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Corporate Profile

About Orient Overseas (International) Limited

Orient Overseas (International) Limited (“OOIL”), has principal business activities in container transport and logistics services. Listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, the OOIL Group has over 430 offices in approximately 90 countries/regions.

Orient Overseas Container Line and OOCL are trade names for transportation provided separately by Orient Overseas Container Line Limited (“OOCL”) and OOCL (Europe) Limited respectively and both are wholly-owned subsidiaries of OOIL. OOCL is one of the world’s largest integrated international transportation and logistics companies and is an industry leader in the use of information technology, digitalisation and e-commerce to manage the entire cargo transport process. OOCL’s modern fleet includes some of the youngest, largest, most fuel-efficient, and most environmentally friendly vessels in the world, carrying cargo on hundreds of trade routes, providing a vital link to world trade.

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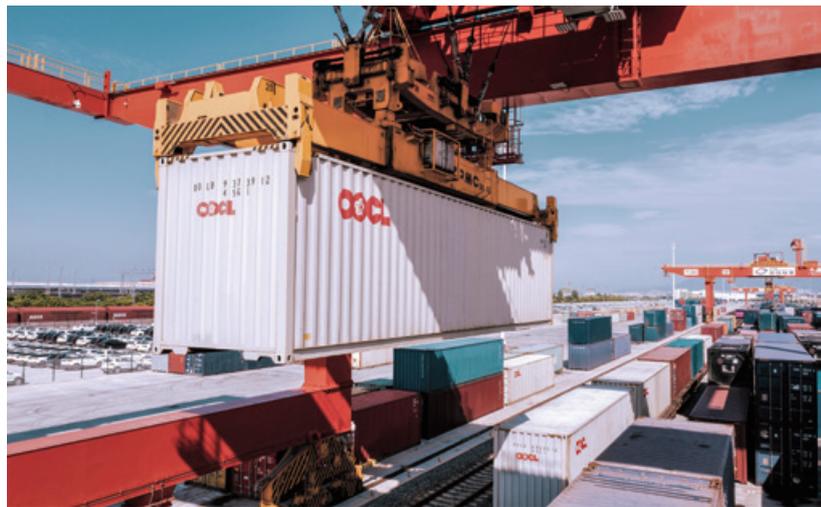
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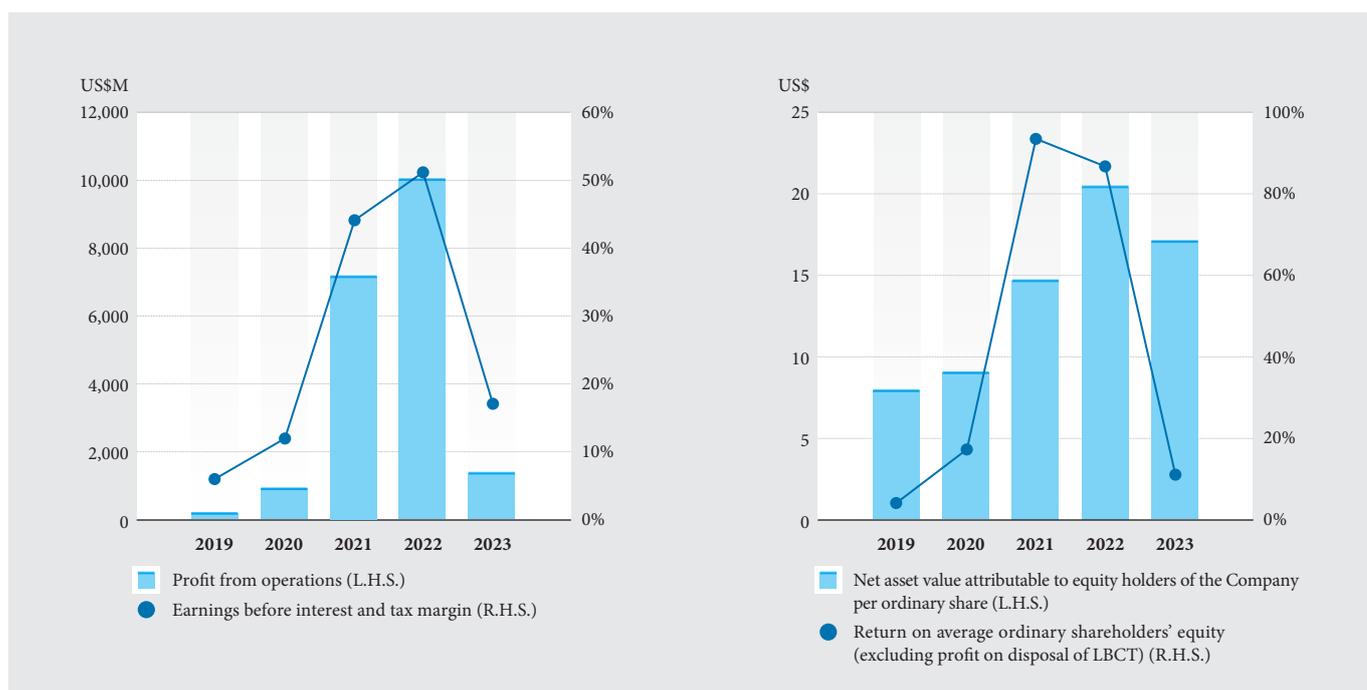
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Financial Highlights

US\$M	2023	2022	Increase/ (decrease) %
Consolidated Profit and Loss			
Revenue	8,344	19,820	(58%)
Operating profit	1,406	10,079	(86%)
Finance costs	(28)	(61)	(53%)
Profit before taxation	1,381	10,028	(86%)
Profit from operations and profit for the year	1,369	9,966	(86%)
Consolidated Balance Sheet			
Cash and bank balances	6,722	11,214	(40%)
Property, plant and equipment	5,608	4,696	19%
Right-of-use assets	1,862	2,510	(26%)
Total assets	15,609	20,035	(22%)
Lease liabilities	1,438	2,080	(31%)
Total liabilities	4,399	6,596	(33%)
Total equity	11,210	13,439	(17%)
Consolidated Net Cash Flow			
Net cash from operating activities	617	11,253	(95%)
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(4,641)	1,420	N/M
Net cash used in financing activities	(4,295)	(7,115)	(40%)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(8,318)	5,558	N/M
Key Ratios			
Earnings before interest and tax margin	16.9%	50.9%	(34%)
Debt to equity	0.13	0.15	(2%)
Net cash to equity [#]	0.47	0.68	(21%)
Return on average ordinary shareholders' equity	11.1%	86.3%	(75%)
Earnings per ordinary share (US dollar)	2.07	15.09	(86%)
Net asset value attributable to equity holders of the Company per ordinary share (US dollar)	16.97	20.35	(17%)

[#] Net cash represents cash and bank balances deducted by total debt.



JANUARY ①

OOCL announced the introduction of OOCL Account, an integrated account allowing customers to access My OOCL Center (MOC) and other OOCL online services, as well as applications such as Global Cargo Release (GBCR) and FreightSmart. OOCL Account enables customers to manage their accounts in one place, managing shipments will become easier and more efficient than ever before.



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OOCL Logistics launched the E-Customs Solution, a one-stop online Customs House Brokerage (CHB) platform on FreightSmart. The solution aims to provide customers with a comprehensive CHB service with online price quotations and order management.

FEBRUARY ②

IQAX was named in the Top 10 Shipping Digital Pioneers as part of the authoritative 2022 Annual 100 in the Port and Shipping Industry list by China Shipping Gazette. The Top 10 list honours companies that develop digital solutions, software, and technology for the shipping industry.

OOCL is delighted to introduce the first 24,188 TEU mega vessel to its fleet. The new vessel was officially named “OOCL Spain” at a ceremony held on 16th February at Nantong COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co., Ltd. (NACKS) shipyard in Nantong, China. Capable of carrying up to 24,188 TEU, this scale makes her not only the first of OOCL’s vessels to exceed the 24,000 TEU threshold, but also places her among the very largest container ships in the world. OOCL invited Ms. LIU Xuewen, Vice President of LONGi Green Energy Technology Co., Ltd. to name the vessel.



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IQAX’s electronic bills of lading (eBL) solution expanded to bulk cargo shipments and could access to the widely used Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) format, significantly expanding its applicability and ability to drive digitisation in global shipping, logistics, and trade.

MARCH 3 4 5

OOCL entered a collaboration with COSCO SHIPPING Lines, Global Shipping Business Network (GSBN) and Shanghai Research Institute of Chemical Industry Testing Co., Ltd (SICIT) to improve the safe transportation of chemical cargo by harnessing blockchain technology. The four companies together with Midea have leveraged blockchain technology to achieve industry first proof-of-concept for the sharing of Safe Transportation Certification.



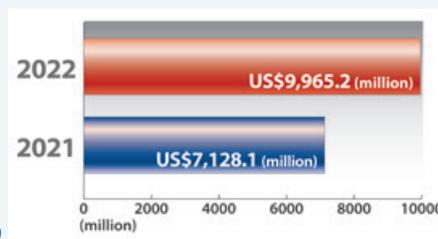
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OOCL achieved the top performance tier, named Sapphire, in the 2022 Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) Program. The program required vessels to slow down the speed in the two designated VSR zones (Southern California and San Francisco Bay) in California, aiming to reduce air pollution, fatal ship strikes on whales and underwater noise.

On 22nd March, OOIL announced a profit attributable to equity holders of US\$9,965.2 million for 2022, compared to a profit of US\$7,128.1 million in 2021.



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APRIL 6

On 24th April, OOCL Logistics joined forces with OOCL to hold a signing ceremony of a new strategic partnership with Sailun Group Co. Ltd. (Sailun Group). As part of the collaboration arrangements, OOCL Logistics offers an efficient package of International Supply Chain Management Service (ISCMS) solutions. With the support of OOCL Logistics' proprietary system – PODIUM®, Sailun Group would be able to enhance its operational efficiency, while simultaneously improving its supply chain visibility and its control over shipments as they progress from multiple origins to ultimate destinations. On the same day, OOCL also signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Sailun Group. Considering the nature of Sailun Group's global trade, OOCL teamed up with OOCL Logistics and jointly developed the Sailun Triangle Plan, aiming to reduce logistics cost and improve overall equipment effectiveness for Sailun Group.



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OOCL received the Award for Outstanding Performance in Port State Control (PSC) Inspection for the year of 2022 from the Hong Kong Marine Department on 2nd May. OOCL was proud to be receiving this award for the fifth time. It was an important recognition of the company's capabilities in managing an outstanding international fleet, demonstrating the company's commitment to achieving high standards as a quality carrier.



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On 30th May, OOCL welcomed its second brand new 24,188 TEU vessel in a series of twelve. The mega containership was named as "OOCL Piraeus" by Ms. FANG Xue Yu, Executive Vice President of Hisense International Co., Ltd. and become the first of six 24,188 TEU vessels ordered by OOCL and to be delivered by Dalian COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co., Ltd. (DACKS) shipyard. This series of green and smart mega vessels would provide OOCL with the advantages of economies of scale, energy efficiency and long-term navigational safety.

JUNE 9 10 11

On 6th June, OOCL welcomed its third 24,188 TEU vessel "OOCL Turkiye" at Nantong COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co., Ltd. (NACKS) shipyard. OOCL invited Ms. Jane LIU, Chairwoman at SaiLun Group Co., Ltd. to name the new vessel at the ceremony.



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OOCL introduced the new China Indonesia Service 2 (CIS2) to strengthen OOCL's China to Indonesia service network. To supplement CIS, CIS2 could further enhance the network coverage between China, Indonesia and Philippines, providing customers with competitive and reliable shipment options.

OOIL was listed in S&P Global's Sustainability Yearbook (China Edition) 2023 and has been awarded the ranking of "Top 1% S&P Global ESG Score (Chinese Corporate)" in the transportation and infrastructure category, which means OOIL's ESG score is within 1% of the industry's highest score. This was the first time that S&P Global has published a China edition of its Sustainability Yearbook, the inclusion in the S&P Global's Sustainability Yearbook (China Edition) 2023 is clear and valuable recognition of OOIL's outstanding performance in environmental, social, and governance practices and in ESG disclosures.



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OOCL was pleased to announce a new service in the Europe – East Coast South America network to further enhance OOCL's network coverage in Latin America. With an attractive transit time of only 16 days from Rio De Janeiro to Rotterdam, the new service Europe East Coast South America Express (EEX) was designed to meet the refrigerated container demand from East Coast South America to Europe.



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IQAX has been honoured the Annual Shipping Supply Chain Innovative Advanced Solution Award for its groundbreaking IQAX eBL solution, which harnesses blockchain technology to accelerate the digital transformation of bills of lading, enhancing their security, fostering the development of green shipping, and reducing logistics costs across the shipping industry.



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IQAX has been recognised as the Top 10 Digital Transportation Solutions Providers 2023 by Logistics Tech Outlook for its innovative IQAX Shipment Tracking API solution. The award highlights IQAX's commitment to overcoming challenges within the shipping and logistics industry and fostering a stronger and more sustainable global trade system.

AUGUST 14 15 16

On 1st August, OOCL Logistics launched CargoEasy, a one-stop digital platform that provides customers with instant quotation, seamless booking experience and live shipment tracking. In the first phase, the new platform targeted at the export ocean and air freight services in Vietnam as a pilot start.



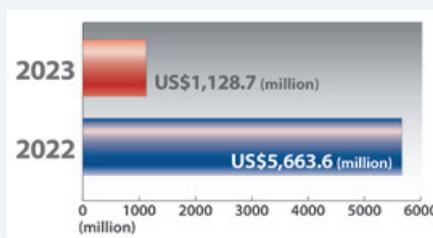
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On 18th August, OOIL announced a profit attributable to equity holders of US\$1,128.7 million for the six-month period ended 30th June 2023, compared to a profit of US\$5,663.6 million for the same period in 2022.

OOCL was pleased to further strengthen the company's fleet structure by introducing one more 24,188 TEU mega vessel. The brand new container vessel is named "OOCL Felixstowe" by Ms. HE Lijun on 8th August at the Dalian COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co., Ltd. (DACKS) shipyard.



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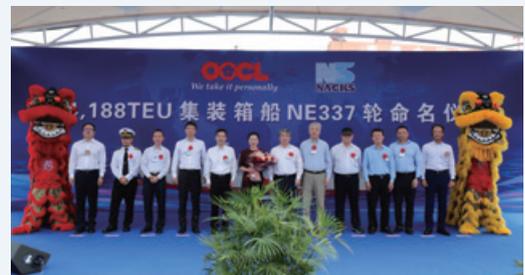
OOCL announced a new service, Türkiye Spain Morocco Express (TSM), in its Intra-European Network which would further enhance OOCL's Intra-European service offered to customers. TSM provides a direct connection between Greece, Türkiye, Spain, and Morocco along with a transshipment connection at our Mediterranean hub of Piraeus.



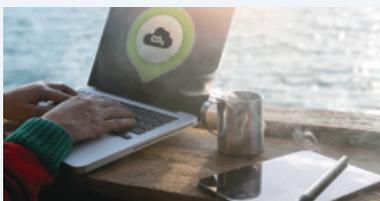
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On 6th September, OOCL was delighted to welcome another new mega containership into its fleet, "OOCL Zeebrugge", the fifth eco-friendly 24,188 TEU vessel in a series of twelve. The vessel was named by Ms. SHI Lei, Deputy General Manager of SUMEC Corporation Limited and Chairwoman of SUMEC Machinery & Electric Co., Ltd, at a ceremony held at the Nantong COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co., Ltd. (NACKS) shipyard, in the presence of a number of distinguished guests, including customers and business partners.



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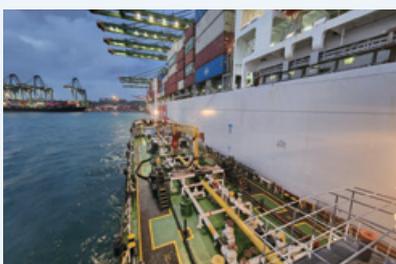
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OOCL launched a new tool "Emission Monitor" to monitor its emission performance. Emission Monitor is designed to instantly consolidate the emission information and closely monitor the emission performance of the company's vessels and end-to-end shipment operation to ensure compliance with IMO CII (Carbon Intensity Indicator) and progress towards decarbonisation. To support OOCL's customers to achieve their sustainability goals and decarbonisation targets, the Emission Monitor has been extended to serve customers with visibility on real-time calculation of CO₂ emission for all confirmed bookings.

OOCL was honoured to be recognised as the "Best Shipping Line – Intra-Asia" at the 2023 Asian Freight, Logistics and Supply Chain (AFLAS) Awards' ceremony held at the JW Marriot Hotel Singapore South Beach on 28th September. Hosted by leading shipping and logistics publication Asia Cargo News, the annual AFLAS Awards is one of the most anticipated industry events in the Asia Pacific region. OOCL received the same award again after 2021, demonstrating the company's ability to maintain high-quality services in an ever-changing environment.



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OOCL completed the first biofuel bunkering in its fleet. The fuel delivery, arranged by supplier KPI OceanConnect's team in Singapore and supplied by barge, was received by OOCL's container vessel while at port in Singapore. The B24 biofuel delivered was a blend of Used Cooking Oil Methyl Ester (UCOME) and Very Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (VLSFO).

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OCTOBER 22 23 24 25 26

On 11th October, OOCL's sixth 24,188 TEU newbuilding was named "OOCL Gdynia" at Dalian COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co., Ltd. (DACKS) shipyard. OOCL was honoured to have Mr. Takashi Yanai, the Corporate Officer as well as the General Manager of Logistics Infrastructure Business Division of Sumitomo Corporation as the guest of honour of the ceremony and Mrs. Yoshiko Yanai, mother of Mr. Takashi Yanai, as the vessel sponsor to name and bless the new vessel.



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OOCL introduced two new China Cambodia Thailand Services (CCT1 and CCT2) to further strengthen its Intra-Asia service network by connecting China, Cambodia and Thailand.

OOCL was awarded with a Certificate of Merit from United States Coast Guard (USCG) on 18th October in recognition of its contribution to maritime safety by supporting the Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER) in the previous year. By supporting this voluntary system, OOCL's vessels contribute to the rescue efforts in case of an emergency at sea, as well as set an example of cooperation and mutual assistance among seafarers.



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On 26th October, OOCL received the "Elite Enterprise Partnership Award 2023" from Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department in recognition of the company's proactive co-operation and contribution to Customs.

NOVEMBER 27

On 14th November, IQAX announced an investment into BoxPlus Information Technology Company Ltd. (BoxPlus), a provider of Internet of Things (IoT) solutions, as part of an effort to support the fast-growing reefer market with IBOX Reefer. IBOX Reefer combines IQAX's innovative software capabilities with IoT devices and sensors developed by BoxPlus.



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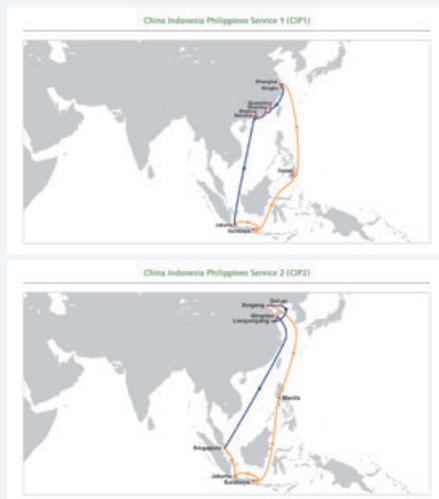
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IQAX entered into a strategic partnership with COSCO Shipping Captive Insurance Co., Ltd. to actively promote the development of supply chain digitisation and broaden the capabilities of IQAX eBL. A four-party cooperative agreement between IQAX, COSCO Shipping Captive Insurance, COSCO Shipping Lines and the Global Shipping Business Network (GSBN), ensured that a shipping insurance e-platform will work together with the GSBN blockchain platform and the IQAX eBL system. A COSCO Shipping Lines (Wuhan) customer was the first to complete a synchronised transfer of both a blockchain-based eBL and an electronic insurance policy through a one-click title transfer on 14th December.

OOIL was selected for inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Asia/Pacific Index again, effective from 18th December.



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OOCL launched two new China Indonesia Philippines Services, CIP1 and CIP2, in its Intra-Asia network. CIP1 and CIP2 establish direct connections among multiple ports in China, Indonesia, Philippines, and Singapore, providing customers with competitive and reliable shipment options.

OOCL announced a new Japan Philippines Service (KTX4) connecting multiple ports in Japan with Philippines to cater for the demand in the market. Together with existing KTX suite services, OOCL could provide a more comprehensive service coverage between Japan, Taiwan region, Hong Kong and South China region and ASEAN countries.



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IQAX was recognised with the Top 100 Digital China Innovation Application Development Case 2023 Award by China Internet Week, underscoring the ability of IQAX eBL solution to act as a benchmark of innovation for the shipping industry and play a pivotal role in promoting digital transformation within the industry to drive the construction of Digital China.

Chairman's Statement

Regardless of the prospects, OOIL will continue to focus on being customer-centric, proactively and quickly respond to challenges, and provide high-quality services and green operations, as a Vital Link to World Trade.

The exceptionally robust container shipping market that we witnessed during the pandemic is now far behind us, and we have returned to a rather normal yet uncertain year 2023. The cargo demand recovery was not as strong as many anticipated, affected by high inflation, slowdown in economic growth of advanced economies, as well as the consumer spending patterns shifting in the post-pandemic. As carriers' schedule became more reliable, retailers opted towards a just-in-time approach when restocking, thereby delaying demand to a certain extent. On the supply side, with the alleviation of bottlenecks, and the continuous delivery of new ships, the change in supply has undoubtedly exceeded in demand and the continuous decline of freight rates.

Despite the challenging market conditions for much of the year, I am still pleased to report that Orient Overseas (International) Limited ("OOIL") recorded a net profit attributable to shareholders in 2023 of US\$1,367.9 million (2022: US\$9,965.2 million). Although profitability had been less than what it was in 2022 or 2021, it is still better than the years leading up to the pandemic, with the average revenue per TEU even higher than in 2020 when the pandemic started.

On behalf of the board of directors and management of OOIL, I would like to thank all our stakeholders, including shareholders, customers, business partners, and our staff for their continuous support. Everyone played a vital role in



Wan Min *Chairman*

helping the Group to remain profitable despite the challenges faced. Therefore, the Board of Directors recommends the payment of a final dividend of US\$0.145 (HK\$1.131) per share and a second special dividend of US\$0.036 (HK\$0.281) per share in 2023 (2022: final dividend of US\$2.61 (HK\$20.358) and special dividend of US\$1.95 (HK\$15.210)).

Since the beginning of 2024, the situation in the Red Sea is still one of the key factors affecting the container shipping market. With the tension in the Red Sea not being relieved, shipping companies will continue to navigate through the Cape of Good Hope in the coming months. In combination with the traditional peak season prior to Chinese New Year,

freight rates have risen even more. However, the current supply chain tension is caused by the re-routing of vessels, which is quite different compared to the spike in demand, inadequate supply, and interruption of the supply chain during pandemic period between 2020 and 2022. It is difficult to predict what the changeable trend would be. What is obvious is that the container shipping market is highly susceptible to any form of major disruption; and the complete effect will not be seen until the original balance is restored or a new equilibrium is found.

So far, we have taken delivery of 7 newly built 24,188 TEU container ships. The delivery of these new ships will not only help to increase the capacity and also realise the Group's endeavours to modernise its fleet from a technology and configuration standpoint, improving its cost-effectiveness and market competitiveness, help the Dual-Brand achieve the goal of maintaining its world's first echelon status and is also another proof of OOIL's commitment in energy conservation, carbon reduction, and environmental protection.

Despite the immense overall market pressure in 2023, our logistics company, OOCL Logistics, has made great progress in the field of dry cargo and cold chain transportation, achieving double-digit revenue growth. In the future, OOCL Logistics will continue to work closely with shipping companies to provide customers with a full range of high-quality services.

Cooperation with fellow members of the COSCO SHIPPING Group and alliances helps to further expand OOIL's network, strengthen cost management capabilities, and contribute to the Group in increasing revenue and reducing expenditure. We believe the advantages of Dual Brand will continue to be beneficial to the Group's future development.

This year, OOIL continues to be committed in promoting the digitalisation of the industry. We will take full advantage of using big data and AI to optimise the management of our boxes, ships and cargo, and improve customer satisfaction. IQAX, our wholly-owned IT company, has successfully launched electronic bills of lading ("eBL"). In early December 2023, the processing volume of eBL has exceeded 100,000. Relying on the FreightSmart and GSBN, we not only strengthened our relationships with our business partners, but also created more end-to-end digital solutions and expanded them to different countries and regions, improving customers' supply chain through the Group's platform with one-stop management experience.

ESG is a term that everyone is familiar with. As a corporation, we will continue to fully support and follow through the International Maritime Organization's strategies on greenhouse gas emission reduction. I believe everyone can clearly understand how committed we are from the sustainability report we publish every year. In response to the requirements for Energy Efficiency Index and Carbon Intensity Index of existing ships that had taken effect in 2023, we also continue to accelerate energy conservation, emission reduction and green technology initiatives on existing ships, and have obtained documents verified or approved by classification societies, ensure operation compliance of OOCL's fleet and support the emission reduction strategy with practical actions.

Looking ahead, the shipping market remains uncertain. The global economy seems to be recovering, but the pace may be slow and with uncertainties; interest rates on the other hand seem to have peaked, but remain hovering at high levels; the 2M alliance will be terminated, Gemini Corporation emerged, and Ocean Alliance announced further extension; geopolitical tensions and new environmental regulations, including the EU carbon tax, etc., have posed challenges to the entire supply chain. There is no doubt that all these will have a long-lasting impact on the future development of the shipping market.

Regardless of the prospects, OOIL will continue to focus on being customer-centric, proactively and quickly respond to challenges, and provide high-quality services and green operations, as a Vital Link to World Trade.

Wan Min

Chairman

Hong Kong, China, 21st March 2024

Operations Review

Towards the end of the year, rates have somewhat recovered from those low points mainly due to the sudden and escalating disruption in the Red Sea.





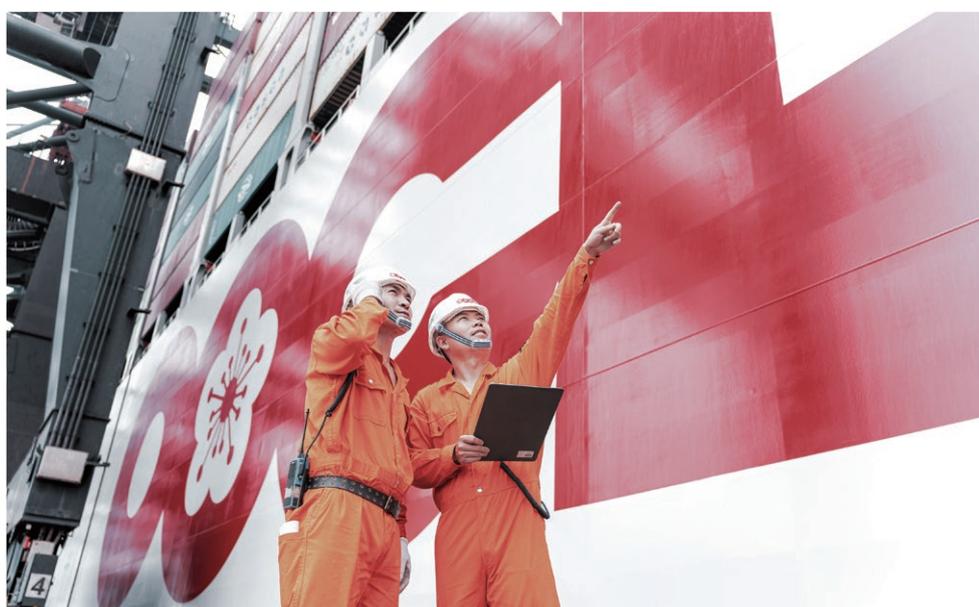
CONTAINER TRANSPORT

The return to normality from historical peak level has been the case for most of 2023. When comparing the full year performance of 2023 to 2022, OOCL's total liner liftings increased by 2.9%, total revenue decreased by 59.6% and revenue per TEU decreased by 60.8%. However, if instead of comparing against such extraordinary circumstances we compared 2023's performance to our last pre-pandemic year of 2019, total liftings had increased by 5.5%, total revenue increased by 20.1% and revenue per TEU improved by 13.8%.

It is without a doubt that market conditions of container shipping during much of 2023 were less desirable than the previous year. Despite retailers and wholesalers being keen to destock their inventory, these customers remained cautious in terms of managing their supply chain. Uncertainties in the macroeconomic environment due to inflationary pressures and rising interest rates also translates to overall weaker demand.

If we compare supply side to the earlier half of 2022, effective supply improved considerably as 1) port and terminal congestions have pretty much, if not completely, been alleviated; and 2) ongoing new container ship deliveries, which resulted in considerably lower freight rates for most of 2023.

Although the freight rates for much of 2023 were much lower than the extreme high points of 2022 and were close to the pre-pandemic range on a number of routes, they were by far better than the disastrous conditions of 2016. Towards the end of the year, rates have somewhat recovered from those low points mainly due to the sudden and escalating disruption in the Red Sea.



Operations Review

OOCL Liner	TEU	Growth in 2023	
		Revenue	Revenue/TEU
1Q23 v 1Q22	(3.2%)	(57.8%)	(56.4%)
2Q23 v 2Q22	1.3%	(62.6%)	(63.0%)
3Q23 v 3Q22	6.7%	(65.1%)	(67.3%)
4Q23 v 4Q22	7.2%	(49.0%)	(52.5%)
Total	2.9%	(59.6%)	(60.8%)

Trade	LIFTING ('000 TEU)			REVENUE (US\$ million)		
	2023	2022	Variance	2023	2022	Variance
Trans-Pacific	1,890	1,773	6.6%	2,526	6,873	(63.2%)
Asia/Europe	1,595	1,577	1.1%	1,628	5,007	(67.5%)
Trans-Atlantic	482	450	7.2%	841	1,424	(41.0%)
Intra-Asia/Australasia	3,371	3,329	1.2%	2,541	5,368	(52.7%)
Total	7,338	7,129	2.9%	7,536	18,672	(59.6%)

Trans-Pacific – In 2023, OOCL saw an increase in overall liftings of 6.6% but a drop in overall revenue of 63.2% for these tradelanes when compared to the previous year. Headhaul Trans-Pacific (Eastbound) liftings for the west coast and the east coast increased by 6.0% and 5.8% respectively while revenue for the west coast and the east coast fell by 64.4% and 66.7% respectively. The East Coast had been impacted by

the draft restrictions at the Panama Canal which led to some cargo being shifted back to the West Coast. Overall market conditions for much of 2023 continued the normalisation of rates which considered as a reset year on both long-term contracts and spot market following the end of COVID, but have shown signs of recovery.



Asia/Europe – Overall liftings saw a 1.1% increase but a 67.5% decline in revenue year-on-year mainly because of the normalisation in rates from exceptionally high levels during the Covid-boom. New capacity added by various carriers also increased the pressure on the effective supply of these tradelanes. Towards the end of the 2023, geopolitical uncertainties around the Red Sea have affected ships travelling via Suez Canal which drove the spot rate back to upside direction, but it remains unsure to how long and to what extent the impact would be.

Trans-Atlantic – Overall liftings for these tradelanes increased by 7.2%, while revenue declined by 41.0%. The market was generally stable during the first half of 2023. However, when the downward pressure on both Trans-Pacific and Asia/Europe continued, some surplus capacity from those tradelanes were re-deployed to the Trans-Atlantic tradelanes instead, the oversupply resulted in rates dropping significantly during the second half of 2023. Towards the end of 2023, rates have stabilised.

Intra-Asia and Australasia – Intra-Asia and Australasia trade routes saw a 1.2% increase in liftings and revenue declined by 52.7%. Intra-Asia trade itself saw lifting reduced by 1.8% while revenues declined by 53.1%. The weakened demand from the East/West trades this year led to redeployment of some vessels that were originally operating in those trades into various parts of Intra Asia. The additional capacity, which outpaced demand growth resulted in a drop in rates. For Australasia on the other hand, market capacity had been reduced from weak demand.



SHIP OPERATIONS

As at 31st December, 2023, the OOCL fleet composition was as follows:

Fleet	No. of Vessels	TEU Capacity
Owned/		
Long Term Lease	105	826,634
Short Term Lease	28	240,861
Charter Out	(12)	(102,531)
Operating Capacity	121	964,964

In 2023, the Group took delivery of six 24,188 TEU new buildings. Three of them from Nantong COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co., Ltd. (NACKS) and three of them from Dalian COSCO KHI Ship Engineering Co., Ltd. (DACKS). For these six new buildings, five of them are of the first series and one of them is of the second series. For the remaining six 24,188 TEU new buildings of the second series, all of them will be delivered in year 2024.

No order for new buildings were placed during the year.

As of the end of 2023, the average age of vessels owned by the Group, or leased to the Group under contracts including a purchase option, which, as at the balance sheet date, is considered at least reasonably likely to be exercised is 12.69 years, and the average vessel size is 10,094 TEU.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

Approximately 4.8% and 12.8% of the Group's total expenditure on purchases of goods and services for the year are attributable to the largest supplier and five largest suppliers respectively.

Approximately 1.2% and 5.0% of the Group's total reported revenues for the year are attributable to the largest customer and five largest customers respectively.

The Group has entered into slot sharing arrangements with other container shipping companies. The receipts and payments from slot sharing arrangements have not been included in determining the major customers and suppliers since it would be misleading to do so as the receipts and payments are in respect of sharing arrangements for the utilisation of vessel space.

No director or any of his associates holds any equity interest in the suppliers or customers included above.

BUNKER COST/SAVING

The fuel price landscape of 2023 remained relatively stable. In comparison to 2022, the crude oil price experienced a 20% slump, although it was not completely unaffected by external factors. Despite minimal fluctuations in prices, the dynamics of supply and demand were still influenced by the global economy's recovery and geopolitical tensions. The situation between Ukraine and Russia as well as in the Red Sea, had implications for fuel supply and transportation routes, ultimately impacting prices.

As we examine the market in the year 2024, it becomes clear that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) production plans maintain their influence on global oil supply and fuel prices. Moreover, the tightening of the Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) rating requirement introduces further complexity to the market dynamics. To comply with these ever stringent regulations, we must explore alternative options, including the use of Biofuel. However, it is important to note that Biofuel comes at a higher cost compared to Very Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (VLSFO), which could potentially increase the pressure on our bunker costs.

We have been focusing on bunker and engine lubricant oil saving programs for many years to achieve cost saving. These programs include: Optimum Trim (balance of cargo) and Minimum Ballast; Regular Hull Maintenance and Cleaning; Optimal routing; Propellor polishing etc. We will also carry out the propeller modification to enhance the fuel efficiency in the coming years.

To ensure the bunker saving/cost saving at high oil prices, joint effort, teamwork, and the close coordination and collaboration by all the concerned parties both on-shore and off-shore is vital.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

In addition to compliance with international and local emission control regulations, we also remain very supportive of international efforts to measure and control shipboard emissions. All our vessels comply with the IMO 2020 regulatory requirement by either using cleaner fuel (0.5% sulphur content or less) or scrubber technology.

Apart from the installation of Ballast Water Treatment Systems (BWTS) to comply with the IMO and United States Coast Guard regulations, we have more vessels installed/retrofitted with the Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) systems in 2023 that allows for using the shore-based power alternatives. Both BWTS and AMP are effective green technologies we use to improve air and water quality in the environment.

In addition to regulatory compliance, we have been participating in various environmental initiatives, including the Green Flag Program at the Port of Long Beach, as well as Vessel Speed Reduction Programs at the Port of Los Angeles, and the Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies program at the San Francisco Bay, Southern California regions and Gulf of St. Lawrence. Furthermore, we have also been fully compliant with the California and New Zealand Biofouling regulations, meeting the Right Whale Protection requirements in the US East Coast, and voluntarily participated in the Port of Vancouver Echo Program Lateral Displacement Trial and in the Waters of Southern British Columbia, as well as the Swiftsure Bank and Admiralty and North Puget Sound, Washington State slowdown trial program, to reduce underwater noise for endangered killer whales.

For International Maritime Organization (IMO) action and strategy to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping, apart from our ordering of the methanol-compatible new buildings with green fuel technology applied, our existing vessels are ready with the required documents approved/verified by Class to comply with the Energy Efficiency Existing Ships Index (EEXI) and Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) which have become effective as of 1st January, 2023.

We are also preparing to have the propeller modification for some of our vessels to enhance the fuel efficiency and reduce the emissions.



LOGISTICS

In 2023, OOCL Logistics has seen double digit revenue growth in both dry and cold-chain transportation, while the general freight rates have eased as compared to previous years resulted in lower revenue for the international logistics units. We continue to focus on strengthening our physical services and network coverage with further investment. Continue improvements were made to the systems, procedures, and processes to ensure compliance on sanction matters. We continue to act on our social responsibilities by taking part in numerous initiatives to serve and care for those in our communities, ensuring medical supplies, food and daily necessities were delivered accordingly.

Strategic partnerships and innovations remained an integral part of OOCL Logistics' commitments. In February, in partnership with a world-known white-goods manufacturer, we successfully launched our Fast-pass automation solution resulting in shortening the trucking turnaround time & reducing CO₂ emission. CargoEasy, a One-stop digital platform, was launched in August providing customers with instant quotation, seamless booking experience and live shipment tracking. From Autumn, our customers have the additional option to address their supply chain financing needs from our carefully selected partner.

OOCL Logistics had a remarkable year in 2023, achieving several milestones and making significant announcements that showcased its vision and values. The company continued to invest in digital transformation, strategic partnerships, environmental sustainability, and geographic expansion, to deliver value-added solutions and superior service to its customers. OOCL Logistics looks forward to another successful year in 2024, as it strives to be the partner of choice for global logistics and transportation.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In 2023, OOCL continued its e-Commerce strategy in delivering innovative, and value-added solutions to our customers by launching the FreightSmart online platform that offers end-to-end shipment products with multiple logistics services for customers who need to book and manage their cargo online, and in 2023 has achieved a remarkable booking volume of 1.3 million TEU, exceeded its target booking volume by 53%. New features such as E-Quote and E-Spot were also launched which allow customers to get real-time quotations and simplify the rate quotation process, and the e-Commerce infrastructure was upgraded with various middle platforms capabilities with adoption of AI technologies that aimed to improve customer experiences, operational efficiency, business agility, and decision-making processes.

OOCL also continues to accelerate its digital transformation by leveraging Blockchain technology on the Global Shipment Blockchain Network ("GSBN") platform and implementing Cargo Release Blockchain and EBL Blockchain solutions in various regions, and the eBL solutions, which speeding up the transmission of Bill of Lading (BL) between partners securely is continued to be implemented to 500 shippers with more than 50K BLs in year 2023.

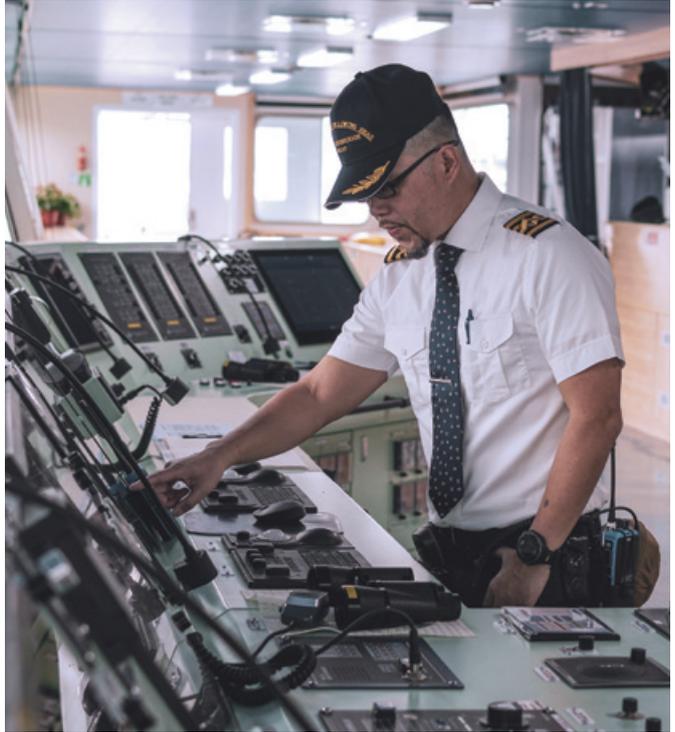


Operations Review

OOCL is dedicated to harnessing Big Data and AI technologies to effectively control, enhance, and optimise its business operations. AI was implemented in the strategic management of coastal space utilisation, ensuring vessel is optimally filled, making timely booking confirmations, offering alternative routes options to elevate customer service quality, coupled with transparent view of global vessel schedules and latest booking situations. Tools were implemented to support the empowerment of various business stakeholders to communicate and collaborate seamlessly. OOCL also enhanced its empty reposition operation by adopting an advanced AI model covering global reposition planning as well as covering China domestic and North America reposition planning, pilot for Intra-Europe started in end of year 2023. AI technologies also adopted to advance the efficiency of documentation process to shorten the latency of Bill of Lading (BL) issuance for better customer experience.

To ensure the safety of the crew, the ship, and the environment and compliance with international regulations which are always key operation challenges in the shipping industry, OOCL implemented a system to centralise and standardise rules and integrate them into the daily dangerous goods approval and acceptance process. AI-empowered detection engine was leveraged to identify potentially mis-declared or non-declared dangerous goods which enhances both the efficiency of approvals and the safety of operations.

To support the company's decarbonisation direction and green policy, we delivered a solution to enable the operation team to fulfil the regulatory requirement of the Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) and enable customer visibility on carbon emissions. The new carbon emission calculation engine, which based industrial calculation methodology (Clean Cargo Working Group), streamlined the process of data gathering such as integration with Google Map for distance, combined with AI-empowered bunker utilisation predication engine, to provide more accurate carbon emission estimation.



To ensure efficient and effective collaboration with our supplier, OOCL continued to implement the supplier invoice management system across 16 terminals in the year 2023. It integrates supplier billing and automates invoice reconciliation, enabling the realisation of service cost provisions and streamlining the handling process. By automating these processes, we can reduce the potential errors, and speed up the invoice handling process with reduced cost. We also continued to implement the AI-enabled OneMNR solution to manage container maintenance and repair, in additions to standardise processes, automates tasks, adding the AI Auto Approval feature for MNR Estimate reduces manual efforts, shortens cycle time, improves equipment utilisation, and standardises the approval process. It covers most repair items, resulting in a monthly AI Auto Approval rate of around 27% for China Dry Estimate. Cargo-related MNR Analysis and Prediction utilises shipment data and AI models to analyze responsible parties for damaged items, enhancing processing efficiency and collecting Third-Party Charges.

To unleash productivity and creativity in our workplace, we employed Microsoft Office Copilot, combined with AI-powered Large Language Models (LLM). These tools assist employees by automating routine tasks, providing suggestions, and delivering real-time information. We continued to implement the Power Platform, which leverages Robotic Process Automation (RPA) to enable users to build digital robots to automate repetitive manual tasks. It is to streamline workflows, reduce manual effort, and increase overall efficiency.



On the IT Operations side, OOCL improved its IT system's reliability through the establishment of Site Availability Engineering (SRE) and implemented Infrastructure as Code to support better integration with DevOps in a hybrid cloud environment. OOCL also renewed the ISO27001 Information Security Management System certification for Data Centers demonstrating compliance with international security standards and the ability to meet automobile industry customer requirements for the Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange (TISAX) Certification in Germany and implemented Zero trust security in core Enterprise System using micro-segmentation to enhance system security against external attacks and insider threats.

Artificial Intelligence for IT Operations (AIOps) was implemented to support the monitoring and analysis of complex streaming of real-time data to improve system stability by preventing problems from affecting IT services and improving troubleshooting capabilities for fast recovery. In the area of Cybersecurity and Data Protection, the Office Data Protection Framework (ODPF) was implemented for global users, and additional security protection enhancements such as application-level Distributed Denial of Services (DDoS) protection and cloud honeypot for threat detection have been deployed that can strengthen the security protection of the Digital Supply Chain applications.

