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# Highlights of 2015 Interim Results

	For the six months ended 30 June 2015 2014			
	Note	unaudited HK\$ million	unaudited HK\$ million	Change
Property sales				
- Revenue	1 1	7,083	6,108 1,225	+16% +27%
- Pre-tax profit contribution	1	1,551	1,225	+27%
Property leasing  - Gross rental income	1	4,027	3,642	+11%
– Pre-tax net rental income	1	3,134	2,842	+10%
Profit attributable to equity shareholders	2	E 201	F 020	+5%
<ul><li>Underlying profit</li><li>Reported profit</li></ul>	2	5,291 9,846	5,030 9,460	+5% +4%
1		HK\$	HK\$	
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Earnings per share  – Based on underlying profit	2, 3	1.60	1.54 (restated)	+4%
- Based on reported profit	3	2.98	2.90 (restated)	+3%
Interim dividend per share		0.38	0.34	+12%
		At 30 June	At 31 December	
		2015 unaudited	2014 audited	
	Note	HK\$	HK\$	Change
Net asset value per share	3	81.92	79.38	+3%
Net debt to shareholders' equity		13.5%	15.7%	-2.2
				percentage points
		At 30 June	At 31 December	
		2015 Million	2014	
		square feet	Million square feet	
Properties in Hong Kong		1	1	
Land bank (attributable floor area)  - Properties under development	4	13.6	13.0	
Unsold units from major launched projects	4	0.7	0.9	
, , ,	Sub-total:	14.3	13.9	
- Completed properties (including hotels) for rental		10.0	9.9	
	Total:	24.3	23.8	
New Territories land (attributable land area)		44.5	44.5	
Properties in Mainland China				
Land bank (attributable floor area)  - Properties held for/under development		122.1	126.1	
<ul> <li>Completed stock for sale</li> </ul>		2.1	2.5	
<ul> <li>Completed properties for rental</li> </ul>		7.3	7.3	
		131.5	135.9	

- 1. This amount includes the Group's attributable share of contributions from subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.
- 2. Excluding the Group's attributable share of fair value change (net of deferred tax) of the investment properties held by subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.
- The earnings per share were calculated based on the weighted average number of shares as adjusted for the effect of the bonus issues under Hong Kong Accounting Standard 33, "Earnings Per Share". The net asset values per share were calculated based on the number of issued shares outstanding at the end of the respective reporting periods.

  Including the total developable area of about 4.9 million square feet from the projects in Fanling North/Kwu Tung and Wo Shang Wai, which

are subject to finalisation of land premium.

### Interim Results and Dividend

The Board of Directors announces that for the six months ended 30 June 2015, the (unaudited) Group's underlying profit attributable to equity shareholders (before the fair value change of investment properties) amounted to HK\$5,291 million, representing an increase of HK\$261 million or 5% over HK\$5,030 million for the same period last year. Underlying earnings per share were HK\$1.60 (2014: HK\$1.54 as adjusted for the bonus issue in 2015).

Including the fair value change (net of non-controlling interests and deferred tax) of investment properties, the Group's reported profit attributable to equity shareholders for the period under review was HK\$9,846 million, representing an increase of HK\$386 million or 4% over HK\$9,460 million for the same period last year. Reported earnings per share were HK\$2.98 (2014: HK\$2.90 as adjusted for the bonus issue in 2015).

The Board has resolved to pay an interim dividend, which is not subject to any withholding tax in Hong Kong, of HK\$0.38 per share (2014: HK\$0.34 per share) to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Tuesday, 8 September 2015. The interim dividend will be payable in cash, with an option granted to shareholders to receive new and fully paid shares in lieu of cash under the scrip dividend scheme ("Scrip Dividend Scheme"). The new shares will, on issue, not be entitled to the said interim dividend, but will rank pari passu in all other respects with the existing shares. The circular containing details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme and election form will be sent to shareholders.

The Scrip Dividend Scheme is conditional upon the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited granting the listing of and permission to deal in the new shares to be issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme.

Interim dividend and the share certificates to be issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme are expected to be distributed and sent to shareholders on Thursday, 8 October 2015.

# Closure of Register of Members

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed on Monday, 7 September 2015 and Tuesday, 8 September 2015, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Rooms 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 4 September 2015.

