022 and 2023:

	2023			2022		
	Expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Expected loss rate	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance
	(%)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	(%)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Other receivables -12 month ECL	2.98%-47.09%	7,417	1,208	3.05%-40.22%	8,327	2,406
Amount due from a joint venture	20.25%	156,246	33,581	16.44%	162,300	26,675
		<u>163,663</u>	<u>34,789</u>		<u>170,627</u>	<u>29,081</u>

Change in gross carrying amounts of other receivables and amount due from a joint venture during the year did not result in significant change in the loss allowance.

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

#### Liquidity risk

The Group's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and the flexibility through the use of bank borrowings. The Group also monitors the current and expected liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants regularly to ensure sufficient working capital are maintained and adequate committed lines of funding from reputable financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirement.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay.

#### Liquidity tables

	Weighted average effective interest rate	Carrying amount HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Within 1 year or on demand HK\$'000
<b>2023</b>				
Trade and other payables	–	20,337	20,337	20,337
Rental and management fee deposits	–	24,518	24,518	24,518
Bank borrowings at variable rates	5.13%-6.80%	384,438	384,438	384,438
		<b>429,293</b>	<b>429,293</b>	<b>429,293</b>

	Weighted average effective interest rate	Carrying amount HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Within 1 year or on demand HK\$'000
<b>2022</b>				
Trade and other payables	–	20,153	20,153	20,153
Rental and management fee deposits	–	25,740	25,740	25,740
Amount due to the non- controlling interests	–	650	650	650
Bank borrowings at variable rates	1.83% – 4.73%	313,956	313,956	313,956
		<b>360,499</b>	<b>360,499</b>	<b>360,499</b>

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### 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### b. Financial risk management objective and policies (Continued)

##### *Liquidity risk (Continued)*

Bank borrowings with a repayment on demand clause is included in the “within 1 year or on demand” time band in the above maturity analysis. As at 30 September 2023, the principal amount of such bank borrowings amounted to HK\$384,438,000 (2022: HK\$313,956,000). Taking into account the Group’s consolidated financial position, the directors of the Company do not believe that it is probable that the bank will exercise its discretionary rights to demand immediate repayment. On this basis, the aggregate principal and interest for the bank borrowings would be as follows:

	Weighted average effective interest rate	0 to 3 months	4 to 12 months	1 to 2 years	Total undiscounted cash flows	Carrying amount
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<b>2023</b>						
Bank borrowings at variable rates	5.13%-6.80%	283,919	103,553	–	387,472	384,438
<b>2022</b>						
Bank borrowings at variable rates	1.83% – 4.73%	173,547	141,715	–	315,262	313,956

The amounts included above for variable rate bank borrowings are subject to change if changes in variable interest rates differ to those estimates of interest rates determined at the end of the reporting period.

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### c. Fair value measurement of financial instruments

*Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis*

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments carried at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: Fair value measurements are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: Fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and

Level 3: Fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### c. Fair value measurement of financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets	Fair value as at	Fair value measurements as at		
	30 September 2023	30 September 2023 categorised into		
	HK\$'000	Level 1 HK\$'000 (note)	Level 2 HK\$'000	Level 3 HK\$'000
Financial assets measured at FVTPL:				
– Listed equity securities	39,580	39,580	–	–
– Unlisted equity instruments	94,805	–	–	94,805
Equity instruments designated at FVOCI:				
– Unlisted equity investment	9,075	–	–	9,075

Financial assets	Fair value as at	Fair value measurements as at		
	30 September 2022	30 September 2022 categorised into		
	HK\$'000	Level 1 HK\$'000 (note)	Level 2 HK\$'000	Level 3 HK\$'000
Financial assets measured at FVTPL:				
– Listed equity securities	20,477	20,477	–	–
– Unlisted equity instruments	101,861	–	–	101,861
Equity instruments designated at FVOCI:				
– Unlisted equity investment	11,984	–	–	11,984
Debt instruments at FVOCI:				
– Listed debt securities investment	7,789	7,789	–	–

Note:

Fair values of these investments have been determined by reference to their quoted bid prices as at the end of the reporting period.

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### c. Fair value measurement of financial instruments (Continued)

Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurement of financial assets

	Unlisted equity securities classified as equity instruments designated at FVOCI <i>HK\$'000</i>	Unlisted equity instruments classified as financial asset at FVTPL <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 1 October 2021	16,000	100,803
Addition during the year	–	1,460
Change in fair value, recognised in other comprehensive income	(4,016)	–
Change in fair value, recognised in profit or loss	–	(402)
At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022	<b>11,984</b>	<b>101,861</b>
Addition during the year	–	705
Change in fair value, recognised in other comprehensive income	(2,909)	–
Change in fair value, recognised in profit or loss	–	(7,761)
At 30 September 2023	<b>9,075</b>	<b>94,805</b>

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## 34. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### c. Fair value measurement of financial instruments (Continued)

Below is the table setting out quantitative information about fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3).