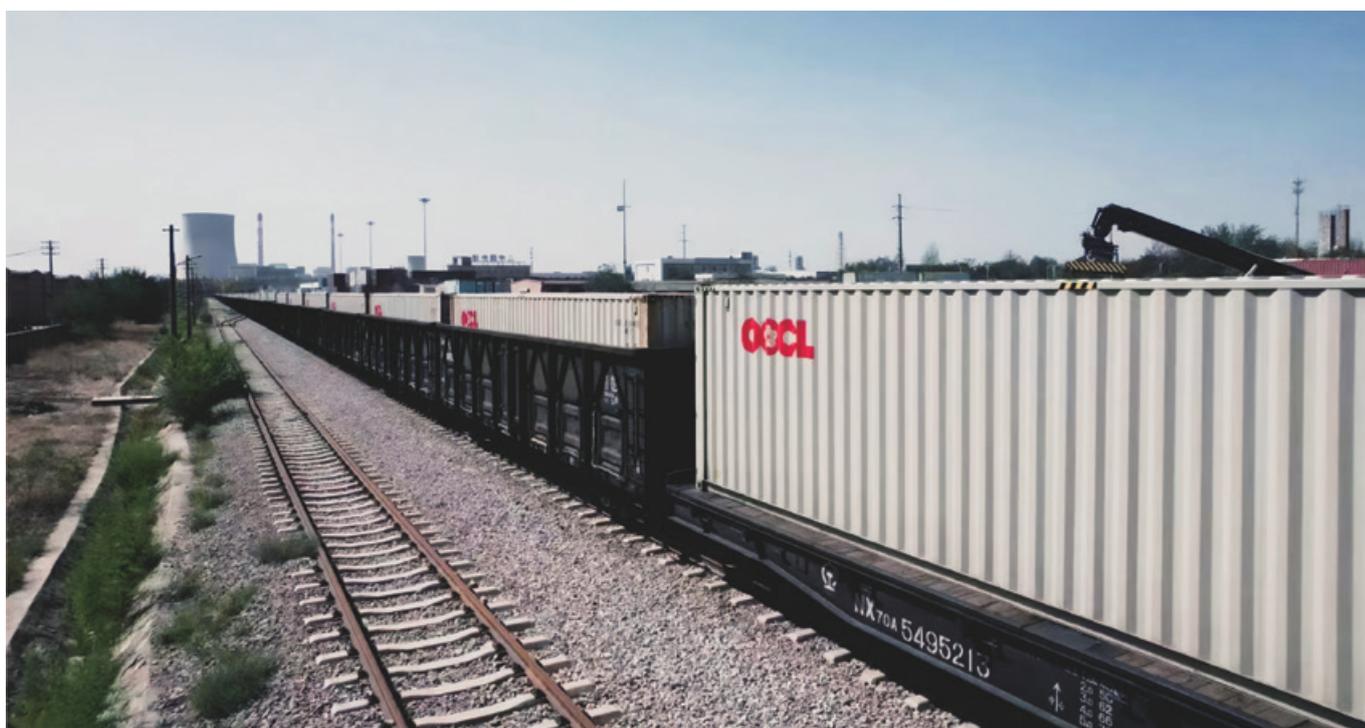
To secure the infrastructure of our new built vessels, we continued to implement the Vessel IT Infrastructure which includes network connectivity, IT Server/Desktop software

and services, Security protection, Big data edge collector and gateway, OT/Shipboard devices monitoring, Crew Portal, Sustainability Data Collection applications for all 24K TEU new built.

IQAX continued to provide and support a stable and reliable platform for GSBN. To ensure compliance to both Global and China regulatory requirements, IQAX have passed the ISO/EC 27001 surveillance audit and recognising in "Information security technology – Baseline for classified protection of cybersecurity". The IQAX Electronic Bills-of-Lading solution was successfully rolled out, processed over 100,000 eBLs in 2023 covering not only Container shipments, but also Bulk shipments. IQAX continues to work with GSBN to establish strategic partnerships with other stakeholders in the global trade community to drive innovations in De-carbonisation and Digital Trade. IQAX also furthered the strategic relationship with Boxplus and launched IBOX Reefer to capitalise on the fast growing Reefer market. In addition, Boxplus and IQAX are entering the pilot stage with strategic customers on IoT solutions for general cargos.

PROPERTY

Based on an independent valuation as at 31st December 2023, Wall Street Plaza was valued downwards by US\$20.0 million, reflecting an assessed market value of US\$250.0 million. Taking into consideration of US\$1.4 million capital expenditures on the building in 2023, the fair value loss for 2023 has come to US\$21.4 million. As at 31st December 2022, Wall Street Plaza was valued at US\$270.0 million.



Corporate Responsibility



The Group recognises that businesses must take responsibility for their industry's effects on the environment. Our company is dedicated to meeting the needs of the present without compromising those of the future.



The Group prides itself upon being a responsible corporate citizen and it employs the highest standards of business ethics in all that it does. Headed by a senior management Steering Committee and a Global Security, Safety and Environment Care Officer, the Group embraces the core values of Corporate Social Responsibility at all levels.

The Group places the utmost importance on environmental care and community support. We continue to address the long-term threat of climate change. We strive to play our part in tackling this global problem through engagement with organisations such as the Business Environment Council, Clean Cargo and the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network. Throughout the year, the Group has won awards and accolades for its environmental performance, and OOIL Group employees around the world have been actively supporting their local communities through various environmental initiatives.



The Group is dedicated to promoting sustainable business practices in the supply chain. Our Corporate Sustainable Procurement Policy has been implemented in every aspect of our business and at every stage of the supply chain. For example, under our vendor and supplier selection mechanism, a self-assessment of the potential contractor must be completed to confirm their compliance to our Safety, Security, Environmental and Social Guidelines, where on-site verification of their facilities may be conducted if deemed necessary. Once compliance is confirmed we would review and work with our vendors to ensure compliance levels are maintained.

In addition, the OOCL Carbon Calculator is designed to assist OOCL customers measure CO₂ emissions in their supply chains. The scope of the calculator spans across vessels, trucks, feeders, and rail with over 70,000 port pairs recorded. OOCL partnered with the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The Calculator has been checked and verified for its methodology, accuracy and carbon footprint calculations by The American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) Consulting.



OUR ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

The Group recognises that businesses must take responsibility for their industry's effects on the environment. Our company is dedicated to meeting the needs of the present without compromising those of the future. We encourage sustainable economic development through innovative environmental care measures and believe that by taking a proactive role in caring for the environment, we can help minimise our carbon footprint, improve air quality and make the world a better place to live for ourselves and future generations.

We actively participate in green programmes and have received recognition for our achievements and best practices, including:

The Safety, Quality and Environmental (SQE) Management System Certificate – OOCL was the first container shipping line in the world to have achieved the SQE certification which consolidates the ISM-Code, ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 requirements.

Vessel Speed Reduction Programs – Each year, OOCL has been fully compliant to reducing vessel speed when entering the Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles harbours, also in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Southern California Regions. Our efforts have effectively contributed to improving the air quality by reducing emissions such as smog forming nitrogen oxides NO_x, diesel particulate matter and greenhouse gases. Port officials estimate that if all vessels comply with the Program, the amount of NO_x produced by container ships would be reduced by nearly 550 tons a year.

Ballast Water Management Programme – All container ships discharge ballast water, which can contain organisms that may be harmful to other environments. We have a policy of exchanging ballast water only in the open sea (200 nautical miles away from the nearest coastline) to achieve zero ballast water exchange when berthed at the port. OOCL's new buildings are already equipped with an IMO approved Ballast Water Treatment System to effectively treat ballast water before discharging.



Hong Kong Green Organisation Certification (HKGOC) – The HKGOC aims to benchmark the performance of “green” organisations to encourage them to sustain their various environmental best practices. It also presents organisations with the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to improve different aspects of their environmental performance. In appreciation of our efforts towards environmental protection, OOCL was given the status of “Hong Kong Green Organisation” (HKGOC) by the Environmental Campaign Committee (ECC) from being a winner in the Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence (HKAEE).

Wastewi\$e Certificate – OOCL also received environmental recognition for our participation and performance in the Wastewi\$e Certificate under the Hong Kong Green Organisation Certification (HKGOC). In order to be granted with the Wastewi\$e Certificate, participants must successfully implement all applicable Mandatory Measures and a proportion of all non-Mandatory Measures of the four categories. The four categories of measures include Guidelines/Action Plan/Training, Waste Avoidance, Recycling and Green Procurement.

Stop Shipping Shark, Whale, Dolphin, Their Related Products and Hunting Trophies – OOCL is committed to our policy that bookings for whale, shark, dolphin, and their related products will not be accepted. OOCL has also ceased to ship hunting trophies. These policies show our commitment in supporting the global effort to curb the trade of at-risk, endangered and protected species.

Qualship 21 – Offered by the US Coast Guard, the Qualship 21 programme recognises high-quality ships for their excellent safety and antipollution standards and encourages quality operations. Most of OOCL's vessels calling the US have already been Qualship 21 certified since 2004, and some vessels also received the E-Zero designation on their Qualship 21 certificate which is an additional programme to recognise those exemplary vessels that have consistently adhered to environmental compliance.

Environmental Data Verification – OOCL has been taking a leadership role in building our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) profile to tackle a wider spectrum of environmental challenges we face across the industry. Verified by Lloyd’s Register Quality Assurance (LRQA), OOCL adopted the internationally recognised and accepted Clean Cargo Working Group (CCWG) verification standard to check for the carbon dioxide and sulphur oxides emissions of OOCL vessels with high accuracy and transparency. In addition to our work related to vessel emissions, OOCL achieved a limited level of assurance by LRQA for the data published in the Sustainability Report using the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) principles. Upon verification, no material issue regarding the stakeholder inclusivity, materiality, responsiveness and reliability was identified in the environmental, social responsibility and health & safety data for the Sustainability Report.



FTSE4Good Index Series – OOIL has been included in the FTSE4Good Index Series. Created by the global index and data provider FTSE Russell, the FTSE4Good Index Series is designed to measure the performance of companies demonstrating strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices. The FTSE4Good indexes are used by a wide variety of market participants to create and assess responsible investment funds and other products. FTSE Russell evaluations are based on performance in areas such as Corporate Governance, Health & Safety, Anti-Corruption and Climate Change. Businesses included in the FTSE4Good Index Series meet a variety of environmental, social and governance criteria.

Dow Jones Sustainability Indices – OOIL was continuously selected by Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) to become a constituent of Dow Jones Sustainability Asia/Pacific Index (DJSI Asia/Pacific) in December 2023. DJSI Asia/Pacific was designed to measure the performance of Asia-Pacific sustainability leaders and consists of the top performers in their regions. As one of the world’s largest integrated container transportation and logistics services providers, OOIL has consistently taken a leadership role in advancing sustainability, through implementing numerous initiatives to address environmental and business challenges.

S&P Global’s Sustainability Yearbook (China Edition) 2023 – OOIL was listed in S&P Global’s Sustainability Yearbook (China Edition) 2023, and ranked as being in the “Top 1% S&P Global ESG Score (Chinese Corporate)” in its industry. The 88 companies listed in the Yearbook were selected from around 1,600 Chinese companies from 60 industries. Inclusion in the S&P Global’s Sustainability Yearbook (China Edition) 2023 is clear and valuable recognition of OOIL’s outstanding performance in environmental, social, and governance practices and in ESG disclosures. The group will continue to take a leadership role in advancing sustainability and to place ESG at the core of the Group’s value.

OOCL’s Container Vessel Applied Bespoke B24 Biofuel Blend – In November 2023, the successful supply of a B24 biofuel blend to OOCL was announced. The fuel delivery, arranged by a global marine energy solutions provider and supplied by barge, was received by OOCL’s container vessel while at port in Singapore. Fuel delivered was a blend of Used Cooking Oil Methyl Ester (UCOME) and Very Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (VLSFO). As one of our strategies to advance further with the transition towards decarbonisation, OOCL will continue to work closely with our partners and all stakeholders to explore the possibilities of using biofuel and strive for further advancement in our sustainability roadmap.

OOCL Launched Emission Monitor to Monitor Emission Performance on Vessels and E2E Shipment Operation – To proactively measure the emission performance and achieve a sustainable environment, we launched a new emission platform – Emission Monitor. The platform is designed to instantly consolidate the emission information and closely monitor the emission performance of our vessels and end-to-end shipment operation to ensure compliance with IMO CII (Carbon Intensity Indicator) and progress towards decarbonisation. To support our customers in measuring the environmental performance of their shipments and achieving their sustainability goals and decarbonisation targets, the monitor has been extended to serve them with visibility on real-time calculation of CO₂ emission for all confirmed bookings.

Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index – OOIL has been listed as a constituent stock on the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index (“HSSUS”) and the Hang Seng ESG 50 Index. The HSSUS consists of the 30 Hong Kong-listed companies which have the best performance in corporate sustainability, and is an index listed under the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series. The Hang Seng ESG 50 Index includes the top 50 mid- and large-cap Hong Kong-listed companies that perform best in ESG. OOIL has also been included in three climate-related Hang Seng Index (HSI) indexes: HSI ESG Enhanced Index, HSI ESG Enhanced Select Index and Hang Seng Climate Change 1.5°C Target Index. These inclusions recognise the company’s consistent commitments to enhance the integration of international principles into its corporate operations and business activities.

Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program – OOCL participated in the Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program to study how to reduce the cumulative effects of shipping on at-risk whales throughout the southern coast of British Columbia in Canada. During the period of this Program, our vessels voluntarily sailed at slower speeds in the research region. OOCL's commitment and contribution to this Program was an important part of our sustainability work in addressing the "SDG 14: Life Below Water" component of marine life protection and conservation.

OOCL Continued to Participate in 2023 Protecting Blue Whales & Blue Skies Vessel Speed Reduction Program – OOCL continued to participate in 2023 Protecting Blue Whales and Blue Skies – a Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) incentive programme, covering the San Francisco Bay and Southern California regions. It aims to reduce air pollution, fatal ship strikes on whales, and underwater noise, as well as to improve air quality and human health outcomes. In 2022, OOCL proudly achieved the top performance tier – Sapphire level, with an overall 95% of distance traveled at 10 knots or less within the designated VSR Zones during the evaluation period. All financial incentives awarded in 2022 were reinvested in the programme and additional public recognition efforts.

Our Vessels – The best way to reduce harmful emissions in the shipping industry is to reduce the consumption of fuel. For well over a decade OOCL implemented a fuel saving programme including weather routing systems, slow steaming (addition of extra vessels on service loops and travelling at slower speeds), minimising ballast water to help achieve a lighter vessel load, and achieving better trim of ship draughts by good stowage, thereby burning less fuel. By taking these measures, we have reduced our CO₂ emissions by over 45% since 2008. In addition to reducing our emissions, we are able to help our customers achieve a lower carbon footprint in their supply chains.

All our vessels have been installed with environment-friendly NO_x-controlled propulsive engines while advanced slide fuel injection valves are adopted to help reduce NO_x emissions by 30%. All our new buildings are also equipped with Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) Systems, also known as "Cold Ironing", which allows the vessel to use shore supplied electricity instead of burning fuel when at berth. OOCL is fully compliant to the EU, North America and IMO mandated requirements of using 0.1% or lower sulphur content fuel in all SO_x Emission Control Areas (SECA). We are also compliant to the requirements of using 0.1% sulphur content fuel when our vessels are berthed at designated EU ports. We also ensure that the sulphur content of our fuel is well below the IMO prescribed standard of 0.5% when our vessels sail in the high seas with the adoption of both cleaner fuel and scrubber technology.



Our Offices – Our focus is to create and maintain a "paperless office" environment by eliminating the use of faxes and unnecessary paper documents. As a business which has traditionally relied on paper documentation with customers, such as bills of lading and invoices, we have successfully taken innovative measures to effectively reduce our paper consumption.

We have implemented a "reduce, re-use and recycle" campaign in all our offices around the world, encouraging employees to switch off computers after work, powering off copiers and lights after use, and to install energy saving office equipment, such as energy efficient light bulbs. We also have mandatory training for all staff in safety, security and environmental issues, and organise OOCL Green Week every July in offices around the world.

Our Containers – Today, OOCL only uses CFC-free refrigerants for all our refrigerated (reefer) containers. OOCL's newest reefer containers have one of the lowest power consumption in the industry, and we install ThermoKing "EcoPower" gensets for better energy efficiency. All our containers have been applied with waterborne paint and introduced the use of eco-friendly bamboo floorboards instead of using traditional hardwood ones.

The Group's sustainability and environmentally conscious best practices often exceed legal requirements and general industry standards in the countries where it operates. As a responsible and committed member of the international community, the Group will continually strive for further improvements in all aspects of its business.

SECURITY

In a world where global cargo security threats always increase the complexities of the international trade community, OOCL is strongly committed to the security of our operations against possible compromise and to the maintenance of the highest level of compliance in security related areas. From our offices to ports, warehouses, shore facilities and onboard our vessels, we work with the responsible authorities to ensure that every measure is in place to maintain the highest commercial and operational security standards possible at all times, while all employees are educated and regularly updated through security training.

The Group's Corporate Security Policy and internal guidelines comply with the US Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) initiative, EU Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme, and we actively work with various governments and authorities around the world to counter any act that would impinge upon maritime or cargo security. Under our policy, we have internal security checks to all of its holdings and our security profile has been validated by the US Customs and Border Protection agency through physical checks of the offices and facilities of the Group including terminals, warehouses, depots and vessels.

Our company meets the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code), which ensures that security threats are detected and assessed while preventive measures are in place on our vessels and at our port facilities. A designated officer on each ship and at each port facility reports to the Company Security Officer who oversees the security plans, drills and training. With this in place, all our vessels continue to have an exemplary record containing zero breaches of security and clean detention records. In addition, to provide world-class quality and secure information to customers and partners, our Global Data Centre has also achieved and maintained ISO 27001 certification.



OOCL has been certified as a “Partners in Protection” (PIP) carrier by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) Partners in Protection. It is a voluntary programme established by the CBSA to enhance border security, combat organised crime and terrorism, detect and prevent contraband smuggling, and increase awareness of issues to secure the flow of legitimate goods and travellers across the US-Canadian border. OOCL applies anti-piracy measures before our vessels transit through High Risk Areas (HRA). One of the key measures is to maintain a 24-hour, 360-degree anti-piracy visual and radar watch and to deploy additional watch-keepers at the bridge and on deck while transiting the HRA to watch out for suspected pirate vessels. Physical measures are also utilised onboard, such as barbed wires, spikes, and night vision binoculars. Close communication is always maintained between ships and our Fleet Management Department (FMD) office. FMD's 24-hour emergency hotline is always on standby mode in the case of any emergency.

The Cybersecurity Framework implemented in OOCL is based on recognised industry standard, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The Framework sets forth the activities, processes and security measures to protect IT systems, applications, network infrastructure and safeguards the customers, employees and partners data. To boost our employees' knowledge and awareness of cyber security, new initiatives and programmes have been developed to ensure everyone takes part in protecting our assets and become more resilient against such threats. These include an annual cyber security training and mandatory test for all employees, phishing email testing, sophisticated monitoring and protective systems.

We have also received recognition for our achievements and best practices in safety and security, including:

OOCL Once Again Received Outstanding Performance Award from Hong Kong Marine Department – OOCL was delighted to receive the Award for Outstanding Performance in Port State Control Inspection for the year of 2022 from the Hong Kong Marine Department. The award recognises Hong Kong flag ships that have performed outstandingly in port state control inspections, paying tribute to shipping and ship management companies for their excellent work in maintaining fleet quality and their contribution in upholding the reputation of the Hong Kong flag. OOCL is proud to be receiving this award for the fifth time.

OOCL Received AMVER Certificate for Dedication to Lifesaving at Sea – On 18th October, 2023, OOCL was awarded with a Certificate of Merit from United States Coast Guard (USCG) in recognition of its contribution to maritime safety by supporting the Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER) in the previous year. AMVER is a global ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities to arrange for assistance to persons in distress at sea. By supporting this voluntary system, OOCL's vessels contribute to the rescue efforts in case of an emergency at sea and practice cooperation and mutual assistance among seafarers.

OOCL Received Elite Enterprise Partnership Award 2023 from Hong Kong Customs – On 26th October, 2023, OOCL was honoured to be the only shipping company to receive the Elite Enterprise Partnership Award 2023 from Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department. Over the years, there has been close co-operation and connection between our Hong Kong offices and Hong Kong Customs to facilitate legitimate trade and the safety of cargo handling and transportation.

COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION

As a responsible corporate citizen, the Group recognises that the societies in which its employees live and work contribute greatly to the Group's overall success. Care for these communities in which it operates is therefore a major corporate focus. The Group concentrates its community efforts on charity programmes designed to provide well-rounded youth education, charity relief to the needy, and cultural entertainment to the whole community.

OOCL employees across the world are encouraged to give something back to the communities in which they live through charitable activities such as fundraising and volunteering by dedicating their time and efforts to help others in need. Some of the areas of charitable contributions made by the Group and its employees include: education, social services, orphanages, elderly homes, schools, children's hospitals, cancer research, multiple sclerosis, and diabetes research.

Up to 31st December, 2023, a total of fifty-two OOCL vessels participated in the Hong Kong Voluntary Observing Ship (HKVOS) programme organised by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO). The programme aims to gather important marine climatology data to identify prevailing weather conditions for preparing forecasts and warnings to the maritime community.

To recognise our outstanding efforts to help improve maritime safety in 2022, the HKO presented "Diamond Award" to our vessels *OOCL Indonesia*, *OOCL Chicago* and *OOCL Houston* at the HKO annual meeting on 1st December, 2023, also seven "Gold Award" to vessels *OOCL Atlanta*, *OOCL Tokyo*, *OOCL Washington*, *OOCL Seoul*, *OOCL Canada*, *OOCL Beijing* and *OOCL Berlin*. In addition, one of our vessels, *OOCL New Zealand* had been presented the certificate of appreciation for their assistance in deploying drifting buoys in the South China Sea in 2022 to enhance ocean observation during the tropical cyclone season.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS WITH CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

"Customer focus" is one of the core values of the Group. We believe in long-term, mutually beneficial relationships with our customers and strive to help create value for our customers through collaboration to enhance customer competitiveness. This is achieved by seeing things from the customer's perspective, trying to understand their business and anticipate their requirements. All employees are trained to be proactive in meeting customers' expectations and responding with a sense of urgency.

"We Take It Personally" is not just a slogan at OOCL, but also an attitude that all employees are encouraged to adopt in dealing with our customers. Each year we recognise hundreds of employees around the world for displaying initiative and going beyond the call of duty to meet our customers' needs.

It is the Group's policy to maintain a diversified customer base across all geographical regions and trade lanes. A Key Risk Indicator (KRI) of customer concentration was developed and is included in the functional risk dashboards for the Group's liner and logistics businesses which are being monitored on a quarterly basis. Different tolerance limits for the KRI are set for regions, trades and the organisation as a whole. As at the end of 2023, OOCL had approximately 36,343 active customers and the customer concentration was at an acceptable level.

In the Group's relationship with suppliers, we put special emphasis on the supplier selection process in which both quantitative and qualitative factors are considered objectively, independently and openly, according to the Group's highest ethical standards. Pricing is not the Group's primary consideration; instead, the Group focuses its attention on the suppliers' quality service, safety and ethical standards. "Excellence through quality" is another core value of the Group. While we endeavour to provide the best quality service to our customers by setting high standards for ourselves, we demand the same high standards from our suppliers. It is also the Group's policy to maintain a diversified supplier base across all geographical regions.

The Group developed supplier management KRIs to monitor supplier concentration in different regions and poor supplier services. Cases of supplier service failure were shared among employees to alert them to the importance of communicating our expectations to the suppliers and taking the right remedial mitigating actions. As at the end of 2023, OOCL had 20,569 active suppliers and the supplier concentration was at an acceptable level.



EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

As a responsible corporate citizen employing the highest standards of business ethics in all that it does, the Group understands that the process begins with the well treatment of its employees. As a successful corporation, the Group appreciates that its success, growth and performance are attributable to the skills, dedication and teamwork of its employees. It regards people as its greatest asset and takes good care of them.

In the spirit of mutual respect, the Group is an equal opportunity employer with a clearly defined policy, covering areas such as treating all employees with fairness and dignity, promoting the corporate culture of encouraging open and frank communication throughout the organisation, investing in its employees and caring for their hopes and aspirations through people development programmes and education, as well as recognising their efforts and achievements.

People development remains a cornerstone of the corporate culture and enables the effective operation of the Group's career development policy through recruitment and internal promotion. The Group has channelled a great deal of time and effort into its various people development programmes in practical and experiential environments through job rotation, local and overseas job assignments, formal and informal learning and development opportunities and sponsorships for performance enhancement building capacities of employees in support of their growth with the Group. To further enhance practical training and better HQ/Regional cooperation, efforts have been made to initiate more short term cross regional job rotations.

The Group employs an innovative approach to internal communications, employee learning and people development. The Group provides support to its employees to help them deliver what customers need and unleash their potential. The Group has utilised its intranet, called "InfoNet", as a one-stop shop platform for dissemination of company news and business updates while providing its employees with a tool to share knowledge, exchange views and formulate ideas. The Group adopted a wide range of enterprise level collaboration tools. In addition to conventional methods of communication such as email, other tools such as OOCL Wiki, have become very effective in the global sharing of information and knowledge as well as facilitating collaboration amongst colleagues around the world. They also helped support accelerated learning by providing us with the means to leverage resources, ideas and hence solutions. We have also implemented the use of the Microsoft Office 365 cloud-based information platform to further our internal communication.

As at 31st December, 2023, the Group had 11,447 employees (full-time equivalent). Women and men accounted for 54.7% and 45.3% of our onshore workforce respectively. The female representation at senior management level was 40.0%. We strive for maintaining such gender balance within our workforce. Their salary and benefit levels are maintained at competitive levels. Employees are rewarded on a performance related basis within the general policy and framework of the Group's salary and bonus schemes which are regularly reviewed. Other benefits including medical insurance and pension funds are also provided, and social and recreational activities are organised around the world.

In the interest of adhering to the highest ethical standards on an ongoing basis, the Group has formulated a Code of Conduct which serves as a guideline to ensure compliance with all local, national and international legal standards. It helps to preclude any offences under local, national and international laws, breaches of confidentiality and non-disclosure requirements, intellectual property rights infringement, as well as conflicts of interest, acts of bribery, corruption or political contribution, and any other corporate misconduct. The Group has set up procedures to identify, manage and control risks that may have an impact on the business of the Group. The Group's "Whistle Blower Policy" is one of the Group's formalised procedures through which employees can anonymously file reports or register concerns and governs the reporting and investigation of allegations to suspected improper activities.

The Group is an equal opportunity employer with policies not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the grounds of race, colour, religion, creed, age, sex, disability, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status and any other category as guided by local laws and legal regulations.

Financial Review

As at 31st December 2023, the Group had cash and bank balances of US\$6,722.2 million compared with debt obligations of US\$518.9 million repayable in 2024.



Analysis of Consolidated Profit and Loss Account
Summary of Group Results

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Favourable/ (unfavourable) %
Operating revenue by activity:				
Container Transport and Logistics	8,319,049	19,796,285	(11,477,236)	(58%)
Other Activities	24,808	23,903	905	4%
Group operating revenue	8,343,857	19,820,188	(11,476,331)	(58%)
Operating profit/(loss) by activity:				
Container Transport and Logistics	1,417,746	10,090,263	(8,672,517)	(86%)
Other Activities	(12,070)	(11,162)	(908)	(8%)
Group operating profit	1,405,676	10,079,101	(8,673,425)	(86%)
Finance costs	(28,496)	(61,138)	32,642	53%
Share of profit and loss of joint ventures and associated companies	3,381	9,780	(6,399)	(65%)
Profit before taxation	1,380,561	10,027,743	(8,647,182)	(86%)
Taxation	(11,452)	(61,505)	50,053	81%
Profit for the year	1,369,109	9,966,238	(8,597,129)	(86%)

Revenue for 2023 was US\$11,476.3 million less than that of 2022, representing a decrease of 58%. This decrease in revenue is due to the decrease in market freight rates for the core Container Transport and Logistics business. Other revenue, amounting to less than 1% of the Group's revenue for both 2023 and 2022, represented rental income from the Group's investment property, Wall Street Plaza, in New York.

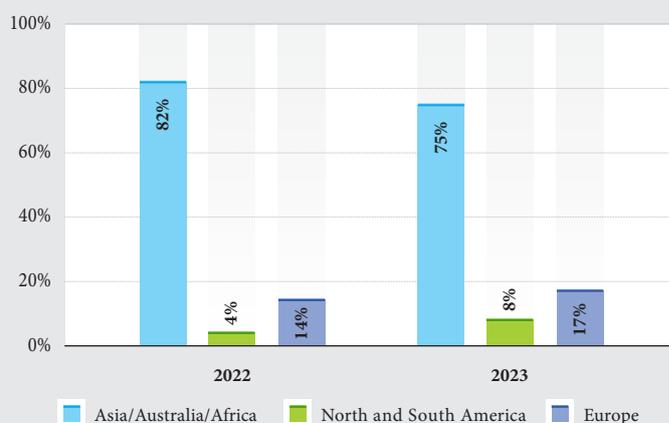
Container Transport and Logistics

Summary of Operating Results

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Favourable/ (unfavourable) %
Liftings (TEUs)	7,338,117	7,129,358	208,759	3%
Revenue per TEU (US\$)	1,027	2,619	(1,592)	(61%)
Operating revenue by location:				
Asia / Australia / Africa	6,241,596	16,165,040	(9,923,444)	(61%)
North and South America	678,518	902,140	(223,622)	(25%)
Europe	1,398,935	2,729,105	(1,330,170)	(49%)
Operating revenue	8,319,049	19,796,285	(11,477,236)	(58%)
Operating costs by items:				
Cargo and logistics costs	(3,113,262)	(4,696,350)	1,583,088	34%
Vessel and voyage costs	(1,987,388)	(2,303,446)	316,058	14%
Bunker cost	(1,175,336)	(1,405,161)	229,825	16%
Equipment and repositioning costs	(897,164)	(975,720)	78,556	8%
Operating costs	(7,173,150)	(9,380,677)	2,207,527	24%
Gross profit	1,145,899	10,415,608	(9,269,709)	(89%)
Business and administrative expenses	(274,690)	(652,139)	377,449	58%
Others	546,537	326,794	219,743	67%
Operating profit	1,417,746	10,090,263	(8,672,517)	(86%)

The Container Transport and Logistics business trades under the “OOCL” name and represents the principal revenue contributor to the Group, accounting for over 99% of the Group’s revenue in 2023. Container Transport and Logistics will continue to be the core business of the Group in which the majority of the Group’s operating assets will be deployed.

Operating Revenue of Container Transport and Logistics



Asia/Australia/Africa

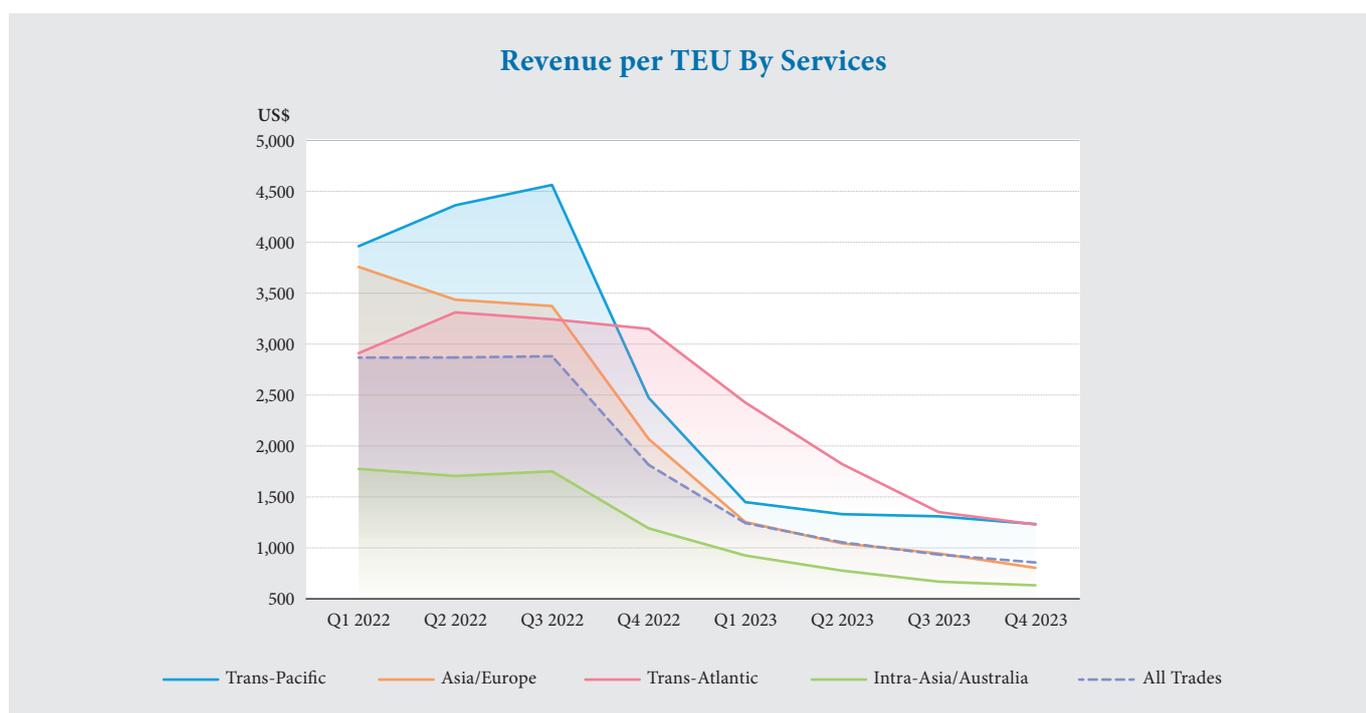
Overall liftings in 2023 from the Asia/Australia/Africa area increased by 3% while revenue dropped by 61% when compared to the previous year. The liftings of Trans-Pacific eastbound services increased by 6%, however, revenue and revenue per TEU decreased by 65% and 67% respectively. Westbound services relating to the Asia/Northern Europe area revenue declined by 74%, with liftings increased by 5%, resulting in 76% decrease in revenue per TEU. Intra-Asia services recorded 53% decline in revenue with 2% decline in liftings, which resulted in 52% decrease in revenue per TEU. As for Australia and New Zealand services, liftings increased by 11%, while revenue and revenue per TEU decreased by 52% and 57% respectively.

North and South America

Overall revenue in 2023 from the North and South America area decreased by 25% when compared to the previous year. Westbound liftings of North America West Coast/Asia services and of US East Coast/Asia services via the Panama Canal increased by 11% compared with last year. Revenue and revenue per TEU fell by 30% and 37% respectively. Eastbound Canada/Northern Europe and US East Coast/Northern Europe services recorded 15% increase in volumes, but revenue and revenue per TEU decreased by 15% and 26% respectively.

Europe

Overall revenue for Europe area was down by 49%. Northern Europe/Asia eastbound services recorded a 41% drop in revenue compared to 2022, with liftings also dropped by 1% and revenue per TEU decreased by 41%. Westbound Trans-Atlantic routes showed a 48% drop in revenue, while liftings rose by 3%. Intra-Europe liftings remained almost unchanged, but revenue dropped by 21%.



Operating Costs

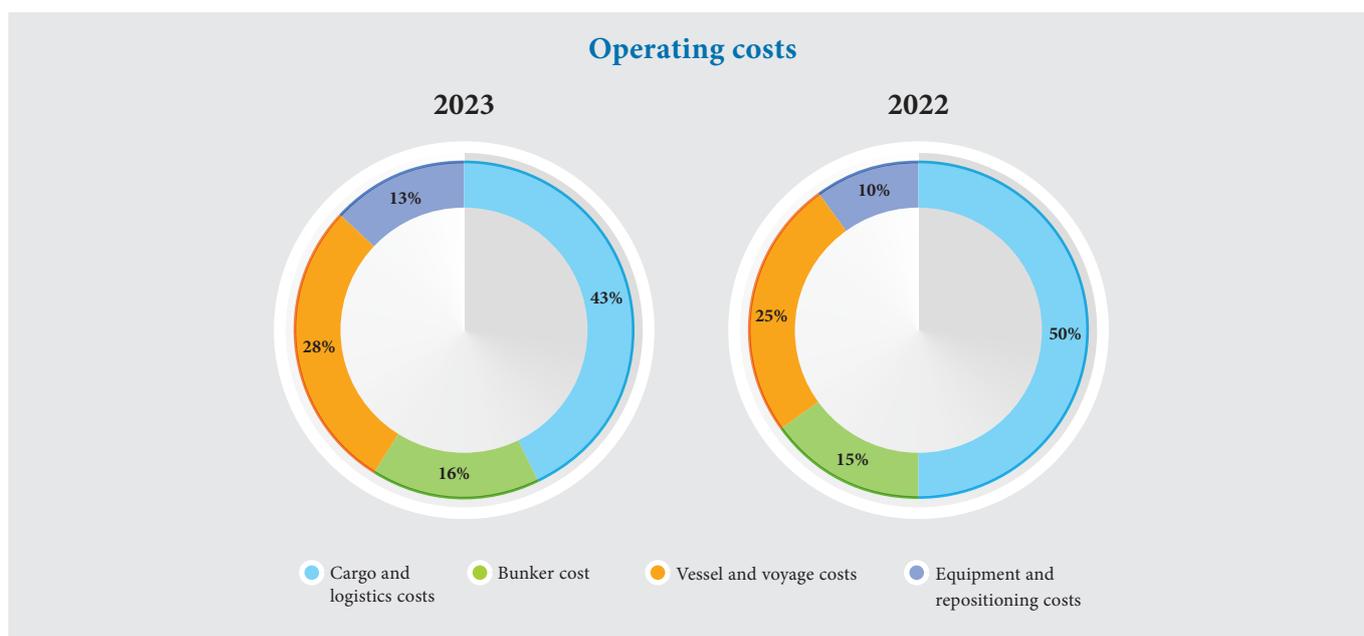
The principal operating costs of the container transport business, including cargo and logistics costs, vessel costs, voyage costs, bunker cost, equipment and repositioning costs, decreased from 2022 mainly as a result of the decrease in most of the operating costs.

Cargo and logistics costs mainly consist of terminal charges, inland transportation costs, commission and brokerage, cargo assessment and freight tax, all of which are largely paid in the local currencies of the areas in which the activities take place. Cargo and logistics costs decreased by 34% against 2022 level.

Voyage costs comprise mainly, port charges, canal dues, cargo claims and insurance. Vessel costs include the operating costs and depreciation charges relating to the OOCL fleet as well as the charter hire and slot hire expenses incurred in order to maintain the scheduled service levels. During 2023, the decrease in vessel and voyage costs was mainly due to the decrease in slot hire expenses as a result of the decrease in prevailing market rates. As a result, total vessel and voyage costs for 2023 decreased by 14% as compared with 2022.

Bunker cost is one of the major cost components of container transport business. Bunker cost decreased from an average of US\$767 per ton in 2022 to an average of US\$608 per ton in 2023, resulting in a decrease in bunker costs by 16% for the year.

Equipment costs mainly represent maintenance and repair costs, rental payments, depot expenses and depreciation charges relating to the fleet of containers equipment, while repositioning costs arise mainly from the relocation of empty containers from areas of low activity to high demand regions. The total equipment and repositioning costs decreased by 8%, mainly due to the alleviation of operation disruptions and terminal congestion problem.



Business and Administrative Expenses

Business and administrative expenses largely comprise staff costs, office expenses, selling and marketing costs, professional fee and information system expenses. Business and administrative expenses decreased by US\$377.4 million, or 58% when compared with 2022 which was mainly due to the decrease in staff cost.

Others

Other items comprising principally interest income from banks, net foreign exchange differences, net gain on the disposal of assets and reversal of impairment of financial assets. Net income for other items in 2023 increased by US\$219.7 million when compared with 2022 mainly due to increase in interest income from banks.

Other Activities

Summary of Operating Results

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Favourable/ (unfavourable) %
Rental income	24,808	23,903	905	4%
Operating costs	(15,373)	(14,931)	(442)	(3%)
Gross profit	9,435	8,972	463	5%
Investment income	3,852	3,979	(127)	(3%)
Interest income	313	26	287	1104%
Loss from investment in Hui Xian	(380)	(1,691)	1,311	78%
Fair value loss on investment property	(21,403)	(16,964)	(4,439)	(26%)
Others	(3,887)	(5,484)	1,597	29%
Operating loss	(12,070)	(11,162)	(908)	(8%)

The Group owns an approximately 600,000 sq ft office and commercial property, Wall Street Plaza, located at 88 Pine Street, New York, USA, an area popularly referred to as the “Wall Street area”. The building was constructed in 1972 and is operated as a multi-tenanted building. Approximately 9,058 sq ft is occupied by Group companies. The Group also invests funds surplus to operations in cash and bank deposit and, on a longer term basis, in equity and bond portfolios.

Operating loss of Other Activities was US\$12.1 million in 2023 as compared to an operating loss of US\$11.2 million in 2022, mainly due to the increase in fair value loss on investment property.

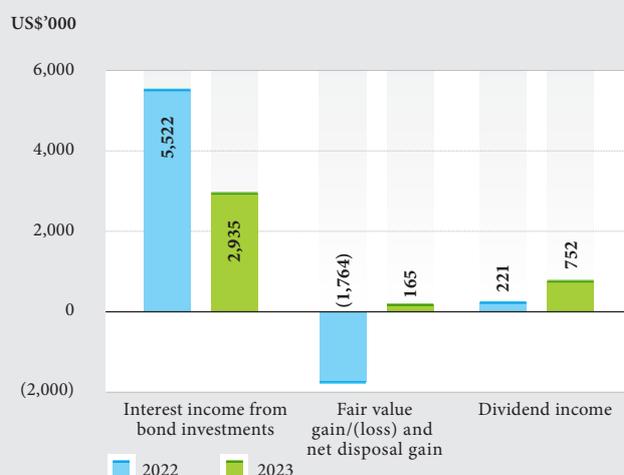
Rental Income

Rental income from Wall Street Plaza was US\$0.9 million higher than that of last year, with an occupancy rate of 77% as at the end of 2023.

Investment Income

Investment activities recorded a profit of US\$3.9 million for the year compared with US\$4.0 million in 2022. Interest income from bond investments amounted to US\$2.9 million for 2023 which was US\$2.6 million lower than last year. The Group recorded a fair value gain of US\$0.2 million compared with a fair value loss of US\$1.8 million in 2022.

Investment Income By Activities



Interest Income

Interest income in 2023 was US\$0.3 million more than that of 2022 as a result of increasing interest rates and bank balances kept in Other Activities.

Loss from Investment in Hui Xian

Loss from investment in Hui Xian decreased by US\$1.3 million to US\$0.4 million in 2023, mainly due to the decrease in fair value loss of Hui Xian REIT.

Fair Value Loss on Investment Property

As at 31st December 2023, the Group's investment property, Wall Street Plaza, was valued at US\$250.0 million by an independent valuer, down from US\$270.0 million as at 31 December 2022. Taking into consideration of the US\$1.4 million capital outlays, the net fair value loss for 2023 was therefore US\$21.4 million, compared with the net fair value loss of US\$17.0 million in 2022.

Others

Other items include business and administration expenses for property management, exchange differences and other miscellaneous items. A favourable change of 29% in other items in 2023 is mainly due to the decrease in leasehold improvement in Wall Street Plaza.

Finance Costs

The Group incurs interest expenses on lease liabilities in 2023. Finance costs also include fees on lease administration. Finance costs in 2023 were US\$28.5 million, which is US\$32.6 million less than that of 2022.

Share of Profit and Loss of Joint Ventures and Associated Companies

Share of profit and loss of joint ventures and associated companies mainly represents the Group's investments in a 20% stake in a terminal in Ningbo and a 49% stake in a liner agency. Other investments include depot and supply chain management company. The share of US\$3.4 million profit and loss from joint ventures and associated companies in 2023 was US\$6.4 million less than that of 2022 mainly due to decrease in share of profits.