### Management Discussion and Analysis

#### **Business Review**

The Group's underlying profit attributable to equity shareholders for the six months ended 30 June 2015 was up by 5% to HK\$5,291 million. Pre-tax profit contribution from property sales (including the attributable contribution from subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures) increased by 27% period-on-period to HK\$1,551 million, whilst pre-tax net rental income (including the attributable contribution from subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures) increased by 10% period-on-period to HK\$3,134 million.

### **Hong Kong**

#### **Property Sale**

In February 2015, the Hong Kong Monetary Authority rolled out a new round of mortgage-tightening measures to cool the overheated housing market, targeting small to medium-size flats. As a result, there was a slowdown in market transactions. However, with strong fundamentals such as rising household income, limited near-term housing supply, as well as the prevailing low mortgage rate supported by ample global liquidity, end-users have gradually regained confidence with the transaction volume starting to pick up since the second quarter of this year.

During the period under review, several boutique apartments in "The H Collection" urban redevelopment series (namely, "Jones Hive" in Causeway Bay, "High Park Grand" in Mong Kok and "AXIS" in Hung Hom) were put up for sale. In order to meet customers' different needs, additional units from an array of previously launched popular residential developments, including "Double Cove (Phases 1-3) in Ma On Shan, "The Reach" in Yuen Long as well as "39 Conduit Road" in Mid-Levels, were also offered for sale. Together with the disposal of certain industrial or commercial properties such as "Global Gateway Tower" in Cheung Sha Wan, the Group sold HK\$5,319 million worth of Hong Kong properties in attributable terms for the six months ended 30 June 2015.

#### **Property Development**

In June 2015, a residential site in So Kwun Wat, Tuen Mun located in close proximity to Harrow International School with stunning sea views was acquired through public tender at a consideration of HK\$3,628.9 million. It is planned to be developed into a high-end residential development, providing about 2,000 housing units. Furthermore, the Group's urban redevelopment projects with 80% to 100% of their ownerships acquired increased to 45 in number, representing about 3.6 million square feet in total attributable gross floor area.

The Group has made use of multiple channels to expand its development land bank in Hong Kong. Purely through acquisition of old tenement buildings for urban redevelopment (excluding conversion of New Territories land, as well as public auction and tender), abundant land resources have been made available to the Group for property development. Together with the development projects which are sourced from land-use conversion of New Territories Land and public tenders (with the exception of a few projects earmarked for rental purposes), sizeable areas will be available to the Group for property sales in the coming years (details are shown as follows).

Below is a summary of properties under development and major completed stock:

			No. of projects	Attributable saleable/gross floor area (million sq. ft.) (Note 1)	Note
(A)	Area available for sale in the second half o	f 2015:			
1.	Unsold units from major development projects offered for sale	(Table 1)	22	0.7	
2.	Projects pending sale in the second half of 2015	(Table 2)	6	0.7	
			Sub-total:	1.4	Of which floor area of about 670,000 sq. ft. was sourced from urban redevelopment projects
(B)	Projects in Urban Areas:				
3.	Existing urban redevelopment projects	(Table 3)	5	1.3	Date of sales launch not yet fixed and two of them are pending finalisation of land premium with the Government
4.	Newly-acquired Urban Redevelopment Projects – Ownership Fully Consolidated	(Table 4)	17	1.5	Most of them are expected to be available for sale in 2016-2017
5.	Newly-acquired Urban Redevelopment Projects – with over 80% ownership secured	(Table 5)	28	2.1	Most of them are expected to be available for sale in 2017-2019
6.	Newly-acquired Urban Redevelopment Projects  – with over 20% but less than 80% ownership secured	(Table 6)	36	1.1	Redevelopments of these projects are subject to consolidation of their ownerships
7.	15 Middle Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon (acquired through public tender)		1	0.3	To be held for rental purposes upon completion of development
			Sub-total:	6.3	
	Total for the above categories (A) and (B)	developme	nt projects:	7.7	

	s	Attributable aleable/gross floor area (million sq. ft.) (Note 1)	Note
(C) Major development projects in the New Territories:			
– Fanling North/Kwu Tung		4.0	(Note 2)
– Wo Shang Wai		0.9	(Note 2)
<ul> <li>Lot No. 2640 in DD No. 92, Castle Peak Road-Kwu</li> <li>Tung, Sheung Shui, New Territories</li> </ul>		0.5	
<ul> <li>Newly acquired site at Kwun Chui Road, Area 56,</li> <li>Tuen Mun Town Lot No. 500, New Territories</li> </ul>		0.8	
- Others	_	0.4	
	Sub-total:	6.6	
Total for categories	(A) to (C):	14.3	

Note 1: Gross floor area is calculated on the basis of the Government's latest town planning parameters as well as the Company's development plans. For certain projects, it may be subject to change depending on the actual needs in future.