Description	Fair value at		Valuation technique(s)	Unobservable input		Range (weighted average)		Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
	2023	2022		2023	2022	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000						
<b>Financial asset measured at FVTPL</b>								
Unlisted equity instrument	44,512	44,110	Adjusted asset-based approach	Discount rate for lack of control	Discount rate for lack of control	28.64%	25%	A slight increase in the discount rate would result in an insignificant decrease in the fair value, and vice versa
Unlisted equity instruments	50,293	57,751	Market approach	Discount rate for lack of marketability	Discount rate for lack of marketability	11.40% to 15.70%	11.40%	A slight increase in the discount rate would result in an insignificant decrease in the fair value, and vice versa
<b>Equity instrument designated at FVOCI</b>								
Unlisted equity investment	9,075	11,984	Market approach	Discount rate for lack of marketability	Discount rate for lack of marketability	13.20%	13.30%	A slight increase in the discount rate would result in an insignificant decrease in the fair value, and vice versa

There were no transfers between levels during the year ended 30 September 2022 and 2023.

The fair value of other financial assets and financial liabilities are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis.

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the consolidated financial statements approximate to their fair values.

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## 35. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to those disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, the following transactions were carried out by the Group with the related parties during the year. The terms of the below transactions (a) and (b) were mutually agreed by the Group and the related companies.

### (a) Significant related party transactions with B.L. Wong & Company Limited ("B.L. Wong")

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Renovation fee paid to B.L. Wong	1,192	–
Rental income received from B.L. Wong	1,080	1,080
Property management fee received from B.L. Wong	235	235

Note: Mr. Wong Tat Chang, Abraham, Mr. Wong Tak Kee, David and Mr. Wong Tat Sum, Samuel ("Mr. Samuel Wong"), who are the executive directors of the Company (the "Executive Directors") held interests in the Company and B.L. Wong.

### (b) Significant related party transactions with Bowen Capital Limited ("Bowen")

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Rental income received from Bowen	960	540
Property management fee received from Bowen	203	103

Note: Mr. Samuel Wong is the common director of the Company and Bowen. Bowen is beneficially owned by a close family member of Mr. Samuel Wong.

### (c) Significant related party transactions with Bowen Capital (HK) Limited ("Bowen HK")

	2023	2022
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Investment management fee paid to Bowen HK	98	–

Note: Mr. Samuel Wong is the common director of the Company and Bowen HK. Bowen HK is beneficially owned by a close family member of Mr. Samuel Wong.

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### 35. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### (d) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of the Directors and other members of key management personnel of the Group during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Short-term employee benefits	8,508	8,475
Retirement scheme contributions	79	79
	<b>8,587</b>	<b>8,554</b>

The remuneration of directors of the Company and key executives is determined by the remuneration committee having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends.

## FIVE YEARS FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### (A) CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	139,223	140,010	154,139	163,550	180,022
Profit/(loss) for the year	136,151	(59,599)	137,072	13,394	(181,736)
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	136,847	(59,535)	137,121	14,795	(181,785)
Non-controlling interests	(696)	(64)	(49)	(1,401)	49
	136,151	(59,599)	137,072	13,394	(181,736)

### (B) CONSOLIDATED NET ASSETS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Total assets	5,705,536	5,599,086	5,704,458	5,908,025	5,749,100
Total liabilities	(163,210)	(173,985)	(181,518)	(428,539)	(498,820)
Net assets	5,542,326	5,425,101	5,522,940	5,479,486	5,250,280
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	5,536,235	5,425,073	5,523,932	5,481,879	5,250,254
Non-controlling interests	6,091	28	(992)	(2,393)	26
Total	5,542,326	5,425,101	5,522,940	5,479,486	5,250,280

## PARTICULARS OF PROPERTIES HELD FOR INVESTMENT

Particulars of investment properties which are wholly owned by the Group are as follows:

Property	Existing use	Lease term	Number of car parking spaces	Approximate floor area <i>(square meters)</i>
<i>In Hong Kong</i>				
Beverly House 93-107 Lockhart Road Hong Kong	Commercial	Long lease	43	9,778*
Scenic Villas Apartments K and L on Ground to 14th Floor of Block A-4 2-28 Scenic Villa Drive Hong Kong	Residential	Long lease	30	6,410*
Scenic Villas Apartments D on Ground to 13th Floor of Block B-2 2-28 Scenic Villa Drive Hong Kong	Residential	Long lease	14	2,510*
Scenic Villas The Lower Ground Floor of Block A-3 and part of Car Port Area under Block A-4 2-28 Scenic Villa Drive Hong Kong	Residential	Long lease	25	314*

## PARTICULARS OF PROPERTIES HELD FOR INVESTMENT

Property	Existing use	Lease term	Number of car parking spaces	Approximate floor area  (square meters)
<i>In Hong Kong (Continued)</i>				
3-4 Headland Road Hong Kong	Residential	Long lease	27	3,391 <sup>#</sup>
Wylar Centre Phase 2 13/F and 14/F Nos. 192 - 200 Tai Lin Pai Road Kwai Chung New Territories	Industrial	Medium lease	5	4,760 <sup>*</sup>
1/F, 88A Pok Fu Lam Road Hong Kong	Residential	Long lease	1	155 <sup>*</sup>
Kennedy Court No. 7A Shiu Fai Terrace Nos. 134-136 Kennedy Road Hong Kong	Residential	Medium lease	30	4,102 <sup>*</sup>
1/F – 9/F and Flat Roof, China Paint Building 1163 Canton Road, 5B Arran Street, Mong Kok, Kowloon	Industrial	Long lease	–	5,134 <sup>#</sup>
<i>In the People's Republic of China</i>				
Units E and F on 1/F to 3/F and 5/F to 9/F, Vivaldi Court Manhattan Garden Chao Yang District Beijing	Residential	Medium lease	–	1,987 <sup>*</sup>

\* Approximate gross floor area (square meters)

# Approximate saleable floor area (square meters)