Profit before Taxation

Pre-tax profit for the year was US\$1,380.6 million compared with last year of US\$10,027.7 million. The decreased earnings reflected the decrease in prevailing market freight rates in the Container Transport and Logistics segment in 2023.

Earnings before Interest and Tax

EBIT decreased from US\$10,088.9 million in 2022 to US\$1,409.1 million in 2023 and EBIT margin decreased from 50.9% in 2022 to 16.9% in 2023. The lower market freight rates during the current year outweighed the decrease in operating costs, leading to the decrease in profitability for the Group in 2023.

Capital Expenditure

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Increase/ (decrease) %
Container vessels and capitalised dry-docking costs	52,492	406,827	(354,335)	(87%)
Assets under construction	963,367	720,097	243,270	34%
Containers and chassis	3,910	92,291	(88,381)	(96%)
Land and buildings	45,477	16,763	28,714	171%
Computer software	1,351	10,021	(8,670)	(87%)
Investment property	1,403	1,964	(561)	(29%)
Others	88,096	63,228	24,868	39%
	1,156,096	1,311,191	(155,095)	(12%)

Capital expenditure decreased from US\$1,311.2 million in 2022 to US\$1,156.1 million in 2023, mainly due to the decrease in capitalisation of long term chartered vessels and purchases of containers; the decrease was partly offset by increase in payment for assets under construction for the newbuilding projects.

Vessels

No shipbuilding contract was entered during 2023. During 2023, the Group took delivery of six 24,188 TEU vessels. The remaining six units of 24,188 TEU container vessels, ten units of 16,000 TEU container vessels and seven units of 24,000 TEU methanol compatible container vessels ordered in previous years are expected to be delivered between 2024 and 2028.

Review of Consolidated Balance Sheet

Summary of Consolidated Balance Sheet

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Increase/ (decrease) %
Property, plant and equipment	5,607,991	4,696,239	911,752	19%
Right-of-use assets	1,861,705	2,509,695	(647,990)	(26%)
Investment property	250,000	270,000	(20,000)	(7%)
Joint ventures and associated companies	98,305	106,248	(7,943)	(7%)
Intangible assets	7,679	10,805	(3,126)	(29%)
Restricted bank balances	3,843	3,426	417	12%
Portfolio investments and investments at amortised cost	66,339	101,675	(35,336)	(35%)
Accounts receivable and other assets	951,226	1,064,784	(113,558)	(11%)
Other non-current assets	39,909	58,387	(18,478)	(32%)
Cash and bank balances	6,722,188	11,213,902	(4,491,714)	(40%)
TOTAL ASSETS	15,609,185	20,035,161	(4,425,976)	(22%)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(1,750,516)	(3,282,974)	1,532,458	(47%)
Current taxation	(102,605)	(145,556)	42,951	(30%)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TRADING LIABILITIES	13,756,064	16,606,631	(2,850,567)	(17%)
Lease liabilities	1,438,238	2,080,120	(641,882)	(31%)
Deferred liabilities	1,107,463	1,087,613	19,850	2%
Non-controlling interests	3,267	2,900	367	13%
Ordinary shareholders' equity	11,207,096	13,435,998	(2,228,902)	(17%)
CAPITAL EMPLOYED	13,756,064	16,606,631	(2,850,567)	(17%)
Debt to equity ratio	0.13	0.15		
Net cash to equity ratio	0.47	0.68		
Accounts payable as a % of revenue	20.98	16.56		
Accounts receivable as a % of revenue	8.91	4.41		
% return on average ordinary shareholders' equity	11.10	86.26		
Net asset value attributable to equity holders of the Company per ordinary share (US\$)	16.97	20.35		
Cash and bank balances per ordinary share (US\$)	10.18	16.98		
Share price at 31st December (US\$)	13.97	18.08		
Price to book ratio based on share price at 31st December	0.82	0.89		

Property, Plant and Equipment and Right-of-Use Assets

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Increase/ (decrease) %
Container vessels and capitalised dry-docking costs	4,568,459	4,147,989	420,470	10%
Containers and chassis	1,541,974	1,702,703	(160,729)	(9%)
Land and buildings	120,781	115,113	5,668	5%
Assets under construction	1,103,583	1,117,986	(14,403)	(1%)
Others	134,899	122,143	12,756	10%
	7,469,696	7,205,934	263,762	4%

Container Transport and Logistics remains the core business of the Group and the one in which majority of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are deployed. These assets largely comprise container vessels, containers and assets under construction.

The increase in balance in 2023 was mainly due to the payments made for the newbuilding projects.

Investment Property

Investment property represents the Group's commercial building, Wall Street Plaza, in New York. The building was valued at US\$250.0 million as at the end of 2023 by an independent valuer (2022: US\$270.0 million).

Joint Ventures and Associated Companies

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Increase/ (decrease) %
Joint ventures	9,906	9,916	(10)	(0%)
Associated companies	88,399	96,332	(7,933)	(8%)
	98,305	106,248	(7,943)	(7%)

The decrease in the investment in joint ventures and associated companies was mainly due to share of losses of associated companies and dividend received.

Cash and Bank Balances

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Increase/ (decrease) %
Container Transport and Logistics	6,458,283	11,197,916	(4,739,633)	(42%)
Other Activities	263,905	15,986	247,919	1551%
	6,722,188	11,213,902	(4,491,714)	(40%)

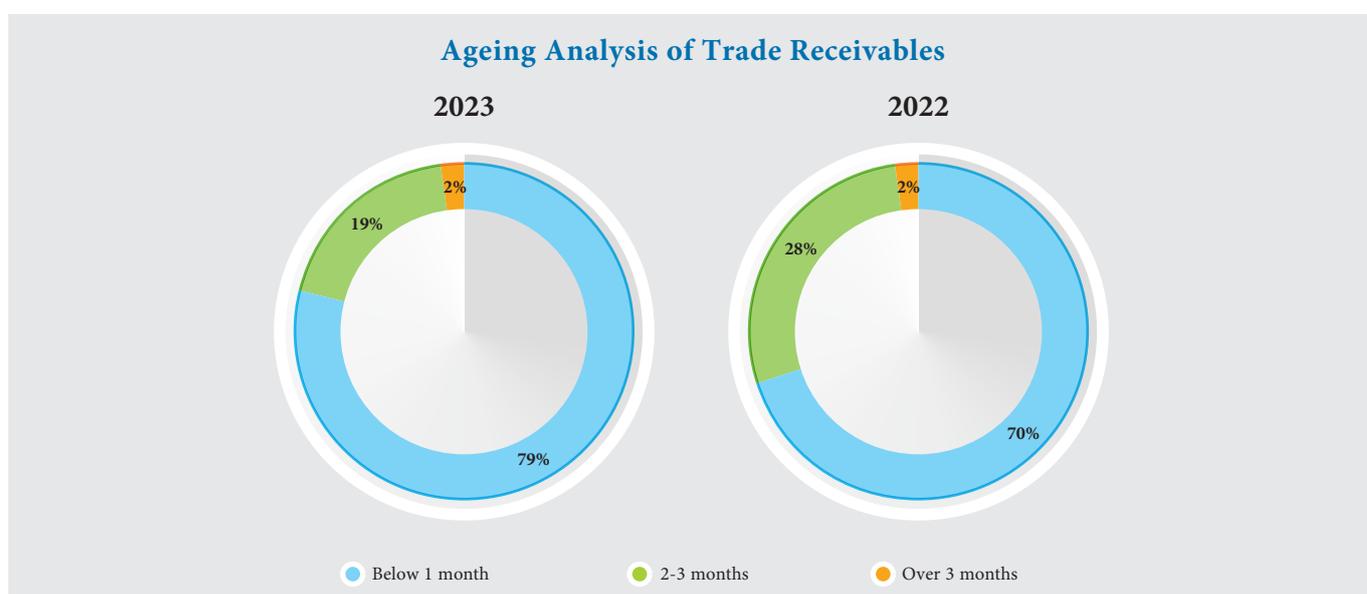
Cash and bank balances decreased by US\$4,491.7 million to US\$6,722.2 million at the end of 2023, mainly due to the payment of dividends and the purchase of property, plant and equipment during the year.

Accounts Receivable and Other Assets

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Increase/ (decrease) %
Container Transport and Logistics	935,833	1,048,479	(112,646)	(11%)
Other Activities	15,393	16,305	(912)	(6%)
	951,226	1,064,784	(113,558)	(11%)

Accounts receivable and other assets decreased by US\$113.6 million to US\$951.2 million at the end of 2023, mainly due to decrease in debtor balance as a result of the lower freight rates.

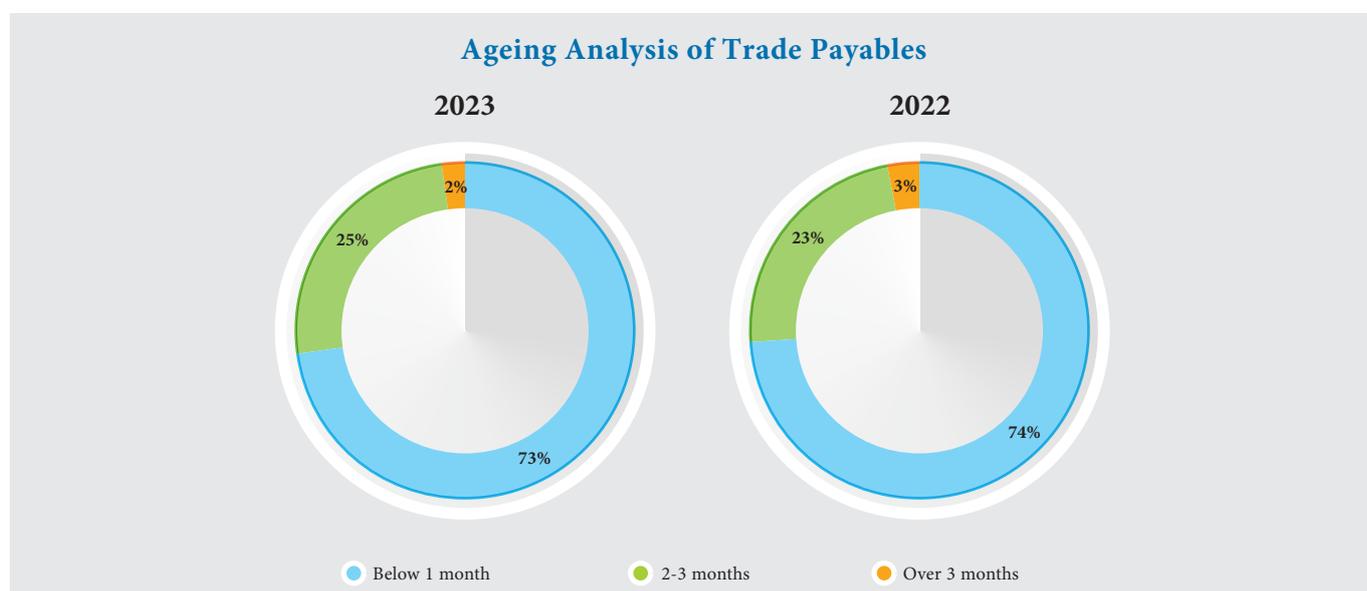
Ageing Analysis of Trade Receivables



Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Increase/ (decrease) %
Container Transport and Logistics	1,744,557	3,276,593	(1,532,036)	(47%)
Others Activities	5,959	6,381	(422)	(7%)
	1,750,516	3,282,974	(1,532,458)	(47%)

Accounts payable and other liabilities at the end of 2023 were US\$1,532.5 million lower than that of 2022, mainly in line with the decrease in cost accruals.



Total Debt

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Increase/ (decrease) %
Lease liabilities	1,438,238	2,080,120	(641,882)	(31%)

Lease liabilities decreased by US\$641.9 million compared with 2022, mainly as a result of repayment of lease liabilities during the year.

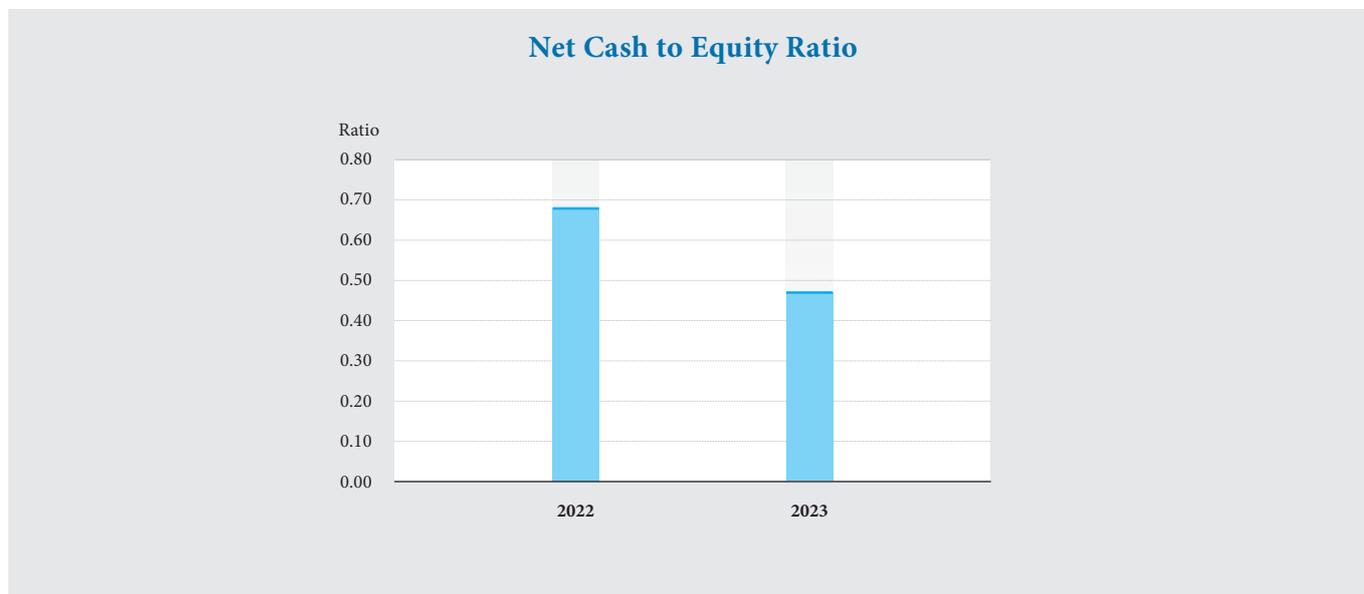
Total scheduled debt repayment between 2024 and 2028 is US\$1,378.4 million, being equivalent to 96% of the total outstanding debt as at 31st December 2023. Details of the repayment profile of the Group's lease liabilities are set out in Note 35 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Debt Profile

Of the total US\$1,438.2 million debt outstanding at the end of 2023, US\$954.0 million was fixed-rate debt and the remaining US\$484.2 million was subject to floating interest rates at various competitive spreads over three-month SOFR (or equivalent) and mainly related to the financing of vessels and container equipment. The Group's average cost of debt at 31st December 2023 was 4.3% (2022: 3.9%).

Net Cash to Equity Ratio

This ratio decreased from 0.68 in 2022 to 0.47 in 2023 mainly because of the net cash outflow recorded during the current year. This ratio will be closely monitored in the light of business forecasts.



Shareholders' Equity

As at 31st December 2023, the Company had 660,373,297 shares in issue, consisting entirely of ordinary shares. With dividend distributed during the year, the Group's consolidated shareholders' equity decreased by US\$2,228.9 million to US\$11,207.1 million as at the end of 2023 with a net asset value attributable to equity holders of the Company per ordinary share of US\$16.97 (2022: US\$20.35). Return on average ordinary shareholders' equity is a key measure for the Group's objective to continuously enhance shareholders' value. This ratio decreased from 86.26% to 11.10% in 2023, which is mainly due to the deterioration of the profitability of the core Container Transport and Logistics business as a result of the lower freight rates in 2023.

Operating Leases and Commitments

In addition to the owned operating assets and long-term leases, the Group employs assets through short-term operating lease arrangements as detailed in Note 38(b) to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Assets under short-term operating lease arrangements consist primarily of containers.

As at the end of 2023, the Group had outstanding capital commitments amounting to US\$3,211.0 million, representing mostly the commitments for the newbuilding projects.

Analysis of Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents

US\$'000	2023	2022	Change	Favourable/ (unfavourable) %
Net cash from operating activities	617,196	11,253,014	(10,635,818)	(95%)
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(4,640,721)	1,420,073	(6,060,794)	N/M
Net cash used in financing activities	(4,294,912)	(7,115,228)	2,820,316	40%
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(8,318,437)	5,557,859	(13,876,296)	N/M
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	9,463,902	3,940,809	5,523,093	140%
Currency translation adjustments	(16,255)	(34,766)	18,511	53%
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	1,129,210	9,463,902	(8,334,692)	(88%)

A net outflow of US\$8,318.4 million was recorded in 2023 compared with a net inflow of US\$5,557.9 million in 2022. Operating inflow of US\$617.2 million for the year was US\$10,635.8 million lower than that of 2022 with lower freight rates. The net decrease in financing cash outflow was mainly due to the decrease in repayment of bank loans and dividends paid to shareholders during the year. Total cash and cash equivalents decreased to US\$1,129.2 million at the end of 2023, against US\$9,463.9 million in 2022. Details of the consolidated cash flow statement is set out on page 109 of the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Liquidity

As at 31st December 2023, the Group had cash and bank balances of US\$6,722.2 million compared with debt obligations of US\$518.9 million repayable in 2024. Total current assets at the end of 2023 amounted to US\$7,690.3 million against total current liabilities of US\$2,372.0 million. The Group has no loan capital. The Group from time to time prepares and updates cashflow forecasts for asset acquisitions, to serve project development requirements, as well as working capital needs, from time to time with the objective of maintaining a proper balance between a conservative liquidity level and an effective investment of surplus funds.

Board of Directors



Wan Min

Mr. Wan, aged 55, has been the Chairman of the Board and an Executive Director of the Company, and the chairman of the Executive Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Company since 6th December 2021.

Mr. Wan graduated from Shanghai Maritime University (formerly Shanghai Maritime College) majoring in Transportation Management and Engineering. He also holds a master degree in Business Administration from Shanghai Jiao Tong University and is an engineer. Mr. Wan is currently the chairman of the board and the Party Secretary of China COSCO SHIPPING Corporation Limited (“COSCO SHIPPING”), and the chairman of the board and an executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd. (“COSCO SHIPPING Holdings”, a company listed in both Shanghai and Hong Kong).

Mr. Wan had been the general manager and Deputy Party Secretary of COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. (“COSCO SHIPPING Lines”, formerly COSCO Container Lines Co., Ltd.), executive vice president and Party Committee member of China Ocean Shipping Company Limited (formerly China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company), director of the board, president and Deputy Party Secretary of COSCO SHIPPING, chairman of the board and a non-executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings, and chairman of the board of China Tourism Group Co., Ltd. Mr. Wan has over 30 years of experience in corporate management, and has extensive expertise in shipping and tourism business management.



Chen Yangfan

Mr. Chen (former name: Yang Fan), aged 48, has been an Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, a member of the Executive Committee and the chairman of the Inside Information Committee, the Risk Committee and the Strategic Development Committee of the Company since 25th October 2023, and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company since 5th December 2023.

Mr. Chen graduated from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom with a master degree in Telecommunications and Information Systems and is an engineer. He is currently the executive vice president and a Party Committee member of COSCO SHIPPING, and the vice chairman of the board and an executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings (a company listed in both Shanghai and Hong Kong).

Mr. Chen had been the general manager of the international business center, the deputy general manager of the group customer center, and the general manager of the product innovation department and the internet business operation department of Shanghai branch of China United Network Communications Limited (a company listed in Shanghai), a manager of the first division and the third division, a deputy general manager and a general manager of the product innovation department, a general manager of the information security department, the internet operation department and the industrial internet product center, and a senior vice president of the government and enterprise customer business group at the headquarters of China United Network Communications Group Co., Ltd., and the Party Secretary and the general manager of the Guizhou branch of China United Network Communications Limited. Mr. Chen has 25 years of experience in information technology and enterprise management, with extensive experience in information technology, internet and digital operation management. He has been the executive vice president and a Party Committee member of COSCO SHIPPING since November 2021.



Yang Zhijian

Mr. Yang, aged 59, has been an Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, the Inside Information Committee and the Risk Committee of the Company since 18th September 2019, and a member of the Strategic Development Committee of the Company since 21st May 2021. He has been a director, the co-chief executive officer and a member of the executive committee of Orient Overseas Container Line Limited (“OOCL”, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) since 18th September 2019. Mr. Yang has been re-designated from the co-chief executive officer to the chief executive officer of OOCL since 1st January 2020 and appointed as the chairman of the board and the executive committee of OOCL since 28th February 2020. He is also a director of certain principal subsidiaries of the Company.

Mr. Yang holds an executive master degree in Business Administration from Shanghai Maritime University and is an economist. Mr. Yang is currently the employee representative director of COSCO SHIPPING, the general manager, an executive director and the Party Secretary of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings (a company listed in both Shanghai and Hong Kong), an executive director and the chairman of the board of COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited (“COSCO SHIPPING Ports”, a company listed in Hong Kong), the chairman of the board and the Party Secretary of COSCO SHIPPING Lines, and a director of Faulkner Global Holdings Limited.

Mr. Yang had been the head of ocean transportation division of Shanghai Ocean Shipping Co., Ltd., the head of corporate planning division, the deputy general manager of marketing department, the general manager of the trade service division, the general manager of the Asia-Pacific trade division and the general manager of COSCO SHIPPING Lines, the deputy general manager of Hong Kong Ming Wah Shipping Co., Ltd., the general manager, the Deputy Party Secretary and the chairman of the board of Shanghai PANASIA Shipping Co., Ltd., an assistant to the general manager and the deputy general manager of COSCO SHIPPING Logistics Co., Ltd., the deputy general manager, the general manager and the Deputy Party Secretary of COSCO SHIPPING Bulk Co., Ltd. Mr. Yang has over 30 years of experience in the maritime industry and has extensive experience in container shipping, logistics and bulk shipping.



Tung Lih Cheung Andrew

Mr. Tung, aged 59, has been a Non-Executive Director of the Company since 1st January 2020. He is a member of the Finance Committee, the Inside Information Committee and the Risk Committee of the Company. He has been an advisor to the chief executive officer of OOCL since 1st January 2020.

Mr. Tung holds a bachelor degree from Princeton University and a master degree in Business Administration from Stanford University in the USA. Mr. Tung is currently a managing partner of QBN Management Limited. He is also an independent non-executive director of Cathay Pacific Airways Limited (a company listed in Hong Kong) and Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, a member of the Chief Executive’s Council of Advisers of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the vice chairman of China-United States Exchange Foundation.

Mr. Tung was an Executive Director of the Company from 2nd November 2011 to 31st December 2019. He was a director and a member of the executive committee of OOCL from March 2006 to 31st December 2019. He was the chief executive officer and senior managing director of OOCL from 1st July 2012 to 2nd August 2018, and had been re-designated as the co-chief executive officer of OOCL since 3rd August 2018 until 31st December 2019. He was also a director of various subsidiaries of the Company. Between 1993 and 1998, he served the Group in various capacities including director of reefer trade of OOCL.



Gu Jinshan

Mr. Gu, aged 62, has been a Non-Executive Director and a member of the Nomination Committee and the Risk Committee of the Company since 5th December 2023.

Mr. Gu holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Road Engineering from Tongji University and a master degree in Business Administration for Senior Executives from Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and is a professor-level senior engineer. He is currently the Party Secretary and the chairman of the board of Shanghai International Port (Group) Co., Ltd., a non-executive director of Bank of Shanghai Co., Ltd. (both companies are listed in Shanghai), and the Party Secretary and an executive director of Shanghai Tongsheng Investment (Group) Co., Ltd.

Mr. Gu had been the president and the Deputy Party Secretary of Shanghai Municipal Engineering Design Institute, the Director of the Development and Planning Division and of the Development, Planning, Technology and Education Division of Shanghai Municipal Commission of Construction and Management, the Deputy Director-General of Shanghai Water Affairs Authority, the deputy general manager of Shanghai Chengtong Group Corporation, the Director-General and the Party Secretary of Shanghai Water Affairs Authority (Shanghai Municipal Oceanic Bureau), the Deputy Secretary of the Party Committee of Shanghai Development and Transportation Working Committee, the Director-General of the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government.



Wang Dan

Ms. Wang, aged 54, has been a Non-Executive Director and a member of the Risk Committee of the Company since 3rd August 2018.

Ms. Wang holds a master degree in International Finance from Tsinghua University PBC School of Finance (formerly the Graduate School of the People's Bank of China). Ms. Wang is the executive vice president of Silk Road Fund Co., Ltd. ("SRF") and a non-executive director of SIBUR Holding (a public joint stock company in Russia with its bonds traded at Moscow Exchange and Irish Stock Exchange).

Ms. Wang worked at the international department and the monetary policy department II of the People's Bank of China ("PBOC"), and also served as an advisor to the executive director for China of PBOC at the International Monetary Fund. Before joining SRF, she served as the deputy director-general of the monetary policy department II of PBOC.



Ip Sing Chi

Mr. Ip, aged 70, has been a Non-Executive Director and a member of the Risk Committee of the Company since 3rd August 2018.

Mr. Ip holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Coventry University. He is currently the group managing director of Hutchison Port Holdings Limited and the chairman of Yantian International Container Terminals Limited. He is also an executive director of Hutchison Port Holdings Management Pte. Limited (the trustee-manager of Hutchison Port Holdings Trust listed in Singapore), a non-executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Development Co., Ltd. (a company listed in both Shanghai and Hong Kong) and a non-independent non-executive director of Westports Holdings Berhad (a company listed in Malaysia).

Mr. Ip was the founding chairman (in 2000-2001) of the Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association Limited, and he had been an independent non-executive director of Piraeus Port Authority S.A. (a company listed in Athens). Mr. Ip has over 40 years of experience in the maritime industry.



Chow Philip Yiu Wah

Mr. Chow, aged 76, has been an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company since 2nd January 2015. He is the chairman of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Nomination Committee, the Finance Committee, the Share Committee and the Risk Committee of the Company.

Mr. Chow holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Physics from the University of Hong Kong and a master degree in Business Administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He did not hold directorships in any other public companies listed in Hong Kong or overseas in the last 3 years.

Mr. Chow was an Executive Director of the Company from 1st December 2003 to 30th June 2012, a Non-Executive Director of the Company from 1st July 2012 to 1st January 2015 and a consultant of the Company from 1st July 2012 to 31st December 2014.



Chung Shui Ming Timpson

Dr. Chung, GBS, JP, aged 72, has been an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company since 3rd August 2018. He is the chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Strategic Development Committee of the Company.

Dr. Chung holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Hong Kong, a master degree in Business Administration from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a honorary doctoral degree in Social Sciences from the City University of Hong Kong. He is a fellow member of The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Dr. Chung is currently an independent non-executive director of China Everbright Limited, China Overseas Grand Oceans Group Limited, China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited, Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited (all companies are listed in Hong Kong); and China Railway Group Limited and Postal Savings Bank of China Co., Ltd. (companies listed in both Shanghai and Hong Kong).

Dr. Chung had been an audit supervisor I of Coopers & Lybrand, an independent non-executive director of China Construction Bank Corporation (a company listed in both Shanghai and Hong Kong), an independent director of China State Construction Engineering Corporation Limited (a company listed in Shanghai), an independent non-executive director of Glorious Sun Enterprises Limited (a company listed in Hong Kong) and Jinmao Hotel and Jinmao (China) Hotel Investments and Management Limited (a company listed in Hong Kong until 5th October 2020), an external director of COSCO SHIPPING, the chairman of China business of Jardine Fleming Holdings Limited and the deputy chief executive officer of BOC International Limited. Dr. Chung was also a member of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

Dr. Chung is currently a pro-chancellor of the City University of Hong Kong. He had also served many public organisations, including the chairman of the Council of the City University of Hong Kong, the chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Society and a member of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.



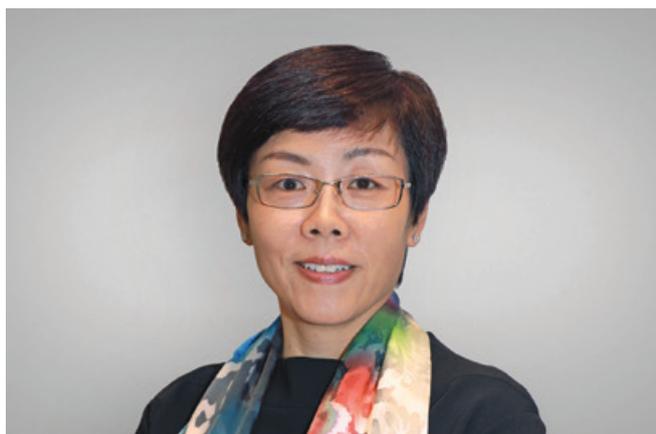
Yang Liang Yee Philip

Mr. Yang, aged 75, has been an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company since 3rd August 2018. He is the chairman of the Share Committee and a member of the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Strategic Development Committee of the Company.

Mr. Yang is currently an independent non-executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Ports (a company listed in Hong Kong). He is a full time arbitrator in international commercial and maritime arbitration, the honorary chairman of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, a member of the international advisory board of China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission and the expert committee of China International Commercial Court of the Supreme People's Court of China, and council member of Shanghai Arbitration Commission and chairman of SHAC-Academy.

Mr. Yang had been an independent non-executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings (a company listed in both Shanghai and Hong Kong), the chairman of Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, the vice chairman of the documentary committee of the Baltic and International Maritime Council in Denmark, the president of Asia-Pacific Regional Arbitration Group, the Hong Kong representative of ICC International Court of Arbitration, the chairman of the East Asia branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and a member of the Advisory Council of the Asian International Arbitration Centre and the general committee of Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration.

Mr. Yang has extensive experience in dealing with cases related to international commercial, maritime and trade law and is very familiar with laws and practice in such areas. He acts as an arbitrator in thousands of cases in Hong Kong, London, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia, Austria, Korea, the USA and Mainland China during the past over 30 years. He has also published many books and articles on international commercial, maritime and trade law and practice. Mr. Yang also devoted himself to the educational activities in various law schools in Hong Kong and Mainland China and is a visiting professor in more than 10 universities.



Chen Ying

Ms. Chen, aged 53, has been an Independent Non-Executive Director and a member of the Audit Committee, the Finance Committee and the Share Committee of the Company since 3rd August 2018.

Ms. Chen holds a master degree in Business Administration from Fudan University, a master degree in Business Administration, major in Finance, from Maastricht College in the Netherlands and graduated from the School of Finance of Renmin University of China. She is a certified public accountant in Australia, CIMA (registered management accountant) and a senior accountant in China. Ms. Chen is an external director of COSCO SHIPPING Lines, an independent director of Pingdingshan Tianan Coal Mining Co., Ltd., China Shipbuilding Industry Company Limited, Shanghai Rural Commercial Bank Co., Ltd. (all 3 companies are listed in Shanghai) and Broad Asset Management Co., Ltd.

Ms. Chen had been the vice chairman of Shanghai Chongyang Investment Co., Ltd. from March 2016 to June 2018. During the period from 1993 to 2016, she had been the deputy general manager and the secretary of the board of directors of Baoshan Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., the secretary of the board of directors, the assistant to the general manager and the deputy general manager of Baosteel Group Co., Ltd. Ms. Chen was also an independent director of Changzhou Fusion New Material Co., Ltd.

Ms. Chen has more than 20 years of experience in financial management of large enterprises, more than 10 years of experience as top executives in the top 500 companies in the world and has extensive experience in corporate finance and accounting management, capital market communication, corporate governance, internal control and risk management.



So Gregory Kam Leung

Mr. So, GBS, JP, aged 65, has been an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company since 17th May 2019. He is a member of the Audit Committee and the Strategic Development Committee of the Company.

Mr. So holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Carleton University, Canada and a bachelor degree in Law and a master degree in Business Administration from the University of Ottawa, Canada. Mr. So became a member of the Law Society of Alberta, Canada in June 1985, a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada in November 1988, a member of the Law Society (England and Wales) in January 1989 and a member of the Hong Kong Law Society in March 1989. Since 1984, Mr. So provided legal services in Canada. He continued his legal practice upon returning to Hong Kong in 1989 and has over 27 years of practice experience as a lawyer. Mr. So is currently an independent non-executive director of China Overseas Property Holdings Limited, Shui On Land Limited (both companies are listed in Hong Kong) and Investcorp Holdings B.S.C. (a company listed in Bahrain until 12th July 2021), and is a consultant in So, Lung and Associates, Solicitors.

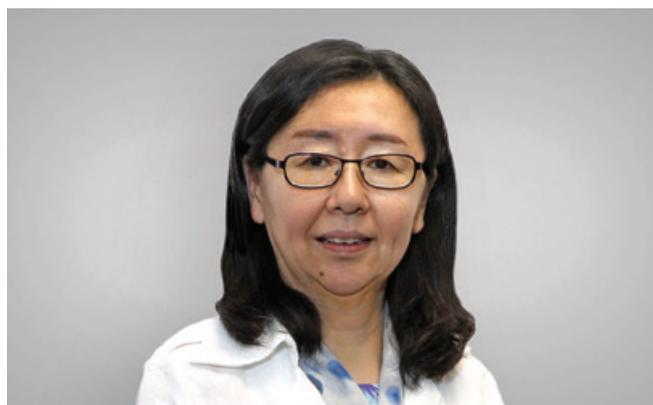
Mr. So was appointed as the Undersecretary for the Commerce and Economic Development of the third term Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 1st June 2008, the Secretary for the Commerce and Economic Development on 28th June 2011 and was again appointed as the Secretary for the Commerce and Economic Development of the fourth term Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 1st July 2012 until 30th June 2017. The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau is responsible for various policy matters including Hong Kong's external commercial relations, inward investment promotion, intellectual property protection, industry and business support, tourism, consumer protection, competition, information technology, telecommunications, broadcasting, development of innovation and technology (until November 2015), and film and creative industries related issues. Mr. So had been an independent non-executive director of Blue Insurance Limited (formerly Aviva Life Insurance Company Limited) and Shui On Xintiandi Limited, an advisor of Superland Group Holdings Limited (a company listed in Hong Kong), the vice-chairman of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, a board member of Hong Kong Hospital Authority, a council member of Lingnan University, a member of Commission on Strategic Development and a member of the District Council of Wong Tai Sin District.

Senior Management



Kenny Ye

Mr. Ye, aged 60, has been a Director of OOCL since June 2018 and a member of Executive Committee since November 2015. He was appointed Chief Operating Officer of OOCL in January 2020 and Director of Office of Chief Executive Officer, Corporate Human Resources, Marine Operations Center, Space and Traffic Control Center and Fleet Management in August 2020. He joined the Group in 1994 and has served the Group for 29 years. Following his assignment in Shanghai, he was transferred to Hong Kong in 2004 and has served the Group in various capacities, including as Director of Asia-Europe Trade, Director of Intra-Asia Trade and Chief Executive Officer of OOCL Logistics. Mr. Ye holds a Diploma of Accounting in Lixin Accounting Institute (currently known as Shanghai Lixin University of Commerce) and a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University.



Xiang Chen

Ms. Chen, aged 60, has been a Director and a member of Executive Committee of OOCL since August 2018. She was appointed Director of Corporate Strategy Development and the Chief Executive Officer of OOCL Logistics in August 2020. She started her career in 1985 and served successively as Deputy Manager, Manager, Deputy General Manager of Marketing Division, General Manager of Business Process and System Division of COSCO Container Lines Co., Ltd. She was the Deputy Managing Director of COSCO Container Lines Co., Ltd., the Deputy Managing Director of COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd., and the Deputy Managing Director of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd. Ms. Chen graduated from Shanghai Maritime University, majoring in Transportation and Management. She holds a Master's degree and the qualification of Senior Economist.



Shuai Chen

Mr. Chen, aged 49, has been a Director and a member of Executive Committee of OOCL since October 2019. He is currently the Deputy General Manager of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd. and the Deputy General Manager of COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. Mr. Chen joined COSCO Group in 1995 and has served in various capacities, including the Assistant to Manager and the Deputy Manager of Container Shipping Division I of China Shipping Container Lines Co., Ltd., the Assistant to General Manager of China Shipping Container Lines (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd., the General Manager of America Division of China Shipping Container Lines Co., Ltd., and the Assistant to General Manager and Deputy General Manager of China Shipping Container Lines Co., Ltd. Mr. Chen graduated from Shanghai Maritime Academy with major in Marine Engineering Management.



Tao Yu

Ms. Yu, aged 50, has been a Director and a member of Executive Committee of OOCL and was also appointed the Director of Equipment Management Center in January 2021. She joined COSCO Logistics Co., Ltd. in 2004. Currently she is the Deputy General Manager of COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. Ms. Yu holds a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Guanghua School of Management of Peking University, and the qualification of Senior Economist.



Qi Zheng

Ms. Zheng, aged 54, has been a Director and a member of Executive Committee of OOCL since June 2022, and was also appointed Chief Financial Officer of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd., COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd, OOIL and OOCL. She joined COSCO Group in 1990 and has more than 30 years of experience in the maritime industry. She had served in various capacities, including the Deputy Manager, Manager, Deputy Chief Accountant and Chief Accountant of Finance Department of COSCO Shanghai International Freight Co., Ltd. and the Deputy General Manager and General Manager of Finance Department of COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. Ms. Zheng holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Shanghai Maritime University, and the qualification of Senior Accountant.



Junguang Xiao

Mr. Xiao, aged 53, has been a Director and a member of Executive Committee of OOCL since August 2020, and was appointed the Company Secretary, the Group Legal Advisor, the Compliance Officer, the Chairman of the Compliance Committee, a member of the Inside Information Committee and the Risk Committee of OOIL. Mr. Xiao is currently the Company Secretary of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd., and the Secretary of the Board and the General Legal Counsel of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd. and COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. Mr. Xiao holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance from the Capital University of Economics and Business, and a Master's degree in Applied Finance from Macquarie University. Mr. Xiao is an associate member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute.



Teddy Fung

Mr. Fung, aged 63, has been a Director of OOCL since June 2018 and a member of Executive Committee since November 2015. He was appointed Director of Trades in April 2019 and Director of Corporate Operations between September 2013 and March 2019. He joined the Group in 1994 and has served the Group in various capacities for 29 years, including as General Manager of OOCL South China sub-region, Director of Reefer Trade, Managing Director of OOCL Hong Kong Branch, and Director of Regions Management. Mr. Fung holds a Bachelor of Social Science in Economics and a Master of Arts in Transport Studies from The University of Hong Kong.



Yu Wu

Ms. Wu, aged 48, has been a Director and a member of Executive Committee of OOCL since August 2020, and was appointed the Chief Information Officer and Director of Corporate Customer Service in January 2021 and Director of E-Commerce in August 2022. Ms. Wu joined COSCO Group in 1997 and is currently Deputy General Manager of COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. Ms. Wu holds a Bachelor's degree in International Shipping Management from Shanghai Maritime University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Fudan University, and the qualification of Economist.



Michael Xu

Mr. Xu, aged 52, has been a Director and a member of Executive Committee of OOCL and was also appointed the Director of Trades in December 2021. He joined the Group in 1995 and has served the Group in various capacities for 28 years, including Managing Director of OOCL (China), General Manager of Intra-Asia Trade, General Manager of Australia & New Zealand Trade and Managing Director of OOCL (Vietnam). Mr. Xu holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Shanghai Jiaotong University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Jinan University.

Financial Calendar

Announcement of results for the half year ended 30th June 2023

18th August 2023

Despatch of 2023 Interim Report to shareholders

14th September 2023

Closure of the Register of Members
(to ascertain the shareholders qualified to receive the interim and special dividends in respect of the six months ended 30th June 2023)

4th September 2023 to
6th September 2023
(Both days inclusive)

Announcement of results for the year ended 31st December 2023

21st March 2024

Despatch of 2023 Annual Report to shareholders

25th April 2024

Closure of the Register of Members
(to ascertain the shareholders eligible to attend and vote at Annual General Meeting)

16th May 2024 to
22nd May 2024
(Both days inclusive)

Annual General Meeting

22nd May 2024

Closure of the Register of Members
(to ascertain the shareholders qualified to receive the proposed final and second special dividends in respect of the year ended 31st December 2023)

29th May 2024 to
31st May 2024
(Both days inclusive)

Shareholder Information

ORDINARY SHARES

Issued shares	660,373,297 shares (as at 31st December 2023)
Nominal value per share	US\$0.10
Board lot	500 shares

ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report is available in both English and Chinese on the Company's website at <https://www.ooilgroup.com>.

Shareholders can obtain printed copies by writing to the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited
17M Floor, Hopewell Centre
183 Queen's Road East
Wanchai, Hong Kong, China

If you are not a shareholder, please write to:

Orient Overseas (International) Limited
31st Floor, Harbour Centre
25 Harbour Road
Wanchai, Hong Kong, China
Attention: Company Secretary

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

Any matter relating to your shareholding, including transfer of shares, change of name or address, and loss of share certificates, should be addressed in writing to:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited
Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre
183 Queen's Road East
Wanchai, Hong Kong, China
Telephone: (852) 2862 8555 Facsimile: (852) 2865 0990

SHAREHOLDER ENQUIRIES

Any matter relating to shareholders' rights should be addressed in writing to:

Orient Overseas (International) Limited
31st Floor, Harbour Centre
25 Harbour Road
Wanchai, Hong Kong, China
Attention: Company Secretary

The Company's enquiry hotline is operational during normal office hours:

Telephone: (852) 2833 3888 Facsimile: (852) 2531 8147

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Ordinary shareholder information as at 31st December 2023:

Type of shareholders

Type of shareholders	Shareholders		Ordinary shares of US\$0.10 each	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Corporate	14	2.6465%	658,896,975	99.7764%
Individual	515	97.3535%	1,476,322	0.2236%
	529	100%	660,373,297	100%

Distribution of shareholdings

Size of shareholdings	Shareholders		Ordinary shares of US\$0.10 each	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
1-10,000	510	96.4083%	414,647	0.0628%
10,001-100,000	15	2.8355%	505,108	0.0765%
100,001-1,000,000	2	0.3781%	650,000	0.0984%
1,000,001 or above	2	0.3781%	658,803,542	99.7623%
	529	100%	660,373,297	100%

10 largest ordinary shareholders

As at 31st December 2023, the interests of the 10 largest ordinary shareholders of the Company, as recorded in the Company's principal register and Hong Kong branch register of members, were as follows:

Name of ordinary shareholders	Number of ordinary shares held	Percentage
HKSCC Nominees Limited	343,024,497	51.9440%
Faulkner Global Holdings Limited ^(Note)	315,779,045	47.8182%
Poon Chiu Leung	387,000	0.0586%
Mok Kwun Cheung	263,000	0.0398%
Ho Fuk Chuen	77,000	0.0116%
Po Leung Kuk	70,500	0.0106%
Poon Hing Kui	50,000	0.0075%
Fung Sun Kwan U/D	45,022	0.0068%
Ho Hin Kwong	40,454	0.0061%
Leung Wong Kit Ling	35,000	0.0053%

Note:

As at 31st December 2023, Faulkner Global Holdings Limited had interests in a total of 469,344,972 shares of the Company, representing 71.07% of the Company's total issued shares, of which 153,565,927 ordinary shares (representing 23.2544% of the Company's total issued shares) were registered via Central Clearing and Settlement System under the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited.

Corporate Governance Report

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) and the management of the Company are committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance. The Company considers that effective corporate governance makes an important contribution to corporate success and to the enhancement of shareholder value.

The Company has adopted its own corporate governance code (the “CG Code”), which in addition to applying the principles as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “SEHK Code”) contained in Appendix C1 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), also incorporates and conforms to local and international best practices. The CG Code sets out the corporate governance principles applied by the Company and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) and is constantly reviewed to ensure transparency, accountability and independence.