Note 2: Developable area is subject to finalisation of land premium.

(Table 1) Unsold units from the major development projects offered for sale. There are 22 development projects available for sale:

						At 30 Ju	ne 2015
	Project name and location	Site area (sq. ft.)	Gross floor area (sq. ft.)	Type of development	Group's interest (%)	No. of residential units remaining unsold	Saleable area remaining unsold (sq. ft.)
1.	Double Cove – Phases 1-3 8 Wu Kai Sha Road, Ma On Shan	762,227	2,230,495	Commercial/ Residential	59.00	416	402,017
2.	The Reach 11 Shap Pat Heung Road Yuen Long	371,358	1,299,744	Residential	79.03	41	37,835
3.	Green Code 1 Ma Sik Road, Fanling	95,800	538,723	Commercial/ Residential	33.33	11	11,177
4.	High Park* 51 Boundary Street	5,880	52,919	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	12	9,151
5.	High Point* 188 Tai Po Road Cheung Sha Wan	8,324	70,340	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	4	1,836
6.	High Place* 33 Carpenter Road	3,582	31,632	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	7	3,328
7.	The Hemispheres* 3 Gordon Road, North Point	7,386	61,602	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	18	10,304
8.	The Gloucester* 212 Gloucester Road Wanchai	11,545	113,977	Residential	100.00	8	10,530
9.	High West* 36 Clarence Terrace Sai Ying Pun	7,310	58,471	Residential	100.00	17	8,113
10.	39 Conduit Road* Mid-Levels	56,748	229,255	Residential	60.00	6 (Note 1)	16,297 (Note 1)
11.	Hill Paramount 18 Hin Tai Street Shatin	95,175	358,048	Residential	100.00	6	17,017
12.	Green Lodge Tong Yan San Tsuen Yuen Long	78,781	78,781	Residential	100.00	6	12,762
13.	METRO6 121 Bulkeley Street Hung Hom	6,268	55,557	Commercial/ Residential	33.33	24	9,980

						At 30 Ju	ne 2015
	Project name and location	Site area (sq. ft.)	Gross floor area (sq. ft.)	Type of development	Group's interest (%)	No. of residential units remaining unsold	Saleable area remaining unsold (sq. ft.)
14.	High One Grand* 188 Fuk Wing Street Cheung Sha Wan	7,350	62,858	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	10	4,851
15.	High One* 571 Fuk Wa Street Cheung Sha Wan	7,560	63,788	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	21	6,526
16.	H • Bonaire* 68 Main Street Ap Lei Chau	7,953	65,761	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	73	39,567
17.	Jones Hive* 8 Jones Street Causeway Bay	6,529	65,267	Residential	79.762	65	32,515
18.	High Park Grand* 68 Boundary Street Mong Kok	6,750	60,750	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	39	42,373
19.	AXIS* 200 Ma Tau Wai Road Hung Hom	4,905	41,222	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	83	20,194
20.	Global Gateway Tower* 61A-61E and 63 Wing Hong Street, Cheung Sha Wan	28,004	336,052	Industrial	100.00	Not applicable	162,897 (Note 2)
21.	E-Trade Plaza 24 Lee Chung Street Chai Wan	11,590	173,850	Office	100.00	Not applicable	60,359 (Note 2)
22.	Global Trade Square 21 Wong Chuk Hang Road Aberdeen	14,298	214,467	Office	50.00	Not applicable	5,102 (Note 2)
					Sub-total:	867	924,731
			Area	attributable to t	he Group:		722,214

Note 1: In addition, there are 16 residential units held for investment purpose.

Note 2: Representing the commercial or industrial construction area.

<sup>\*</sup> Urban redevelopment projects totalling approximately 360,000 square feet of remaining area attributable to the Group.

