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The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006.

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of its subsidiaries are the holding of equity or equity-related investments and the provision of management services to these investee companies.

#### **RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2006 and the state of affairs of the Group and the Company at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 23 to 25.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

#### **RESERVES**

Movements in the reserves of the Group and the Company during the year are set out in note 25 to the financial statements.

### SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries and the Group's principal associates and jointly controlled entities as at 31 December 2006 are set out in notes 13 to 15 to the financial statements respectively.

### **SHARE CAPITAL**

Details of the movements in share capital of the Company during the year are set out in note 24 to the financial statements.

# **FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

A summary of the results and the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 74.

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### **DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

#### **Executive directors**

Cheuk Yuk Lung

Tsui Yee Ni (appointed on 21 June 2006)
Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin (appointed on 16 October 2006)
Lam Wo (resigned on 01 February 2006)
Wong Kwok Bui, George (resigned on 01 July 2006)

### Independent non-executive directors

Yan Mou Keung, Ronald Chan Fai Yue, Leo Chan Siu Wing, Raymond

In accordance with the Company's Bye-Laws, Miss Tsui Yee Ni, Mr. Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin, Mr. Yan Mou Keung, Ronald and Mr. Chan Siu Wing, Raymond shall retire at the forthcoming annual general meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. The other directors shall remain in office.

Each independent non-executive director has, pursuant to the rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, confirmed he is independent of the Company and the Company also considers that they are independent. The term of office of each independent non-executive director is for a period of three years until 30 December 2007 subject to the requirement that one-third of all the directors shall retire from office by rotation at each annual general meeting pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS**

The biographical details of the directors of the Company are as follows:

### **Executive Directors**

**Mr. Cheuk Yuk Lung,** aged 41, was appointed as an executive director of the Company in 2004 and was then appointed as the Chairman of the Company in 2006. He is a fellow member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and an associate member of The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Cheuk has extensive professional experience in management, finance, accounting and auditing fields.

**Miss Tsui Yee Ni,** aged 28, was appointed as an executive director of the Company in 2006. She holds a degree in Bachelor of Laws from Peking University. Miss Tsui has broad working experience in the fields of legal, administration and company secretary.

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**Mr. Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin,** aged 62, was appointed as an executive director of the Company in 2006. Mr. Lam is the managing director of Golden Resources Development International Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). Mr. Lam holds a master degree in business administration from University of California, Berkerly, U.S.A.. Mr. Lam has extensive experience in financial management and investment planning.

### **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

Mr. Yan Mou Keung, Ronald, aged 52, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company in 2001. Mr. Yan is an independent non-executive director of China Investment Fund Company Limited, a company incorporated in Cayman Islands with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange. Mr. Yan has more than 19 years of experience in running retail fashions. Mr. Yan is the Director of Art Concept International Culture Studies Foundation Funds. He is also the Hon Life President of Tsimshatsui Kai Fong Welfare Association, Vice President of HK Island/Northern District Scout Association, Hong Kong, Hon Life President of Artiste Training Alumni Association, the President of Pragmatic Kwon-Do and the Chairman of Chung Hop Pai, Lau Kan Tung Chinese Martial Arts Association.

**Mr. Chan Fai Yue, Leo,** aged 65, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company in 2001. Mr. Chan has over 20 years of invaluable experience in Hong Kong stock market and manufacturing. During his early years in Japan, he exposed in trading and finance fields. He is a director of a paint manufacturing company in Bangkok. Mr. Chan is a member of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors.

Mr. Chan Siu Wing, Raymond, aged 42, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company in 2004. Mr. Chan is currently the financial controller and company secretary of Hua Xia Healthcare Holdings Limited and the independent non-executive director of Cardlink Technology Group Limited, a company incorporated in Cayman Islands with limited liability and the shares of which are listed on the GEM Board of the Stock Exchange. He gained his bachelor degree in economics from University of Sydney in 1986 and is qualified as certified practising accountants in both Australia and Macau. Mr. Chan is an associate member of The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of the Hong Kong Securities Institute. Mr. Chan has over 16 years of professional experience in accounting, taxation and business consulting with various accountancy, consultancy and trustee companies.

#### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

The Company is being managed by its investment manager, Sinox Fund Management Limited, pursuant to the terms of the written management agreement. The executive directors are closely involved in and responsible for the activities of the Company. The board of directors considered that the Company's senior management comprises the executive directors.

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### **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACT**

None of the directors has a service contract with the Company which cannot be terminated by the Company within one year without payment of compensation.

### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 December 2006, the interests and short positions of the directors and any of their associates in the shares and underlying shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code contained in the Listing Rules were as follows:

# Long positions in shares of the Company

|                      |           |           |            |            | Percentage    |  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|--|
|                      |           |           |            |            | of issued     |  |
|                      |           |           |            |            | share capital |  |
|                      | Personal* | Family⁺   | Corporate# | Total      | of the        |  |
| Name of Director     | Interests | Interests | Interests  | Interests  | Company       |  |
|                      |           |           |            |            |               |  |
| Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin | _         | _         | 94,440,000 | 94,440,000 | 21.86%        |  |
|                      |           |           |            |            | (Note)        |  |

- \* Beneficial owner
- + Interests of spouse
- # Interests beneficially held by the company itself or through companies controlled by it

### Note:

The shares were held by Favor Hero Investments Limited, a company which was wholly owned by Mr. Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin as disclosed in the "Substantial Shareholders" below. Mr. Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin was therefore deemed to be interested in 94,440,000 shares held by Favor Hero Investments Limited.