Throughout the year 2023, the Company complied with the SEHK Code, save for two recommended best practices, as described below:

- the remuneration of senior management of the Group was disclosed by bands, not on an individual basis
- quarterly operational results, instead of quarterly financial results, were announced and published

We have set out in this report our guiding principles and rationale for implementation of the CG Code as well as the status of the Company’s compliance with the SEHK Code during the year 2023:

A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Board Composition

As at the date of this annual report, the Board is comprised of 3 Executive Directors, 4 Non-Executive Directors and 5 Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company.

Executive Directors

Mr. Wan Min (*Chairman*)
Mr. Chen Yangfan (*Chief Executive Officer*)
Mr. Yang Zhijian

Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Tung Lieh Cheung Andrew
Mr. Gu Jinshan
Ms. Wang Dan
Mr. Ip Sing Chi

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah
Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson
Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip
Ms. Chen Ying
Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung

The Directors have extensive corporate and strategic planning experience and industry knowledge. Their biographical details are set out on the Company’s website at <https://www.ooilgroup.com> and on pages 44 to 49 of this annual report. Details of the diversity profile of the Board are set out on page 62 of this annual report.

The Directors have formal letters of appointment setting out the key terms and conditions of their appointments, including expected level of their time commitment, for a fixed term of 3 years and subject to re-election by rotation at least once every 3 years. Each Director shall, at the time of his/her appointment and semi-annually thereafter, disclose to the Board the offices held by such Director in other public companies, organisations and any other significant commitments, with an indication of time involved. In 2023, all Directors demonstrated strong commitment to the Company and they have confirmed that they have given sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Company.

Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson, an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company who will retire and offer for re-election at the Company's annual general meeting to be held in 2024 ("Retiring INED"), is an independent non-executive director of 7 listed companies, including the Company. Taking into account Dr. Chung's full attendance and active participation at all Board and relevant Board committee meetings and the annual general meeting of the Company during the year 2023 and his disclosure of the nature and time commitment of the offices held by him in public companies or organisations and other significant commitments to the Company, the Board considers that Dr. Chung has devoted and would be able to devote sufficient time to the Board.

Independence

Effective mechanism is in place to ensure independent views and input are available to the Board bringing independent and diversified experience, competencies, skills and judgment to the Group's strategy and policies through the informed contributions of the Independent Non-Executive Directors, and the mechanism is subject to annual review of its effectiveness by the Nomination Committee of the Company. All Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company are financially independent from the Group. The Company has received from each Independent Non-Executive Director an annual confirmation of his/her independence and considers that all the Independent Non-Executive Directors have satisfied their independence to the Group up to the date of this annual report. Each Independent Non-Executive Director is also required to inform the Company and the Stock Exchange as soon as practicable if there is any change of circumstances which may affect his/her independence.

During the year 2023, the composition of the Board complied with the Listing Rules requirements in having at least 3 Independent Non-Executive Directors and at least one-third of the Board are Independent Non-Executive Directors, with at least one of them having appropriate professional qualification or accounting or related financial management expertise. As at the date of this annual report, all members of the Audit Committee and the Share Committee, and the majority of the members of the Remuneration Committee, the Nomination Committee, the Finance Committee and the Strategic Development Committee, are Independent Non-Executive Directors.

All Directors, including Independent Non-Executive Directors, are encouraged to express their views and voice their concerns for constructive discussions and debates, and they are requested to declare interests, if any, in proposals or transactions to be considered by the Board at Board meetings and the Director who has material interest shall abstain from voting to avoid conflicts of interests in accordance with the CG Code. The Board considers that there is a reasonable balance between the Executive Directors and the Non-Executive Directors, and it has provided adequate checks and balances for safeguarding the interests of the shareholders and the Company.

Ms. Chen Ying, a Retiring INED, holds cross-directorship with Mr. Yang Zhijian, an Executive Director of the Company, in both the Company and COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd. ("COSCO SHIPPING Lines", a company that engages in competing business with the Group). Given that Ms. Chen is an external director of COSCO SHIPPING Lines and does not hold any share in the Company and COSCO SHIPPING Lines, the Board considers that such cross-directorship and Ms. Chen's interest in competing business solely arising from her directorship would not undermine her independence as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company.

Directors' and Officers' Liabilities Insurance

Since 1992, the Company has arranged insurance cover for the directors' and officers' liabilities including cover for the Directors of the Company, and the directors, officers and senior management of the Group arising out of corporate activities of the Group.

2. Board and Management Responsibilities

The Board leads and shapes the corporate culture of the Company, which is anchored against the Company's mission, strategy, values, competencies and underpinned by the principle of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly across all levels of the Group. The Board sets the tones and continuously promotes the Company's 4 core values of people-oriented, customer focus, excellence through quality and community responsibility to support the Company's pursuit to be the best and most innovative international container transport and logistics service provider by providing a vital link to world trade and creating value for our customers, employees, shareholders and partners. The Board should ensure that the desired culture is implemented and developed in management operating practices of the Group, policies and guidelines, engagements with employees and stakeholders to keep alignment and adaptation.

The Board is responsible for the overall strategic direction and management of the business and affairs of the Group with the objective of enhancing shareholder value and presenting a balanced, clear and understandable assessment of the Company's performance, position and prospects in the annual and interim reports, announcements and other financial disclosures as required under the Listing Rules, and reports to regulators any information required to be disclosed pursuant to statutory requirements.

The Board has a fiduciary duty and statutory responsibility towards the Company and the Group. Other responsibilities include formulation of the Group's overall strategies and policies, setting of corporate and management targets and key operational initiatives, setting of policies on risk management and internal control systems pursuant to the Group's strategic objectives, monitoring and control of operational and financial performance, and approval of budgets and major capital expenditures, major investments, material acquisitions and disposals of assets, corporate or financial restructuring, significant operational, financial and management matters.

The Board delegates day-to-day management of the business of the Group to the management of the Group under the leadership and supervision of the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, who will organise, execute, implement and report to the Board on the adoption of the Company's strategies, policies and objectives by the Group as approved by the Board.

The Board also delegates certain specific responsibilities to 10 Board committees of the Company, namely Executive Committee, Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee, Nomination Committee, Risk Committee, Compliance Committee, Finance Committee, Share Committee, Inside Information Committee and Strategic Development Committee. The composition, functions and authority of each committee are described below. For the efficient management and operation of the Group's principal subsidiary, the Board also delegates and confers certain powers, authorities and discretions on such terms as it thinks fit to the board of directors, the executive committee and certain sub-committees of the Group's principal subsidiary for them to act and operate within the delegated frameworks.

Effective communication with open dialogues and proactive engagement is also maintained between the Board and the senior management of the Group. The Chief Financial Officer of the Company and the chief operating officer of the Group's principal subsidiary attend the Board meetings as senior management of the Group.

The Company Secretary of the Company provides the Directors with updates on developments regarding the Listing Rules and other applicable regulatory requirements. Any Director of the Company may request the Company Secretary to organise independent professional advice at the expense of the Company to assist them to effectively discharge their duties to the Company.

3. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

As at the date of this annual report, Mr. Wan Min is the Chairman of the Company and Mr. Chen Yangfan is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company with their respective roles set out in writing.

- a. The primary role of the Chairman is to provide leadership to the Board and to ensure that the Board functions effectively in the discharge of its responsibilities. His duties include to:
 - ensure that Directors are briefed and have received timely, accurate, complete and clear information on issues to be discussed at Board meetings;
 - ensure that the Board works effectively and performs its responsibilities, and that all key and appropriate issues are discussed in a timely manner and that good corporate governance practices and procedures are established, implemented and maintained;
 - approve the agenda drawn up by the Company Secretary for each Board meeting taking into account any matter proposed by the other Directors for inclusion in the agenda;

- promote a culture of openness and debate by facilitating the effective contribution of the Non-Executive Directors (including the Independent Non-Executive Directors) in particular and ensuring constructive relations between the Executive Directors and the Non-Executive Directors; and encourage Directors with different views to voice their concerns, allow sufficient time for discussion of issues and ensure that Board decisions fairly reflect Board consensus;
- hold meetings at least annually with the Independent Non-Executive Directors without the presence of the other Directors;
- ensure effective communication with the shareholders of the Company and that their views are communicated to the Board; and to
- attend the annual general meetings of the Company and invite the chairmen of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, the Nomination Committee and the other Board committees, or in the absence of the chairman of the respective Board committees, other members of the related Board committees to be available to answer questions at the annual general meetings.

In case of an equality of votes at any Board meeting, the Chairman shall be entitled to a second or a casting vote.

- b. The primary role of the Chief Executive Officer of the Company is to be responsible for the day-to-day management and business operations of the Group. His duties include to:
- provide leadership and supervise the effective management of the Group and to establish and review from time to time the management system of the Group;
 - set up programs for management development and succession plans for the Group;
 - monitor and control the operational and financial performance of the Group;
 - organise, execute, implement and report to the Board on the adoption of the Company's strategies, policies and objectives by the Group pursuant to the Board's decisions;
 - provide information to the Board (as necessary) to enable the Board to monitor the performance of management and operation of the Group; and to
 - organise the implementation of the Board's decisions and implement such duties as directed or delegated by the Board.

4. Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings are scheduled at the end of each preceding year to maximise the attendance of Directors. The Board meets at least 4 times each year and has a formal schedule of matters referred to it for consideration and decision. Additional meetings may be convened as and when necessary. Notice of at least 14 days is served for regular Board meetings and reasonable notice is given for all other Board meetings. Directors are consulted and provided with an opportunity to include matters in the agenda for discussion at the Board meetings. The Company Secretary assists the Chairman in preparing the agenda for each Board meeting and to ensure that the procedures and applicable rules and regulations regarding the meetings are observed. The final agenda together with the Board papers are distributed to the Directors at least 3 days before the Board meetings.

If a Director or a substantial shareholder of the Company has a conflict of interest in any matter to be considered by the Board, the Company Secretary shall ensure that such matter is dealt with by a physical Board meeting rather than a written resolution. If considered appropriate, the Board meeting shall be attended by the Independent Non-Executive Directors who have no material interests in the matter. The affected Director(s) shall abstain from voting on any such resolution in which they or any of their associates have a material interest and shall not be counted in the quorum present at that Board meeting.

5. Induction and Continuous Professional Development of Directors

Newly appointed Director of the Company receives a comprehensive induction pack at the time of his/her appointment to ensure understanding of his/her responsibilities and obligations as a director under the Listing Rules and the relevant regulatory requirements. Mr. Chen Yangfan and Mr. Gu Jinshan, both appointed during the year 2023, had obtained legal advice from a law firm qualified to advise on Hong Kong law, and both of them confirmed that they understood their obligations as a Director of the Company.

In addition to Directors' attendance at meetings and review of papers and circulars provided by the Company, the Directors are committed to participating in continuous professional development program to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills to help ensure that their contribution to the Board remains informed and relevant.

The Company's program for continuous professional development of Directors may take various forms, including but not limited to:

- the Company briefing Directors on important issues which have a material impact on the Group's business, financial and operational matters, including major investments, corporate governance practices and funding strategies;
- Directors meeting with senior management of the Group on issues specific to the Group's business;
- Directors reading materials and updates on the regulatory changes followed by briefings by the Company Secretary of the Company, if requested; and
- Directors attending seminars, briefings and visits on business, financial, governance, regulatory and other issues relevant to the Group's activities.

Below is the record of participation in continuous professional development program by the Directors of the Company in year 2023 relevant to the directors' duties and responsibilities, regulatory updates and business, financial and operational matters of the Group.

	Reading materials	Other trainings (attending seminars/ briefings/visits)
Executive Directors		
Mr. Wan Min	✓	✓
Mr. Chen Yangfan <i>(Notes 1 and 5)</i>	✓	✓
Mr. Yang Zhijian	✓	✓
Mr. Huang Xiaowen <i>(Note 2)</i>	✓	–
Non-Executive Directors		
Mr. Tung Lieh Cheung Andrew	✓	✓
Mr. Gu Jinshan <i>(Notes 3 and 5)</i>	✓	–
Ms. Wang Dan	✓	–
Mr. Ip Sing Chi	✓	✓
Mr. Yan Jun <i>(Note 4)</i>	✓	–
Independent Non-Executive Directors		
Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah	✓	✓
Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson	✓	–
Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip	✓	✓
Ms. Chen Ying	✓	✓
Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung	✓	✓

Notes:

1. Appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 25th October 2023.
2. Retired as an Executive Director of the Company on 25th October 2023.
3. Appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 5th December 2023.
4. Resigned as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1st August 2023.
5. Comprehensive induction in relation to the Group's business operation, directors' responsibilities and obligations under the relevant laws and regulations was provided upon respective appointments.

Mr. Xiao Jinguang, the Company Secretary of the Company, undertook no less than 15 hours of professional training in year 2023 to update his professional skills and knowledge.

6. Supply of and Access to Information

All Directors have access to the Board and Board committee papers and other materials either from the Company Secretary or the Chairman or the Chief Executive Officer so that they are able to make informed decisions on matters placed before them. Directors are all provided with a tablet to access meeting materials and the signed minutes of the Board and the Board committee meetings, training materials and reference documents provided by the Company through an electronic platform, which ensures timely and secure delivery of information to the Board and Board committee members. Periodic financial reports are also provided to all Directors to enable them to keep abreast of the latest business affairs of the Group.

7. Nomination of Directors

The Company follows a formal, considered and transparent procedure for the appointment of new Directors based on a formally adopted nomination policy (the "Nomination Policy"), which provides the selection criteria of potential candidates for directorship of the Company, and the procedures for appointment of Directors of the Company and certain significant positions of the Group, for the Board to achieve a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the Company's strategic focus and specific business needs. Recognising the vitality of diversity for the Board, the Company has also adopted a board diversity policy (the "Board Diversity Policy").

The Nomination Policy is summarised as follows:

- the Board is responsible for the selection and appointment of the Directors of the Company and for the nomination of the Directors of the Company for election by the shareholders of the Company thereafter at regular intervals by rotation so as to achieve a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the Company's strategic focus and specific business needs. The Nomination Committee is responsible for evaluating and nominating candidates for approval by the Board;
- the Nomination Committee will assess if the potential candidate meets the selection criteria, which shall be based on the Nomination Policy and the Board Diversity Policy appropriate for the Company's strategic focus and specific business needs under the formalised procedures for the selection and appointment of the Directors of the Company and key management of the principal subsidiary of the Group. Contribution by the potential candidate shall bring to the Board reflecting the following criteria:
 - structure, size and composition of the current Board;
 - time commitment to the Board;
 - diversity of the Board in all its aspects as set out in the Board Diversity Policy;
 - reputation and integrity;
 - Board succession plan;
 - requirements as provided in the Listing Rules; and
 - other factors that the Board may consider appropriate;
- the Nomination Committee will monitor and review the Nomination Policy periodically to ensure that it remains relevant to the Company's strategic focus and business needs and reflects both current regulatory requirements and good corporate governance.

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The Board Diversity Policy is summarised as follows:

- the Company ensures that its Board has the appropriate balance of skills, breadth of experience, independence and objectivity, engagement and credibility, rigour and structure and diversity of perspectives of the Board required to support the execution of its strategic focus and specific business needs in order for the Board to be effective;
- the diversity of the Board and selection of candidates will be based on a range of perspectives, including gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, industry experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. The Board's appointment should be based on meritocracy and diversity of perspectives appropriate for the Company's strategic focus and specific business needs and the contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board; and
- the Nomination Committee will take the Board Diversity Policy into consideration in identifying and nominating suitable qualified candidates to become members of the Board, and shall ensure that the selected candidates shall have the breadth of experience, independence and objectivity, engagement and credibility, rigour and structure.

Diversity profile of the Board as at 31st December 2023 is set out below:

Gender	Male			Female
	10 Directors (83.33%)			2 Directors (16.67%)

Age	50 or below	51-60	61-70	71 or above
	1 Director (8.33%)	5 Directors (41.67%)	3 Directors (25%)	3 Directors (25%)

Length of Service	Less than 3 years	3-8 years	9 years or above
	3 Directors (25%)	7 Directors (58.33%)	2 Directors (16.67%)

Capacity	Executive Director	Non-Executive Director	Independent Non-Executive Director
	3 Directors (25%)	4 Directors (33.33%)	5 Directors (41.67%)

Professional qualification	Certified Public Accountant	Legal Professional	Engineer
	2 Directors	2 Directors	3 Directors

Experience <i>(Note)</i>	Academic	IT	Engineering	Tourism	Legal	Accounting/ Financial Services/ Fund Management	Government/Community	Logistics/Transportation
	1 Director	1 Director	3 Directors	1 Director	2 Directors	4 Directors	4 Directors	7 Directors

Note: Multiple experience may apply to one Director.

As at 31st December 2023, the Board achieved all the measurable objectives as set in the Board Diversity Policy and the female representation at Board level was about 16.67% (i.e. 2 females out of 12 Directors). The Board has not set any target or timeline to enhance its gender diversity. The Board will endeavour to ensure diversity at Board and workforce levels, including gender, age, professional background and skills. Gender diversity at workforce level (including senior management of the Group) is disclosed on page 29 of this annual report.

The Nomination Committee of the Company reviews the structure, size and composition of the Board regularly and makes recommendation to the Board to complement the corporate strategy of the Company. The appointment of a new Director is a collective decision of the Board, taking into consideration both the Nomination Policy and the Board Diversity Policy. The Board believes that changes to the Board composition shall be managed without undue disruption, and the Board shall continue to maintain a balanced composition of the Executive Directors and the Non-Executive Directors (including Independent Non-Executive Directors) so that there is a strong independent element in the Board, which can effectively exercise independent judgement.

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 19th May 2023 (the “Last AGM”), Mr. Huang Xiaowen (a then Executive Director of the Company), Mr. Tung Lih Cheung Andrew, Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah and Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip retired and were re-elected as Directors of the Company in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company (the “Bye-laws”).

8. Board Committees

In addition to the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee established in compliance with the Listing Rules, the other committees of the Company are the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, the Share Committee, the Compliance Committee, the Inside Information Committee, the Risk Committee and the Strategic Development Committee. Each committee has its own well defined scope of duties and terms of reference, and is empowered to make decisions on matters within the terms of reference of such committee. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee are posted on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. The Company Secretary shall make available the terms of reference of all the committees to the shareholders of the Company upon their written request. Members of the respective committees and the Directors of the Company have access to the minutes of the relevant committees.

a. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee was established in 1996 and its members are the Executive Directors of the Company. As at the date of this annual report, the Executive Committee is comprised of Mr. Wan Min (chairman of the Executive Committee), Mr. Chen Yangfan (appointed as a member of the Executive Committee on 25th October 2023) and Mr. Yang Zhijian, and Mr. Xiao Junguang is the secretary.

The Executive Committee operates as an executive management committee under the direct authority of the Board. Its primary duties include to:

- formulate strategies and policies and to set corporate and management targets and operational initiatives and policies on risk management, and plans and operational directions for the Group;
- monitor, control and manage operational and financial performance and business affairs of the Group;
- review, discuss and recommend to the Board for consideration and approval (if appropriate) (i) announcements, circulars and other documents (including price sensitive and financial information) required to be disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules, regulatory or statutory requirements; and (ii) submissions from the Compliance Committee, the Finance Committee and the Share Committee;

- approve capital expenditure of a specified amount;
- review, discuss and approve (if appropriate) major or unbudgeted asset acquisitions or disposals; major or unbudgeted mergers and/or acquisitions by the business units of the Group's principal subsidiary; setting up of major joint-ventures and partnerships with a company not currently controlled and managed by the Group;
- liaise and consult with, advise and make recommendations to its subsidiaries and make such decisions with regard thereto as the Executive Committee shall in its absolute discretion think fit, and refer such matters as it thinks fit to the Board for consideration, approval and/or ratification, if necessary; and to
- report to the Board on its decisions, and any matter in respect of which it considers that action is needed, and its recommendations as to the steps to be taken.

b. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee was established in 1992 and its members are the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company. As at the date of this annual report, the Audit Committee is comprised of Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah (chairman of the Audit Committee), Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson, Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip, Ms. Chen Ying and Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung. Ms. Lai Yuen Ying Vivian, the Head of Internal Audit Department, is the secretary of the Audit Committee, and Mr. Xiao Junguang is the assistant secretary.

The Audit Committee is delegated by the Board with the responsibility to provide an independent review and supervision of financial reporting and to ensure the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems and the adequacy of the external and internal audit. To perform its duties, the Audit Committee is provided with sufficient resources and is supported by the Internal Audit Department to examine all matters relating to the Group's adopted accounting principles and practices and to review all material financial, operational and compliance controls.

The primary duties of the Audit Committee include to:

- recommend to the Board the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditor, and to approve the remuneration and the terms of engagement of the external auditor, and any question of its resignation or dismissal;
- act as the key representative body overseeing the Company's relation with the external auditor;
- seek from the external auditor, on an annual basis, information about policies and processes for maintaining independence and monitoring compliance with the relevant requirements, including provision of non-audit services and requirements regarding rotation of audit partners and staff;
- discuss with the external auditor any recommendation arising from the audit, and to review the external auditor's management letter, any material query raised by the external auditor to management about accounting records, financial statements or systems of control and management's response, and to ensure that the Board will provide timely response to the issues raised in the external auditor's management letter;
- establish and review from time to time the procedure to review and monitor the external auditor's independence and objectivity, and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with the applicable standards and the scope of the external auditor, and to discuss and understand the factors considered by the external auditor in determining the nature and scope of the audit and reporting obligations before the audit commences;

- establish and review from time to time the policy relating to hiring of employees or former employees of the external auditor and monitor the application of such policy; and to consider whether as a result of such hiring there has been any impairment of the auditor’s judgment or independence in respect of the audit;
- establish and review from time to time the policy on engaging external auditor to supply non-audit services and to review such services do not impair the external auditor’s independence or objectivity in relation to non-audit services including whether the skills and experience of the external auditor make it a suitable supplier of non-audit services; whether there are safeguards in place to ensure that there is no threat to the objectivity and independence of the audit because the external auditor provides non-audit services; and the nature of non-audit services, the related fee levels and fee levels individually and in total relative to the external auditor;
- review the Group’s financial and accounting policies and practices;
- monitor the integrity of the Company’s financial statements, annual, quarterly (if prepared for publication) and interim financial reports and to review any significant financial reporting judgment and estimation contained in them, with particular focus on changes in accounting policies and practices, major judgmental areas, any significant audit adjustment, the going concern assumption and any qualification, compliance with any applicable legal requirement and accounting standard, and compliance with the requirements of the Listing Rules and other legal requirements in relation to financial reporting;
- consider any significant or unusual item that is, or may need to be, reflected in the report and financial statements and to give due consideration to any matter that has been raised by the Financial Compliance Officer of the Company, the external auditor, the Head of Internal Audit Department or the staff responsible for the accounting and financial reporting function;
- review with the Group’s management, the external auditor and the internal auditor, the adequacy of the Group’s policies and procedures regarding internal control system (including financial, operational and compliance controls) to ensure that such system is effective with audit trails to protect the accuracy and integrity of financial data and to pursue relevant enquiries into matters having, or likely to have, a material effect on the business and financial conditions of the Group. The result of the review is to be reported in the Corporate Governance Report of the Company, including a Directors’ statement that they have conducted a review of its internal control system;
- provide an independent review on the effectiveness of the risk management system including the risk management framework, policies and processes;
- discuss with management the scope and quality of the risk management and internal control systems and to ensure that management has performed its duty to have effective systems including the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programs and budget and experience of staff of the accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions;
- review findings of internal investigation and management’s response of any suspected fraud or irregularity or failure of risk management and internal control or infringement of laws, rules and regulations;
- review the scope and effectiveness of the internal audit functions and to review the results of the internal audit functions regularly with the internal auditor matters including planning of the Audit Committee meetings and, if required by the internal auditor, the internal audit program; and to ensure co-ordination between the internal and external auditors and that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the Company and to review and monitor its effectiveness;
- review the effectiveness and monitor the use of the whistleblowing policy and procedures for employees to raise concerns, in confidence, to the Audit Committee about improprieties in financial reporting, internal control and other matters; and to ensure that proper arrangements are in place for fair and independent investigation of these improprieties and for appropriate follow-up action;

- report to the Board on the matters raised in the SEHK Code; and to
- report to the Board, identifying and making recommendations on any matter where action or improvement is needed and to consider other topics identified and referred to the Audit Committee by the Board.

Under the Group's whistleblowing policy, employees may report any concern regarding accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters to the Audit Committee without fear of dismissal or retaliation, in order to ensure that the Group complies with all the applicable laws and regulations, accounting standards, accounting controls and audit practices. The Audit Committee will review each complaint, the investigations and the follow-up actions, including disciplinary actions, by management on substantiated cases.

The Audit Committee passed resolutions by way of meeting and written resolution during the year 2023. The following is a summary of work performed by the Audit Committee during the year 2023:

- (i) reviewed and discussed the annual financial statements for 2022 and the interim financial statements for 2023 with the external auditor and management of the Company, with recommendations to the Board for approval;
- (ii) reviewed the significant audit and accounting issues arising from the external auditor's statutory audit of the 2022 annual financial statements and issues arising from the review of the 2023 interim financial statements;
- (iii) reviewed the impact of the new and revised accounting standards and any significant changes in accounting judgement and estimation on the Company;
- (iv) reviewed the external auditor's audit strategy and approach;
- (v) reviewed the non-audit services provided by the external auditor in 2022, considered the reappointment of external auditor and approved their 2023 audit fees;
- (vi) met with the external auditor without the presence of management to discuss issues from the audits and any other matters the external auditor might raise;
- (vii) reviewed the Internal Audit Department's audit objectives and approved the annual internal audit plan;
- (viii) reviewed the findings and recommendations of the Internal Audit Department on the audits carried out on the principal activities of the Group and their internal control implementation status by management;
- (ix) reviewed the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems;
- (x) reviewed the relevant sections in the Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 31st December 2022 concerning the Audit Committee;
- (xi) reviewed the adequacy of the resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programs and budget and experience of staff of the Company's accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions;
- (xii) reviewed the continuing connected transactions and their annual caps; and
- (xiii) reviewed the continuous implementation of the whistleblowing policy.

The minutes of the Audit Committee meetings are prepared by the secretary of the Audit Committee with details of all matters considered by the attendees and of decisions reached, including any concern raised by the attendees and dissenting views expressed. The final version of the minutes is sent to the attendees for their records. The minutes are open for inspection by the Audit Committee members and the Board members.

c. Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee was established in 2005. As at the date of this annual report, the Remuneration Committee is comprised of Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah (chairman of the Remuneration Committee), Mr. Chen Yangfan (appointed as a member of the Remuneration Committee on 5th December 2023) and Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip, majority of whom are the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company, and Mr. Xiao Junguang is the secretary.

The primary duties of the Remuneration Committee include to:

- review and recommend to the Board the Company's policy and structure of the remuneration of the Directors of the Company, senior management (including the chief executive officer of the principal subsidiary of the Group) and employees of the Group including performance-based bonus scheme on the basis that they are fairly but reasonably rewarded for their individual contribution to the overall performance of the Company;
- establish and review a formal and transparent procedure for developing the remuneration policy;
- (i) review and approve the management's remuneration proposals with reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives; and determine the remuneration packages of individual Executive Directors of the Company and senior management (including the chief executive officer of the principal subsidiary of the Group); and (ii) recommend to the Board the remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors of the Company;
- consult the Chairman of the Board and/or Chief Executive Officer of the Company about their remuneration proposals for the other Executive Directors of the Company and senior management (including the chief executive officer of the principal subsidiary of the Group);
- review and approve compensation payable to the Executive Directors of the Company and senior management (including the chief executive officer of the principal subsidiary of the Group) for any loss or termination of office to ensure that it is consistent with the contractual terms and is otherwise fair and not excessive;
- review and approve compensation arrangements relating to the dismissal and removal of the Directors for their misconduct to ensure that they are consistent with the contractual terms and are otherwise reasonable and appropriate;
- ensure that no Director or any of his/her associates or senior management (including the chief executive officer of the principal subsidiary of the Group) is involved in deciding his/her own remuneration; and to
- advise the Board any matter relating to the remuneration and reward of the Executive Directors of the Company or senior management (including the chief executive officer of the principal subsidiary of the Group) or employees of the Group, including but not limited to matters relating to share incentive plans or share option schemes (if any).

The Remuneration Committee passed resolutions by way of meeting and written resolution during the year 2023. The following is a summary of work performed by the Remuneration Committee during the year 2023:

- (i) reviewed the Company's remuneration policy and structure for the Directors of the Company, and the senior management and employees of the Group, and ensured compliance with the Listing Rules and in line with recommended best practices;
- (ii) reviewed the procedure for developing the Company's remuneration policy;
- (iii) recommended to authorise the Board to fix the Directors' remuneration at the Last AGM;

- (iv) reviewed the discretionary management bonus of the Executive Directors of the Company, and the senior management and employees of the Group for year 2022;
- (v) reviewed and recommended to the Board or determined with delegated responsibilities, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee, the remuneration packages of the Directors of the Company, and the senior management of the Group for year 2023; and
- (vi) reviewed and recommended to the Board the remuneration of the new Non-Executive Director of the Company.

The Company has established a combined time-based and benchmarked approach in determining the remuneration levels of the Directors of the Company, which should remain sufficient to attract, motivate and retain the Directors. The fees payable to the Non-Executive Directors (including Independent Non-Executive Directors) do not involve equity-based remuneration with performance-related elements and they are subject to annual review of the Board and the Remuneration Committee and shareholders' authorisation to the Board to fix the Directors' remuneration. No Directors were involved in determining their own remuneration in 2023.

The remuneration paid to the Directors of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2023 is set out on page 139 of this annual report.

d. Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee was established in 2012. As at the date of this annual report, the Nomination Committee is comprised of Mr. Wan Min (chairman of the Nomination Committee), Mr. Gu Jinshan (appointed as a member of the Nomination Committee on 5th December 2023), Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah, Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson and Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip, majority of whom are the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company, and Mr. Xiao Jinguang is the secretary.

The primary duties of the Nomination Committee include to:

- review the Nomination Policy and recommend to the Board on the selection criteria of the potential candidates for the directorship of the Company;
- review and report annually to the Board the implementation and effectiveness of mechanism to ensure independent views and input are available to the Board;
- review and recommend to the Board the succession plan to ensure the stability of the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy;
- review and report annually against any measurable objectives set for the implementation of the Board Diversity Policy and the Nomination Policy, and progress (if relevant);
- review and report to the Board annually the implementation and effectiveness of the Board Diversity Policy, including review of the structure, size and composition (including gender, age, cultural and education background, ethnicity, skills, knowledge, industry experience and length of service) of the Board and making recommendations on any proposed change to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy;

- receive from the Board referral of suitable qualified candidate for it to assess if the potential candidate meets the selection criteria, which shall be based on the Nomination Policy and the Board Diversity Policy appropriate for the Group's strategic focus and specific business needs; assess and recommend to the Board for approval the nomination of a selected candidate as a director of the Company either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board and/or a member of any Board committee of the Company;
- review and recommend to the Board the appointment or re-appointment/re-election of Directors and succession plan for the Directors to maintain a balance of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity of perspectives of the Board;
- assess and report to the Board the qualifications of any person proposed by a shareholder of the Company for election as a Director of the Company to ensure compliance with the Nomination Policy and the requirements as provided in the Listing Rules are satisfied;
- assess the independence of the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company;
- regularly review and report to the Board the contribution required from a Director to perform his/her responsibilities and whether he/she is spending sufficient time in performing them;
- assess the performance of the Executive Directors of the Company and conduct a regular evaluation of the Board's performance by members of the Nomination Committee, who are the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company, and report results of the evaluation to the Board; and to
- review the appointment of the chairman of the board and the chief executive officer of the principal subsidiary of the Group and report result of the review to the Board of the Company for consideration and approval.

The Nomination Committee passed resolutions by way of written resolution during the year 2023. The following is a summary of work performed by the Nomination Committee during the year 2023:

- (i) reviewed the Nomination Policy and its implementation, including the procedures for selection and appointment of new Directors of the Company;
- (ii) reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the Board Diversity Policy, including the structure, size and composition of the Board of the Company;
- (iii) assessed the independence of the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company;
- (iv) reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the Company's mechanism to ensure independent views and input to the Board;
- (v) recommended re-election of the retiring Directors at the Last AGM;
- (vi) reviewed the contribution of the Directors of the Company for year 2022;
- (vii) evaluated performance of the Board and assessed performance of the Executive Directors of the Company by members of the Nomination Committee, who are the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Nomination Committee; and
- (viii) reviewed and recommended to the Board the appointment of new Directors of the Company and chairman/ members of the Board committees (where applicable) for Board succession.

e. Risk Committee

The Risk Committee was established in 2015. As at the date of this annual report, the Risk Committee is comprised of Mr. Chen Yangfan (appointed as the chairman of the Risk Committee on 25th October 2023), Mr. Yang Zhijian, Mr. Tung Lih Cheung Andrew, Mr. Gu Jinshan (appointed as a member of the Risk Committee on 5th December 2023), Ms. Wang Dan, Mr. Ip Sing Chi, Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah, Mr. Ye Jianping Kenny, Ms. Zheng Qi and Mr. Xiao Junguang, who is also the secretary.

The primary duties of the Risk Committee include to:

- establish risk appetite, risk management strategy, and a strong and independent internal control and review systems;
- align strategic direction and business objectives of the Group with risk appetite;
- oversight on adequacy of the Group’s risk management policies, process and system. In pursuing the Group’s strategic direction and business objectives, aims to optimise risk and return;
- identify, assess and manage principal risks to pursue the Group’s strategic and business objective;
- provide direction on the importance of risk management and risk management culture;
- formulate, implement and review environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) strategy of the Group; and to
- identify, assess and manage ESG-related risks and ensure appropriate and effective ESG risk management systems are in place.

The Risk Committee passed resolutions by way of meeting and written resolution during the year 2023. The following is a summary of work performed by the Risk Committee during the year 2023:

- (i) reviewed and recommended to the Board the Group’s risk appetite, risk management strategy, risk management policies, process and system in pursuit of the Group’s strategic direction and business objectives;
- (ii) identified, reviewed, assessed and managed principal risks of the Group to pursue the Group’s strategic and business objectives;
- (iii) reviewed and reported to the Board the Company’s compliance with the SEHK Code in relation to risk management; and
- (iv) reviewed and reported to the Board the Company’s compliance with the Listing Rules in relation to the ESG-related compliance.

f. Compliance Committee

The Compliance Committee was established in 2004. As at the date of this annual report, the Compliance Committee is comprised of Mr. Ye Jianping Kenny, Ms. Zheng Qi, Mr. Xiao Junguang (chairman of the Compliance Committee), Ms. Lau Siu Ping Karen and Ms. Lai Yuen Ying Vivian. The Board has delegated the responsibility for monitoring the corporate governance compliance to the Compliance Committee.

The primary duties of the Compliance Committee include to:

- review, monitor and provide administrative support on the compliance control of the Group and compliance of the following corporate governance functions of the Company:
 - (a) on the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance and make recommendations to the Board;
 - (b) on the training and continuous professional development of Directors of the Company and senior management of the Group;
 - (c) on the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
 - (d) on the development of the code of conduct and compliance manuals (if any) applicable to employees of the Group and Directors of the Company;
 - (e) on the Company's compliance with the CG Code and the SEHK Code;
 - (f) to report the above items (a) to (e) to the Board regularly; and
 - (g) to prepare (i) the Corporate Governance Report covering all mandatory disclosure requirements as set out in the Listing Rules; and/or (ii) information required to be disclosed by the Compliance Committee in the Company's results announcements, the annual reports, the interim reports and any other documents, pursuant to the Listing Rules;
- review and report to the Board regularly the shareholders' communication policy to ensure its effectiveness; and to
- ensure the Company is in compliance with the Listing Rules including disclosure and compliance obligations for matters including notifiable transactions, connected transactions, continuing connected transactions, advance to an entity, financial assistance and guarantees to affiliated companies of the Company, loan agreements with covenants relating to specific performance of the controlling shareholder of the Company, breach of a loan agreement by the Company, disclosure of financial information pursuant to Appendix D2 to the Listing Rules, disclosure obligations under ESG reporting guide pursuant to Appendix C2 to the Listing Rules and general obligations of disclosure under rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules.

The Compliance Committee passed resolutions by way of written resolution during the year 2023. The following is a summary of work performed by the Compliance Committee during the year 2023:

- (i) reviewed the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance, and made recommendations to the Board;
- (ii) reviewed and monitored the training and continuous professional development of Directors of the Company and the senior management of the Group;
- (iii) reviewed and monitored the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, particularly on legal, financial and accounting, internal control and audit, risk management and ESG-related compliance;

- (iv) reviewed and monitored the code of conduct and compliance manuals (if any) applicable to employees of the Group and Directors of the Company;
- (v) reviewed the Company's compliance with the CG Code and the SEHK Code and the disclosure requirements in the Corporate Governance Report;
- (vi) reviewed the Company's compliance with the disclosure requirements in the Sustainability Report;
- (vii) reviewed and recommended to the Board the revision of the shareholders' communication policy and reported to the Board on its implementation and effectiveness;
- (viii) reviewed and reported to the Board on the connected transactions and the continuing connected transactions of the Group; and
- (ix) reviewed and recommended to the Board the implementation of the electronic dissemination of corporate communications to the shareholders pursuant to the Listing Rules and the corresponding amendments to the terms of reference for certain Board committees and the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and the Directors of the Company, CG Code and the Nomination Policy.

g. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was established in 1993. As at the date of this annual report, the Finance Committee is comprised of Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson (chairman of the Finance Committee), Mr. Yang Zhijian, Mr. Tung Lih Cheung Andrew, Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah, Ms. Chen Ying and Ms. Zheng Qi, and Mr. Xiao Junguang is the secretary.

The primary duties of the Finance Committee include to:

- assist in the financial requirements of the Group including financing, refinancing, leasing, purchase and sale of vessels, properties and equipment and the financing of the business operations of the Group;
- report to the Board on its decisions, and any matter in respect of which it considers that action is needed, and its recommendation as to the steps to be taken; and to
- discuss and review the disclosure obligations of the Company on financial, accounting or related issues on compliance with the Listing Rules and refer transactions with their recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Company for its endorsement and/or approval.

h. Share Committee

The Share Committee was established in 1992. As at the date of this annual report, the Share Committee is comprised of Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip (chairman of the Share Committee), Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah and Ms. Chen Ying, and Mr. Xiao Junguang is the secretary.

The primary duties of the Share Committee include to:

- deal with and grant approval on the removal of the ordinary shares of the Company from the principal register in Bermuda to the branch register in Hong Kong, China or vice versa;
- deal with the share transactions, including but not limited to share repurchases, issue of bonus shares, scrip dividend schemes, top-up placings, share subscriptions and placement of the Company's shares;
- give authorisation to the Company's principal registrar and branch share registrar (the "Registrar") to issue share certificates to the shareholders of the Company who have reported loss of the share certificates of the Company and in connection with the above share transactions; and to
- discuss and review the disclosure obligations of the Company on share transactions in compliance with the Listing Rules.

i. Inside Information Committee

The Inside Information Committee was established in 2013. As at the date of this annual report, the Inside Information Committee is comprised of Mr. Chen Yangfan (appointed as the chairman of the Inside Information Committee on 25th October 2023), Mr. Yang Zhijian, Mr. Tung Lieh Cheung Andrew and Mr. Xiao Junguang, who is also the secretary.

The primary duties of the Inside Information Committee include to:

- ensure proper systems and control are in place to collect, review and verify potential inside information;
- identify, assess and escalate potential inside information to the attention of the Board; report to the Board on the recommendation of the Inside Information Committee, and any matter in respect of which it considers that action is needed, and its recommendation as to the actions to be taken and what information to be disclosed;
- vet and clear announcements or other public disclosures; and to
- supervise the Company's compliance with continuing disclosure obligations.

j. Strategic Development Committee

The Strategic Development Committee was established in 2021. As at the date of this annual report, the Strategic Development Committee is comprised of Mr. Chen Yangfan (appointed as the chairman of the Strategic Development Committee on 25th October 2023), Mr. Yang Zhijian, Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson, Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip and Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung, and Mr. Xiao Junguang is the secretary.

The primary duties of the Strategic Development Committee include to:

- review and advise on the mid to long development strategies and business plans of the Group, including overall-strategic positioning and vision plan, operation strategies and investment strategies;
- study and make recommendations on the operation plan and annual budget plan of the Group;
- review and make recommendations on new business development of the Group (including expansion to new markets, launch of new businesses and research and development of new products);
- study and advise on the relevant issues influencing the Group's development;
- review the strategic direction of the Group's business and consider responsibilities of the Company towards the shareholders and the other stakeholders; and to
- monitor and review the implementation, and report and/or make relevant recommendations to executive committee of the Group's principal subsidiary, the Executive Committee and/or the Board of the Company on the above-mentioned matters.

9. Attendance Records of Board Meetings, Board Committees Meetings and General Meetings

The attendance records of each Director and each member of the Board committees of the Company at the relevant meetings held in year 2023 are as follows:

	Actual attendance/number of meetings a director is entitled to attend											
	Board	Executive Committee	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee	Risk Committee	Compliance Committee	Finance Committee	Share Committee	Inside Information Committee	Strategic Development Committee	General Meetings
No. of meetings held in 2023	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Executive Directors												
Mr. Wan Min (<i>Chairman</i>)	3/4	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/1
Mr. Chen Yangfan (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>) ^(Note 1)	1/1	N/A	-	N/A	-	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr. Yang Zhijian	4/4	N/A	-	-	-	1/1	-	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	1/1
Mr. Huang Xiaowen ^(Note 2)	0/3	N/A	-	-	-	0/1	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	1/1
Non-Executive Directors												
Mr. Tung Lieh Cheung Andrew	4/4	-	-	-	-	1/1	-	N/A	-	N/A	-	1/1
Mr. Gu Jinshan ^(Note 3)	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	N/A
Ms. Wang Dan	3/4	-	-	-	-	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	0/1
Mr. Ip Sing Chi	4/4	-	-	-	-	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	1/1
Mr. Yan Jun ^(Note 4)	1/2	-	-	-	N/A	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	1/1
Independent Non-Executive Directors												
Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah	4/4	-	2/2	1/1	N/A	1/1	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	1/1
Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson	4/4	-	2/2	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	1/1
Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip	4/4	-	2/2	1/1	N/A	-	-	-	N/A	-	N/A	1/1
Ms. Chen Ying	4/4	-	2/2	-	-	-	-	N/A	N/A	-	-	1/1
Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung	4/4	-	2/2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	1/1
Others												
Mr. Ye Jianping Kenny	-	-	-	-	-	1/1	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Ms. Zheng Qi	-	-	-	-	-	1/1	N/A	N/A	-	-	-	-
Mr. Xiao Junguang	-	-	-	-	-	1/1	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-
Ms. Lau Siu Ping Karen	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Ms. Lai Yuen Ying Vivian	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Michael Fitzgerald ^(Note 5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Average attendance rate	84.62%	N/A	100%	100%	N/A	90%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91.67%

Notes:

- Appointed as an Executive Director, the Chief Executive Officer, a member of the Executive Committee, and the chairman of the Risk Committee, Inside Information Committee and Strategic Development Committee of the Company on 25th October 2023, and as a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company on 5th December 2023.
- Retired as an Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and ceased as a member of the Executive Committee, and the chairman of the Risk Committee, Inside Information Committee and Strategic Development Committee of the Company on 25th October 2023.
- Appointed as a Non-Executive Director and a member of the Nomination Committee and the Risk Committee of the Company on 5th December 2023.
- Resigned as a Non-Executive Director of the Company, and ceased as a member of the Nomination Committee and the Risk Committee of the Company on 1st August 2023.
- Resigned as a member of the Compliance Committee of the Company on 19th September 2023.

10. Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has adopted its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “Model Code”) contained in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules.

All Directors of the Company have confirmed, following specific enquiry by the Company, that they have fully complied with the required standards set out in both the Company’s own code and the Model Code for the year ended 31st December 2023.