(Table 2) Projects pending sale in the second half of 2015

In the absence of unforeseen delays, the following projects will be available for sale in the second half of 2015:

	Project name and location	Site area (sq. ft.)	Gross floor area (sq. ft.)	Type of development	Group's interest (%)	No. of residential units	Residential gross floor area (sq. ft.)
1.	PARKER33* 33 Shing On Street Shau Kei Wan (launched for sale in August 2015)	7,512	80,079	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	234	55,708 (Note 1)
2.	Double Cove Grandview Double Cove – Phase 4 8 Wu Kai Sha Road, Ma On Shan	194,532	387,166	Residential	59.00	474	347,941 (Note 1)
3.	Double Cove – Phase 5 8 Wu Kai Sha Road Ma On Shan (Note 2)	85,638	332,953	Residential	59.00	176	332,953
4.	11-33 Li Tak Street Tai Kok Tsui*	19,600	176,374	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	448	134,115
5.	50-56 and 58-64 Ma Tau Kok Road and 162-168 Pau Chung Street, To Kwa Wan*	11,400	102,564	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	300	85,484
6.	23 Robinson Road, Mid-Levels*	31,380	156,900	Residential	25.07	90	156,900
					Sub-total:	1,722	1,113,101
			Ar	ea attributable to	the Group:		716,369

Note 1: Representing the residential saleable area.

Note 2: Pending the issue of pre-sale consent.

<sup>\*</sup> Urban redevelopment projects offering a total of 1,072 residential units, of which about 310,000 square feet of residential gross floor area is attributable to the Group.

#### (Table 3) Existing urban redevelopment projects

The Group has a total of 5 existing projects under planning for redevelopment or land-use conversion and the dates of their sales launch are not yet fixed. As outlined below, they are expected to provide about 1.3 million square feet in attributable gross floor area in the urban areas based on the Government's latest town planning:

	Project name and location	Site area (sq. ft.)	Expected gross floor area upon redevelopment (sq. ft.)	Group's interest (%)	Expected attributable gross floor area upon redevelopment (sq. ft.)
1.	Big Star Centre, 8 Wang Kwong Road Kowloon Bay, Kowloon (Note 1)	21,528	173,491	100.00	173,491
2.	45-47 Pottinger Street and Ezra's Lane Central, Hong Kong (Note 2)	9,067	135,995	19.10	25,968
3.	29 Lugard Road, The Peak, Hong Kong	23,649	11,824	100.00	11,824
4.	14-30 King Wah Road, North Point Hong Kong (Notes 2 and 3)	52,689	329,755	100.00	329,755
5.	Yau Tong Bay, Kowloon (Note 4)	822,380	4,039,687	18.44	744,743
	Total:	929,313	4,690,752		1,285,781

Note 1: The existing industrial building was approved to be converted into office use, free of payment of premium for the land-use conversion under the Government's revitalisation policy. The reconfiguration works have already commenced.

#### Note 2: Investment property.

Note 3: With the approval from the Town Planning Board for redevelopment into an office tower, it is now in the process of an appeal to the Government on the amount of assessed land premium.

Note 4: Master layout plan was approved in February 2013 by Metro Planning Committee of the Town Planning Board. In light of the market changes, the Group submitted application to modify it so as to provide more housing units and such application was approved in February 2015. However, it is pending finalisation of land premium with the Government.

### (Table 4) Newly-acquired Urban Redevelopment Projects - Ownership Fully Consolidated

There are 17 newly-acquired urban redevelopment projects with ownership fully consolidated and in the absence of unforeseen delays, most of these projects are expected to be available for sale in 2016-2017. Their expected attributable gross floor areas, based on the Government's latest town planning, are as follows:

	Project name and location		Site area (sq. ft.)	Expected attributable gross floor area upon redevelopment (sq. ft.)	
Но	ng Kong				
1.	208-212 Johnston Road, Wanchai		3,277	49,155	(Note 1)
2.	307-329 Des Voeux Road West, Western District (20% stake held by the Group)		10,034	21,018	
3.	450-456G Queen's Road West, Western District		28,392	277,349	
4.	852-858 King's Road and 21-39 Mansion Street, Quarry	Bay	17,720	168,640	
5.	12-18 Tin Wan Street, Aberdeen		4,148	39,406	
6.	62C Robinson Road and 6 Seymour Terrace, Mid-Level	s	3,853	30,824	
	s	ub-total:	67,424	586,392	
Ko	wloon				
7.	25-29 Kok Cheung Street, Tai Kok Tsui		22,885	205,965	
8.	8-30A Ka Shin Street, Tai Kok Tsui		19,519	174,573	
9.	38-40A Hillwood Road, Tsim Sha Tsui		4,586	55,030	(Note 1)
10.	1-15 Berwick Street, Shek Kip Mei		9,788	78,304	
11.	202-208 Nam Cheong Street, Shek Kip Mei		4,200	33,600	
12.	214-220 Nam Cheong Street, Shek Kip Mei		4,200	33,600	
13.	456-462A Sai Yeung Choi Street North, Sham Shui Po		12,298	110,682	(Note 2)
14.	342-348 Un Chau Street, Cheung Sha Wan		4,579	38,922	
15.	352-354 Un Chau Street, Cheung Sha Wan		2,289	19,457	
16.	11-19 Wing Lung Street, Cheung Sha Wan		6,510	58,577	(Note 2)
17.	7-7G Victory Avenue, Ho Man Tin		9,865	83,287	
	s	ub-total:	100,719	891,997	
		Total:	168,143	1,478,389	

Note 1: To be held for rental purposes upon completion of development.

Note 2: Developable area may be subject to payment of land premium.

(Table 5) Newly-acquired Urban Redevelopment Projects - with over 80% ownership secured

There are 28 newly-acquired urban redevelopment projects with over 80% ownership secured and their ownership will be consolidated by proceeding to the court for compulsory sale under the "Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) Ordinance". In the event that no court order is granted, the Group may not be able to complete the consolidation of the ownership for development. If legal procedures go smoothly and in the absence of unforeseen delays, most of the projects set out below are expected to be available for sale in 2017-2019. On the basis of the Government's latest town planning, the expected gross floor areas are shown as follows:

Project name and location		Site area (sq. ft.)	Expected attributable gross floor area upon redevelopment (sq. ft.)
Hong Kong			
1. 85-95 Shek Pai Wan Road, Aberdeen		4,950	42,075
2. 4-6 Tin Wan Street, Aberdeen		1,740	14,790
3. 9-13 Sun Chun Street, Tai Hang		2,019	18,171
4. 4A-4P Seymour Road, Mid-Levels (65% stake held by the Group)		52,466	306,920
5. 73-73E Caine Road, Mid-Levels		6,781	60,659
6. 13-15 Wood Road, Wanchai		3,993	33,941
7. 2 Tai Cheong Street, Sai Wan Ho		13,713	123,417
	Sub-total:	85,662	599,973
Kowloon			
8. 57-69 Ma Tau Wai Road, 2-20 Bailey Street and 18A-30 Sung Chi Street, To Kwa Wan		23,031	207,277
9. 2A-2F Tak Shing Street, Jordan		10,614	84,912
10. 464-466 Sai Yeung Choi Street North and 50-56 Wong Chuk Street, Sham Shui Po		10,667	96,003
11. 1-19 Nam Cheong Street and 198 Tung Chau Street, Sham Shui Po		8,625	77,625
12. 79-83 Fuk Lo Tsun Road, Kowloon City		3,630	30,855

Project name and location		Site area (sq. ft.)	Expected attributable gross floor area upon redevelopment (sq. ft.)
13. 35-47 Li Tak Street, 2-16 Kok Cheung Street and 32-44 Fuk Chak Street, Tai Kok Tsui		20,114	180,973
14. 74-74C Waterloo Road and 15-25 Yau Moon Street Ho Man Tin (49% stake held by the Group)		10,677	39,240
15. 21-27 Berwick Street, Shek Kip Mei		5,288	42,304
16. 210-212 Nam Cheong Street, Shek Kip Mei		2,100	16,800
17. 3-8 Yiu Tung Street, Shek Kip Mei		6,825	54,600
18. 10-20 Gillies Avenue South, Hung Hom		10,200	86,700
19. 24-28 Gillies Avenue South and 76-78 Baker Street, Hung Hom		4,675	42,075
20. 1-21C Whampoa Street and 80-86 Baker Street, Hung Hom		19,725	177,525
21. 6-16A Whampoa Street, Hung Hom		10,200	86,700
22. 30-44 Gillies Avenue South and 75-77 Baker Street, Hung Hom		13,175	118,575
23. 18-22 Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom		3,150	26,775
24. 23-25 Whampoa Street and 79-81 Baker Street, Hung Hom		2,625	23,625
25. 31-33 Whampoa Street, Hung Hom		3,000	25,500
26. 26-36A Whampoa Street and 83-85 Baker Street, Hung Hom		9,775	87,975
27. 39-41 Whampoa Street and 12A-12B Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom		2,800	25,200
28. 46-50 Gillies Avenue South, Hung Hom		2,800	25,200
	Sub-total:	183,696	1,556,439
	Total:	269,358	2,156,412