Save as disclosed above, none of the directors nor their associates of the Company had or was deemed to have any interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations as recorded in the register that required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code contained in the Listing Rules.

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### **DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES**

The Company has adopted a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") on 10 December 2001 for a terms of 5 years.

The purposes of the Share Option Scheme is to enable the Company to grant options to selected participants as incentives and rewards for their contribution to the Group. The Board may, at its discretion, offer employees (including directors) of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and other persons who, in the sole discretion of the Board have contributed to the Group, options to subscribe for such number of shares as the Board may determine at the subscription price. Upon acceptance of the options, the grantee shall pay HK\$1.00 to the Company by way of consideration for the grant.

The maximum number of shares of the Company which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue prior to the listing of the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange.

The total number of shares issued and which may fall to be issued upon exercise of the options granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including both exercised and outstanding options) to each eligible participant in any 12-month period up to the date of grant shall not exceed 1% of shares in issue as at the date of grant.

The subscription price of a share in respect of any particular option granted under the Share Option Scheme shall be such price as the Board in their absolute discretion shall determine, save that such price will not be less than the highest of (a) the closing prices of the shares as stated in daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant, which must be a business day; (b) the average of the closing prices of the shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (c) the nominal value of a share.

All option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme at any time during the period commencing from the date on which the option is accepted or such later date as the Board may decide (the "Commencement Date") and expiring on an expiry date determined by the Board which shall not be later than the 5th anniversary of the Commencement Date in respect of the relevant option.

The Share Option Scheme has been expired on 10 December 2006.

No option was granted, exercised, lapsed or cancelled during the year or remained outstanding as at 31 December 2006.

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Save as disclosed above, at no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable 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 and neither the directors nor the chief executive, nor any of their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS**

No contracts of significance 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 had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

### CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

On 6 September 2001, GR Investment Holdings Limited ("GR Holdings") entered into an agreement ("the Agreement") with Sinox Fund Management Limited ("SINOX") to extend for one year (from 1 September 2001 to 31 August 2002) the investment management agreement made between GR Holdings and SINOX which expired on 31 August 2001, whereby GR Holdings agrees to engage SINOX and SINOX agrees to serve GR Holdings as the investment manager to provide GR Holdings with investment management services and administrative services. SINOX shall receive from GR Holdings a management fee of 1.5 per cent per annum of the net asset value of GR Holdings payable at the end of each quarter. The Agreement shall be automatically renewable for additional, consecutive term of one year each unless either party provides written notice of at least six months and shall be on substantially the same terms and conditions of the previous agreement which expired on 31 August 2001.

On 12 December 2001, GR Holdings became the wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and accordingly the Company then replaced GR Holdings and assumed one of the parties to the Agreement.

In order to comply with Rules 14A.34 to 14A.36 of the Listing Rules and for the purpose of continuing the connected transaction on an on-going basis, the Company entered into agreement with SINOX on 27 April 2006 for a period of three years commencing from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2009 (the "New Agreement") unless either party provides written notice of at least six months to the other and shall be on substantially the same terms and conditions of the Agreement.

Pursuant to the terms of the New Agreement, SINOX shall receive from the Company a management fee of 0.75 percent per annum of the consolidated net asset value of the Company payable at the end of each month.

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The annual aggregate amount of the management fee payable to SINOX in the past years up to and including 31 March 2006 are calculated based on 1.5 percent per annum of the consolidated net asset value of the Company and is now revised to 0.75 percent per annum of the consolidated net asset value of the Company during the duration of the New Agreement by reason of reducing the operating expenditure of the Company under the present competitive business environment.

The directors, including the Company's independent non-executive directors, Mr. Yan Mou Keung, Ronald, Mr. Chan Fai Yue, Leo and Mr. Chan Siu Wing, Raymond considered that the New Agreement is in the best interests of the Company and was entered into on normal commercial terms, in the ordinary course of business of the Company and that the rate of the management fee is fair and reasonable so far as the shareholders of the Company are concerned.