11. Share Interests of Directors and Senior Management

a. Directors

Directors’ interests in the ordinary shares of the Company are set out on pages 86 and 87 of this annual report.

b. Senior Management ^(Note)

As at 31st December 2023, the number of ordinary shares of the Company held by the senior management of the Group are as follows:

Name	Number of ordinary shares held
Mr. Yang Zhijian	–
Mr. Ye Jianping Kenny	–
Ms. Chen Xiang	–
Mr. Chen Shuai	–
Ms. Yu Tao	–
Ms. Zheng Qi	–
Mr. Xiao Jinguang	–
Mr. Fung Kwok Wah Teddy	–
Ms. Wu Yu	–
Mr. Xu Weiguo Michael	–

Note: Biographical details of Mr. Yang Zhijian are set out on page 45 of this annual report and biographical details of other senior management are set out on pages 50 to 52 of this annual report.

12. Emoluments of Directors and Senior Management

a. Emoluments of Directors

The emoluments of the Directors of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2023 are set out on page 139 of this annual report.

b. Emoluments of Senior Management

The emoluments of the senior management of the Group for the year ended 31st December 2023 are set out below:

Emolument bands (US\$)	Number of individuals in 2023
384,601 ~ 448,700 (HK\$3,000,001 ~ HK\$3,500,000)	1
641,001 ~ 705,100 (HK\$5,000,001 ~ HK\$5,500,000)	1
961,501 ~ 1,025,600 (HK\$7,500,001 ~ HK\$8,000,000)	1
1,025,601 ~ 1,089,700 (HK\$8,000,001 ~ HK\$8,500,000)	2
1,089,701 ~ 1,153,800 (HK\$8,500,001 ~ HK\$9,000,000)	1
1,217,901 ~ 1,282,000 (HK\$9,500,001 ~ HK\$10,000,000)	1
1,282,001 ~ 1,346,100 (HK\$10,000,001 ~ HK\$10,500,000)	2
1,858,901 ~ 1,923,000 (HK\$14,500,001 ~ HK\$15,000,000)	1
1,923,001 ~ 1,987,100 (HK\$15,000,001 ~ HK\$15,500,000)	1
3,205,101 ~ 3,269,200 (HK\$25,000,001 ~ HK\$25,500,000)	1
Total	12 ^(Note)

Note: Inclusive of two senior management who ceased as senior management during the years 2022 and 2023 respectively.

B. ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

1. External Auditor

PricewaterhouseCoopers attended the Last AGM and was re-appointed as the Company's external auditor by the shareholders of the Company until conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

The Company has established a policy on the appointment of external auditor in providing non-audit services to the Group, setting out the principles by which an external auditor may be appointed to provide non-audit services, with a view to ensuring the independence of the external auditor.

The fee in respect of audit and non-audit services provided by the external auditor to the Company for the year ended 31st December 2023 is set out on page 141 note 11 to the consolidated financial statements of this annual report.

2. Directors' and Auditor's Acknowledgement

All Directors of the Company have acknowledged their responsibilities for preparing the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, the external auditor of the Company, has acknowledged the reporting responsibilities in the auditor's report on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

3. Internal Controls

The Board is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate and effective internal control systems for the Group, and through the Audit Committee, conducts reviews of the effectiveness of such systems at least annually, covering all material controls including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions. The process used in reviewing the effectiveness of these internal control systems includes discussion with management on risk areas identified by management of the Company and principal subsidiary of the Group and review of significant issues arising from internal and external audits. The Company's internal control systems comprise a well established organisational structure and comprehensive policies and standards. Procedures have been designed to safeguard assets against unauthorised use or disposition, to maintain proper accounting records, for assurance of the reliability of financial information for internal use or publication, and to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The purpose of the Company's internal control is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss and to manage rather than eliminate risks of failure in operational systems and achievement of the Company's objectives.

The Board has established the following measures to provide effective internal controls:

- a distinct organisational structure for the principal subsidiary with defined authority responsibilities and control/ measures;
- an annual budget for the principal subsidiary allocating resources in accordance with identified and prioritised business opportunities. The annual budget for the principal subsidiary is approved by the Board on an annual basis;
- a comprehensive management accounting system for the principal subsidiary to provide financial and operational performance indicators to the relevant management, and financial information for reporting and disclosure purposes. Actual operational results are measured against budget each month. Detailed forecasts for the year and long-term forecasts of profit and loss, cash flow and balance sheets are regularly reviewed and updated. Variances to budget are analysed and explained and appropriate action taken, if necessary;
- systems and procedures are in place to identify, measure, manage and control risks including business, compliance, operational, financial and information services risks that may have an impact on the Group and the principal subsidiary. Exposure to these risks is monitored by the Executive Committee of the Company and the board of directors, the executive committee and the management of the principal subsidiary;
- clearly defined procedures are in place for the control of capital and major expenditure commitments, off-balance sheet financial instruments and the supervision, control and review of the investment portfolio; and
- the Internal Audit Department performs independent reviews of the risks and controls identified to provide reasonable assurance to management of the Company and principal subsidiary and the Audit Committee that controls have been set in place and adequately addressed.

The internal audit function, which is centrally controlled, monitors compliance with policies and standards as well as the effectiveness of internal control structures across the Company and the Group. To preserve the independence of the internal audit function, the Head of Internal Audit Department reports functionally to the Audit Committee whose chairman is an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company who has direct access to the Board. Using a risk-based approach, the Internal Audit Department plans its internal audit schedules annually in consultation with, but independent of, management of the Company and the principal subsidiary. The Internal Audit Department has unrestricted access to information that allows it to review all aspects of the Group's risk management, control and governance processes. Independent reviews of different financial, business and functional operations and activities are conducted with audit resources being focused on high risk areas. Ad hoc reviews are also conducted on areas of concern identified by the Audit Committee and management of the Company and the principal subsidiary. The management of the Company and the principal subsidiary including the affected subsidiary are notified of the deficiencies noted for rectification, and the Internal Audit Department follows up with the implementation of audit recommendations.

The Audit Committee on behalf of the Board assesses the effectiveness of the internal control system including detecting fraud and other irregularities by reviewing the Internal Audit Department's work and findings. On a half-yearly basis, the Internal Audit Department summarises the major audit findings and other relevant information that have come to the Internal Audit Department's attention during the course of the audits and reports to the Audit Committee.

According to the 2023 Internal Audit report, the Group's internal control system was functioning effectively, there was no significant weakness found in the course of the audits carried out during the year 2023, and there was no change in the nature and extent of significant risks as well as the scope and quality of management's ongoing monitoring of the risks and the internal control system. The Audit Committee has concluded that the Group has maintained sound and effective internal controls to safeguard the Group's assets, and there is an ongoing process in place for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Group. The Board, therefore, is of the view that there are no significant frauds, irregularities, internal control deficiencies or suspected infringement of laws, rules and regulations that cause the Board to believe that the systems of internal control are ineffective or inadequate, and there are no significant areas of concern which may affect the shareholders of the Company. The Board is satisfied that the Company and the Group have fully complied with the code provisions on internal control as set forth in the SEHK Code for the year ended 31st December 2023.

To ensure on-going compliance with the SEHK Code, the Audit Committee reviewed the adequacy of staffing of the accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions on behalf of the Board and was satisfied with the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programs and budget of the Company's accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions.

The Company has implemented the following procedures and internal controls for the handling and dissemination of inside information:

- a) it monitors any inside information and makes appropriate announcement as required by the Listing Rules;
- b) it conducts its affairs by reference to the "Guidelines on Disclosure of Inside Information" issued by the Securities and Futures Commission;
- c) it has established procedures for handling external affairs about the Group; and
- d) it has established guidelines to be followed by senior management and employees in dealing with confidential and inside information.

4. Risk Management

The Board acknowledges that risks are inherent in our business and the market in which we operate, and we undertake and monitor risks in pursuit of our strategic and business objectives. Our approach is if risks are effectively managed, it can be a value driver for competitive advantage and the exercising of risk management abilities can become an advantage to differentiate the Group from its competitors.

The Group has built and maintained sound and effective risk management and internal control systems to safeguard the Group's assets, but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss and to manage rather than eliminate risks of failure in operational systems and achievement of the Group's strategic business objectives. In the context of the Group's capital structure and business models; it would re-assess the risk appetite on a regular basis, taking into consideration the Group's business strategy and return targets. The risk strategy of the Group, adopting a proactive approach, would be determined upon analysis results for a specific risk through the risk management process; and once risk is identified based on the risk strategy, it will be managed so that it can be understood, minimised, transferred or contained, through a group-wide risk management framework.

The Risk Committee delegates to the management, the design and setting of risk management parameters, who would work with relevant stakeholders of its business and operation units to identify key risk areas to be assessed and risk control measures formulated to mitigate and guide each local and regional office. The key risk management areas would be regularly reviewed to identify areas for improvement, from which where necessary, the development of policies and procedures for the Group to manage and control risks that might have an impact on the Group and the principal subsidiary including potential risks in critical business areas that are both strategic and operational levels, to ensure business continuity, to optimise business result, and to ensure compliance with the relevant rules and regulations.

The Risk Committee reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems and internal audits are conducted as part of ongoing review on the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems. Emerging risks that may have an impact on the Group are also discussed in the Risk Committee meetings and shared with the Audit Committee.

The Group's risk management organisation structure has a "top-down" approach on oversight, risk identification and assessment, and mitigation of risk at corporate level; and a "bottom-up" approach on risk identification and assessment, and mitigation of risk at business unit level and cross functional areas for its risk management.

Based on the Group risk management principles and culture in taking justifiable calculated risk in business decision after identifying the inherent risks, exploring possible mitigation and assessing all relevant costs and benefits as a result of the decision; and promoting a risk-intelligent culture in the organisation, in which a risk-averse, risk-seeking or risk-neutral attitude might be adopted as and when the circumstances justified; risk management policy is set up to ensure common understanding of risk principles and encouraging a risk intelligent culture on a group-wide level. Our policies and guidelines are periodically reviewed and amended when considered necessary in line with the dynamic changes in our business environment and operations.

The Group has (i) a formalised enterprise risk management ("ERM") process, taking into consideration of the Group's organisation structure and nature of business; and (ii) developed a risk register with a principal risk dashboard that summarises major risks whose potential consequences are significant at group level and may trigger risk events that in aggregate, become significant to the Group as at a given time, and a functional risk dashboard. This provides a point-in-time assessment of the risk profile of the Group for the Risk Committee and the Board on the nature and extent of the risks faced by the Group.

The Group has adopted an activity-based "three lines of defence" risk governance model to delegate and coordinate essential risk management and control duties in a clear and cohesive manner:

- a) First line of defence – Functional units establish risk and control environments in the Group's day-to-day business operations, and as risk owners, are responsible for risk identification, formulation of risk mitigation strategy and upward reporting of risk monitoring progress;
- b) Second line of defence – The Legal and Risk Management Department monitors the risk management system and internal control systems to ensure its effectiveness and facilitates the development and setting of policies and guidelines and its effective implementation of the risk management and internal control systems. It also provides advice and guidance to the first-line functional units on implementation of the risk management and internal control systems; and
- c) Third line of defence – The Internal Audit Department provides independent review on the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems.

The Group's ERM process is underpinned by its risk culture, which is aligned to the overall ethics and culture of the Group. The ERM process consists of eight components: internal environment, objective setting, event identification, risk assessment, risk response, control activities, information and communication, and monitoring; and is used to identify, evaluate and manage the significant risks to the Group. The functional units translate the risk events and incorporate the Group risk appetite into quantitative tolerance limits to monitor and manage the identified material risks in line with the Board's strategy; before communicating their recommended mitigation plans to the Legal and Risk Management Department. The Group risk register allows categorisation and prioritisation of risks, risk documentation and reporting, and the monitoring of the ongoing development of risks.

For the year ended 31st December 2023, following management's confirmation to the Risk Committee on its scope and quality of its ongoing risks monitoring and internal control systems; and satisfaction on the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems with no significant control failings or weaknesses and no significant areas of concern identified which might affect the shareholders of the Company, the Risk Committee has reported twice to the Board on their review and confirmation of its satisfaction on the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems, including the scope and quality of the Group's ongoing monitoring of risks.

The Board confirmed that the Group's risk management and internal control systems are functioning adequately and effectively. The Board is satisfied that the Company and the Group have fully complied with the code provisions on risk management as set forth in the SEHK Code for the year ended 31st December 2023.

C. COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS

The Company attaches great importance to communications with the shareholders of the Company. Extensive information on the Group's activities, business strategy and developments is provided in the Company's annual reports and interim reports. Shareholders of the Company are encouraged to attend the general meetings of the Company which offer a valuable forum for dialogue and interaction with management of the Company. The Chairman of the Board and the chairpersons of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, the Nomination Committee and other Board committees, or in their absence, other members of the relevant committees, are available at the annual general meetings to answer questions from shareholders on the business of the Group. A separate resolution would be proposed by the chairman of the general meetings in respect of each agenda item at the general meetings.

The Company has a shareholders' communication policy, which is available on written request to the Company Secretary of the Company, to ensure shareholders are provided with ready, equal and timely access to balanced and understandable information about the Company. Communication channels, including the Company's website, general meetings, periodic investors and analysts conferences, and direct contact with the Company's Investor Relations and Public Relations Team, enable shareholders to communicate with and provide feedback to the Company from time to time. The Compliance Committee is responsible for regular review of the implementation and effectiveness of the shareholders' communication policy and considers that the shareholders' communication policy was properly implemented during the year 2023 and is effective with these multiple channels in place to promote two-way communication and active engagement with shareholders.

Since the publication of the Company's 2010 interim report, the Company has offered to the shareholders of the Company the following options to choose the language and means of receipt^(Note) of the corporate communications of the Company in support of environment protection and for the purpose of saving printing and mailing costs:

- (1) to read the corporate communication posted on the Company's website at <https://www.ooilgroup.com> in place of receiving printed copies, and to receive an email notification or a printed notification letter (as the case may be) of the publication of the corporate communication; or
- (2) to receive the printed English version or the printed Chinese version or both the printed English and Chinese versions of the Company's corporate communication^(Note).

Note: Pursuant to the Listing Rules under the expansion of paperless listing regime with effect from 31st December 2023, the Company has adopted electronic dissemination of corporate communication, including but not limited to the annual and interim reports, notices of meetings, listing documents, circulars and proxy forms. Printed copy of the Company's corporate communication will be provided upon request if shareholders have difficulty in gaining access to the Company's corporate communication using electronic means. Details of the arrangements for dissemination of the Company's corporate communication are set out on the Company's website.

D. SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

1. Convening a Special General Meeting

Pursuant to the Bermuda Companies Act and the Company's Bye-laws, the shareholder(s) of the Company holding not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company shall have the right, by written requisition sent to the Company's registered office at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda and to the Company's principal office at 31st Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China, for the attention of the Company Secretary of the Company, to require a special general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition.

The written requisition must state the purpose of the general meeting, signed by the shareholder(s) concerned and may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more of those shareholders.

Upon receipt of confirmation from the Company's Registrar that the shareholder(s) submitting the requisition is/are qualified to attend and vote at a general meeting, the Company will convene a special general meeting by serving sufficient notice in accordance with the statutory requirements to all shareholders of the Company.

2. Putting Forward Proposals at General Meetings

The shareholder(s) of the Company holding not less than one-twentieth of the total voting rights of all shareholders having the right to vote at the general meeting of the Company; or not less than 100 shareholders of the Company, can submit:

- (i) a written request stating the resolution intended to be moved at an annual general meeting; or
- (ii) a statement of not more than 1,000 words with respect to the matter referred to in any proposed resolution or the business to be dealt with at a particular general meeting.

The written request/statement must be signed by the shareholder(s) concerned and deposited at the Company's registered office at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda and to the Company's principal office at 31st Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China, for the attention of the Company Secretary of the Company, not less than 6 weeks before the general meeting in the case of a requisition requiring notice of a resolution, and not less than 1 week before the general meeting in the case of any other requisition.

Upon receipt of confirmation from the Registrar of the Company that the shareholder(s) making the proposal is/are qualified to attend and vote at the general meeting, the Company will:

- (i) include the resolution in the agenda for the general meeting; or
- (ii) circulate the statement for the general meeting,

provided that the shareholder(s) concerned has deposited a sum of money sufficient to meet the Company's expenses in serving the notice of the resolution and/or circulating the statement to all shareholders.

Shareholder(s) may also propose a person (other than that shareholder) for election as a Director at the general meeting. Detailed procedures are posted on the Company's website.

3. Putting Enquiries to the Board

Shareholders who have enquiries to put to the Board of the Company may write to the Company Secretary of the Company at 31st Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China.

4. Dividend Policy

Shareholders of the same class of shares shall have equal rights to dividends and distributions. The Company has formally adopted a dividend policy (the “Dividend Policy”) that balances the objectives of appropriately rewarding the shareholders for their investment and retaining reserves for long-term development and future expansion of the Company, and enhances transparency facilitating shareholders and investors to make informed investment decisions.

The Dividend Policy applicable for the year 2023 had a target annual dividend payout of 40% of the consolidated net profit attributed to the shareholders of the Company in the financial years of 2021, 2022 and 2023, and the Company’s annual dividend payment should not be less than US\$400 million in the aforesaid financial years. The Company’s revised Dividend Policy has a target annual dividend payout of 30% to 50% of the consolidated net profit attributed to the shareholders of the Company in the financial years of 2024, 2025 and 2026, whether as interim and/or final dividends, subject to, inter alia, the financial performance, liquidity position, future plans and working capital requirements of the Company and the prevailing economic, financial, business and regulatory circumstances. The Company may also declare special dividends from time to time in addition to the semi-annual dividends.

The declaration of dividends is subject to the sole discretion of the Board. There can be no assurance that dividends will be paid in any particular amount of any given period. The Dividend Policy shall not constitute a legally binding document in respect of future dividend declaration of the Company and/or in no way oblige the Company to declare a dividend at any time or from time to time. The distribution and payment of dividends of the Company will be subject to compliance with the Company’s Bye-laws and applicable laws and regulations.

Details of the dividend paid by the Company during the year 2023 are set out on page 143 of this annual report.

E. INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company continues to promote and enhance investor relations and communication with its investors. The Company’s Investor Relations and Public Relations Team maintains regular dialogue with institutional investors, analysts and fund managers to keep them abreast of the Group’s development.

Shareholders, investors and members of the public are able to access up-to-date corporate information and events related to the Group on the Company’s website.

1. Shareholding Information

As at 31st December 2023:

- Authorised share capital: US\$205,000,000, comprising 900,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.1 each, 65,000,000 limited voting convertible redeemable preferred shares of US\$1 each and 50,000,000 redeemable preferred shares of US\$1 each.
- Issued and fully-paid up capital: US\$66,037,329.7 comprising 660,373,297 ordinary shares of US\$0.1 each.
- Details of the shareholding of the ordinary shares of the Company by the type of shareholders as at 31st December 2023 are as follows:

Type of shareholders	Shareholders		Number of ordinary shares
	Number	Percentage	
Corporate	14	2.6465%	658,896,975
Individual	515	97.3535%	1,476,322
Total	529	100%	660,373,297

- Details of the shareholding of the ordinary shares of the Company by range as at 31st December 2023 are as follows:

Size of shareholdings	Shareholders	
	Number	Percentage
1 – 10,000	510	96.4083%
10,001 – 100,000	15	2.8355%
100,001 – 1,000,000	2	0.3781%
1,000,001 or above	2	0.3781%
Total	529	100%

2. Public Float

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors of the Company, the Company maintained at least 25% of public float as at 31st December 2023 and the date of this annual report.

3. Financial Calendar

Important dates for the shareholders are set out on page 53 of this annual report.

4. Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws

There was no change to the memorandum of association and Bye-laws of the Company during the year 2023, and the consolidated version is available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Report of the Directors

The Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) presents this report together with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding, and the activities of its principal subsidiaries, associated companies and joint ventures are set out on pages 172 to 183 of this annual report.

GROUP RESULTS

The consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) are set out on page 105 of this annual report.

DIVIDENDS

An interim dividend of US\$0.69 (HK\$5.382 at the exchange rate of US\$1: HK\$7.8) per ordinary share and a special dividend of US\$0.17 (HK\$1.326 at the exchange rate of US\$1: HK\$7.8) per ordinary share were paid on 11th October 2023.

The Board has recommended the payment of a final dividend of US\$0.145 (HK\$1.131 at the exchange rate of US\$1: HK\$7.8) per ordinary share and the second special dividend of US\$0.036 (HK\$0.281 at the exchange rate of US\$1: HK\$7.8) per ordinary share for the year ended 31st December 2023 to be paid on 28th June 2024 to the shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 31st May 2024. The final and second special dividends will be paid in the same currency, either in US dollars or HK dollars. Shareholders, who wish to change their existing currency election, should complete a dividend election form and return it to the Company’s Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 20th June 2024.

BUSINESS REVIEW

- A review of the business of the Group and an analysis of the Group’s performance during the year are provided in Chairman’s Statement on pages 10 to 13, Operations Review on pages 14 to 21 and Financial Review sections on pages 30 to 43 of this annual report.
- The principal risks and uncertainties that the Group is facing are in Chairman’s Statement on pages 10 to 13 and Operations Review on pages 14 to 21 of this annual report.
- The financial risk management objectives and policies of the Group can be found in note 3 to the consolidated financial statements on pages 125 to 129 of this annual report.
- The Group’s future business development is provided in Chairman’s Statement on pages 10 to 13 and Operations Review on pages 14 to 21 of this annual report.
- Discussions on the Group’s environmental policies and performance and compliance with the relevant laws and regulations and an account of the Group’s key relationships with its employees, customers and suppliers and stakeholders, that have a significant impact on the Group are contained in the Corporate Responsibility section on pages 22 to 29 of this annual report and in the Company’s 2023 Sustainability Report.

DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Company during the year 2023 and up to the date of this annual report were:

Executive Directors

Mr. Wan Min (*Chairman*)
Mr. Chen Yangfan (*Chief Executive Officer*) (*Note 1*)
Mr. Yang Zhijian
Mr. Huang Xiaowen (*Note 2*)

Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Tung Lieh Cheung Andrew
Mr. Gu Jinshan (*Note 3*)
Ms. Wang Dan
Mr. Ip Sing Chi
Mr. Yan Jun (*Note 4*)

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah
Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson
Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip
Ms. Chen Ying
Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung

Notes:

1. Appointed as an Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company on 25th October 2023.
2. Retired as an Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company on 25th October 2023.
3. Appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 5th December 2023.
4. Resigned as a Non-Executive Director of the Company on 1st August 2023.

In accordance with bye-law 86(2) of the bye-laws of the Company (the “Bye-laws”), Mr. Chen Yangfan and Mr. Gu Jinshan will hold office until the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 22nd May 2024 (the “Annual General Meeting”, being the first annual general meeting after their appointments as Directors of the Company in year 2023) and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

In addition, in accordance with bye-laws 87(2) and 87(3) of the Bye-laws, Ms. Wang Dan, Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson, Ms. Chen Ying and Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

None of the Directors, including the Directors who are proposed for re-election at the Annual General Meeting, has a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable by the employing company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

The Company has received from each Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company an annual confirmation of his/her independence pursuant to rule 3.13 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”), and the Company considers all of them are independent.

DIRECTORS’ RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries was a party to any arrangement enabling the Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate at any time during or at the end of the year 2023.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS

1. Significant Contracts

No transactions, contracts or arrangements of significance (other than contracts amongst Group companies) in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party, and in which a Director of the Company or an entity connected with a Director of the Company had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, subsisted during or at the end of the year 2023.

2. Shares

As at 31st December 2023, the issued share capital of the Company consisted of 660,373,297 ordinary shares (the "Shares"). The interests and short positions of the Directors and the Chief Executive of the Company in the shares, the underlying shares and the debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as at 31st December 2023, as recorded in the register kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO or otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") contained in the Listing Rules, were as follows:

(a) Interests and short positions in the Shares, the underlying Shares and the debentures of the Company:

Nil.

(b) Interests and short positions in the shares of the associated corporations of the Company:

Name of associated corporation	Name of Director	Capacity	Number of ordinary shares held as personal interest	Total number of shares interested	Approximate percentage of total issued share capital of relevant class of shares of associated corporation
COSCO SHIPPING Development Co., Ltd.	WAN Min	Beneficial owner	200,000 (H Shares)	200,000 (H Shares)	0.00544% (Note 1)
		Interest of spouse	–	2,000 (A Shares)	0.00002% (Note 1)
	YANG Zhijian	Beneficial owner	400,000 (H Shares)	400,000 (H Shares)	0.01088% (Note 1)
COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd.	YANG Zhijian	Beneficial owner	130,000 (H Shares)	130,000 (H Shares)	0.00392% (Note 2)
		Beneficial owner	803,088 (A Shares)	803,088 (A Shares)	0.00629% (Note 2)
COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited	WAN Min	Beneficial owner	329,437	329,437	0.00924% (Note 3)

(c) Interests and short positions in the underlying shares and the debentures of the associated corporation of the Company:

Name of associated corporation	Name of Director	Capacity	Date of grant	Exercise price per A share	Number of outstanding share options granted (Note 4)	Total number of shares interested	Approximate percentage of total issued share capital of relevant class of shares of associated corporation (Note 2)
COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd. (A Shares)	YANG Zhijian	Beneficial owner	29th May 2020	RMB1	413,712	413,712	0.00324%

Notes:

- (1) The shareholding percentage was calculated on the basis of 3,676,000,000 H shares and 9,899,938,612 A shares of COSCO SHIPPING Development Co., Ltd. in issue as at 31st December 2023 (as the case may be).
- (2) The shareholding percentage was calculated on the basis of 3,313,313,000 H shares and 12,757,744,752 A shares of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd. (“COSCO SHIPPING Holdings”) in issue as at 31st December 2023 (as the case may be).
- (3) The shareholding percentage was calculated on the basis of 3,563,579,085 shares of COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited in issue as at 31st December 2023.
- (4) According to the terms of the Share Option Incentive Scheme of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings (the “Scheme”) and its amendments approved on 18th May 2020, the Scheme is valid for 10 years from 30th May 2019 and the share options shall be vested 24 months after the date of grant (the “Vesting Period”). Subject to the fulfilment of the relevant conditions of exercise, these share options shall be exercisable in three batches after the expiry of the Vesting Period, i.e. (a) the exercise period of 33% of the share options will commence on the first trading day after expiration of the 24-month period from the date of grant and ending on the last trading day of the 36-month period from the date of grant; (b) the exercise period of 33% of the share options will commence on the first trading day after expiration of the 36-month period from the date of grant and ending on the last trading day of the 48-month period from the date of grant; and (c) the exercise period of 34% of the share options will commence on the first trading day after expiration of the 48-month period from the date of grant and ending on the last trading day of the 84-month period from the date of grant. Details of the Scheme are set out in the announcements dated 3rd June 2019 and 30th March 2020 of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings (A shares). No consideration was paid by the grantees for acceptance of the share options.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31st December 2023, none of the Directors or the Chief Executive of the Company had any interest or short position in the shares, the underlying shares and the debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning 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 are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) entered in the register kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO; or (c) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

3. Directors’ Interests in Competing Business

China COSCO SHIPPING Corporation Limited (“COSCO SHIPPING”, an indirect controlling shareholder of the Company), its subsidiaries and/or its associates engage in the same business of container shipping, management and operation of container terminals and/or logistics services (the “Competing Companies”) as the Group. During the year 2023, Mr. Wan Min, Mr. Chen Yangfan (appointed on 25th October 2023) and Mr. Yang Zhijian, the Executive Directors of the Company, and Mr. Huang Xiaowen, the then Executive Director of the Company (retired on 25th October 2023), were holding directorships and/or senior management positions in COSCO SHIPPING, its subsidiaries and/or its associates; Mr. Tung Lih Cheung Andrew, a Non-Executive Director of the Company, had interests in the shares and the underlying shares of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings (ceased to have interest from 3rd November 2023); Mr. Ip Sing Chi, a Non-Executive Director of the Company, was a non-executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Development Co., Ltd.; Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip, an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, was an independent non-executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Ports Limited; and Ms. Chen Ying, an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, was an external director of COSCO SHIPPING (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd. (ceased on 30th November 2023) and COSCO SHIPPING Lines Co., Ltd.

As the Board of the Company is independent of the board of directors of the Competing Companies, the Directors of the Company are of the view that the Group is capable of carrying on its business independently of, and at arm’s length from the businesses of the Competing Companies.

Save as disclosed above, so far as the Directors of the Company were aware, none of the Directors of the Company or their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which competed or was likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group during the year 2023.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

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

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS

As at 31st December 2023, the following persons (other than the Directors or the Chief Executive of the Company) had an interest or short position in the Shares and the underlying Shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO:

Name	Nature of interest	Number of Shares interested (Long position)	Percentage
Faulkner Global Holdings Limited	Beneficial owner	469,344,972	71.07%
COSCO SHIPPING Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	469,344,972 (Note 1)	71.07%
COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd.	Interest of controlled corporation	469,344,972 (Note 2)	71.07%
China Ocean Shipping Company Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	469,344,972 (Note 3)	71.07%
China COSCO SHIPPING Corporation Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	469,344,972 (Notes 3 & 4)	71.07%
Shanghai Port Group (BVI) Development Co., Limited	Beneficial owner	59,880,536	9.06%
Shanghai International Port Group (HK) Co., Ltd.	Interest of controlled corporation	59,880,536 (Note 5)	9.06%
Shanghai International Port (Group) Co., Ltd.	Interest of controlled corporation	59,880,536 (Note 6)	9.06%

Notes:

1. COSCO SHIPPING Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited ("COSCO SHIPPING HK") held 100% of the shares of Faulkner Global Holdings Limited ("Faulkner") and, accordingly, had an indirect interest in the same Shares in which Faulkner had an interest.
2. COSCO SHIPPING Holdings held 100% of the shares of COSCO SHIPPING HK and, accordingly, had an indirect interest in the same Shares in which COSCO SHIPPING HK had an interest.
3. China Ocean Shipping Company Limited ("China Ocean Shipping") held 36.87% of the shares of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings and, accordingly, had an indirect interest in the same Shares in which COSCO SHIPPING Holdings had an interest. COSCO SHIPPING held 43.62% of the shares of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings by itself and its subsidiaries. Both China Ocean Shipping and COSCO SHIPPING are state-owned enterprises established in the People's Republic of China.
4. COSCO SHIPPING held 100% of the shares of China Ocean Shipping and, accordingly, had an indirect interest in the same Shares in which China Ocean Shipping had an interest.
5. Shanghai International Port Group (HK) Co., Ltd. ("SIPG HK") held 100% of the shares of Shanghai Port Group (BVI) Development Co., Limited ("SIPG BVI") and, accordingly, had an indirect interest in the same Shares in which SIPG BVI had an interest.
6. Shanghai International Port (Group) Co., Ltd. ("SIPG") held 100% of the shares of SIPG HK and, accordingly, had an indirect interest in the same Shares in which SIPG HK had an interest.

The directorships and positions held by the Directors of the Company in the companies disclosed above as at the date of this annual report are set out below:

- (1) Mr. WAN Min is the chairman of the board and the Party Secretary of COSCO SHIPPING, and the chairman of the board and an executive director of China Ocean Shipping and COSCO SHIPPING Holdings.
- (2) Mr. CHEN Yangfan is the executive vice president and a Party Committee member of COSCO SHIPPING, and the vice chairman of the board and an executive director of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings.
- (3) Mr. YANG Zhijian is the employee representative director of COSCO SHIPPING, the general manager, an executive director and the Party Secretary of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings, and a director of COSCO SHIPPING HK and Faulkner.
- (4) Mr. GU Jinshan is the Party Secretary and the chairman of the board of SIPG.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31st December 2023, the Company had not been notified by any person (other than the Directors or the Chief Executive of the Company) who had an interest or short position in the Shares or the underlying Shares which were required to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

Pursuant to Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, details of the Company's connected transactions during the year 2023 are as follows:

Continuing Connected Transactions under Master Agreements with COSCO SHIPPING Group

COSCO SHIPPING indirectly controls more than 50% of the issued share capital of the Company. Accordingly, COSCO SHIPPING and its subsidiaries and associates (as defined under the Listing Rules) (collectively the "COSCO SHIPPING Group") are connected persons of the Company. Transactions contemplated under each of the following master agreements constitute continuing connected transactions (the "Continuing Connected Transactions") of the Company.

a) Business Master Agreement

On 30th August 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) and COSCO SHIPPING (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) entered into a business master agreement in relation to the provision of services related to containerised liner, logistics, information technology and other contractual arrangements between the Group and COSCO SHIPPING Group (the "Business Master Agreement"). The Business Master Agreement is for a term of 3 years from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025, and is renewable for successive periods of 3 years subject to mutual agreement and compliance with the applicable Listing Rules requirements.

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The following table is a summary of the transaction amounts and the annual caps for the financial year ended 31st December 2023 for the transactions contemplated under the Business Master Agreement.

Types of services under the Business Master Agreement	Transaction amounts for year 2023 (US\$'000)	Annual caps for year 2023 (US\$'000)
Provision of services by COSCO SHIPPING Group to the Group		
(A) Liner services		
(i) network services	243,414	512,000
(ii) operation services	128,633	196,000
(iii) vessel operating common carrier services	–	2,400
(iv) other services, including information technology service	1,340	15,000
(B) Logistics services, including non-vessel operating common carrier services, international supply chain services and domestic logistics services	13,639	274,000
(C) Other contractual arrangements, including office leases and insurance service	6,328	20,000
(D) Other services, including use of common facilities, ad hoc use of business facilities and crew manning service/manning agency service	2,360	12,000
Provision of services by the Group to COSCO SHIPPING Group		
(A) Liner services		
(i) network services	9,841	109,000
(ii) operation services	5,361	10,000
(iii) vessel operating common carrier services	83,748	683,000
(iv) other services, including information technology service	53,421	90,000
(B) Logistics services, including non-vessel operating common carrier services, international supply chain services and domestic logistics services	7,029	50,600
(C) Other contractual arrangements, including office leases and insurance service	–	6,000
(D) Other services, including use of common facilities, ad hoc use of business facilities and crew manning service/manning agency service	–	6,000

b) Bunker Master Agreement

On 30th August 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) and COSCO SHIPPING (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) entered into a bunker master agreement in relation to the purchase of bunker, fuel and oil by the Group from COSCO SHIPPING Group (the “Bunker Master Agreement”). The Bunker Master Agreement is for a term of 3 years from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025, and is renewable for successive periods of 3 years subject to mutual agreement and compliance with the applicable Listing Rules requirements.

The following table is a summary of the transaction amount and the annual cap for the year ended 31st December 2023 for the transactions contemplated under the Bunker Master Agreement.

	Transaction amount for year 2023 (US\$'000)	Annual cap for year 2023 (US\$'000)
Purchase of bunker, fuel and oil by the Group from COSCO SHIPPING Group	301,690	627,000

c) Terminal Master Agreement

On 30th August 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) and COSCO SHIPPING (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) entered into a terminal master agreement in relation to the purchase of terminal services, including loading and unloading of containers at port, and related services, including terminal handling, storage and maintenance of container and storage services and customs clearing services, between the Group and COSCO SHIPPING Group (the “Terminal Master Agreement”). The Terminal Master Agreement is for a term of 3 years from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025, and is renewable for successive periods of 3 years subject to mutual agreement and compliance with the applicable Listing Rules requirements.

The following table is a summary of the transaction amounts and the annual caps for the year ended 31st December 2023 for the transactions contemplated under the Terminal Master Agreement.

	Transaction amounts for year 2023 (US\$'000)	Annual caps for year 2023 (US\$'000)
Provision of services by COSCO SHIPPING Group to the Group	228,781	459,708
Provision of services by the Group to COSCO SHIPPING Group	2,332	25,000

d) Equipment Procurement Master Agreement

On 30th August 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) and COSCO SHIPPING (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) entered into an equipment procurement master agreement in relation to the provision of equipment to be produced by COSCO SHIPPING Group and equipment procurement services, including container acquisition, and pooling and related services between the Group and COSCO SHIPPING Group (the “Equipment Procurement Master Agreement”). The Equipment Procurement Master Agreement is for a term of 3 years from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025, and is renewable for successive periods of 3 years subject to mutual agreement and compliance with the applicable Listing Rules requirements.

The following table is a summary of the transaction amounts and the annual caps for the year ended 31st December 2023 for the transactions contemplated under the Equipment Procurement Master Agreement.

	Transaction amounts for year 2023 (US\$'000)	Annual caps for year 2023 (US\$'000)
Provision of services by COSCO SHIPPING Group to the Group	68,958	590,000
Provision of services by the Group to COSCO SHIPPING Group	26,574	237,000

e) Vessel Services Master Agreement

On 30th August 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) and COSCO SHIPPING (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) entered into a vessel services master agreement in relation to the provision of vessel services, including vessel chartering, vessel supervision, and other vessel-related services between the Group and COSCO SHIPPING Group (the “Vessel Services Master Agreement”). The Vessel Services Master Agreement is for a term of 3 years from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025, and is renewable for successive periods of 3 years subject to mutual agreement and compliance with the applicable Listing Rules requirements.

The following table is a summary of the transaction amounts and the annual caps for the year ended 31st December 2023 for the transactions contemplated under the Vessel Services Master Agreement.

	Transaction amounts for year 2023 (US\$'000)	Annual caps for year 2023 (US\$'000)
Provision of services by COSCO SHIPPING Group to the Group	175,862	230,000
Provision of services by the Group to COSCO SHIPPING Group	98,562	103,000

f) Financial Services Master Agreement

On 30th August 2022, the Company (for itself and on behalf of its subsidiaries and associates) and COSCO SHIPPING Finance Co., Ltd. (“COSCO SHIPPING Finance”), a subsidiary of COSCO SHIPPING and a connected person of the Company, entered into a financial services master agreement in relation to the provision of deposit service, loan service and other financial services by COSCO SHIPPING Finance to the Group (the “Financial Services Master Agreement”). The Financial Services Master Agreement is for a term of 3 years from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025, and is renewable for successive periods of 3 years subject to mutual agreement and compliance with the applicable Listing Rules requirements.

The following table is a summary of the transaction amounts and the annual caps for the year ended 31st December 2023 for the transactions contemplated under the Financial Services Master Agreement.

	Highest daily balance* for year 2023 (US\$'000)	Maximum daily limit of deposits* for year 2023 (US\$'000)
Deposit service	238,120	690,000

	Highest daily outstanding balance* for year 2023 (US\$'000)	Maximum daily limit of loan facilities* for year 2023 (US\$'000)
Loan service	–	345,000

	Transaction amount for year 2023 (US\$'000)	Annual cap for year 2023 (US\$'000)
Other financial services [#]	–	6,000

* The daily limit/balance of deposits and/or the daily limit/outstanding balance of loans include accrued interest and handling fee.

Other financial services include (but not limited to) clearing services and foreign exchange services.

Details of the Continuing Connected Transactions are set out in the announcement and the circular of the Company dated 30th August 2022 and 21st October 2022, respectively.

Pursuant to rule 14A.55 of the Listing Rules, the Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company, namely Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah, Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson, Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip, Ms. Chen Ying and Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung, had reviewed the Continuing Connected Transactions and confirmed that the Continuing Connected Transactions have been entered into (a) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group; (b) on normal commercial terms or better; and (c) according to the relevant agreements governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

The Company's auditor was engaged to report on the Group's Continuing Connected Transactions in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) "Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" and with reference to Practice Note 740 (Revised) "Auditor's Letter on Continuing Connected Transactions under the Hong Kong Listing Rules" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The auditor has issued their unqualified letter containing the findings and conclusions in respect of the Continuing Connected Transactions as disclosed above in accordance with rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules.

During the year 2023, the Group conducted certain related party transactions as disclosed in note 40 to the consolidated financial statements on pages 168 and 169 of this annual report. Some of these transactions also constituted connected transactions of the Group (exempted or non-exempted) which the Company has complied with the relevant applicable requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY

Pursuant to the Bye-laws and subject to the provisions of the statutes, every Director of the Company shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which he may incur or sustain in or about the execution of his duty; provided that the indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any wilful negligence, wilful default, fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of the Directors of the Company.

Since 1992, the Company has arranged insurance cover for the directors' and officers' liabilities including cover for the Directors of the Company, and the directors, the officers and senior management of the Group arising out of the corporate activities of the Group.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

During the year ended 31st December 2023, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's Shares.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

No pre-emptive rights exist under Bermuda law in relation to the issue of new shares by the Company.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the Shares of the Company issued during the year 2023 are set out in note 32 to the consolidated financial statements on page 161 of this annual report.

TOP-UP PLACING OF EXISTING SHARES AND SUBSCRIPTION OF NEW SHARES UNDER GENERAL MANDATE

The Company entered into a placing and subscription agreement (the "Placing and Subscription Agreement") with Faulkner and J.P. Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Limited (the "Placing Agent") on 9th September 2021, pursuant to which (a) the Placing Agent agreed, as agent of Faulkner, to procure purchasers to purchase or, failing which itself to purchase 23,180,000 ordinary shares of the Company (the "Placing Shares") then beneficially owned by Faulkner at the price of HK\$151.00 per share (the "Placing"); and (b) Faulkner conditionally agreed to subscribe for 23,180,000 new ordinary shares of the Company (the "Subscription Shares") at the price of HK\$151.00 per share (the "Subscription"). On 9th September 2021, being the date of the signing of the Placing and Subscription Agreement, the closing price for each Share was HK\$165.50.

On 14th September 2021, the Placing Shares were successfully placed by the Placing Agent to not less than 6 placees. Each of the placees (and their respective ultimate beneficial owners) was independent of the Company and its connected persons. As all conditions of the Subscription had been fulfilled, completion of the Subscription took place on 17th September 2021 and the Subscription Shares were subscribed by Faulkner. The aggregate nominal value of the Subscription Shares was US\$2,318,000. The Company received total net proceeds of approximately HK\$3,477.66 million from issuing the Subscription Shares and the net price per Subscription Share was approximately HK\$150.03.

The Subscription Shares were allotted and issued pursuant to the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company by a resolution of the shareholders passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 21st May 2021. Accordingly, the allotment and issuance of the Subscription Shares were not subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board was of the view that issuing the Subscription Shares provided a good opportunity for the Company to finance the Group's expansion, and to further broaden its shareholder base with a view to further improving the trading liquidity of the Shares.

The table below sets out the intended use of the net proceeds from the Placing and the Subscription and the status of utilisation. As at 31st July 2023, all the net proceeds from the Placing and the Subscription had been fully utilised.

Intended use of net proceeds	Planned allocation of net proceeds (HK\$ million)	As at 1st January 2023		Up to 31st December 2023		Status of utilisation
		Utilised amount (HK\$ million)	Unutilised balance (HK\$ million)	Utilised amount (HK\$ million)	Unutilised balance (HK\$ million)	
Milestone payments for the 12 newbuilds ordered in 2020 (due before 31st December 2022)	Approximately 1,950	1,950	0	1,950	0	Fully utilised as at 31st December 2022
Milestone payments for the 10 newbuilds ordered in 2021 (due before 31st December 2021)	Approximately 1,248	1,229.12 (Note)	18.88 (Note)	1,248 (Note)	0 (Note)	Fully utilised as at 31st July 2023 (Note)
Purchase of container boxes and general corporate purposes	Approximately 279.66	279.66	0	279.66	0	Fully utilised as at 31st December 2022

Note:

Regarding the payments for the 10 newbuilds ordered in 2021, approximately HK\$1,229.12 million was settled by the allocated net proceeds before 31st December 2021; no payment was due in 2022; due to a slight change in construction progress, the then remaining unutilised net proceeds of approximately HK\$18.88 million was utilised in July 2023, instead of originally scheduled to be paid before 30th June 2023. As at 31st July 2023, the net proceeds allocated to the payments for the said 10 newbuilds were fully utilised.

Details of the Placing and the Subscription are set out in the announcements of the Company dated 10th September 2021 and 17th September 2021.