(Table 6) Newly-acquired Urban Redevelopment Projects - with over 20% but less than 80% ownership secured

The Group has other acquisitions in progress, involving 36 projects located in prime urban areas in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Currently, ownership of each project ranging from between 20% and 80% has been achieved. The attributable land areas of these projects total about 270,000 square feet. If and when their ownerships are successfully consolidated, based on the Government's latest town planning, the total estimated attributable gross floor area would be about 2,400,000 square feet upon completion of redevelopment. Based on the respective ownership currently secured by the Group for each project, the total pro-rata attributable gross floor area is about 1,070,000 square feet.

Successful acquisitions of the above projects bear uncertainty. The Group may not be able to consolidate ownerships of all projects. Redevelopments can only be implemented upon acquisition of the full ownership of the relevant projects.

#### **Land Bank**

In the first half of 2015, the Group won the bid for a residential site in So Kwun Wat, Tuen Mun, with the particulars as follows:

Location	Site area (sq. ft.)	Land-use purpose	Group's interest (%)	Estimated attributable gross floor area (sq. ft.)
Kwun Chui Road, Area 56 Tuen Mun Town Lot No. 500, New Territories	261,953	Residential	100.00	785,341

Meanwhile, the Group continues to replenish its land bank by acquiring old tenement buildings for redevelopment and applying for land-use conversion for its portfolio of New Territories land. The Group currently has a land bank in Hong Kong comprising a total attributable gross floor area of approximately 24.3 million square feet, made up as follows:

		Attributable gross floor area (million sq. ft.)
Properties under development (Note) Unsold units from major launched projects		13.6 0.7
Completed properties (including hotels) for rental	Sub-total:	<b>14.3</b> 10.0
	Total:	24.3

Note: Including the total developable area of about 4.9 million square feet from the projects in Fanling North/Kwu Tung and Wo Shang Wai, which are subject to finalisation of land premium.

#### Land in Urban Areas

As aforesaid, there are currently 45 urban redevelopment projects of old tenement buildings with entire or over 80% ownership acquired, representing a total attributable gross floor area of about 3.6 million square feet, which are expected to be ready for sale or leasing in 2016 or beyond. The total land cost of such projects is estimated to be about HK\$23,000 million (in spite of the inclusion of pricey street shops and the project at the prestigious Seymour Road in Mid-Levels), translating into a land cost of approximately HK\$6,400 per square foot of gross floor area.

For the industrial site at King Wah Road, North Point, it is planned to be redeveloped into an office building pending an appeal to the Government on the amount of assessed land premium. Meanwhile, the residential-cumcommercial project at Yau Tong Bay is also in the process of application for land exchange.

#### New Territories land

At the end of June 2015, the Group held New Territories land reserves amounting to approximately 44.5 million square feet in land area, which was the largest holding among all property developers in Hong Kong.

In July 2013, the Government announced the result of the "North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study", of which Kwu Tung North and Fanling North would be treated as the extension of Fanling/Sheung Shui New Town. The Government has also decided to adopt an enhanced Conventional New Town Approach and, subject to specified criteria, private land owners are allowed to apply for in-situ land exchange for private developments. Outline Zoning Plans for both Kwu Tung North and Fanling North were already approved by the Chief Executive-in-Council during the period under review. Of the Group's land holding of 2.8 million square feet in these areas, a total land area of roughly over 800,000 square feet is assessed to be eligible for in-situ land exchange and the Government may resume the other parts of its lands for public use by payment of cash compensation. The Group has previously applied for in-situ land exchange for two land lots in Fanling North and Kwu Tung, which have just been accepted by the Government for further review. The two sites are expected to provide total developable gross floor areas of approximately 610,000 square feet and 340,000 square feet respectively, against their respective site areas of 174,000 square feet and 57,000 square feet. Developable areas for both sites are subject to finalisation of land premium.