The Board has also confirmed that a letter pursuant to Rule 14A.38 of the Listing Rules has been issued to the Board by the auditors of the Company.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 31 December 2006, the following persons had interests and short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

### Long positions in shares of the Company

|                                  |           |                     |            |            | Percentage    |       |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------|--|
|                                  |           |                     |            | of issued  |               |       |  |
|                                  |           |                     |            |            | share capital |       |  |
|                                  | Personal* | Family <sup>+</sup> | Corporate# | Total      | of the        |       |  |
| Name                             | Interests | Interests           | Interests  | Interests  | Company       | Notes |  |
|                                  |           |                     |            |            |               |       |  |
| Favor Hero Investments Limited   | _         | _                   | 94,440,000 | 94,440,000 | 21.86%        | 1     |  |
| Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin             | _         | _                   | 94,440,000 | 94,440,000 | 21.86%        | 1     |  |
| Baron Financial Holdings Limited | _         | _                   | 38,261,016 | 38,261,016 | 8.86%         | 2     |  |
| Wan Chuen Chung, Joseph          | _         | _                   | 38,261,016 | 38,261,016 | 8.86%         | 2     |  |
| Aimstar Investments Limited      | _         | _                   | 34,000,000 | 34,000,000 | 7.87%         | 3     |  |
| Sze Sun Sun, Tony                | _         | _                   | 34,000,000 | 34,000,000 | 7.87%         | 3     |  |
| Cosmopolitan International       |           |                     |            |            |               |       |  |
| Holdings Limited                 | _         | _                   | 29,092,084 | 29,092,084 | 6.74%         |       |  |
|                                  |           |                     |            |            |               |       |  |

- \* Beneficial owner
- Interests of spouse
- # Interests beneficially held by the company itself or through companies controlled by it

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#### Notes:

- 1. Favor Hero Investments Limited was wholly-owned by Mr. Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin. Mr. Lam Kwing Wai, Alvin was therefore deemed to be interested in 94,440,000 shares held by Favor Hero Investments Limited.
- 2. International Securities Investments Limited held 38,261,016 shares and was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Baron Capital Limited. Baron Capital Limited which was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Baron Financial Holdings Limited which in turn was wholly-owned by Mr. Wan Chuen Chung, Joseph. Accordingly, Baron Capital Limited, Baron Financial Holdings Limited and Mr. Wan Chuen Chung, Joseph were all deemed to be interested in the 38,261,016 shares held by International Securities Investments Limited.
- 3. Aimstar Investments Limited was wholly-owned by Mr. Sze Sun Sun, Tony. Mr. Sze Sun Sun, Tony was therefore deemed to be interested in 34,000,000 shares held by Aimstar Investments Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2006, the directors were not aware of any other person who had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register that required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO and/or were directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of the share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other members of the Group.

### **PUBLIC FLOAT**

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of its directors, as at the date of this report, there is sufficient public float of more than 25% of the issued share capital of the Company as required under the Listing Rules.

### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the year.

#### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-Laws, or the Company Act (1981) of Bermuda, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders.

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# DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULES 13.16 AND 13.22 OF THE LISTING RULES

# Financial assistance and guarantees given for facilities granted to affiliated companies under Rule 13.16 of the Listing Rules

Details of the financial assistance and guarantees given for facilities granted to affiliated companies by the Group as at 31 December 2006 in aggregate exceeds 8% under the assets ratio as defined under Rule 14.07(1) of the Listing Rules are as follows:

|                            |               |                |            |            | Aggregate    |       |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------|
|                            |               |                |            |            | of financial |       |
|                            |               |                |            |            | assistance   |       |
|                            | Attributable  |                |            | Extent of  | and          |       |
|                            | interest held |                |            | guaranteed | guarantees   |       |
|                            | by the        | Financial      | Guarantees | facilities | given        |       |
| Affiliated Companies       | Group         | assistance (A) | given (B)  | utilized   | (A+B)        |       |
|                            | %             | HK\$'000       | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000     | Notes |
| Halway Development Limited | 30.00%        | 4,830          | _          | _          | 4,830        | a     |
| Bright Honest Limited      | 25.00%        | 17,000         | 17,250     | 8,750      | 34,250       | b     |
| Total                      |               | 21,830         | 17,250     | 8,750      | 39,080       | С     |

The combined balance sheet of the above affiliated companies as at 31 December 2006 is as follows:

|                         | HK\$'000 |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Non-current assets      | 15,990   |
| Current assets          | 68,111   |
| Current liabilities     |          |
| Net current assets      | 68,111   |
| Non-current liabilities | 83,841   |
| Shareholders' funds     | 260      |

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#### Notes:

- a. The financial assistance was made as shareholder's loans to finance the investment made by Halway Development Limited and were interest free, unsecured and not repayable within the next twelve months.
- b. The financial assistance was made as shareholder's loans to finance the investment made by Bright Honest Limited and were interest free, unsecured and not repayable within the next twelve months. The guarantees were given by the Company for loan facilities granted to Great Fidelity Limited, a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Bright Honest Limited.
- c. Aggregated pursuant to Rule 13.16 of the Listing Rules.

#### **AUDITORS**

On 1 September 2003, HLM & Co. tendered their resignation as the auditors of the Company and then RSM Nelson Wheeler was appointed as auditors of the Company by the Board on the same date to fill the casual vacancy.

On 1 November 2006, RSM Nelson Wheeler tendered their resignation as the auditors of the Company and then H.H. Liu & Co., C.P.A. was appointed as auditors of the Company by the Board on the same date to fill the casual vacancy.

H. H. Liu & Co., C.P.A. retires and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the Board **LEE Yip Wah, Peter** *Secretary* 

Hong Kong, 14 March 2007