RESERVES

Movements during the year 2023 in the reserves of the Group and the Company are set out in notes 33 and 41 to the consolidated financial statements on pages 161 and 170 to 171 of this annual report.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

The Company had not entered into any equity-linked agreement for the year ended 31st December 2023.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board and the management of the Company are committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance. The Company considers that effective corporate governance makes an important contribution to corporate success and to the enhancement of shareholder value.

The Company has adopted its own corporate governance code (the “CG Code”), which in addition to applying the principles as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the “SEHK Code”) contained in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules, also incorporates and conforms to local and international best practices. The CG Code sets out the corporate governance principles applied by the Group and is constantly reviewed to ensure transparency, accountability and independence.

Throughout the year of 2023, the Company complied with the SEHK Code, except as set out in the Corporate Governance Report.

Further information on the CG Code is set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 56 to 83 of this annual report.

PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors of the Company, there was sufficient public float of at least 25% of the Company’s issued Shares as required under the Listing Rules as at the date of this annual report.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 22nd May 2024.

A circular containing, inter alia, (i) a notice convening the Annual General Meeting; (ii) details of the retiring Directors to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting; (iii) the general mandate to authorise the allotment of and otherwise dealing with the shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and securities convertible into shares and options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for shares or such convertible securities; and (iv) the general mandate to authorise the repurchase of the Company's securities, together with a proxy form, will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company on or around 25th April 2024.

COMPANY SECRETARY

The Company Secretary of the Company is Mr. Xiao Junguang.

AUDITOR

The Group's consolidated financial statements have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers who will retire at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board
Orient Overseas (International) Limited
Wan Min
Chairman

Hong Kong, China, 21st March 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of Orient Overseas (International) Limited
(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

OPINION

What we have audited

The consolidated financial statements of Orient Overseas (International) Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which are set out on pages 105 to 183, comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at 31st December 2023;
- the consolidated profit or loss account for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31st December 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 disclosure requirements of 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

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.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, 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.

Key audit matters identified in our audit are summarised as follows:

- Recognition of freight revenue of vessel voyages in progress at the year end
- Onerous contract provision for the Terminal Service Agreement ("TSA") in Long Beach Container Terminal ("LBCT")
- Impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p>Recognition of freight revenue of vessel voyages in progress at the year end</p> <p><i>Refer to notes 2.21, 4(a) and 5 to the consolidated financial statements.</i></p> <p>For the year ended 31st December 2023, majority of the Group's revenue of US\$8,343.9 million was derived from the freight revenue from container transport operation.</p> <p>The Group recognises freight revenue based on the sailing schedules and the respective freight rates in accordance with agreements or contracts.</p> <p>For voyages in progress at the year end, the Group applies a percentage of completion to the contracted freight revenue of each voyage and the percentage is determined based on the days of vessel voyage completed to date relative to the total estimated days required for the completion of the entire voyage. We focus on the freight revenue in progress at the year end because the transaction volume of the voyages which were in progress at year end is significant and complex calculations are involved in the estimation of freight revenue on a percentage of completion basis.</p>	<p>Our procedures to address freight revenue of vessel voyages in progress at the year end included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained an understanding of management's internal control and estimation process and assessed the level of inherent risk by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and factors such as complexity. • Understood, evaluated and tested the information technology general control environment of the operation and accounting systems used to record the freight revenue transactions. • Evaluated and tested the key controls, on a sample basis, over the recognition of freight revenue in progress at the year end. • Selected vessel voyages in progress at the year end in the estimation schedule, on a sample basis, and agreed the contracted revenue to the data recorded in the operation system. • Assessed the percentage of completion estimated by management in respect of the vessel voyages in progress at year end, by agreeing the estimated departure dates and arrival dates of vessel voyages in progress in the operation system to the sailing schedules, on a sample basis. • Tested, subsequent to the year end, the actual departure dates and arrival dates of vessel voyages in progress at year end, on a sample basis. • Checked the calculation, on a sample basis, of the estimated freight revenue of vessel voyages in progress at year end. <p>We found that management's estimation of freight revenue for vessel voyages in progress at year end are supportable by available evidence.</p>

Key Audit Matter

Onerous contract provision for the TSA in LBCT

Refer to notes 2.17, 4(d) and 36 to the consolidated financial statements.

In October 2019, the Group entered into a terminal service agreement for procuring the placement of an annual minimum number of vessel lifts ("MVC") at Long Beach Container Terminal ("LBCT") for each of the 20 years commencing on 1st November 2019 ("TSA"). According to the TSA, the Group is entitled to an excess rebate or obliged to pay a deficiency payment when there is surplus or shortfall over the respective MVC for each year during the contract period.

A provision should be made for the present obligation under the TSA where the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under it. Management performed an assessment to determine if any onerous provision for the TSA is required.

As at 31st December 2023, the Group recognised a provision for onerous contract of US\$916.7 million for the TSA, which is calculated using an expected value approach involving probability weighted possible scenarios taking into considerations of respective economic benefits to be received and associated fulfilment costs during the remaining contract period.

The estimation of the fulfilment costs and economic benefits over the remaining contract period involves significant judgements and assumptions including, a) the projected vessel lifts to be placed at LBCT, b) the expected amount of deficiency payment/excess rebates as stipulated in the TSA when the volume is below/in excess of the MVC, c) the amount of expected bunker costs and other operating costs and d) the expected freight rate from operating the service routes to/from LBCT.

We focused on this area because of the significance of the onerous provision as well as the estimation of it involved a high degree of uncertainty. The inherent risk in relation to the onerous contract assessment is significant due to the complexity of the calculation methodology and model and high level of subjectivity of management's judgements and assumptions made.

How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter

Our procedures in relation to the assessment of the provision for onerous contract for the TSA included:

- Obtained an understanding of management's assessment process of the onerous provision for the TSA and assessed the inherent risk of material misstatement by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and factors such as complexity and subjectivity.
- Evaluated the appropriateness of the identification of expected economic benefits and fulfilment cost element included in management's assessment through discussion with management and corroborated with our review of the key terms of the TSA and our understanding of the applicable accounting standard requirements.
- Assessed the calculation methodology and model for onerous contract provision with the involvement of our in house specialists.
- Evaluated management's projected vessel lifts for the remaining contract period under the TSA through discussion with management, referencing to market data and comparing to historical vessel lifts and trends of LBCT.
- Checked management's calculation of the excess rebate or deficiency payment according to the terms in the TSA and the projected vessel lifts at LBCT.
- Assessed the reasonableness of expected bunker costs with reference to market forecast and other expected operating costs and freight rate based on the approved budget, market data, and our knowledge of the business and industry.
- Evaluated the probability weighting applied to the possible scenarios prepared by management based on our understanding of the Group's business and industry as well as discussion with management and corroborated with management's sensitivity analysis on the probability weighting applied to possible scenarios.
- Evaluated the appropriateness and adequacy of the relevant disclosures made in the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Based on the procedures performed, we found the calculation methodology and model, judgements and assumptions used in the estimation of the provision of onerous contract for the TSA in LBCT were supportable based on available evidence.

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p>Impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets</p> <p><i>Refer to notes 2.7 and 4(f) to the consolidated financial statements.</i></p> <p>As at 31st December 2023, the Group had property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets of US\$5,608.0 million, US\$1,861.7 million, and US\$7.7 million, respectively.</p> <p>Management performed assessment at the end of each reporting period whether there is any indication that the assets may be impaired. Based on the assessment, it was considered there was an indicator of possible impairment for its liner operation, which is the cash-generating unit (“CGU”) of the Group.</p> <p>The value-in-use calculations use cash flow projections based on financial budgets which involve judgements made by management such as forecast freight rates, load factors, bunker costs, and discount rate. Based on the result of the impairment assessment, the Group determined that no impairment provision was required for the year ended 31st December 2023. This conclusion was based on recoverable amounts, calculated under the value-in-use models, which exceeded the carrying values of the CGU as at 31st December 2023.</p> <p>We focused on this area because of the material balances of the carrying amounts of these assets, and significant judgements are required to estimate the recoverable amount.</p>	<p>Our procedures in relation to the impairment assessment included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtained an understanding of the management’s assessment process of identification of any indicator of asset impairment and the corresponding impairment assessment, and assessed the inherent risk of material misstatement by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and level of other inherent risk factors, such as complexity, subjectivity, changes and susceptibility to management bias or fraud. • Assessed management’s identification of the CGU and the allocation of assets to the CGU for the purpose of impairment assessment. • Involved our in house specialist to assess the appropriateness of the valuation methodology used, mathematical accuracy of the model and the discount rate applied by benchmarking with comparable companies in the same industry. • Agreed the input data used by the management to supporting evidence such as the approved financial budget and assessed the reasonableness of key assumptions applied in the cash flow forecasts such as freight rates, load factors, bunker costs applied by management by comparing historical performance and available market data, where applicable. • Assessed sensitivity analyses over the possible changes on key assumptions, to evaluate the potential impacts on the recoverable amounts. • Evaluated the appropriateness and adequacy of the relevant disclosures made in the Group’s consolidated financial statements. <p>Based on the procedures performed, we found the calculation methodology and model, judgements and assumptions used in the impairment assessment were supportable based on available evidence.</p>

OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company 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 disclosure requirements of 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 Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

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. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism 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

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, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, 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.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Liao Weining.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 21st March 2024

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31st December 2023

US\$'000	Note	2023	2022
Revenue	5	8,343,857	19,820,188
Operating costs	6	(7,188,523)	(9,395,608)
Gross profit		1,155,334	10,424,580
Other operating income	7	499,962	252,044
Business and administrative expenses		(280,161)	(662,804)
Reversal of impairment losses on financial assets, net		20,709	7,612
Other gains, net	8	9,832	57,669
Operating profit	11	1,405,676	10,079,101
Finance costs	12	(28,496)	(61,138)
Share of profits of joint ventures	19	4,041	2,689
Share of (losses)/profits of associated companies	20	(660)	7,091
Profit before taxation		1,380,561	10,027,743
Taxation	13	(11,452)	(61,505)
Profit for the year		1,369,109	9,966,238
Profit attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		1,367,852	9,965,245
Non-controlling interests		1,257	993
		1,369,109	9,966,238
Earnings per ordinary share (US\$)	14		
Basic and diluted		2.07	15.09

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31st December 2023

US\$'000	2023	2022
Profit for the year	1,369,109	9,966,238
Other comprehensive loss:		
Item that will not be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:		
Remeasurement losses on defined benefit schemes	(1,392)	(4,054)
Items that have been reclassified or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Currency translation adjustments		
Subsidiaries	(14,548)	(37,920)
Joint ventures	(152)	(655)
Associated companies	(1,532)	(8,176)
Release of reserve upon disposal of a subsidiary and an associated company	-	(7,917)
Total amount that has been reclassified or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	(16,232)	(54,668)
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax	(17,624)	(58,722)
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,351,485	9,907,516
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	1,350,189	9,906,695
Non-controlling interests	1,296	821
	1,351,485	9,907,516

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2023

US\$'000	Note	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	16	5,607,991	4,696,239
Right-of-use assets	17	1,861,705	2,509,695
Investment property	18	250,000	270,000
Investments in joint ventures	19	9,906	9,916
Investments in associated companies	20	88,399	96,332
Intangible assets	21	7,679	10,805
Deferred taxation assets	22	14,903	30,349
Pension and retirement assets	23	13,490	10,093
Restricted bank balances	24	296	300
Investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	25	34	34
Investments at amortised cost	26	52,926	52,966
Other non-current assets	27	11,516	17,945
		7,918,845	7,704,674
Current assets			
Inventories	28	197,186	179,561
Debtors and prepayments	29	743,212	873,260
Investments at amortised cost	26	–	35,340
Portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss	30	13,413	13,369
Tax recoverable		10,794	11,929
Restricted bank balances	24	3,547	3,126
Cash and bank balances	31	6,722,188	11,213,902
		7,690,340	12,330,487
Total assets		15,609,185	20,035,161
EQUITY			
Equity holders			
Share capital	32	66,037	66,037
Reserves	33	11,141,059	13,369,961
		11,207,096	13,435,998
Non-controlling interests		3,267	2,900
Total equity		11,210,363	13,438,898

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31st December 2023

US\$'000	Note	2023	2022
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	35	919,370	1,367,909
Deferred taxation liabilities	22	190,718	192,868
Provision	36	916,745	894,745
		2,026,833	2,455,522
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	37	1,750,516	3,282,974
Lease liabilities	35	518,868	712,211
Current taxation		102,605	145,556
		2,371,989	4,140,741
Total liabilities		4,398,822	6,596,263
Total equity and liabilities		15,609,185	20,035,161

Wan Min
Director

Yang Zhijian
Director

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31st December 2023

US\$'000	Note	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	39(a)	714,711	11,412,621
Interest and financing charges paid		(59,062)	(53,949)
Income tax paid		(38,453)	(105,658)
Net cash from operating activities		617,196	11,253,014
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		47,571	149,399
Sale and redemption on maturity of non-current assets		36,766	27,697
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(1,378,086)	(524,841)
Purchase of other non-current assets		(11,821)	(23,605)
Decrease in portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss		-	39,025
Disposal of a subsidiary	39(c)	-	52,442
Proceeds from disposal of an associated company		2,944	-
Investments in associated companies		(439)	(1,000)
(Increase)/decrease in restricted bank balances and bank deposits maturing more than three months from the date of placement		(3,843,395)	1,505,742
Interest received		495,112	183,053
Dividends and distribution received from investments		548	702
Dividends received from joint ventures and associated companies		10,079	11,459
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities		(4,640,721)	1,420,073
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of loans	39(b)	-	(251,165)
Repayment of lease liabilities	39(b)	(714,760)	(722,592)
Dividends paid to equity holders of the Company		(3,579,223)	(6,141,471)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		(929)	-
Net cash used in financing activities		(4,294,912)	(7,115,228)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		9,463,902	3,940,809
Currency translation adjustments		(16,255)	(34,766)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	39(e)	1,129,210	9,463,902

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31st December 2023

US\$'000	Equity holders			Non-controlling interests	Total
	Share capital	Reserves	Sub-total		
At 1st January 2022	66,037	9,603,620	9,669,657	2,079	9,671,736
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	9,906,695	9,906,695	821	9,907,516
Transactions with owners					
Employee share-based compensation	–	1,117	1,117	–	1,117
2021 final dividend	–	(1,723,574)	(1,723,574)	–	(1,723,574)
2021 second special dividend	–	(455,658)	(455,658)	–	(455,658)
2022 interim dividend	–	(2,265,080)	(2,265,080)	–	(2,265,080)
2022 first special dividend	–	(1,697,159)	(1,697,159)	–	(1,697,159)
At 31st December 2022 and 1st January 2023	66,037	13,369,961	13,435,998	2,900	13,438,898
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	1,350,189	1,350,189	1,296	1,351,485
Transactions with owners					
Employee share-based compensation	–	132	132	–	132
2022 final dividend	–	(1,723,574)	(1,723,574)	–	(1,723,574)
2022 second special dividend	–	(1,287,728)	(1,287,728)	–	(1,287,728)
2023 interim dividend	–	(455,658)	(455,658)	–	(455,658)
2023 first special dividend	–	(112,263)	(112,263)	–	(112,263)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	–	–	–	(929)	(929)
At 31st December 2023	66,037	11,141,059	11,207,096	3,267	11,210,363

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Orient Overseas (International) Limited (the “Company”) is a members’ limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda. The address of its registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda and the principal office is 31st Floor, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and the activities of its principal subsidiaries, associated companies and joint ventures are set out on pages 172 to 183 of the consolidated financial statements.

The Company has its shares listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The ultimate parent company of the Group is China COSCO SHIPPING Corporation Limited (“COSCO SHIPPING”), a state-owned enterprise established in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to both years presented, unless otherwise stated.

2.1 Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRS”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment property, investments at fair value through other comprehensive income and portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss which are carried at fair value.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in note 4.

The adoption of new or revised standards

In 2023, the Group adopted the following new standard and amendments to existing standards, which are relevant to its operations.

New standard and amendments to existing standards

HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2 (Amendments)	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
HKAS 8 (Amendment)	Definition of Accounting Estimates
HKAS 12 (Amendment)	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction
HKAS 12 (Amendment)	International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules
HKFRS 17 and HKFRS 17 (Amendment)	Insurance Contracts
HKFRS 17 (Amendment)	Initial Application of HKFRS 17 and HKFRS 9 – Comparative Information

The adoption of the above new standard and amendments to existing standards does not have a material impact to the results and financial position of the Group.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.1 Basis of preparation (Continued)

Amendments and interpretation to existing standards that are relevant to the Group but not yet effective

Amendments and interpretation to existing standards		Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
HK Int 5 (Revised)	Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause	1st January 2024
HKAS 1 (Amendment)	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1st January 2024
HKAS 1 (Amendment)	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1st January 2024
HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7 (Amendments)	Supplier Finance Arrangements	1st January 2024
HKFRS 16 (Amendment)	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1st January 2024
HKAS 21 (Amendment)	Lack of Exchangeability	1st January 2025
HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (Amendments)	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	To be announced

The adoption of the above amendments and interpretation to existing standards is not expected to have a significant effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

2.2 Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31st December.

The consolidated financial statements also include the Group's attributable share of post-acquisition results and reserves of its joint ventures and associated companies.

(a) Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The Group uses the acquisition method of accounting to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis. Non-controlling interests in the acquiree that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of the entity's net assets in the event of liquidation are measured at either fair value or the present ownership interests' proportionate share in the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All other components of non-controlling interests are measured at their acquisition-date fair value, unless another measurement basis is required by HKFRS.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.2 Consolidation (Continued)

(a) Subsidiaries (Continued)

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the total of consideration transferred, non-controlling interest recognised and previously held interest measured is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognised directly in the consolidated profit and loss account.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

(b) Transactions with non-controlling interests

Transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions – that is, as transactions with the owners of the subsidiary in their capacity as owners. The difference between any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

(c) Disposal of subsidiaries

When the Group ceases to have control, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value, with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequent accounting for the retained interest as an associated company, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

(d) Joint arrangements

Joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures depending on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor. The Group has assessed the nature of its joint arrangements and determined them to be joint ventures. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method of accounting, interests in joint ventures are initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses and movements in other comprehensive income. When the Group's share of losses in a joint venture equals or exceeds its interests in the 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 does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint venture.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the joint ventures. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.2 Consolidation (Continued)

(e) Associated companies

Associated companies are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associated companies are accounted for by the equity method of accounting and are initially recognised at cost. The Group's investments in associated companies includes goodwill (net of any accumulated impairment loss) identified on acquisition, which represents any excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired associated company.

If the ownership interest in an associate is reduced but significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where appropriate.

The Group's share of its associated companies' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account, and its share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in an associated company equals or exceeds its interest in the associated company, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associated company.

Profits and losses resulting from upstream and downstream transactions between the Group and its associated companies are recognised in the Group's financial statements only to the extent of unrelated investor's interests in the associated companies. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of associated companies have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

2.3 Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account during the financial period in which they are incurred.

No depreciation is provided for assets under construction and freehold land.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Container vessels	25 years
Capitalised dry-docking costs (note 2.5)	5 years
Containers and chassis	10 to 15 years
Terminal equipment and improvement	3 to 15 years
Freehold buildings	Not exceeding 75 years
Buildings outside Hong Kong	Over period of the lease
Leasehold improvement	Over period of the lease or 5 years whichever is lower
Furniture, vehicles, scrubbers and other vessel equipment, computer and other equipment	3 to 10 years

The residual values of the assets and their useful lives are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.3 Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

The carrying amount of an asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amounts of the assets and are dealt with in the consolidated profit and loss account.

2.4 Investment property

Property that is held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that is not occupied by the companies in the Group, is classified as investment property.

Investment property is initially measured at cost, including related transaction costs and where applicable borrowing costs. After initial recognition, investment property is carried at fair value. Fair value is based on valuation carried out semi-annually by an independent external valuer. Changes in fair values are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account.

2.5 Vessel repairs and surveys

Upon acquisition of a vessel, the components of the vessel which are required to be replaced at the next dry-docking are identified and their costs are depreciated over five years to the next estimated dry-docking date. Costs incurred on subsequent dry-docking of vessels are capitalised and depreciated over the period to the next estimated dry-docking date. When significant dry-docking costs are incurred prior to the expiry of the depreciation period, the remaining costs of the previous dry-docking are written off immediately.

2.6 Intangible assets

Computer software

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programs are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Group, and that will probably generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets. Direct costs include the software development employee costs and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads.

Computer software costs mainly comprise internally generated capitalised software development costs.

Computer software costs recognised as assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful life, with a maximum of five years.

2.7 Impairment of investments in subsidiaries and non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation, and are at least tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value of an asset less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows (cash generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving dividends from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the separate account exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.8 Investments and other financial assets

(a) Classification

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income or through profit or loss); and
- those to be measured at amortised cost.

The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or other comprehensive income. For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The Group reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

(b) Recognition and derecognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

(c) Measurement

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss.

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. Interest income from these financial assets is included in "other operating income" using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in profit or loss and presented in "other gains/(losses)" together with foreign exchange gains and losses. Impairment losses are presented as separate line item in the consolidated profit and loss account.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.8 Investments and other financial assets (Continued)

(c) Measurement (Continued)

Debt instruments (Continued)

- Fair value through other comprehensive income: 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 fair value through other comprehensive income. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through other comprehensive income, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest income and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in "other gains/(losses)". Interest income from these financial assets is included in "other operating income" using the effective interest rate method. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in "other gains/(losses)". Impairment losses are presented as separate line item in the consolidated profit and loss account.
- Fair value through profit or loss: Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income are measured at fair value through profit or loss. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in profit or loss and presented net within "other gains/(losses)" in the period in which it arises.

Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in other comprehensive income, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as "other operating income" when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in "other gains/(losses)" in profit or loss as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

(d) Impairment

The Group assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

For trade receivables, the Group applies the simplified approach permitted by HKFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables.

(e) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the company or the counterparty.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.9 Inventories

Inventories mainly comprise bunkers and consumable stores. Cost is calculated on weighted average basis. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the costs of completion and selling expenses.

2.10 Debtors

Debtors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables and is also based on expected credit losses rather than only incurred credit losses. The amount of the provision is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account. More information about the impairment policies of debtors is disclosed in note 3.1(c).

If collection of debtors is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

2.11 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks with original maturities of three months or less.

2.12 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

2.13 Creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Creditors are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.14 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds net of transaction costs and the redemption value is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the balance sheet date.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the draw-down occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a prepayment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.15 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account, except to the extent that it relates to item recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company's subsidiaries, joint ventures and associated companies operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred taxation is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, if the deferred taxation arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss and does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences, it is not accounted for. Deferred taxation is determined using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred taxation asset is realised or the deferred taxation liability is settled.

Deferred taxation assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred taxation is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, associated companies and joint ventures, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities related to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

2.16 Employee benefits

(a) Pension obligations

The Group operates a number of defined benefit and defined contribution pension and retirement benefit schemes in the main countries in which the Group operates. These schemes are generally funded by payments from employees and by relevant group companies, taking into account of the recommendations of independent qualified actuaries where required.

A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan. Typically defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognised in the consolidated balance sheet in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date less the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected expected benefit payments. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension obligation. In countries where there is no deep market in such bonds, the market rates on government bonds are used.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.16 Employee benefits (Continued)

(a) Pension obligations (Continued)

The current service cost of the defined benefit plan, recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account in employee benefit expense, except where included in the cost of an asset, reflects the increase in the defined benefit obligation results from employee service in the current year, benefit changes, curtailments and settlements.

Past-service costs are recognised immediately in the consolidated profit and loss account.

The net interest cost is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net balance of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets. This cost is included in employee benefit expense in the consolidated profit and loss account.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Contributions under the defined contribution schemes are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due and are reduced by contributions forfeited by those employees who leave the scheme prior to vesting fully in the contributions. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

(b) Bonus plans

The Group recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses, based on a formula that takes into consideration the profit attributable to the Company's shareholders after certain adjustments. The Group recognises a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

(c) Employee leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date. Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

(d) Share-based payments

Employee services settled in equity instruments

An intermediate holding company of the Group operates an equity-settled, share-based compensation plan. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the share options of the intermediate holding company is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions. Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. At each balance sheet date, the Group revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. It recognises the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the consolidated profit and loss account, and a corresponding adjustment to equity over the remaining vesting period.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.17 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

A provision for onerous contracts is recognised where the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contracts exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under them.

The unavoidable costs under a contract reflect the least net cost of exiting from the contract, which is the lower of the cost of fulfilling it and any compensation or penalties arising from failure to fulfil it.

The cost of fulfilling a contract comprises the costs that relate directly to the contract. Costs that relate directly to a contract consist of both:

- the incremental costs of fulfilling that contract – for example, cargo cost; and
- an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling contracts – for example, an allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling that contract among others.

2.18 Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised as a financial liability at the time the guarantee is issued. The liability is initially measured at fair value and subsequently at the higher of:

- the amount determined in accordance with the expected credit loss model under HKFRS 9 “Financial Instruments”; and
- the amount initially recognised less, where appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with the principles of HKFRS 15 “Revenue from Contracts with Customers”.

The fair value of financial guarantees is determined based on the present value of the difference in cash flows between the contractual payments required under the debt instrument and the payments that would be required without the guarantee, or the estimated amount that would be payable to a third party for assuming the obligations.

Where guarantees in relation to loans or other payables of associated companies and joint ventures are provided for no compensation, the fair values are accounted for as contributions and recognised as part of the cost of the investment.

2.19 Segment information

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-makers. The chief operating decision-makers, who are responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments and making strategic decisions, have been identified as the Executive Directors.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.20 Foreign currency translation

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in US dollar, which is the Company's functional currency and the Group's presentation currency.

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account.

Changes in the fair value of debt securities denominated in foreign currency classified as investments at fair value through other comprehensive income are analysed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortised cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security. Translation differences related to changes in amortised cost are recognised in profit or loss, and other changes in carrying amount are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Translation differences on non-monetary items, such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss, are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary items, such as equities classified as investments at fair value through other comprehensive income, are included in the investments revaluation reserve in other comprehensive income.

(c) Group companies

The results and financial position of all the group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- (ii) income and expenses for each profit and loss account are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rates prevailing on the dates of the transactions); and
- (iii) all resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of the net investment in foreign entities, and of borrowings and other currency instruments designated as hedges of such investments, are taken to other comprehensive income. When a foreign operation is sold, such exchange differences are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account as part of the gain or loss on sale.

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated at the closing rate.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.21 Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of services, net of value-added tax, rebates and discounts and after eliminating sales within the Group. Revenue is recognised as follows:

- (a) Freight revenues from the operation of the container transport are recognised over time which is determined on the percentage of completion basis of each individual vessel voyage.
- (b) Revenues from logistics business are recognised when services are rendered or over time which is determined on the percentage of completion basis of the progress of the transportation.
- (c) Revenues from the operation of container terminals and provision of other services are recognised when services are rendered.
- (d) Rental income under operating leases is recognised over the periods of the respective leases on a straight-line basis.

2.22 Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

2.23 Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

2.24 Contract assets and contract liabilities

Upon entering into a contract with a customer, the Group obtains rights to receive consideration from the customer and assumes performance obligations to transfer goods or provide services to the customer. The combination of those rights and performance obligations gives rise to a net asset or a net liability depending on the relationship between the remaining rights and the performance obligations. The contract is an asset and recognised as contract assets if the measure of the remaining rights exceeds the measure of the remaining performance obligations. Conversely, the contract is a liability and recognised as contract liabilities if the measure of the remaining performance obligations exceeds the measure of the remaining rights.

2.25 Leases

Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group.

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Group allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of real estate for which the Group is a lessee, it has elected not to separate lease and non-lease components and instead accounts for these as a single lease component.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.25 Leases (Continued)

- amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising that option.

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Group, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

The Group is exposed to potential future increases in variable lease payments based on an index or rate, which are not included in the lease liability until they take effect. When adjustments to lease payments based on an index or rate take effect, the lease liability is reassessed and adjusted against the right-of-use asset.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs; and
- restoration costs.

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life.

Payments associated with short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of twelve months or less. Low-value assets comprise containers and small items of office furniture.

Lease income from operating leases where the Group is a lessor is recognised in income on a straight-line basis over the lease term (note 18). Initial direct costs incurred in obtaining an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised as expense over the lease term on the same basis as lease income. The respective leased assets are included in the consolidated balance sheet based on their nature.

HKFRS 16 requires sale and leaseback transactions to be determined based on the requirement of HKFRS 15 as to whether the transfer of the relevant asset should be accounted as a sale.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2.26 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are expensed in the consolidated profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred, except to the extent that they are capitalised as being directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale.

The capitalisation of borrowing costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditure for the asset is being incurred, borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended or ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are interrupted or completed.

2.27 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's equity holders is recognised as a liability in the Group's consolidated financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's Directors/equity holders.

2.28 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 the purchase of property, plant and equipment are recognised as a deduction from the carrying amount of the related assets in the consolidated balance sheet and are credited to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the expected lives of the related assets.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

3.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: foreign exchange risk, price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. The Group's overall risk management policy focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

The Group has regularly monitored current and expected liquidity requirements against the cash on hand, expected net operating cash flow, committed facilities and its compliance with loan covenants, to ensure the Group's liquidity requirements can be met in the short and longer term.

The Group has paid ongoing attention on credit quality of counterparties, in particular major customers and financial institutions with relationship in terms of debt securities and cash transactions. Credit qualities of respective counterparties are disclosed in respective notes to the consolidated financial statements.

(a) Foreign exchange risk

The Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to fluctuation in the exchange rates of foreign currencies to the US dollar.

Income and expenses from container transport and logistics activities are mainly denominated in US dollar and in various currencies, mainly including Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, Euro, Japanese yen and Renminbi.

To limit currency exposure, the US dollar based activities are financed primarily by loans in US dollar. With all other variables held constant, an average change in the US dollar exchange rate of 1%, compared with all other non-US dollar related currencies, has a positive/negative effect on the results for 2023 of approximately US\$2.8 million (2022: US\$5.0 million).

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(b) Price risk

The container transport and logistics activities are sensitive to economic fluctuations. The Group is exposed to freight rate risk. The Group's revenue will increase/decrease by US\$73.5 million (2022: US\$181.1 million) for 1% increase/decrease of the average container freight rates with all other variables held constant.

The Group is exposed to bunker price risk for its container transport and logistics activities. Bunker cost is one of the major cost components of container transport and logistics activities. An increase in bunker price can only be partially compensated through freight surcharge bunker price adjustment. With all other variables held constant, the operating costs will be increased by approximately US\$1.9 million (2022: US\$1.8 million) for one US dollar increase in bunker price per ton.

The Group is also exposed to equity securities price risk because of investments held by the Group include investments at fair value through other comprehensive income or portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss which are accounted at fair value. To manage its price risk arising from investments in equity securities, the Group diversifies its portfolio. If the prices of the respective quoted equity securities of the Group had been increased/decreased by 1% and all other variables held constant, the profit after taxation of the Group for the year ended 31st December 2023 would increase/decrease by US\$0.1 million (2022: US\$0.1 million) as a result of the changes in fair value of equity securities under portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss.

(c) Credit risk

The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk. It has policies in place to ensure that services are provided to customers with an appropriate credit history.

The extent of the Group's credit exposure is mainly represented by the aggregate balance of cash and bank balances, investments at amortised cost, restricted bank balances, trade receivables and other receivables. The credit quality of these exposures is disclosed in relevant notes to the consolidated financial statements.

For the instalments paid to a fellow subsidiary and a related company for the vessels under construction, the Group obtained guarantee from banks. The banks are major financial institutions which management believes are of high credit quality without significant credit risk.

(d) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalents, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. The Group aims to maintain flexibility in funding by keeping sufficient cash and cash equivalents and readily realisable liquid assets.

Surplus cash held by the operating entities over and above balance required for working capital management is transferred to the Group Treasury. Group Treasury invests surplus cash in interest bearing current accounts, time deposits, money market deposits and marketable securities, choosing instruments with appropriate maturities or sufficient liquidity to provide sufficient head-room. At the reporting date, the Group held cash and bank balances of US\$6,722.2 million (2022: US\$11,213.9 million) that are expected to readily generate cash inflows for managing liquidity risk.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The table below analyses the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. Balances due within twelve months equal their carrying balances as the impact of discounting is not significant.

US\$'000	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	Over 5 years
At 31st December 2023				
Lease liabilities	558,310	388,089	520,738	61,356
Creditors and accruals	1,732,668	-	-	-
At 31st December 2022				
Lease liabilities	764,328	522,927	776,648	146,842
Creditors and accruals	3,248,325	-	-	-

(e) Cash flow interest rate risk

The Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates. The Group has a policy to place surplus funds with creditable financial institutions which offer the best return for the Group on a short-term basis.

The Group is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk through the impact of rate changes on interest bearing bank balances and lease liabilities.

At 31st December 2023, if interest rates had been 0.1% higher/lower with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been US\$6.1 million higher/lower (2022: US\$10.4 million higher/lower), mainly as a result of higher/lower net interest income on the net floating rate bank balances.

3.2 Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to equity holders, return capital to equity holders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net cash divided by total equity. Net cash is calculated as total lease liabilities (including "current and non-current lease liabilities" as shown in the consolidated balance sheet) less cash and bank balances.

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

3.2 Capital risk management (Continued)

The gearing ratios at 31st December 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Total lease liabilities (note 35)	(1,438,238)	(2,080,120)
Less: Cash and bank balances (note 31)	6,722,188	11,213,902
Net cash	5,283,950	9,133,782
Total equity	11,210,363	13,438,898
Gearing ratio	N/A	N/A

The change in net cash position results primarily from the payment of dividends and the purchase of property, plant and equipment during the year.

3.3 Fair value estimation

The financial instruments that are measured in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value, require disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1).
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices) (level 2).
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs) (level 3).

The following table presents the Group's financial assets that are measured at fair value at 31st December 2023 and 2022:

US\$'000	2023		
	Level 1	Level 3	Total
Assets			
Portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss			
Equity securities	13,413	–	13,413
Investments at fair value through other comprehensive income			
Unlisted equity securities	–	34	34
Total	13,413	34	13,447

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

3.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

US\$'000	2022		Total
	Level 1	Level 3	
Assets			
Portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss			
Equity securities	13,369	–	13,369
Investments at fair value through other comprehensive income			
Unlisted equity securities	–	34	34
Total	13,369	34	13,403

There were no transfers among levels 1, 2 and 3 during the year.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1. Instruments included in level 1 comprise portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

Specific valuation techniques used to value levels 2 and 3 financial instruments include:

- Dealer quotes.

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the year.

Instruments included in level 3 comprise unlisted equity securities classified as investments at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The following table presents the changes in level 3 instruments:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Opening balance	34	42
Disposals	–	(8)
Closing balance	34	34

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Estimates and judgements used in preparing the consolidated financial statements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

(a) Recognition of freight revenue of vessel voyages in progress at year end

The Group recognises freight revenue from container transport operation based on the sailing schedules and the respective freight rates. For vessel voyages in progress at the year end, the Group applies a percentage of completion to the freight revenue under each vessel voyage and the percentage is determined based on the days of vessel voyage completed to date relative to total estimated days required for the completion of the entire voyage. If the total estimated vessel voyage days were different from the estimate, this would have an impact on the freight revenue in the following reporting period.

Had the percentage of completion to freight revenue from vessel voyages in progress at year end been decreased or increased by 10% from management's estimate for the year ended 31st December 2023, the revenue would have been US\$10.4 million (2022: US\$20.4 million) lower or higher in the current period.

Changes in management's estimate of freight revenue for vessel voyages in progress at year end could cause a material change in freight revenue recognised in the current period.

(b) Property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets

Management determines the estimated useful lives and residual values for the Group's property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets. Management will revise the depreciation and amortisation charges where useful lives and residual values are different from previously estimated.

Management determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation expenses for the vessels and containers. Management estimates useful lives of its vessels and containers by reference to expected usage of the vessels and containers, expected repair and maintenance, and technical or commercial obsolescence arising from changes or improvements in the market. It could change significantly as a result of the changes of these factors.

Were the useful lives of vessels and containers to differ by 10% from management estimates with all other variables held constant, it is estimated that depreciation expense would increase or decrease by approximately US\$103.6 million or US\$61.6 million respectively for the year ended 31st December 2023 (2022: US\$94.8 million or US\$61.4 million respectively).

Management determines the residual values for its vessels and containers. This estimate is based on the current scrap values of steels in an active market at each measurement date since management decides to dispose of the fully depreciated vessels and containers as scrap steels. Depreciation expense would increase where the residual values are less than previously estimated values, or vice versa.

Were the residual values of vessels and containers to differ by 10% from management estimates with all other variables held constant, it is estimated that depreciation expense would increase or decrease by approximately US\$21.8 million or US\$15.2 million respectively for the year ended 31st December 2023 (2022: US\$22.8 million or US\$19.4 million respectively).

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(c) Accrual for operating costs

Operating costs, which mainly comprise cargo and logistics costs, vessel and voyage costs, equipment and repositioning costs and terminal operating costs. Invoices in relation to these expenses are received several months after the expenses have been incurred. Consequently, recognition of accrued operating costs is based on the known services entered, pattern of historical costs as well as the estimated vendor tariffs.

If the actual expenses of a voyage differ from the estimated expenses, this will have an impact on operating costs in future periods.

(d) Commitment to long-term service agreement

The Group entered into a Terminal Service Agreement (“TSA”) in October 2019 following the completion of the disposal of Long Beach Container Terminal (“LBCT”). According to the TSA, the Group committed to place, or procure the placement of an annual minimum number of vessel lifts (“MVC”) for 20 years. Failure to meet the committed volume for each of the contract year would require certain level of deficiency payment as stipulated in the TSA.

As at 31st December 2023, the Group reassessed the expected number of vessel lifts in LBCT for each of the remaining contract years with reference to future prospects of the market and its expected load factor. The overall economic environment in the USA is still highly uncertain, and it is expected that high inflation and interest rate environment would slow down the USA economy growth and would have some negative impact to the demand/import of the USA in the near future. As at 31st December 2023, with these uncertainties over such a long-term contract period, management reassessed that the projected vessel lifts in LBCT would result in a shortfall on minimum volume commitment over the remaining contract period.

As such, the Group further estimated the present value of the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the remaining term of the TSA (till October 2039) and the corresponding associated economic benefits in relation to the Group with reference to a) the expected number of vessel lifts; b) the expected amount of deficiency payment/excess rebates as stipulated in the TSA when the volume is below/in excess of the MVC; c) the expected operating costs (including cargo and logistics costs, vessel and voyage costs and equipment and repositioning costs); and d) the associated income expected to be earned from operating the service routes to/from LBCT. Based on the assessment performed by management, an onerous provision of US\$916.7 million (2022: US\$894.7 million) was recognised as at 31st December 2023.

The Group applied the expected value approach considering several probability-weighted possible scenarios which included adjusting key assumptions such as volume, freight rate, bunker cost and probability applied on the scenarios. The onerous contract assessment involves a significant level of management estimates and judgement, including the future profitability generated from routes using LBCT and the expected number of vessel lifts handled in LBCT during the remaining contract term. To the extent that the actual results differ from these estimates, the amount of provision will be differed and will affect the consolidated profit and loss account. The provision, including the estimates and assumptions contained therein, are reviewed regularly by management. The key assumptions used by management as at 31st December 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(d) Commitment to long-term service agreement (Continued)

Key assumptions	Range of possible scenarios	
	2023	2022
Volume growth rate	-16% to +5%	-6% to +10%
Freight rate growth rate	-36% to +17%	-20% to +10%
Bunker cost	-5% to +10%	-4% to 0%
Probability applied	on fuel oil futures 2% to 60%	on fuel oil futures 2% to 60%

The major changes in key assumptions from previous year are as follows:

- adjusted the freight rate based on the updated normalised rate from actual results, together with the latest inflation rate and forward bunker price; and
- adjusted the bunker price based on the latest 10-year futures in the market as compared to previous year's forecast.

For illustration purpose, management has performed sensitivity analysis by adjusting the probability applied to the possible scenarios. The effects for the respective sensitivity analysis, holding other factors constant, are set out below:

Sensitivity cases	Change of onerous provision as at 31st December 2023
Changing the most probable scenario from 60% to 100%	Decrease by approximately US\$16 million
Changing the most probable scenario from 60% to 40% and the most probable pessimistic scenario from 15% to 35%	Increase by approximately US\$58 million
Changing the most probable scenario from 60% to 40% and the most probable optimistic scenario from 15% to 35%	Decrease by approximately US\$42 million

Sensitivity cases	Change of onerous provision as at 31st December 2022
Changing the most probable scenario from 60% to 100%	Decrease by approximately US\$20 million
Changing the most probable scenario from 60% to 40% and the most probable pessimistic scenario from 15% to 35%	Increase by approximately US\$65 million
Changing the most probable scenario from 60% to 40% and the most probable optimistic scenario from 15% to 35%	Decrease by approximately US\$45 million

(e) Income taxes

The Group is subject to income tax in numerous jurisdictions. Significant judgement is required in determining the worldwide provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

Deferred tax liabilities have been established for income tax and withholding tax that would be payable on profits of overseas subsidiaries to be repatriated and distributed by way of dividends as the Directors consider that distribution from subsidiaries would be made in the foreseeable future (note 22).

Recognition of deferred tax assets, which principally relate to tax losses, depends on management's expectation of future taxable profit that will be available against which tax losses can be utilised. The outcome of their actual utilisation may be different.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(f) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group's major operating assets represent vessels and containers in property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets (collectively the "Operating Assets"). In assessing the indications of potential impairment of the Operating Assets, management considered both internal and external sources of information. Management tests whether the carrying amount of the Operating Assets has suffered any impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

As the net asset value of the Group as at 31st December 2023 and 2022 was higher than its market capitalisation, and due to the significant reduction in market freight rates since the second half of 2022 as well as the introduction of environmental protection regulations to shipping companies in 2023, management identified indications that the vessels/containers might be impaired, and performed an impairment assessment.

The Operating Assets are considered as a single cash-generating unit ("CGU") and should be assessed on a portfolio basis given the operations of each trade route are dependent upon each other and are interchangeable.

The value in use method is used to determine the recoverable amount of the Operating Assets. Value in use calculations require the use of estimates on the projected cash inflows from continuing use of the Operating Assets and discount rate which require significant judgement. The pre-tax discount rate used in the management's assessment is based on the weighted average cost of capital of the CGU and the applicable discount rate used in the impairment assessment in 2023 is 10.3% (2022: 10.3%).

Based on management's best estimates, there was no impairment for the Operating Assets as at 31st December 2023 and 2022.

Sensitivity analysis

With all other variables held constant, increasing the discount rate by 100 basis points from the original estimate would not give rise to any impairment.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

(a) Revenue

US\$'000	2023	2022
Container transport and logistics	8,319,049	19,796,285
Others	24,808	23,903
	8,343,857	19,820,188

The principal activities of the Group are container transport and logistics.

Revenue comprises gross freight income, service and other income from the operation of the container transport and logistics and rental income from the investment property.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Segment information

The principal activities of the Group are container transport and logistics. Container transport and logistics include global containerised shipping services in major trade lanes, covering Trans-Pacific, Trans-Atlantic, Asia/Europe, Asia/Australia and Intra-Asia trades, and integrated services over the management and control of effective storage and flow of goods. In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting provided to the chief operating decision-makers, who are responsible for allocating resources, assessing performance of the operating segments and making strategic decisions, the reportable operating segments are container transport and logistics and others. The Executive Directors are the Group's chief operating decision-makers.