According to the aforementioned "North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study", the region at Ping Che/Ta Kwu Ling will be re-planned, in response to the "2013 Policy Address" which proposed an initiative to review the development potential of New Territories North, including new opportunities brought about by the new railway infrastructure. In January 2014, the Government commenced its "Preliminary Feasibility Study on Developing the New Territories North" on a study area of about 5,300 hectares. In order to increase the land supply for housing, during the period the Government formulated the Preliminary Outline Development Plan for "Planning and Engineering Study for Housing Sites in Yuen Long South – Investigation" and launched its Stage 2 Community Engagement. It also released the "Land Use Review for Kam Tin South and Pat Heung". The Group holds certain pieces of land in these Study Areas.

As for "Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area Planning and Engineering Study", the Group holds a total site area of 5.5 million square feet in this location, which covers an area of approximately 826 hectares. Under the Preliminary Outline Development Plan, it was proposed to accommodate a new town of a population comprising about 218,000 and about 60,000 additional flats, of which about 50% are private developments. Impacts to the Group arising from these proposals are yet to be seen. The Group will continue to work in line with the Government's development policies and follow up closely on its development plans.

### **Investment Properties**

For the six months ended 30 June 2015, the Group's attributable gross rental income in Hong Kong, including the attributable contribution from subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, increased by 8% period-on-period to HK\$3,169 million. The attributable pre-tax net rental income, including the attributable contribution from subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, was HK\$2,478 million, representing a growth of 8% over the corresponding period of the previous year. Included therein is attributable gross rental income of HK\$918 million (2014: HK\$893 million) contributed from the Group's attributable interest of 40.76% in The International Finance Centre ("ifc") project. At the end of June 2015, the leasing rate for the Group's core rental properties was 98%. Besides, the Group held more than 10,000 car parking bays, providing additional rental income.

With the completion of its 50%-owned office development at 8 Observatory Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, which offers 160,000 square feet of gross floor area, the Group's completed investment property portfolio in Hong Kong as at 30 June 2015 was enlarged to 9.0 million square feet in attributable terms with the breakdown as follows:

By type:		Attributable gross floor area (million sq. ft.)	Percentage (%)
Shopping arcade or retail		4.6	51.2
Office		3.6	40.0
Industrial/Office		0.4	4.4
Residential and hotel apartment		0.4	4.4
	Total:	9.0	100.0

By geographical area:		Attributable gross floor area (million sq. ft.)	Percentage (%)
Hong Kong Island		2.3	25.6
Kowloon		2.9	32.2
New Territories		3.8	42.2
	Total:	9.0	100.0

During the period under review, the impact from the slowdown in tourist spending remained notable and the value of total retail sales in Hong Kong dropped by 1.6% compared with the corresponding period in 2014. However, the Group's retail portfolio, which comprises many large-scale shopping malls in the populous new towns catering to local consumption, continued to perform well. All of the Group's major shopping malls, except those under renovation or re-alignment of tenant mix, recorded nearly full occupancy at the end of June 2015 with higher rents for most of the new leases. In order to differentiate its malls from other competing shopping centres in the neighborhood, various initiatives have been made to attract shoppers. For instance, iBeacon technology has recently been introduced in "Metro City Phase 2" in Tseung Kwan O, enhancing the interaction between customers and tenants. Meanwhile, "KOLOUR" is a new series of cosy and chic shopping malls under the Group's retail portfolio. Colour is an expression of feelings, and KOLOUR with a "K", a common abbreviation of the thousandth unit, is the Group's aspiration to fill its customers' lives with vitality and the richness of infinite possibilities. During the period under review, "Citimall" in Yuen Long and "City Landmark I and II" in Tsuen Wan were re-branded as "KOLOUR • Yuen Long" and "KOLOUR • Tsuen Wan I and II" respectively. "KOLOUR • Yuen Long", after refining its tenant mix and upgrading its position, recorded considerable growth in rents and shopper traffic. "KOLOUR • Tsuen Wan I" is also undergoing a series of renovation works which are set to give visitors a fresh shopping experience after the revamp.