Operating segments

The segment results for the year ended 31st December 2023 are as follows:

US\$'000	Container transport and logistics	Others	Total
Revenue from contracts with customers:			
Over time	8,220,487	-	8,220,487
Revenue from other source	98,562	24,808	123,370
	8,319,049	24,808	8,343,857
Other operating income	495,682	4,280	499,962
	8,814,731	29,088	8,843,819
Operating profit/(loss)	1,417,746	(12,070)	1,405,676
Finance costs	(28,496)	-	(28,496)
Share of profits of joint ventures	4,041	-	4,041
Share of losses of associated companies	(660)	-	(660)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	1,392,631	(12,070)	1,380,561
Taxation	(16,054)	4,602	(11,452)
Profit/(loss) for the year	1,376,577	(7,468)	1,369,109
Fair value loss from an investment property	-	21,403	21,403
Additions to non-current assets*	1,154,688	1,408	1,156,096
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	378,746	16	378,762
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	464,423	-	464,423
Amortisation of intangible assets	4,472	-	4,472

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Segment information (Continued)

Operating segments (Continued)

The segment results for the year ended 31st December 2022 are as follows:

US\$'000	Container transport and logistics	Others	Total
Revenue from contracts with customers:			
Over time	19,741,030	–	19,741,030
Revenue from other source	55,255	23,903	79,158
	19,796,285	23,903	19,820,188
Other operating income	245,927	6,117	252,044
	20,042,212	30,020	20,072,232
Operating profit/(loss)	10,090,263	(11,162)	10,079,101
Finance costs	(61,138)	–	(61,138)
Share of profits of joint ventures	2,689	–	2,689
Share of profits of associated companies	7,091	–	7,091
Profit/(loss) before taxation	10,038,905	(11,162)	10,027,743
Taxation	(66,302)	4,797	(61,505)
Profit/(loss) for the year	9,972,603	(6,365)	9,966,238
Fair value loss from an investment property	–	16,964	16,964
Additions to non-current assets*	1,309,167	2,024	1,311,191
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	339,696	22	339,718
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	514,419	–	514,419
Amortisation of intangible assets	6,839	–	6,839

* Additions to non-current assets comprise additions to property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, investment property and intangible assets.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Segment information (Continued)

Operating segments (Continued)

The segment assets and liabilities at 31st December 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

US\$'000	2023		
	Container transport and logistics	Others	Group
Segment assets	14,904,964	605,731	15,510,695
Joint ventures	10,091	–	10,091
Associated companies	88,399	–	88,399
Total assets	15,003,454	605,731	15,609,185
Segment liabilities	(4,264,996)	(133,826)	(4,398,822)

US\$'000	2022		
	Container transport and logistics	Others	Group
Segment assets	19,513,595	415,318	19,928,913
Joint ventures	9,916	–	9,916
Associated companies	96,332	–	96,332
Total assets	19,619,843	415,318	20,035,161
Segment liabilities	(6,456,306)	(139,957)	(6,596,263)

The segment of “Others” primarily includes assets and liabilities of property investment and corporate level activities. Assets under the segment of “Others” consist primarily of investment property, investments at amortised cost, portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss together with cash and bank balances related to property investment activities. Liabilities under the segment of “Others” primarily include creditors and accruals and deferred taxation liabilities related to property investment and corporate level activities.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Segment information (Continued)

Geographical information

The Group's two reportable operating segments operate in below main geographical areas, even though they are managed on a worldwide basis. Freight revenues from container transport and logistics are analysed based on the outbound cargoes of each geographical territory.

The Group's total assets mainly include container vessels and containers which are primarily utilised across geographical markets for shipment of cargoes throughout the world. Accordingly, non-current assets by geographical areas are not presented.

US\$'000	Revenue	Additions to non-current assets [#]
Year ended 31st December 2023		
Asia	5,885,401	54,890
Europe	1,398,935	8,077
North and South America	703,326	3,806
Australia and Africa	356,195	2,897
Unallocated*	–	1,086,426
	8,343,857	1,156,096
Year ended 31st December 2022		
Asia	15,788,208	36,101
Europe	2,729,105	1,764
North America	926,043	5,099
Australia	376,832	73
Unallocated*	–	1,268,154
	19,820,188	1,311,191

[#] Additions to non-current assets comprise additions to property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, investment property and intangible assets.

^{*} Unallocated additions to non-current assets comprise additions to container vessels and capitalised dry-docking costs, assets under construction, scrubbers and vessel equipment, containers and computer software costs.

6. OPERATING COSTS

US\$'000	2023	2022
Cargo and logistics	3,113,262	4,696,350
Vessel and voyage	1,987,388	2,303,446
Bunker cost	1,175,336	1,405,161
Equipment and repositioning	897,164	975,720
	7,173,150	9,380,677
Direct operating expenses from property that generated rental income	15,373	14,931
	7,188,523	9,395,608

For the year ended 31st December 2023, cargo and logistics costs included an onerous contract provision (note 36) of US\$22.0 million (2022: US\$243.0 million).

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7. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

US\$'000	2023	2022
Dividend income from investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	55	133
Interest income from banks	491,491	240,251
Interest income from deposits in a fellow subsidiary	1,817	1,546
Interest income from investments at amortised cost	2,935	4,347
Income from portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss		
Interest income	–	1,175
Distribution	280	348
Dividend income	752	221
Government grants	2,121	3,344
Others	511	679
	499,962	252,044

8. OTHER GAINS, NET

US\$'000	2023	2022
Fair value loss from an investment property	(21,403)	(16,964)
Fair value loss on portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss (realised and unrealised)	(495)	(3,862)
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	–	14,064
Gain on disposal of an associated company	–	1,667
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	12,753	99,837
Gain/(loss) on disposal of right-of-use assets	594	(841)
Gain on disposal of investments at amortised cost	–	59
Exchange gain/(loss)	18,383	(36,291)
	9,832	57,669

9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES

US\$'000	2023	2022
Wages, salaries and bonuses (including share-based compensation)	263,149	1,040,788
Pension and retirement benefits		
Defined contribution plans (note 23)	46,781	48,441
Defined benefit plan (note 23)	190	999
	310,120	1,090,228

Employee benefit expenses of US\$176.9 million (2022: US\$582.2 million) are included in “operating costs” in the consolidated profit and loss account.

10. DIRECTORS' AND MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS

(a) Directors' emoluments

The remuneration of each Director is set out below:

Name of Director US\$'000	Fees	Salaries and benefits	Discretionary bonuses	Share-based compensation	Employer's contribution to provident fund scheme	Total
For the year ended 31st December 2023						
Mr. Wan Min	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Chen Yangfan ^{*2}	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Huang Xiaowen ^{*3}	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Yang Zhijian	-	1,015	285	-	39	1,339
Mr. Tung Lieh Cheung Andrew	365	-	-	9	-	374
Mr. Gu Jinshan ^{*1}	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Yan Jun ^{*4}	52	-	-	-	-	52
Ms. Wang Dan	58	-	-	-	-	58
Mr. Ip Sing Chi	58	-	-	-	-	58
Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah	119	-	-	-	-	119
Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson	109	-	-	-	-	109
Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip	122	-	-	-	-	122
Ms. Chen Ying	83	-	-	-	-	83
Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung	90	-	-	-	-	90

Name of Director US\$'000	Fees	Salaries and benefits	Discretionary bonuses	Share-based compensation	Employer's contribution to provident fund scheme	Total
For the year ended 31st December 2022						
Mr. Wan Min	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Huang Xiaowen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Yang Zhijian	-	704	281	-	37	1,022
Mr. Feng Boming ^{*5}	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr. Tung Lieh Cheung Andrew	365	-	-	36	-	401
Mr. Yan Jun	71	-	-	-	-	71
Ms. Wang Dan	58	-	-	-	-	58
Mr. Ip Sing Chi	58	-	-	-	-	58
Mr. Chow Philip Yiu Wah	145	-	-	-	-	145
Dr. Chung Shui Ming Timpson	122	-	-	-	-	122
Mr. Yang Liang Yee Philip	122	-	-	-	-	122
Ms. Chen Ying	83	-	-	-	-	83
Mr. So Gregory Kam Leung	103	-	-	-	-	103

*1 Appointed on 5th December 2023. Mr. Gu Jinshan has then decided to waive his director's emoluments during his appointment term, including the total amount of HK\$29,167 for the period from 5th December 2023 to 31st December 2023 and HK\$350,000 (subject to adjustment by the Board from time to time) for each subsequent year within his appointment term.

*2 Appointed on 25th October 2023.

*3 Retired on 25th October 2023.

*4 Resigned on 1st August 2023.

*5 Resigned on 28th April 2022.

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to any of the Directors as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office.

10. DIRECTORS' AND MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include one Director (2022: did not include any Director) whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis presented above. The emoluments payable to the remaining four (2022: five) individuals are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Basic salaries, housing allowances, other allowances and benefits in kind	1,987	2,856
Discretionary bonuses	5,678	5,342
Estimated money value of other benefits	18	19
Pension costs – defined contribution plans	736	671
Share-based compensation	28	138
	8,447	9,026

The emoluments of the four (2022: five) non-director individuals for the year fell within the following bands:

Emolument bands (US\$)	Number of individuals	
	2023	2022
1,089,701 ~ 1,153,800 (HK\$8,500,001 ~ HK\$9,000,000)	–	1
1,153,801 ~ 1,217,900 (HK\$9,000,001 ~ HK\$9,500,000)	–	1
1,282,001 ~ 1,346,100 (HK\$10,000,001 ~ HK\$10,500,000)	1	–
1,474,301 ~ 1,538,400 (HK\$11,500,001 ~ HK\$12,000,000)	–	1
1,858,901 ~ 1,923,000 (HK\$14,500,001 ~ HK\$15,000,000)	1	–
1,923,001 ~ 1,987,100 (HK\$15,000,001 ~ HK\$15,500,000)	1	1
3,205,101 ~ 3,269,200 (HK\$25,000,001 ~ HK\$25,500,000)	1	1
	4	5

(c) Key management compensation

US\$'000	2023	2022
Salaries, discretionary bonuses and other employee benefits	15,345	13,639
Estimated money value of other benefits	18	19
Pension costs – defined contribution plans	974	895
Share-based compensation	36	138
	16,373	14,691

The Group usually determines and pays discretionary bonuses to employees (including Directors) around May each year based on the actual financial results of the Group for the preceding year. The discretionary bonuses shown above represent actual payments to the Directors and individuals during the current financial year in relation to performance for the preceding year.

11. OPERATING PROFIT

US\$'000	2023	2022
Operating profit is arrived at after crediting:		
Operating lease rental income		
Land and buildings	24,808	23,903
and after charging:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (note 16)	378,762	339,718
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (note 17)	464,423	514,419
Amortisation of intangible assets	4,472	6,839
Expenses relating to short-term leases and leases with low-value assets		
Vessels and equipment	407,798	333,829
Land and buildings	3,676	3,302
Direct operating expenses from property that generated rental income	15,373	14,931
Auditors' remuneration		
Audit	2,970	2,917
Non-audit	968	1,569

Amongst the expenses relating to short-term leases and leases with low-value assets, US\$407.8 million and US\$3.7 million (2022: US\$333.9 million and US\$3.2 million) are included in "operating costs" and "business and administrative expenses" respectively in the consolidated profit and loss account.

12. FINANCE COSTS

US\$'000	2023	2022
Interest expense		
Bank loans	-	6,341
Lease liabilities	72,200	68,016
	72,200	74,357
Amount capitalised under assets under construction (note 16(a))	(43,704)	(13,219)
Net interest expense	28,496	61,138

The borrowing costs of the loans to finance the assets under construction (note 16) represented an average capitalisation rate of approximately 4.1% (2022: 2.8%) per annum.

13. TAXATION

US\$'000	2023	2022
Current taxation		
HKSAR profits tax*	(12,370)	5,534
Non HKSAR taxation	10,464	84,996
	(1,906)	90,530
Deferred taxation		
HKSAR profits tax	(1)	337
Non HKSAR taxation	13,359	(29,362)
	13,358	(29,025)
	11,452	61,505

* The negative amount for 2023 represents over-provision of prior year.

13. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

Taxation has been provided at the appropriate tax rates prevailing in the countries/regions in which the Group operates on the estimated assessable profits for the year. These rates range from 5% to 39% (2022: 2.5% to 34.2%) and the rates applicable to the withholding tax for undistributed earnings of subsidiaries range from 5% to 30% (2022: 5% to 30%). The HKSAR profits tax for ocean freight transportation business is charged based on the relevant entity's Hong Kong-sourced income (i.e. at a percentage of the total worldwide ocean freight transportation business profit) under the HKSAR tax incentive regime for international shipping businesses and at the applicable tax rate of 16.5% (2022: 16.5%).

In December 2021, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") released the Pillar Two Model Rules (the Global Anti-Base Erosion Proposal, or "GloBE") to reform international corporate taxation. Large multinational enterprises with consolidated revenue of over EUR750 million are subject to the rules. They are required to calculate their GloBE effective tax rate for each jurisdiction where they operate and will be liable to pay a minimum effective tax rate of 15%.

Notwithstanding that Hong Kong is in the process of seeking consultation on the implementation of the global minimum tax and domestic minimum top-up tax, which is expected to be effective from 1 January 2025, the Pillar Two legislation has been enacted or substantively enacted in certain jurisdictions where the Group has operations, such as the United Kingdom, countries under the European Union, Australia and Canada, etc.. The legislation of these jurisdictions will be effective from 1 January 2024 and as it was not effective for the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group has no related current tax exposures for the year. The Group also applies the mandatory exception from recognising and disclosing information about deferred tax assets and liabilities related to the Pillar Two income taxes, as provided in the Amendments to HKAS 12 issued in July 2023.

The Group is within the scope of the GloBE. However, international shipping income and certain qualified ancillary international shipping income are excluded from the GloBE. As the Group operates worldwide and the types of international shipping income and ancillary income covered by the exclusion are subject to complicated rules and restrictions, these bring high complexities in applying the legislation and calculating the income under the rules. As such, the Group is in the process of assessing the detailed impact of the rules and thus the quantitative impact of the enacted or substantively enacted legislation is not yet reasonably estimable. The Group would continue to analyse and assess the impact brought by the GloBE.

The tax of the Group's profit before taxation differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the applicable tax rates, being the weighted average of rates prevailing in the territories in which the Group operates, as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Profit before taxation	1,380,561	10,027,743
Less: Share of profits of joint ventures	(4,041)	(2,689)
Share of losses/(profits) of associated companies	660	(7,091)
	1,377,180	10,017,963
Tax calculated at applicable tax rates	233,193	1,662,747
Income not subject to tax	(477,369)	(1,916,109)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	240,533	300,095
Tax losses not recognised	21,445	13,538
Temporary differences not recognised	1,762	2,546
Utilisation of previously unrecognised tax losses	(302)	(2,561)
Utilisation of previously unrecognised temporary differences	(2,099)	(3,482)
Over-provision of HKSAR profits tax in prior year	(12,598)	-
Withholding tax	6,876	4,330
Change in tax rates	(75)	77
Other items	86	324
	11,452	61,505

14. EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per ordinary share is based on the Group's profit attributable to equity holders of the Company divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

The basic and diluted earnings per ordinary share are the same since there are no potential dilutive shares.

	2023	2022
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	660,373	660,373
Group's profit attributable to equity holders of the Company (US\$'000)	1,367,852	9,965,245
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company (US\$)	2.07	15.09

15. DIVIDENDS

The final and second special dividends for 2022 of US\$1,723.6 million and US\$1,287.7 million respectively, and the interim and first special dividends for 2023 of US\$455.7 million and US\$112.3 million respectively have been accounted for as an appropriation of retained profit in the year ended 31st December 2023.

The Board of Directors proposes a final dividend in respect of 2023 of US\$0.145 (HK\$1.131 at the exchange rate of US\$1: HK\$7.8) (2022: US\$2.61 (HK\$20.358 at the exchange rate of US\$1: HK\$7.8)) per ordinary share. In addition, the Board of Directors proposes a second special dividend in respect of 2023 of US\$0.036 (HK\$0.281 at the exchange rate of US\$1: HK\$7.8) (2022: US\$1.95 (HK\$15.210 at the exchange rate of US\$1: HK\$7.8)) per ordinary share. The proposed dividends will be accounted for as an appropriation of retained profit in the year ending 31st December 2024.

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16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

US\$'000	Container vessels and capitalised dry-docking costs	Assets under construction	Containers and chassis	Terminal equipment and improvement	Freehold land and buildings outside Hong Kong	Buildings outside Hong Kong	Leasehold improvement and furniture	Vehicles, scrubbers and other vessel equipment, computer and other equipment	Total
Cost									
At 1st January 2023	3,639,443	1,117,986	2,811,444	82,697	7,098	46,548	71,921	266,428	8,043,565
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	(101)	-	22	(757)	(680)	(605)	(2,121)
Additions	18,940	963,367	3,910	1,142	-	-	5,576	80,686	1,073,621
Reclassification (note 17)	1,369,129	(977,770)	-	-	-	-	-	-	391,359
Disposals/written off	(23,270)	-	(183,070)	(1,606)	-	-	(4,508)	(9,361)	(221,815)
At 31st December 2023	5,004,242	1,103,583	2,632,183	82,233	7,120	45,791	72,309	337,148	9,284,609
Accumulated depreciation									
At 1st January 2023	1,808,246	-	1,203,049	72,404	3,438	25,339	65,519	169,331	3,347,326
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	(37)	-	20	(424)	(585)	(342)	(1,368)
Charge for the year	185,930	-	124,208	4,975	74	1,694	4,929	56,952	378,762
Reclassification (note 17)	138,895	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138,895
Disposals/written off	(22,840)	-	(148,804)	(1,606)	-	-	(4,397)	(9,350)	(186,997)
At 31st December 2023	2,110,231	-	1,178,416	75,773	3,532	26,609	65,466	216,591	3,676,618
Net book amount									
At 31st December 2023	2,894,011	1,103,583	1,453,767	6,460	3,588	19,182	6,843	120,557	5,607,991

US\$'000	Container vessels and capitalised dry-docking costs	Assets under construction	Containers and chassis	Terminal equipment and improvement	Freehold land and buildings outside Hong Kong	Buildings outside Hong Kong	Leasehold improvement and furniture	Vehicles, scrubbers and other vessel equipment, computer and other equipment	Total
Cost									
At 1st January 2022	3,520,268	397,889	2,816,966	82,440	7,169	50,746	76,715	233,494	7,185,687
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	(26)	-	(71)	(4,198)	(4,858)	(2,134)	(11,287)
Additions	31,310	720,097	92,291	257	-	-	2,615	59,381	905,951
Reclassification (note 17)	111,880	-	110,759	-	-	-	-	-	222,639
Disposals/written off	(24,015)	-	(208,546)	-	-	-	(2,551)	(24,313)	(259,425)
At 31st December 2022	3,639,443	1,117,986	2,811,444	82,697	7,098	46,548	71,921	266,428	8,043,565
Accumulated depreciation									
At 1st January 2022	1,641,194	-	1,184,055	68,098	3,424	25,906	65,059	150,322	3,138,058
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	(38)	-	(60)	(2,220)	(3,888)	(1,884)	(8,090)
Charge for the year	149,737	-	132,060	4,306	74	1,653	6,809	45,079	339,718
Reclassification (note 17)	40,380	-	47,123	-	-	-	-	-	87,503
Disposals/written off	(23,065)	-	(160,151)	-	-	-	(2,461)	(24,186)	(209,863)
At 31st December 2022	1,808,246	-	1,203,049	72,404	3,438	25,339	65,519	169,331	3,347,326
Net book amount									
At 31st December 2022	1,831,197	1,117,986	1,608,395	10,293	3,660	21,209	6,402	97,097	4,696,239

16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

- (a) Interest costs of US\$43.7 million (2022: US\$13.2 million) during the year were capitalised as part of assets under construction.
- (b) Depreciation charges of US\$356.1 million (2022: US\$316.8 million) and US\$22.7 million (2022: US\$22.9 million) have been included in “operating costs” and “business and administrative expenses” respectively.
- (c) As at 31st December 2023 and 2022, the buildings outside Hong Kong are held under leasehold land with lease term of 50 years (2022: 50 years).
- (d) Included in the container vessels and capitalised dry-docking costs, the net book value of capitalised dry-docking costs amounts to US\$53.6 million (2022: US\$52.9 million).

17. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

US\$'000	Container vessels and capitalised dry-docking costs	Containers	Terminal leases	Land and buildings	Vehicles, furniture and other equipment	Total
Cost						
At 1st January 2023	3,470,862	114,321	23,585	182,251	1,829	3,792,848
Currency translation adjustments	–	–	–	(3,750)	77	(3,673)
Additions	33,552	–	207	45,477	485	79,721
Reclassification (note 16)	(391,359)	–	–	–	–	(391,359)
Disposals/written off	(115,741)	(83)	(23,792)	(39,768)	(281)	(179,665)
At 31st December 2023	2,997,314	114,238	–	184,210	2,110	3,297,872
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1st January 2023	1,154,070	20,013	16,238	92,007	825	1,283,153
Currency translation adjustments	–	–	–	(2,774)	43	(2,731)
Charge for the year	419,725	6,033	2,518	35,678	469	464,423
Reclassification (note 16)	(138,895)	–	–	–	–	(138,895)
Disposals/written off	(112,034)	(15)	(18,756)	(38,712)	(266)	(169,783)
At 31st December 2023	1,322,866	26,031	–	86,199	1,071	1,436,167
Net book amount						
At 31st December 2023	1,674,448	88,207	–	98,011	1,039	1,861,705

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17. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (CONTINUED)

US\$'000	Container vessels and capitalised dry-docking costs	Containers	Terminal leases	Land and buildings	Vehicles, furniture and other equipment	Total
Cost						
At 1st January 2022	3,275,410	225,208	23,259	189,587	1,737	3,715,201
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	(12,843)	(104)	(12,947)
Additions	375,517	-	326	16,763	649	393,255
Reclassification (note 16)	(111,880)	(110,759)	-	-	-	(222,639)
Disposals/written off	(68,185)	(128)	-	(11,256)	(453)	(80,022)
At 31st December 2022	3,470,862	114,321	23,585	182,251	1,829	3,792,848
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1st January 2022	771,876	57,783	12,040	70,682	962	913,343
Currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	(5,581)	(71)	(5,652)
Charge for the year	464,030	9,384	4,198	36,420	387	514,419
Reclassification (note 16)	(40,380)	(47,123)	-	-	-	(87,503)
Disposals/written off	(41,456)	(31)	-	(9,514)	(453)	(51,454)
At 31st December 2022	1,154,070	20,013	16,238	92,007	825	1,283,153
Net book amount						
At 31st December 2022	2,316,792	94,308	7,347	90,244	1,004	2,509,695

- (a) Depreciation charges of US\$438.9 million (2022: US\$488.6 million) and US\$25.5 million (2022: US\$25.8 million) have been included in “operating costs” and “business and administrative expenses” respectively.

18. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

US\$'000	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	270,000	285,000
Additions	1,403	1,964
	271,403	286,964
Fair value loss	(21,403)	(16,964)
Balance at end of year	250,000	270,000

Background

The investment property, “Wall Street Plaza”, is a commercial property located at 88, Pine Street, New York, USA. The property is situated on three parcels of freehold land, all of which are wholly owned by the Group.

Valuation processes of the Group

The Group’s investment property was valued at 31st December 2023 and 2022 by an independent professionally qualified valuer who holds a recognised relevant professional qualification. The Group’s finance department reviews the valuation performed by the independent valuer for financial reporting purposes. This team reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer. As at 31st December 2023 and 2022, the fair value of the property has been determined by Cushman & Wakefield, Inc..

18. INVESTMENT PROPERTY (CONTINUED)**Valuation techniques**

Fair value of the investment property is derived by using the discounted cash flow method with significant unobservable inputs (level 3). The net present value of the income stream is estimated by applying an appropriate discount rate which reflects the risk profile.

There were no changes to the valuation techniques during the year.

Information about fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs

Discount rate is estimated by Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. based on the risk profile of the property being valued. If the discount rate is higher, the fair value would be lower. At 31st December 2023, discount rate of 7.8% per annum (2022: 7.5% per annum) is used in the valuation.

Net operating income growth rates of 0% per annum (2022: 0% per annum) for the first year and 3% per annum (2022: 3% per annum) for the remaining years are used in the valuation. If the growth rate is higher, the fair value would be higher.

Prevailing market rents are estimated based on recent lettings of US\$48 per sq ft to US\$52 per sq ft (2022: US\$48 per sq ft to US\$52 per sq ft), within the subject property. If the rents are higher, the fair value would be higher.

19. INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES

US\$'000	2023	2022
Share of net assets	9,906	9,916

The Group's share of assets, liabilities and results of the joint ventures are summarised below:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Non-current assets	1,066	1,323
Current assets	11,814	12,904
Current liabilities	(2,974)	(4,311)
Share of net assets	9,906	9,916
Income	15,533	15,964
Expenses	(11,492)	(13,275)
Share of profits of joint ventures	4,041	2,689
Share of total comprehensive income of joint ventures	3,889	2,034

Particulars of the joint ventures at 31st December 2023 are shown on page 183.

20. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

US\$'000	2023	2022
Share of net assets	88,399	93,344
Goodwill	–	2,988
Carrying amount	88,399	96,332

The Group's share of assets, liabilities and results of the associated companies are summarised as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Non-current assets	89,823	79,433
Current assets	32,774	43,803
Non-current liabilities	(4,628)	(1,694)
Current liabilities	(29,570)	(28,198)
Share of net assets	88,399	93,344
Income	101,963	154,586
Expenses	(102,623)	(147,495)
Share of (losses)/profits of associated companies	(660)	7,091
Share of total comprehensive loss of associated companies	(2,192)	(1,085)

Particulars of the associated companies at 31st December 2023 are shown on page 183.

21. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

US\$'000	Computer software costs
Year ended 31st December 2023	
Opening net book amount	10,805
Currency translation adjustments	(5)
Additions	1,351
Amortisation	(4,472)
Closing net book amount	7,679
At 31st December 2023	
Cost	125,939
Accumulated amortisation	(118,260)
Net book amount	7,679
Year ended 31st December 2022	
Opening net book amount	7,656
Currency translation adjustments	(33)
Additions	10,021
Amortisation	(6,839)
Closing net book amount	10,805
At 31st December 2022	
Cost	163,611
Accumulated amortisation	(152,806)
Net book amount	10,805

Amortisation of US\$4.5 million (2022: US\$6.8 million) is included in “business and administrative expenses” in the consolidated profit and loss account.

22. DEFERRED TAXATION ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

US\$'000	2023	2022
Deferred taxation assets	14,903	30,349
Deferred taxation liabilities	(190,718)	(192,868)
	(175,815)	(162,519)

Deferred taxation assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legal right to set off current taxation assets with current taxation liabilities and when the deferred taxation relates to the same taxation authority. The above assets/(liabilities) shown in the consolidated balance sheet are determined after appropriate offsetting of the relevant amounts and include the following:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Deferred taxation assets to be recovered after more than twelve months	4,353	2,561
Deferred taxation liabilities to be settled after more than twelve months	(190,475)	(192,770)

Deferred taxation is calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using applicable tax rates prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates. The movements in deferred taxation assets and liabilities (prior to offsetting of balances within the same taxation jurisdiction) during the year were as follows:

US\$'000	Accelerated accounting depreciation	Lease liabilities	Deferred deductible expenses	Tax losses	Total
Deferred taxation assets					
At 1st January 2022	1,704	–	4,820	1,296	7,820
Currency translation adjustments	(511)	–	(156)	(72)	(739)
Credited to consolidated profit and loss account	1,802	–	18,108	4,402	24,312
At 31st December 2022 and 1st January 2023	2,995	–	22,772	5,626	31,393
Currency translation adjustments (Charged)/credited to consolidated profit and loss account	(1,207)	(307)	20	(39)	(430)
	(1,207)	15,542	(14,449)	(1,334)	(1,448)
At 31st December 2023	1,684	15,235	8,343	4,253	29,515

22. DEFERRED TAXATION ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (CONTINUED)

US\$'000	Accelerated tax depreciation	Right-of-use assets	Revaluation of investment property	Deferred revenue	Undistributed earnings of subsidiaries and affiliates	Total
Deferred taxation liabilities						
At 1st January 2022	1,424	-	78,507	916	117,932	198,779
Currency translation adjustments (Credited)/charged to consolidated profit and loss account	(118)	-	-	(36)	-	(154)
	129	-	(6,160)	1,124	194	(4,713)
At 31st December 2022 and 1st January 2023	1,435	-	72,347	2,004	118,126	193,912
Currency translation adjustments Charged/(credited) to consolidated profit and loss account	(31)	(281)	-	(180)	-	(492)
	385	14,247	(6,331)	198	3,411	11,910
At 31st December 2023	1,789	13,966	66,016	2,022	121,537	205,330

Deferred taxation assets of US\$59.4 million (2022: US\$38.4 million) arising from unused tax losses of US\$337.6 million (2022: US\$194.6 million) have not been recognised in the consolidated financial statements. Unused tax losses of US\$253.7 million (2022: US\$168.8 million) have no expiry date and the remaining balance will expire at various dates up to and including 2043.

Deferred taxation liabilities of US\$121.5 million (2022: US\$118.1 million) were recognised as at 31st December 2023 for current intention to remit retained earnings of subsidiaries of US\$601.4 million (2022: US\$597.6 million) and retained earnings of affiliates of US\$5.1 million (2022: US\$6.3 million).

23. PENSION AND RETIREMENT ASSETS

The Group operates a number of defined benefit and defined contribution pension and retirement schemes in the countries in which the Group operates. The total charges to the consolidated profit and loss account for the year were US\$47.0 million (2022: US\$49.4 million).

Defined contribution schemes

The principal defined contribution schemes are operated in the PRC and the USA. These schemes cover approximately 76% of the Group's employees. Contributions to the defined contribution schemes, all the assets of which are held in trust funds separate from the Group, are based on a percentage of an employee's salary, depending upon the length of service of the employee, but the Group's contributions to certain schemes may be reduced by contributions forfeited by those employees who leave the schemes prior to vesting fully in those contributions.

In 2008, the Group terminated the defined benefit scheme and post-retirement medical plans in the USA at the request of the labour unions. All the pension assets and obligations were transferred to a defined benefit multi-employer pension plan and a defined benefit multi-employer post-retirement medical plan (the "Plans") together with other industry players. Since the Group is not able to identify its share of the underlying financial position and performance of the Plans with sufficient reliability for accounting purposes, accordingly the Plans are accounted for by the Group as defined contribution plans.

23. PENSION AND RETIREMENT ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Defined contribution schemes (Continued)

The charges for the defined contribution schemes to the consolidated profit and loss account during the year are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Contributions to the schemes	47,514	48,902
Forfeitures utilised	(733)	(461)
	46,781	48,441

Defined benefit scheme

The amounts recognised in the consolidated balance sheet are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Net scheme assets	13,490	10,093

Net funded scheme assets

The defined benefit scheme is operated in the United Kingdom which was valued by Barnett Waddingham LLP. The defined benefit scheme (the "Scheme") covers less than 1% of the Group's employees and is funded. The assets of the Scheme are held in trust funds separate from the Group. Contributions to the Scheme are assessed in accordance with the advice of qualified actuaries in compliance with local practice and regulations. The actuarial assumptions used to calculate the projected benefit obligations of the Group's pension schemes vary according to the economic conditions of the countries in which they are situated.

The net scheme assets of the Scheme recognised in the consolidated balance sheet are determined as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Fair value of plan assets	153,530	141,059
Present value of funded obligations	(140,040)	(130,966)
Surplus of funded plan	13,490	10,093

23. PENSION AND RETIREMENT ASSETS (CONTINUED)**Defined benefit scheme (Continued)****Net funded scheme assets (Continued)**

Movements in the fair value of the plan assets of the Scheme during the year are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	141,059	225,161
Currency translation adjustments	8,445	(24,237)
Interest income on plan assets	6,848	3,684
Remeasurement gain/(loss) on assets	3,044	(58,044)
Contributions from the Group	4,312	4,178
Contributions from the plan members	95	99
Benefits paid	(10,273)	(9,782)
Balance at end of year	153,530	141,059

Movements in the present value of obligations of the Scheme during the year are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	130,966	212,913
Currency translation adjustments	7,778	(22,957)
Current service cost	775	1,231
Interest expense	6,263	3,452
Experience losses on liabilities	2,084	4,197
Gains from changes to demographic assumptions	(2,355)	(2,580)
Losses/(gains) from changes to financial assumptions	4,707	(55,607)
Contributions from the plan members	95	99
Benefits paid	(10,273)	(9,782)
Balance at end of year	140,040	130,966

The charges of the Scheme recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Current service cost	775	1,231
Interest expense	6,263	3,452
Interest income on plan assets	(6,848)	(3,684)
Net expense recognised for the year	190	999

Charges of US\$0.1 million (2022: US\$0.3 million) and US\$0.1 million (2022: US\$0.7 million) respectively are included in "operating costs" and "business and administrative expenses" in the consolidated profit and loss account.

23. PENSION AND RETIREMENT ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Defined benefit scheme (Continued)

Net funded scheme assets (Continued)

The main actuarial assumptions made for the Scheme are as follows:

	2023	2022
Discount rate	4.5%	4.8%
Inflation rate	3.4%	3.5%
Expected future salary increases	2.6%	2.6%
Expected future pension increases	2.6%	2.6%
Actual return on plan assets (US\$'000)	9,892	(54,360)

At 31st December 2023, if discount rate had been 0.5% higher/lower, with all other variables held constant, the present value of the funded obligations would have been US\$6.6 million lower/US\$7.3 million higher. At 31st December 2023, if inflation rate had been 0.2% higher/lower, with all other variables held constant, the fair value of the funded obligations would have been US\$1.4 million higher/US\$1.7 million lower. The sensitivities show the likely effect of a single assumption being adjusted while holding all other assumptions constant.

Plan assets of the Scheme comprise the following:

US\$'000	2023		2022	
Equity	19,113	12%	15,020	11%
Debt	108,432	71%	110,144	78%
Others	25,985	17%	15,895	11%
	153,530	100%	141,059	100%

Expected normal and deficit reduction contributions to the Scheme for the year ending 31st December 2024 are US\$4.4 million.

Through its defined benefit pension plan, the Group is exposed to a number of risks as follows:

- Investment risk. The Scheme holds investments in asset classes, such as equities, which have volatile market values and while these assets are expected to provide real returns over the long-term, the short-term volatility can cause additional funding to be required if deficit emerges.
- Interest rate and market risk. The Scheme's liabilities are assessed using market yields on high quality corporate bonds to discount the liabilities. As the Scheme holds assets such as equities, the value of the assets and liabilities may not move in the same way.
- Inflation risk. A significant proportion of the benefits under the Scheme are linked to inflation. Although the Scheme's assets are expected to provide a good hedge against inflation over the long term, movements over the short-term could lead to deficits emerging.
- Longevity and other demographic risk. If members live longer than assumed, a deficit will emerge in the Scheme.

24. RESTRICTED BANK BALANCES

US\$'000	2023	2022
Non-current	296	300
Current	3,547	3,126
	3,843	3,426

As at 31st December 2023, the restricted bank balances of US\$3.8 million (2022: US\$3.4 million) are funds pledged or required to be utilised for specific purposes.

The carrying amounts of the Group's restricted bank balances are mainly denominated in US dollar (2022: US dollar).

The credit quality of restricted bank balances by reference to Standard & Poor's and/or Moody's credit ratings is as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
AA	3,545	3,124
A	293	298
BBB	5	4
	3,843	3,426

25. INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

US\$'000	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	34	42
Disposals	-	(8)
Balance at end of year	34	34

Investments at fair value through other comprehensive income include the following:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Unlisted equity securities	34	34

The carrying amounts of the Group's investments at fair value through other comprehensive income are denominated in the following currencies:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Japanese yen	30	30
Euro	4	4
	34	34

26. INVESTMENTS AT AMORTISED COST

US\$'000	2023	2022
Listed debt securities		
Hong Kong	–	10,001
Overseas	52,926	78,305
	52,926	88,306
Less: Current portion included in current assets	–	(35,340)
	52,926	52,966
Market value	51,447	86,158

Movements in investments at amortised cost are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	88,306	113,338
Disposals	–	(10,118)
Redemptions on maturity	(35,351)	(15,000)
Amortisation	(29)	86
Balance at end of year	52,926	88,306

The carrying amounts of investments at amortised cost are denominated in US dollar (2022: US dollar).

The credit quality of investments at amortised cost by reference to Standard & Poor's and/or Moody's credit ratings is as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
A	–	25,339
BBB	52,926	62,967
	52,926	88,306

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the balance sheet date is the carrying amount of investments at amortised cost.

27. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

US\$'000	2023	2022
Deposit for vessel equipment	3,697	8,695
Others	7,819	9,250
	11,516	17,945

28. INVENTORIES

US\$'000	2023	2022
Bunker	178,704	165,099
Consumable stores	18,482	14,462
	197,186	179,561

29. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

US\$'000	2023	2022
Trade receivables		
Third parties	328,616	487,673
Joint ventures	185	-
Fellow subsidiaries	4,955	12,123
Related companies	878	644
Less: Provision for impairment	(40,123)	(62,164)
Trade receivables – net	294,511	438,276
Other debtors*	228,532	221,235
Other prepayments	150,260	171,509
Utility and other deposits	14,878	16,065
Amounts due from related parties		
Fellow subsidiaries	31,782	13,911
Related companies	23,249	12,264
	743,212	873,260

* The balance included slot hire receivable.

29. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (CONTINUED)

The credit quality of trade receivables net of provision for impairment, by reference to Standard & Poor's and/or Moody's credit ratings (if available) or to historical information about counterparty default rates is as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Counterparties with external credit rating		
A	23,809	48,980
BBB	5,636	9,757
BB and below	3,685	6,255
	33,130	64,992
Counterparties without external credit rating		
Group 1	23,236	31,578
Group 2	235,495	339,879
Group 3	2,650	1,827
	261,381	373,284
	294,511	438,276

Note:

Group 1 – new customers (less than 6 months).

Group 2 – existing customers (more than 6 months) with no defaults in the past.

Group 3 – existing customers (more than 6 months) with some defaults in the past.

Trade receivables are normally due for payment on presentation of invoices or granted with an approved credit period ranging mainly from 10 to 30 days. Debtors with overdue balances are requested to settle all outstanding balances before any further credit is granted.

The ageing analysis of the Group's trade receivables, net of provision for impairment, prepared in accordance with the dates of invoices, is as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Below 1 month	231,170	307,781
2 to 3 months	56,742	122,301
4 to 6 months	5,464	8,051
Over 6 months	1,135	143
	294,511	438,276

There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to trade receivables, as the Group has a large number of internationally dispersed customers. Other debtors and amounts due from related parties are fully performing.

29. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS (CONTINUED)

The carrying amounts of the Group's trade receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

US\$'000	2023	2022
US dollar	92,847	79,856
Euro	51,408	122,866
Renminbi	42,979	45,182
Australian dollar	24,303	43,172
Japanese yen	21,592	34,129
Pound sterling	6,863	12,347
Canadian dollar	5,033	10,889
Hong Kong dollar	3,011	4,675
Other currencies	46,475	85,160
	294,511	438,276

Movements in the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	62,164	73,133
Currency translation adjustments	210	(72)
Provision	8,053	11,908
Written off	(1,586)	(3,388)
Reversal	(28,718)	(19,417)
Balance at end of year	40,123	62,164

To measure the expected credit losses which are included in the balance of provision for impairment of trade receivables, trade receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and due dates of invoices.

The expected loss rates are based on the payment profiles over a period of 36 months before 31st December 2023 or 31st December 2022 respectively and the corresponding historical credit losses experienced within the year. The historical loss rates are adjusted to reflect current and forward-looking information on macroeconomic factors affecting the ability of the customers to settle the receivables.

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30. PORTFOLIO INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

US\$'000	2023	2022
Listed equity securities		
Hong Kong	9,702	11,321
Overseas	3,711	2,048
Market value of listed equity securities	13,413	13,369

The carrying amounts of the Group's portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss are mainly denominated in Hong Kong dollar (2022: Hong Kong dollar).

The fair values of all listed equity securities are based on their current bid prices in active markets.

31. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

US\$'000	2023	2022
Short-term bank deposits		
Maturing within three months from the date of placement	321,427	8,862,083
Deposits placed with a fellow subsidiary*	80,580	113,581
Cash at bank and in hand	727,203	488,238
	1,129,210	9,463,902
Short-term bank deposits		
Maturing more than three months from the date of placement	5,592,978	1,750,000
	6,722,188	11,213,902

* The deposits placed with a fellow subsidiary, a finance company, bear interest at prevailing market rates.

The carrying amounts of the Group's cash and bank balances are mainly denominated in US dollar (2022: US dollar).

The credit quality of cash at bank and in hand and short-term bank deposits by reference to Standard & Poor's, Moody's and/or Fitch's credit ratings is as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
AA	2,342,178	101,842
A	3,320,299	8,758,758
BBB	969,280	2,222,277
BB	10	59
B	4,128	14,390
Others	86,293	116,576
	6,722,188	11,213,902

32. SHARE CAPITAL

US\$'000	2023	2022
Authorised:		
900,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$0.10 each	90,000	90,000
65,000,000 convertible redeemable preferred shares of US\$1 each	65,000	65,000
50,000,000 redeemable preferred shares of US\$1 each	50,000	50,000
	205,000	205,000

	Number of shares (thousands)	Ordinary shares US\$'000
Issued and fully paid :		
At 31st December 2022 and 2023	660,373	66,037

33. RESERVES

US\$'000	Share premium	Employee share-based compensation reserve	Contributed surplus	Capital redemption reserve	Foreign exchange translation reserve	Retained profit	Total
At 1st January 2022	734,717	9,511	88,547	4,696	38,231	8,727,918	9,603,620
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	-	(54,496)	9,961,191	9,906,695
Transactions with owners							
Employee share-based compensation	-	1,117	-	-	-	-	1,117
2021 final dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(1,723,574)	(1,723,574)
2021 second special dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(455,658)	(455,658)
2022 interim dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(2,265,080)	(2,265,080)
2022 first special dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(1,697,159)	(1,697,159)
At 31st December 2022 and 1st January 2023	734,717	10,628	88,547	4,696	(16,265)	12,547,638	13,369,961
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	-	(16,271)	1,366,460	1,350,189
Transactions with owners							
Employee share-based compensation	-	132	-	-	-	-	132
2022 final dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(1,723,574)	(1,723,574)
2022 second special dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(1,287,728)	(1,287,728)
2023 interim dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(455,658)	(455,658)
2023 first special dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(112,263)	(112,263)
At 31st December 2023	734,717	10,760	88,547	4,696	(32,536)	10,334,875	11,141,059

34. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

An intermediate holding company of the Group, COSCO SHIPPING Holdings Co., Ltd. (“COSCO SHIPPING Holdings”) operates share option schemes whereby options are granted to eligible employees of the Group to subscribe for its shares. COSCO SHIPPING Holdings has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options in cash.

At a special general meeting of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings held on 30th May 2019, the shareholders of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings approved the adoption of a share option scheme (the “2019 Share Option Scheme”). No consideration was paid by the grantees for the acceptance of share options.

At a special general meeting of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings held on 29th May 2020, the shareholders of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings approved the adoption of a share option scheme (the “2020 Share Option Scheme”). No consideration was paid by the grantees for the acceptance of share options.

Under the 2019 Share Option Scheme and 2020 Share Option Scheme, the exercises of the options of three batches are subject to two-year, three-year and four-year vesting periods respectively during which a participant is not allowed to exercise any option granted. After the expiration of each vesting period, the participant may exercise the options in three batches in the one year, one year and three years after the expiration of each vesting period respectively. Within the exercise period of the share options, and subject to the fulfilment of the vesting conditions and the exercise arrangement of the share options, grant of each share option entitles the grantee to subscribe for one A share of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings at relevant exercise price in three batches evenly after the expiry of each vesting period.

Movements of the share options granted by COSCO SHIPPING Holdings to the employees of the Group during the years ended 31st December 2023 and 2022 are set out below:

			Year ended 31st December 2023			
			Number of share options			
Date of grant	Exercisable period	Exercise price	Outstanding as at 1st January 2023	Exercised during the period	Forfeited during the period	Outstanding as at 31st December 2023
3rd June 2019	Note i	Note iii	17,715,822	(14,531,239)	(1,956,226)	1,228,357
29th May 2020	Note ii	Note iii	3,419,756	(1,577,172)	(337,220)	1,505,364
			21,135,578	(16,108,411)	(2,293,446)	2,733,721

			Year ended 31st December 2022				
			Number of share options				
Date of grant	Exercisable period	Exercise price	Outstanding as at 1st January 2022	Transferred from a fellow subsidiary	Exercised during the period	Forfeited during the period	Outstanding as at 31st December 2022
3rd June 2019	Note i	Note iii	36,258,199	695,890	(14,686,011)	(4,552,256)	17,715,822
29th May 2020	Note ii	Note iii	5,453,760	-	(1,345,004)	(689,000)	3,419,756
			41,711,959	695,890	(16,031,015)	(5,241,256)	21,135,578

34. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (CONTINUED)

Notes:

- (i) The share options were granted on 3rd June 2019 under the 2019 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of RMB4.10. According to the provisions of the 2019 Share Option Scheme, share options under each grant have a validity period of ten years from 30th May 2019 and cannot be exercised evenly during the two-year, three-year and four-year period commencing from the date of grant (the "Restriction Period"). Besides, subject to the fulfilment of the relevant vesting conditions, share options will be exercised in three batches evenly over a period of one year, one year and three years after the expiry of each Restriction Period, i.e. 33%, 33% and 34%.
- (ii) The share options were granted on 29th May 2020 under the 2020 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of RMB3.50. According to the provisions of the 2020 Share Option Scheme, share options under each grant have a validity period of ten years from 29th May 2020 and cannot be exercised evenly during the Restriction Period. Besides, subject to the fulfilment of the relevant vesting conditions, share options will be exercised in three batches evenly over a period of one year, one year and three years after the expiry of each Restriction Period, i.e. 33%, 33% and 34%.
- (iii) Upon the completion of the capitalisation issue of 3 shares for every 10 shares by converting capital reserve to share capital of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings in July 2021, the exercise price of the outstanding share options under the 2019 Share Option Scheme was adjusted from RMB4.10 per share to RMB3.15 per share and the exercise price of the outstanding share options under the 2020 Share Option Scheme was adjusted from RMB3.50 per share to RMB2.69 per share.

According to the 2021 final profit distribution plan of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings, the exercise price of options granted for the 2019 Share Option Scheme was adjusted from RMB3.15 per share to RMB2.28 per share and the exercise price of options granted for the 2020 Share Option Scheme was adjusted from RMB2.69 per share to RMB1.82 per share on 10th June 2022.

According to the 2022 interim profit distribution plan of COSCO SHIPPING Holdings, the exercise price of options granted for the 2019 Share Option Scheme was adjusted from RMB2.28 per share to RMB1 per share and the exercise price of options granted for the 2020 Share Option Scheme was adjusted from RMB1.82 per share to RMB1 per share on 12th December 2022.

35. LEASE LIABILITIES

US\$'000	2023	2022
Non-current	919,370	1,367,909
Current	518,868	712,211
	1,438,238	2,080,120

The maturity of lease liabilities is as follows:

US\$'000	Present value	Minimum payments
At 31st December 2023		
2024	518,868	558,310
2025	363,674	388,089
2026	231,285	245,850
2027	175,744	183,604
2028	88,827	91,284
2029 onwards	59,840	61,356
	1,438,238	1,528,493
At 31st December 2022		
2023	712,211	764,328
2024	489,632	522,927
2025	341,462	362,984
2026	221,194	234,313
2027	172,227	179,351
2028 onwards	143,394	146,842
	2,080,120	2,210,745

36. PROVISION

The Group entered into the TSA in October 2019 to which the Group committed to place, or procure the placement of an annual minimum number of vessel lifts in LBCT for 20 years. Failure to meet the committed volume for each contract year would require certain level of deficiency payment as stipulated in the TSA.

As at 31st December 2023, the Group reassessed the expected number of vessel lifts in LBCT for each of the remaining contract years with reference to future prospects of the market and its expected load factor. The overall economic environment in the USA is still highly uncertain, and it is expected that high inflation and interest rate environment would slow down the USA economy growth and would have some negative impact to the demand/import of the USA in the near future. As at 31st December 2023, with these uncertainties over such a long-term contract period, management reassessed that the projected vessel lifts in LBCT would result in a shortfall on minimum volume commitment over the remaining contract period. The Group estimated an onerous contract provision of US\$916.7 million as at 31st December 2023 (2022: US\$894.7 million).

Movements in the onerous provision are as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	894,745	651,745
Charged to consolidated profit and loss account	22,000	243,000
Balance at end of year	916,745	894,745

Refer to note 4(d) for more details of the calculation methodology adopted and key assumptions used by management in estimating the onerous provision.

37. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS

US\$'000	2023	2022
Trade payables		
Third parties	208,233	156,028
Joint ventures	1,169	1,214
Fellow subsidiaries	19,966	39,553
Related companies	30,590	19,128
	259,958	215,923
Other creditors	175,639	176,976
Accrued expenses [#]	1,288,080	2,483,714
Contract liabilities [*]	17,848	34,649
Amounts due to related parties		
Joint ventures	4,230	7,172
Fellow subsidiaries	4,457	4,520
Related companies [^]	304	360,020
	1,750,516	3,282,974

[#] Accrued expenses mainly represent accrual for operating costs for container transport operation and accrued discretionary bonuses.

^{*} As permitted by HKFRS 15, the transaction price for contracts with an original expected duration of one year or less is exempt from disclosure due to practical expedient.

[^] As at 31st December 2022, the amounts due to related companies mainly included instalment payables for vessels under construction.

37. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS (CONTINUED)

The ageing analysis of the Group's trade payables, prepared in accordance with the dates of invoices, is as follows:

US\$'000	2023	2022
Below 1 month	188,639	158,991
2 to 3 months	64,880	50,106
4 to 6 months	806	2,547
Over 6 months	5,633	4,279
	259,958	215,923

The carrying amounts of the Group's trade payables are denominated in the following currencies:

US\$'000	2023	2022
US dollar	119,813	93,265
Euro	30,325	24,584
Renminbi	29,665	25,886
Japanese yen	15,169	15,608
Hong Kong dollar	10,286	10,570
Canadian dollar	6,896	5,573
Other currencies	47,804	40,437
	259,958	215,923

38. COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments – Property, plant and equipment

US\$'000	2023	2022
Contracted but not provided for		
Vessels under construction	3,206,360	4,086,092
Others	4,629	7,112
	3,210,989	4,093,204

(b) Lease commitments

The non-cancellable lease commitments include leases of low-value assets, short-term leases with a term of twelve months or less and long-term leases with a term of over twelve months not yet commenced at 31st December 2023.

The future aggregate minimum lease payments of these leases are as follows:

US\$'000	Vessels and equipment	Land and buildings	Total
At 31st December 2023			
Less than 1 year	129,390	995	130,385
Between 1 and 2 years	79,538	–	79,538
Between 2 and 5 years	152,922	–	152,922
Over 5 years	16,134	–	16,134
	377,984	995	378,979
At 31st December 2022			
Less than 1 year	84,008	1,391	85,399
Between 1 and 2 years	77,386	–	77,386
Between 2 and 5 years	182,022	–	182,022
Over 5 years	39,594	–	39,594
	383,010	1,391	384,401

38. COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

(c) Operating lease rental receivable

The future aggregate minimum lease rental income under non-cancellable operating leases are receivable in the following years:

US\$'000	Vessels	Land and buildings	Total
At 31st December 2023			
Less than 1 year	21,746	20,836	42,582
Between 1 and 2 years	–	19,450	19,450
Between 2 and 5 years	–	35,947	35,947
Over 5 years	–	26,884	26,884
	21,746	103,117	124,863
At 31st December 2022			
Less than 1 year	11,644	22,903	34,547
Between 1 and 2 years	–	20,343	20,343
Between 2 and 5 years	–	42,444	42,444
Over 5 years	–	34,974	34,974
	11,644	120,664	132,308

39. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(a) Reconciliation of operating profit to cash generated from operations

US\$'000	2023	2022
Operating profit	1,405,676	10,079,101
Interest income	(496,243)	(247,319)
Dividend income and distribution	(1,087)	(702)
Provision for onerous contract	22,000	243,000
Depreciation and amortisation	847,657	860,976
Fair value loss from assets	21,898	20,826
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	–	(14,064)
Gain on disposal of an associated company	–	(1,667)
Net gain on disposal of non-current assets	(13,347)	(99,055)
Employee share-based compensation	132	1,117
Operating profit before working capital changes	1,786,686	10,842,213
Increase in inventories	(17,625)	(26,497)
Decrease in debtors and prepayments	128,264	169,716
(Decrease)/increase in creditors and accruals	(1,178,492)	430,368
Change in net pension assets	(4,122)	(3,179)
Cash generated from operations	714,711	11,412,621

39. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

(b) The reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities is as follows:

US\$'000	Borrowings	Lease liabilities	Total
At 1st January 2022	250,657	2,439,983	2,690,640
Cash flow			
Outflow from financing activities	(251,165)	(722,592)	(973,757)
Non-cash changes			
Inception of leases (note 39(d))	–	381,635	381,635
Termination of leases	–	(27,727)	(27,727)
Currency translation adjustments	–	(9,032)	(9,032)
Finance costs	508	17,853	18,361
At 31st December 2022 and 1st January 2023	–	2,080,120	2,080,120
Cash flow			
Outflow from financing activities	–	(714,760)	(714,760)
Non-cash changes			
Inception of leases (note 39(d))	–	70,654	70,654
Termination of leases	–	(10,476)	(10,476)
Currency translation adjustments	–	(1,221)	(1,221)
Finance costs	–	13,921	13,921
At 31st December 2023	–	1,438,238	1,438,238

(c) Disposal of a subsidiary

US\$'000	2022
Net assets disposed	
Investment in an associated company	46,361
Release of reserve upon disposal	(7,983)
Gain on disposal	14,064
Cash consideration, net	52,442

(d) Major non-cash transactions

During the year, major non-cash transactions included the inception of leases of US\$70.7 million (2022: US\$381.6 million).

(e) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

US\$'000	2023	2022
Bank balances and deposits maturing within three months from the date of placement	1,129,210	9,463,902

(f) Cash outflow for leases

In addition to the cash flows arising from lease liabilities as stated in note 39(b) above, the total cash outflow for short-term and low-value leases and interest expense on lease liabilities for the year ended 31st December 2023 was US\$470.5 million (2022: US\$385.2 million).

40. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is controlled by COSCO SHIPPING, the ultimate parent company of the Group and a state-owned enterprise established in the PRC.

COSCO SHIPPING itself is controlled by the PRC government, which also owns a significant portion of the productive assets in the PRC. Government-related entities and their subsidiaries directly or indirectly controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by the PRC government are defined as related parties of the Group. On that basis, related parties include COSCO SHIPPING and its subsidiaries (other than the Group) (collectively referred to as “COSCO SHIPPING Group”) and related entities of COSCO SHIPPING (including joint ventures and associated companies), other government-related entities and their subsidiaries, entities in which the Company is able to exercise joint control or significant influence, and key management personnel of the Company and COSCO SHIPPING as well as their close family members. The Group’s transactions with other government-related entities and their subsidiaries include but are not limited to rendering or receiving of services, purchases or sales of assets and receiving of bank deposit services. The detailed disclosures in relation to these transactions and outstanding balances are exempted. The Directors believe that the information of related party transactions has been adequately disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.

In addition to the related party information and transactions disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, the following is a summary of significant related party transactions conducted in the ordinary course of business between the Group and its related parties during the year.

(a) Transactions with COSCO SHIPPING Group and related entities of COSCO SHIPPING (including joint ventures and associated companies)

US\$'000	2023	2022
Income		
Container transport income (note ii)	98,949	342,255
Freight forwarding income	7,029	7,592
Terminal handling and storage income	2,332	5,197
Service income		
Vessels	98,562	55,255
Containers	26,574	22,244
IT service income	53,421	31,105
Interest income	1,817	1,546
Expenses		
Cargo transportation costs	129,973	110,483
Freight forwarding expenses	13,639	68,222
Terminal charges (note iii)	228,781	253,193
Expenses relating to short-term leases and leases with low-value assets		
Vessels	175,862	102,937
Containers	65,120	44,595
Land and buildings	809	785
Slot hire expenses	243,414	399,432
Purchase of bunker (note iv)	301,690	324,635
Crew expenses	2,360	2,284
Insurance expenses	5,220	2,149
Service fee	300	300
Others		
Purchase of containers	3,839	3,630
Instalments of vessels under construction (note v)	910,501	706,878

40. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

(b) Transactions with joint ventures of the Group

US\$'000	2023	2022
Income		
Container transport income	558	514
Expenses		
Cargo transportation costs	14,647	17,413

(c) Transactions with other related parties

US\$'000	2023	2022
Income		
Container transport income	1,470	338
Freight forwarding income	339	–
Terminal handling and storage income	293	410
Expenses		
Cargo transportation costs	19,195	34,391
Freight forwarding expenses	894	23
Terminal charges	160,997	146,428
Expenses relating to short-term leases and leases with low-value assets		
Containers	82	70
Slot hire expenses	–	4,412
Crew expenses	1	6
Others		
Purchase of containers	–	15,000

(d) Transactions with state-owned banks

As at 31st December 2023, approximately 50% (2022: 90%) of the Group's bank balances are with state-owned banks.

Notes:

- (i) These transactions were conducted either (i) based on terms as governed by the master agreements and subsisting agreements entered into between the Group and COSCO SHIPPING Group or (ii) based on terms as set out in the underlying agreements, statutory rates or market prices or actual costs incurred, or as mutually agreed between the Group and the parties in concern.
- (ii) Container transport income of US\$36.2 million (2022: US\$117.2 million) were transacted with the associated companies and joint ventures of COSCO SHIPPING during the year ended 31st December 2023.
- (iii) Terminal charges of US\$151.2 million (2022: US\$166.1 million) were transacted with the associated companies and joint ventures of COSCO SHIPPING during the year ended 31st December 2023.
- (iv) Bunker of US\$154.5 million (2022: US\$222.3 million) was purchased from a joint venture of COSCO SHIPPING during the year ended 31st December 2023.
- (v) During the year ended 31st December 2022, the Group entered into shipbuilding contracts for seven vessels with a joint venture of COSCO SHIPPING for an aggregate consideration of US\$1,679.0 million. Together with the other outstanding shipbuilding contracts previously entered with a subsidiary and the joint venture of COSCO SHIPPING respectively, the remaining capital commitment as at 31st December 2023 is disclosed in note 38(a).

41. COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December 2023

US\$'000	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Non-current asset		
Investments in subsidiaries	180,247	180,115
Current assets		
Prepayments	105	101
Amounts due from subsidiaries	4,395,103	7,973,877
Restricted bank balances	2,406	1,893
Cash and bank balances	25	21
	4,397,639	7,975,892
Total assets	4,577,886	8,156,007
EQUITY		
Equity holders		
Share capital	66,037	66,037
Reserves (note)	4,230,571	7,724,484
Total equity	4,296,608	7,790,521
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Creditors and accruals	2,524	1,992
Amounts due to subsidiaries	278,754	363,494
	281,278	365,486
Total equity and liabilities	4,577,886	8,156,007

41. COMPANY BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

Note:

Movements of reserves

US\$'000	Share premium	Employee share-based compensation reserve	Contributed surplus	Capital redemption reserve	Retained profit	Total
At 1st January 2022	734,717	9,511	88,547	4,696	5,566,527	6,403,998
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	7,460,840	7,460,840
Transactions with owners						
Employee share-based compensation	-	1,117	-	-	-	1,117
2021 final dividend	-	-	-	-	(1,723,574)	(1,723,574)
2021 second special dividend	-	-	-	-	(455,658)	(455,658)
2022 interim dividend	-	-	-	-	(2,265,080)	(2,265,080)
2022 first special dividend	-	-	-	-	(1,697,159)	(1,697,159)
At 31st December 2022 and 1st January 2023	734,717	10,628	88,547	4,696	6,885,896	7,724,484
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	85,178	85,178
Transactions with owners						
Employee share-based compensation	-	132	-	-	-	132
2022 final dividend	-	-	-	-	(1,723,574)	(1,723,574)
2022 second special dividend	-	-	-	-	(1,287,728)	(1,287,728)
2023 interim dividend	-	-	-	-	(455,658)	(455,658)
2023 first special dividend	-	-	-	-	(112,263)	(112,263)
At 31st December 2023	734,717	10,760	88,547	4,696	3,391,851	4,230,571

Under the Companies Act of Bermuda and the Bye-laws of the Company, the contributed surplus is also distributable. Accordingly, total distributable reserves of the Company amounted to US\$3,480.4 million as at 31st December 2023 (2022: US\$6,974.4 million).

42. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 21st March 2024.

Principal Subsidiaries, Associated Companies and Joint Ventures

as at 31st December 2023

Name of Company	Effective percentage held by Group	Issued and fully paid up capital/registered capital/contributed cash capital	Principal activities	Place of incorporation	Area of operations
Subsidiaries					
CargoSmart (Zhuhai) Ltd.	100	Registered capital US\$23,725,000	Shipping and logistics software application development	China *	China
Cargo System Warehouse and Transport Ltd.	100	3,000 ordinary shares HK\$300,000	Investment holding and container transport	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China
Consolidated Leasing & Terminals, Inc.	100	1 common stock US\$100	Investment holding, equipment owning and leasing	USA	USA
Containers No. 1 Inc.	100	10,000 ordinary shares US\$100,000	Equipment owning and leasing	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Containers No. 3 Inc.	100	10,000 ordinary shares US\$100,000	Equipment leasing	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Containers No. 5 Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Equipment leasing	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Dongguan Orient Container Co., Ltd.	100	Registered capital HK\$29,000,000	Container depot and warehousing	China *	China
Far Gain Investment Ltd.	100	10,000 ordinary shares HK\$10,000	Investment holding	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China
Glory Top Investment Ltd.	100	10,000 ordinary shares HK\$10,000	Portfolio investment	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China
Hai Dong Transportation Co. Ltd.	100	100,000 ordinary shares HK\$100,000	Freight forwarding	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China
IQAX Limited	100	20,000,000 class A ordinary shares US\$20,000,000	AI and blockchain digital data on network applications and platform design	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China
Kenwake Limited	100	1,600,000 ordinary shares	Investment holding	United Kingdom	United Kingdom
	100	520,000 5% cumulative preference shares £ 2,120,000			
Laronda Company Ltd.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Portfolio investment	British Virgin Islands	Worldwide
Maritime Delivery Services Inc.	100	1,000 common stock US\$10,000	Trucking service	USA	USA
Newcontainer 1370A Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide

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Name of Company	Effective percentage held by Group	Issued and fully paid up capital/registered capital/contributed cash capital	Principal activities	Place of incorporation	Area of operations
Subsidiaries (Continued)					
Newcontainer 1371A Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1420 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1421 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1484 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1564A Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1565A Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1584A Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1585A Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1667A Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 1668A Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 2002 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 2004 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 2005 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 2007 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 2009 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 2010 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 2011 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide

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Name of Company	Effective percentage held by Group	Issued and fully paid up capital/registered capital/contributed cash capital	Principal activities	Place of incorporation	Area of operations
Subsidiaries (Continued)					
Newcontainer 2172 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 2173 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer 4090 Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 5 Shipping Inc.	100	500 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Liberia †	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 6 Shipping Inc.	100	500 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Liberia †	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 9 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	500 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 10 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	500 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 15 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	500 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 51 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 52 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 67 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 69 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 73 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 75 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 81 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 82 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 83 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide

Principal Subsidiaries, Associated Companies and Joint Ventures

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Name of Company	Effective percentage held by Group	Issued and fully paid up capital/registered capital/contributed cash capital	Principal activities	Place of incorporation	Area of operations
Subsidiaries (Continued)					
Newcontainer No. 85 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 86 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 87 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 88 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 89 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 90 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 93 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 95 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 96 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 97 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 98 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 99 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 100 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 101 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 102 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 103 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 107 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide

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Subsidiaries (Continued)					
Newcontainer No. 108 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 109 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 110 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 111 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 112 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 113 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 115 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 116 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 117 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 118 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 119 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 120 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 121 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 122 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 123 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 125 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 126 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide

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Subsidiaries (Continued)					
Newcontainer No. 127 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 128 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 129 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 130 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 131 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 132 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 133 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 134 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 135 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 136 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 137 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 138 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 139 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 140 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 141 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 142 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 143 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide

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Subsidiaries (Continued)					
Newcontainer No. 145 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 146 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 147 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 148 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 149 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Newcontainer No. 150 (Marshall Islands) Shipping Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship owning (under construction)	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
OLL Logistics (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.	100	10,000 ordinary shares RM10,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Malaysia	Malaysia
O M Depot Company Limited	51	80,000 ordinary shares THB8,000,000	Container depot	Thailand	Thailand
OOCL (Agencies) Holdings Inc.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Investment holding	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
OOCL (Assets) Holdings Inc.	100	500 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Investment holding	Liberia †	Worldwide
OOCL (Assets USA) Holdings Inc.	100	50,000 ordinary shares US\$50,000	Investment holding	Liberia †	USA
OOCL (Australia) Pty. Ltd.	100	200,000 ordinary shares A\$200,000	Liner agency	Australia	Australia
OOCL BENELUX	100	226,271 ordinary shares €609,799	Liner agency	Belgium	Belgium
OOCL (Cambodia) Ltd.	100	50,000 ordinary shares Riel200,000,000	Liner agency	Cambodia	Cambodia
OOCL (Canada) Inc.	100	10,000 common stock C\$91,000	Liner agency	Canada	Canada
OOCL (China) Investment Ltd.	100	2 ordinary shares HK\$2	Investment holding	Hong Kong, China	China
OOCL (Corporate Services) Limited	100	2 ordinary shares HK\$2	Provision of corporate services	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China

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Subsidiaries (Continued)					
OOCL (Denmark) A/S	100	1,000 ordinary shares DKK500,000	Liner agency	Denmark	Northern Europe
OOCL (Europe) Limited	100	5,000,000 ordinary shares £ 5,000,000	Container transport, investment holding and liner territorial office	United Kingdom	Worldwide
OOCL (Finland) Ltd Oy	100	150 ordinary shares €2,522.82	Liner agency	Finland	Finland
OOCL (HK) Limited	100	500 ordinary shares HK\$50,000	Investment holding	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China
OOCL (India) Private Limited	100	1,000 equity shares Rupee100,000	Liner agency	India	India
OOCL (Infotech) Holdings Ltd.	100	2 ordinary shares US\$2	Investment holding and owner of intellectual property rights and proprietary information	British Virgin Islands	Worldwide
OOCL (Italy) S.r.l.	100	1 quota €10,000	Liner agency	Italy	Italy
OOCL (Korea) Ltd.	100	16,000 common stock Won160,000,000	Liner agency	Korea	Korea
OOCL (Liners) Holdings Ltd.	100	2 ordinary shares HK\$2	Investment holding	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China
OOCL (Logistics) Holdings Ltd.	100	10,000 ordinary shares US\$10,000	Investment holding	British Virgin Islands	Worldwide
OOCL (Mexico), S.A. de C.V.	100	600,000 ordinary shares Mexican Peso600,000	Liner agency	Mexico	Mexico
OOCL (New Zealand) Ltd.	100	100 ordinary shares NZD1,000	Liner agency	New Zealand	New Zealand
OOCL Pakistan (Private) Ltd.	100	1,350,000 ordinary shares PKR13,500,000	Liner agency	Pakistan	Pakistan
OOCL (Philippines) Inc.	100	55,000 common stock Philippine Peso5,500,000	Liner agency	Philippines	Philippines
OOCL (Poland) Ltd. sp. z o.o.	100	1,000 ordinary shares PLN50,000	Liner agency	Poland	Poland
OOCL (Portugal), Lda	100	2 quotas €25,000	Liner agency	Portugal	Portugal
OOCL (Russia) Ltd.	100	1 ordinary share Rub10,000	Liner agency	Russia	Russia

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Subsidiaries (Continued)					
OOCL (Shanghai) Logistics Management Limited	100	Registered capital RMB5,000,000	Management of transportation and logistics services	China *	China
OOCL (Singapore) Pte Ltd	100	100,000 ordinary shares S\$100,000	Liner agency	Singapore	Singapore
OOCL (Terminals) Investment Ltd.	100	500 ordinary shares US\$500	Investment holding	British Virgin Islands	Worldwide
OOCL (USA) Inc.	100	1,030 common stock US\$1,030	Liner agency	USA	USA
OOCL (Vietnam) Co., Ltd.	100	Legal capital US\$500,000	Liner agency	Vietnam	Vietnam
OOCL China Domestics Ltd.	100	Registered capital RMB21,250,000	Transportation and freight agency	China ±	China
OOCL GEMİ ACENTE LİĞİ HİZMETLERİ VE TİCARET ANONİM ŞİRKETİ	100	100,000 shares TL.100,000	Liner agency	Türkiye	Türkiye
OOCL LLC	100	Capital of US\$500,000	Equipment owning	USA	USA
OOCL Logistics Limited	100	10,000 ordinary shares US\$10,000	Investment holding	British Virgin Islands	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Logistics (Asia Pacific) Ltd.	100	200 ordinary shares US\$20,000	Investment holding, management of international transportation and logistics	Bermuda	Worldwide
OOCL Logistics (Australia) Pty. Limited	100	200,000 ordinary shares A\$200,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Australia	Australia
OOCL Logistics (Cambodia) Ltd.	100	1,250 ordinary shares Riel5,000,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Cambodia	Cambodia
OOCL Logistics (Canada) Ltd.	100	1,000 common stock C\$1,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Canada	Canada
OOCL Logistics (China) Ltd.	100	Registered capital US\$4,840,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	China *	China
OOCL Logistics (Europe) Ltd.	100	2 ordinary shares £2	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding territorial office	United Kingdom	Europe
OOCL Logistics (Hong Kong) Ltd.	100	50,000 ordinary shares HK\$500,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong, China

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Subsidiaries (Continued)					
OOCL Logistics (India) Private Limited	100	35,000 equity shares Rupee3,500,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	India	India
OOCL Logistics (Japan) Ltd.	100	6,200 ordinary shares Yen10,000,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Japan	Japan
OOCL Logistics (Korea) Ltd.	100	280,000 common stock Won2,800,000,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Korea	Korea
OOCL Logistics Mexico, S.A. de C.V.	100	500,000 ordinary shares Mexican Peso500,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Mexico	Mexico
OOCL Logistics Pakistan (Pvt.) Limited	100	1,300,000 ordinary shares PKR13,000,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Pakistan	Pakistan
OOCL Logistics (Russia) Limited	100	1 ordinary share Rub10,000	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Russia	Russia
OOCL Logistics (Singapore) Pte. Limited	100	2 ordinary shares S\$2	Logistics, cargo consolidation and forwarding	Singapore	Singapore
OOCL Logistics (USA) Inc.	100	100 common stock US\$200	Logistics, cargo consolidation, forwarding and investment holding	USA	USA
OOCL Logistics Line Limited	100	2 ordinary shares HK\$2	Transportation and freight forwarding	Hong Kong, China	Worldwide
OOCL Logistics Warehousing and Transportation (Shanghai) Co. Ltd.	100	Registered capital US\$1,000,000	Warehousing, transportation and logistics services	China *	China
OOCL Logistics Warehousing and Transportation (Tianjin) Co. Ltd.	100	Registered capital US\$4,700,000	Warehousing, transportation and logistics services	China *	China
OOCL Transport & Logistics Holdings Ltd.*	100	169,477,152 ordinary shares US\$169,477,152	Investment holding	Bermuda	Worldwide
OOCL Warehousing (Shanghai) Limited	100	Registered capital US\$10,000,000	Warehousing and depot services	China *	China
OOIL (Investments) Inc.*	100	500 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Investment holding	Liberia †	Worldwide
Orient Overseas Associates	100	Limited partnership	Property owning	USA	USA
Orient Overseas Building Corp.	100	10 common stock US\$150,000	Property owning	USA	USA

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Subsidiaries (Continued)					
Orient Overseas Container Line (China) Co. Ltd.	100	Registered capital US\$3,400,000	Liner agency	China *	China
Orient Overseas Container Line (Europe) Ltd.	100	66,000,000 ordinary shares £ 66,000,000	Investment holding	United Kingdom	United Kingdom
Orient Overseas Container Line (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.	100	500,000 ordinary shares RM500,000	Liner agency	Malaysia	Malaysia
Orient Overseas Container Line (Spain), S.L.	100	3,100 ordinary shares €3,100	Liner agency	Spain	Spain
Orient Overseas Container Line (U.K.) Ltd.	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Ship management and vessel operator	Cayman Islands	Worldwide
Orient Overseas Container Line Inc.	100	500 ordinary shares US\$25,000,000	Investment holding	Liberia †	Worldwide
Orient Overseas Container Line Ltd.	100	10,000 ordinary shares HK\$1,000,000	Container transport	Hong Kong, China	Worldwide
The Speed Limited	100	5,000 ordinary shares US\$5,000	Provision of financing to Group	Marshall Islands	Worldwide
Union Faith (H.K.) Limited	100	1 ordinary share HK\$1	Ship owning	Hong Kong, China	Worldwide
Wall Street Plaza, Inc.	100 100 100 100 100 100	40 class A common stock 160 class B common stock 20,000 series A non-cumulative non-voting preferred stock 18,000 series B non-cumulative non-voting preferred stock 19,500 series C non-cumulative non-voting preferred stock 19,000 series D non-cumulative non-voting preferred stock US\$76,500,200	Investment holding	USA	USA

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Associated companies					
Ningbo Yuan Dong Terminal Ltd.	20	Registered capital RMB2,500,000,000	Terminal operating	China §	China
Eshipping Global Supply Chain Management (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.	42.35	Registered capital RMB40,000,000	Supply chain management	China §	China
Joint ventures					
OOCL (U.A.E.) L.L.C.	49	300 ordinary shares AED300,000	Liner agency	Dubai	Dubai
Sinovnl Company Limited (formerly known as Tan Cang – COSCO – OOCL Logistics Company Limited)	30	Legal capital US\$1,000,000	Container depot	Vietnam	Vietnam
Qingdao Orient International Container Storage & Transportation Co., Ltd.	55	Registered capital RMB69,900,000	Container depot	China §	China

* *Direct subsidiaries of the Company.*

† *Companies incorporated in Liberia but redomiciled to the Marshall Islands.*

* *Wholly foreign-owned enterprise.*

§ *Sino-foreign equity joint venture enterprise.*

± *Domestic joint venture enterprise.*

Fleet and Container Information

Fleet

The following table sets out the Group's vessels as at 31st December 2023.

VESSEL NAME	TEU CAPACITY	OWNERSHIP	SERVICE IN WHICH USED	DATE PLACED IN SERVICE	FLAG
OOCL America	5,344	Owned	Intra-Asia	1995	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Asia	8,063	Owned	N/A	2006	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Atlanta	8,063	Owned	N/A	2005	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Australia	4,583	Owned	Intra-Asia	2006	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Bangkok	13,208	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Beijing	8,888	Owned	N/A	2011	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Belgium	2,992	Owned	Intra-Asia	1998	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Berlin	13,208	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Brisbane	4,578	Owned	Asia-Australia	2009	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Brussels	13,208	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Busan	4,578	Owned	Asia-Australia	2008	Hong Kong, China
OOCL California	5,344	Owned	Intra-Asia	1995	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Canada	8,888	Owned	N/A	2011	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Charleston	4,578	Owned	Intra-Asia	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Chicago	5,714	Owned	Asia-Australia	2000	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Chongqing	13,208	Owned	Trans-Atlantic	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Dalian	4,578	Owned	Intra-Asia	2009	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Europe	8,063	Owned	Trans-Atlantic	2006	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Felixstowe	24,188	Owned	Asia-Europe	2023	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Gdynia	24,188	Owned	Asia-Europe	2023	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Guangzhou	4,578	Owned	Trans-Atlantic	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Hamburg	8,063	Owned	Intra-Asia	2004	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Houston	4,578	Owned	Asia-Australia	2007	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Italy	5,888	Owned	Asia-Australia	2007	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Jakarta	4,578	Owned	Intra-Asia	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Kobe	4,578	Owned	Intra-Europe	2007	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Kuala Lumpur	5,888	Owned	Asia-Australia	2007	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Le Havre	4,578	Owned	Intra-Asia	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL London	8,063	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Luxembourg	8,063	Owned	Intra-Asia	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Montreal	4,402	Owned	Trans-Atlantic	2003	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Nagoya	4,578	Owned	Intra-Asia	2009	Hong Kong, China
OOCL New York	5,770	Owned	Trans-Pacific	1999	Hong Kong, China
OOCL New Zealand	4,578	Owned	Intra-Asia	2009	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Norfolk	4,578	Owned	Intra-Asia	2009	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Oakland	5,888	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2007	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Panama	4,578	Owned	Asia-Australia	2008	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Piraeus	24,188	Owned	Asia-Europe	2023	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Poland	13,208	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Rotterdam	8,063	Owned	N/A	2004	Hong Kong, China
OOCL San Francisco	5,714	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2000	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Savannah	4,578	Owned	Intra-Asia	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Scandinavia	21,413	Owned	Asia-Europe	2017	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Seoul	8,063	Owned	N/A	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Shanghai	5,770	Owned	Asia-Australia	1999	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Southampton	8,063	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2007	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Spain	24,188	Owned	Asia-Europe	2023	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Texas	4,578	Owned	Asia-Australia	2008	Hong Kong, China

VESSEL NAME	TEU CAPACITY	OWNERSHIP	SERVICE IN WHICH USED	DATE PLACED IN SERVICE	FLAG
OOCL Tokyo	8,063	Owned	Trans-Pacific	2007	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Turkiye	24,188	Owned	Asia-Europe	2023	Hong Kong, China
OOCL United Kingdom	21,413	Owned	Asia-Europe	2017	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Washington	8,063	Owned	N/A	2010	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Yokohama	4,578	Owned	Asia-Australia	2007	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Zeebrugge	24,188	Owned	Asia-Europe	2023	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Zhoushan	4,583	Owned	Intra-Asia	2006	Hong Kong, China
Akiteta	2,220	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2001	Liberia
Anina	1,008	Long Term lease	Intra-Europe	2006	Portugal
Brussels	5,806	Long Term lease	Trans-Atlantic	2000	Portugal
Buxmelody	2,702	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2008	Liberia
Cape Fortius	2,210	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2017	Cyprus
Cape Syros	2,202	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2015	Cyprus
Dolphin II	5,095	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2007	Panama
Emmanuel P	4,253	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2005	Marshall Island
Fitz Roy	1,740	Long Term lease	Asia-Australia	2011	Liberia
Hansa Osterburg	1,740	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2007	Portugal
Hansa Wolfsburg	1,732	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2007	Liberia
Inessa	1,774	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2020	Marshall Island
Integra	1,808	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2017	Marshall Island
Lady Jane	5,047	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2005	Marshall Island
Manet	2,272	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2001	Liberia
Nordic Istria	1,084	Long Term lease	Intra-Europe	2011	Portugal
Norfolk	4,563	Long Term lease	Asia-Australia	2009	Liberia
Number 9	4,253	Long Term lease	Asia-Europe	2007	Panama
OOCL Brazil	8,476	Long Term lease	Asia-Australia	2010	Panama
OOCL Durban	8,476	Long Term lease	Asia-Australia	2011	Panama
OOCL Egypt	13,208	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL France	13,208	Long Term lease	Asia-Europe	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Genoa	8,888	Long Term lease	N/A	2015	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Germany	21,413	Long Term lease	Asia-Europe	2017	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Ho Chi Minh City	8,888	Long Term lease	N/A	2015	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Hong Kong	21,413	Long Term lease	Asia-Europe	2017	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Indonesia	21,413	Long Term lease	Asia-Europe	2018	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Japan	21,413	Long Term lease	Asia-Europe	2017	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Korea	13,208	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2014	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Malaysia	13,208	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Memphis	8,888	Long Term lease	N/A	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Miami	8,888	Long Term lease	N/A	2013	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Rauma	1,421	Long Term lease	Intra-Europe	2009	Netherlands
OOCL Singapore	13,208	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2014	Hong Kong, China
OOCL St. Lawrence	5,047	Long Term lease	Trans-Atlantic	2005	Malta
OOCL Taipei	8,888	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2015	Hong Kong, China
OOCL Utah	8,888	Long Term lease	N/A	2015	Hong Kong, China
Rena P	4,253	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2007	Marshall Island
Rio Grande	4,253	Long Term lease	Asia-Australia	2008	Malta
San Lorenzo	1,708	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2014	Cyprus
San Pedro	1,715	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2014	Malta
Santa Loukia	1,704	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2014	Malta
Seamax Stratford	8,533	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2006	Marshall Island
Seattle C	4,253	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2007	Cyprus

Fleet and Container Information

VESSEL NAME	TEU CAPACITY	OWNERSHIP	SERVICE IN WHICH USED	DATE PLACED IN SERVICE	FLAG
Singapore	3,338	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2004	Liberia
Spectrum N	2,546	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2009	Liberia
Spil Kartini	4,218	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2008	Panama
Spil Nirmala	2,564	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2008	Panama
Vancouver	4,253	Long Term lease	Intra-Asia	2007	Cyprus
Violeta B	1,756	Long Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2014	Cyprus
Androusa	4,256	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2010	Liberia
Cebu	1,930	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2023	Antigua and Barbuda
Contship Quo	960	Short Term lease	Asia-Australia	2007	Liberia
COSCO America	10,062	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2008	Panama
COSCO Auckland	4,253	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2012	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Belgium	13,386	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2013	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Denmark	13,386	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2014	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Excellence	13,114	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2012	Hong Kong, China
COSCO France	13,386	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2013	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Fuzhou	3,620	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2007	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Hope	13,114	Short Term lease	Trans-Atlantic	2012	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Italy	13,386	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2014	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Portugal	13,386	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2014	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Shipping Alps	14,566	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2015	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Shipping Andes	14,566	Short Term lease	Asia-Europe	2018	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Shipping Aquarius	19,273	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2019	Hong Kong, China
COSCO Shipping Planet	21,237	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2019	Hong Kong, China
CSCL Neptune	14,074	Short Term lease	Asia-Europe	2012	Hong Kong, China
Future	2,174	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	1997	Panama
GH Bora	2,702	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2009	Marshall Island
GSL Christen	6,840	Short Term lease	Trans-Pacific	2002	Liberia
Hyundai Singapore	6,755	Short Term lease	Asia-Europe	2006	Cyprus
Mimmi Schulte	2,345	Short Term lease	Intra-Europe	2017	Singapore
Navios Lapis	4,256	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2009	Marshall Island
Orea	2,194	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2015	Malta
Teng Yun He	1,702	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2000	China
Xin Bei Lun	4,250	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2005	China
Xin Yan Tai	5,688	Short Term lease	Intra-Asia	2005	China
TOTAL 133 VESSELS	1,067,495				

Container Information

The Group owned and leased 1,181,451 units (2,076,135 TEU) as of 31st December 2023.

10-Year Financial Summary

US\$'000	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Consolidated Profit and Loss Data										
Revenue	6,521,589	5,953,444	5,297,693	5,981,676	6,572,655	6,878,740	8,191,304	16,832,185	19,820,188	8,343,857
Operating profit/(loss)	329,147	353,068	(138,227)	238,155	262,935	361,281	992,187	7,380,271	10,079,101	1,405,676
Finance costs	(54,000)	(63,642)	(79,393)	(97,418)	(143,191)	(151,599)	(91,312)	(60,255)	(61,138)	(28,496)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	294,583	307,208	(199,667)	159,871	134,068	223,826	913,674	7,337,256	10,027,743	1,380,561
Profit/(loss) for the year from continuing operations	270,438	283,851	(219,221)	147,438	75,448	153,987	903,018	7,128,409	9,966,238	1,369,109
Profit/(loss) for the year from discontinued operation	-	-	-	(9,782)	32,718	1,194,806	-	-	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	270,438	283,851	(219,221)	137,656	108,166	1,348,793	903,018	7,128,409	9,966,238	1,369,109
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Company	270,538	283,851	(219,221)	137,656	108,166	1,348,793	902,723	7,128,127	9,965,245	1,367,852
Per Ordinary Share										
Earnings/(loss) (US cents)										
from continuing operations	43.2	45.4	(35.0)	23.6	12.1	24.6	144.3	1,108.5	1,509.0	207.0
from discontinued operation	-	-	-	(1.6)	5.2	190.9	-	-	-	-
Dividends (US cents)	10.90	11.45	-	2.14	7.70	193.35	141.75	771.00	1,056.00	104.10
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	625,793	625,793	625,793	625,793	625,793	625,793	625,793	643,051	660,373	660,373
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data										
Property, plant and equipment	5,608,929	6,020,744	6,076,673	6,251,457	5,880,057	3,162,424	3,744,666	4,047,629	4,696,239	5,607,991
Right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	2,830,674	2,303,265	2,801,858	2,509,695	1,861,705
Cash and bank balances/Liquid assets	2,689,754	2,548,976	2,186,946	2,534,463	2,246,803	2,858,824	3,323,013	7,197,101	11,213,902	6,722,188
Assets held for sale	53,047	-	-	-	472,732	-	-	46,361	-	-
Liabilities directly associated with assets classified as held for sale	-	-	-	-	(141,048)	-	-	-	-	-
Other net current liabilities	(628,393)	(622,964)	(738,046)	(671,309)	(596,779)	(979,118)	(1,221,034)	(2,161,795)	(3,075,991)	(1,420,797)
Total assets	9,633,455	9,731,574	9,404,590	10,069,296	10,053,860	11,201,865	10,644,553	15,846,977	20,035,161	15,609,185
Long-term debt	3,595,625	3,663,100	3,489,272	3,930,025	3,695,834	3,342,224	2,489,488	2,028,596	1,367,909	919,370
Total long and short-term debt	3,984,502	4,101,719	4,090,737	4,554,183	4,197,756	3,991,089	3,069,843	2,690,640	2,080,120	1,438,238
Net (cash)/debt	1,294,748	1,552,743	1,903,791	2,019,720	1,950,953	1,132,265	(253,170)	(4,506,461)	(9,133,782)	(5,283,950)
Ordinary shareholders' equity	4,634,752	4,797,510	4,519,286	4,682,513	4,735,130	4,927,407	5,642,114	9,669,657	13,435,998	11,207,096
Other Financial Information										
Depreciation	323,482	315,426	400,351	428,482	385,622	409,255	430,689	553,967	854,137	843,185
Capital expenditure	848,769	796,720	478,637	618,690	412,901	387,192	501,926	1,382,599	1,311,191	1,156,096
Consolidated Financial Ratios/Percentages										
Debt to equity ratio	0.86	0.85	0.91	0.97	0.89	0.81	0.54	0.28	0.15	0.13
Net (cash)/debt to equity ratio	0.28	0.32	0.42	0.43	0.41	0.23	(0.04)	(0.47)	(0.68)	(0.47)
Return on average ordinary shareholders' equity (%)	5.9	6.0	(4.7)	3.0	2.3	27.9	17.1	93.1	86.3	11.1
Accounts payable as a % of revenue	14.5	12.6	13.1	12.4	12.8	15.6	16.9	14.7	16.6	21.0
Accounts receivable as a % of revenue	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.9	9.7	9.7	8.3	5.8	4.4	8.9
Net asset value attributable to equity holders of the Company per ordinary share (US\$)	7.41	7.67	7.22	7.48	7.57	7.87	9.02	14.64	20.35	16.97

Notes:

- (1) The results of discontinued operation prior to 2017 have not been restated or reclassified.
- (2) The accounting policy on HKFRS 16 "Leases" was changed in 2019 and in accordance with the transitional provision in HKFRS 16, comparative figures have not been restated.
- (3) From year 2022, restricted bank balances, portfolio investments at fair value through profit or loss and investments at amortised cost are no longer included in the Group's liquidity and financial leverage analysis, related comparative figures prior to 2021 have not been restated.

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