The Mainland-Hong Kong Mutual Recognition of Funds and Stock Connect schemes lent support to office demand in Hong Kong. The Group's quality office developments in the core areas, such as "ifc" in Central, "AIA Tower" in North Point, as well as "Golden Centre" and "FWD Financial Centre" in Sheung Wan, all performed well. Meanwhile, the Group's portfolio of office and industrial/office premises in Kowloon East, including "Manulife Financial Centre", "AIA Financial Centre", "78 Hung To Road" and "Bamboos Centre", also recorded satisfactory rental growth in new leases and renewals. In order to further improve rental values and appeal to discerning tenants, phased renovations for "AIA Tower" and "Golden Centre" are now underway.

#### **Hotel Operations**

According to the information from the Hong Kong Tourism Board, overnight visitor arrivals to Hong Kong decreased by 3.8% period-on-period to about 12.7 million for the first half of 2015, with mainland tourists contributing most to this fall. Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong maintained its leading role in Hong Kong's hospitality sector with occupancy and room rate sustaining high levels. Its Lung King Heen restaurant also continued to receive the top three-star rating from the Michelin Guide to Hong Kong and Macau 2015. Newton Hotel Hong Kong, Newton Inn North Point and Newton Place Hotel recorded a drop in average room rates with lower occupancy amid increasing competition in the market. The Group's pre-tax profit from hotel operations, including the attributable contribution from its subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, decreased by 31% to HK\$112 million during the period under review. In order to improve the yield of the Group's assets, Newton Hotel Hong Kong will cease operating by the end of August 2015 to make way for its redevelopment into an office building.

#### Construction

The International Property Awards, which is highly regarded in the industry around the globe, recently announced the Group's high-rise apartments of "Double Cove", the urban renewal mixed-use project in Tai Kok Tsui, as well as the office development at King Wah Road as the top five-star winners in the Asia Pacific region for 2015. These awards are testimony to the Group's commitment to building excellence in all its property developments.

Teamwork, as well as meticulous planning throughout the construction process, contribute to the Group's success. For instance, advanced eco-friendly features recommended by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM) Plus rating systems are adopted in the Group's projects. In addition to the use of self-developed pre-fabricated building components, the Group also self-contracted for the foundation piling works of its development projects so as to expedite the construction process and minimise disruption to neighbourhoods. Against the prevailing backdrop of soaring material costs and a shortage of construction workers, all the above measures help improve quality and cost efficiency by reducing construction waste and manpower. Furthermore, with a large number of projects under development, the Group has implemented a series of measures, such as bulk purchases of building materials and outsourcing to more well-qualified sub-contractors, to further reduce construction costs by economies of scale.

The following development projects in Hong Kong were completed during the period under review:

	Project name and location	Site area (sq. ft.)	Gross floor area (sq. ft.)	Type of development	Group's interest (%)	Attributable gross floor area (sq. ft.)
1.	METRO6 121 Bulkeley Street Hung Hom	6,268	55,557	Commercial/ Residential	33.33	18,519
2.	The Hemispheres 3 Gordon Road North Point	7,386	61,602	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	61,602
3.	High Park 51 Boundary Street	5,880	52,919	Commercial/ Residential	100.00	52,919
4.	8 Observatory Road Tsim Sha Tsui	13,765	165,170	Office/ Commercial	50.00	82,585
					Total:	215,625

In mainland China, the Group's Construction Department monitors all the key areas throughout the construction process, such as tender evaluation, contract execution, development progress and product quality, and gauges them closely against a set of pre-determined standards. It also provides timely feedback, aiming at achieving building quality excellence and consistency for all of the Group's products.

#### **Property Management**

The Group's property management companies, namely, Hang Yick Properties Management Limited, Well Born Real Estate Management Limited and Goodwill Management Limited, in total manage over 80,000 apartments and industrial/commercial units, 8 million square feet of shopping and office space, as well as 20,000 car parking spaces in Hong Kong and mainland China.

For the Group's urban boutique residences under "The H Collection", these property management subsidiaries offer unparalleled one-stop home services enabling discerning residents to enjoy hassle-free urban living. Meanwhile, their commitment to service excellence has also been extended to the Group's property developments in mainland China. "Hengbao Huating" in Guangzhou and "The Arch of Triumph" in Changsha received the designations as "The 2013 Leading Enterprise for Property Management Services in Liwan District" and "The 2013 1st runner-up in the Property Services Excellence for Housing Community" respectively.

Aligning with the Group's corporate culture, these property management subsidiaries also offer care to the public at large. Following the success of the preceding "Year of Senior", the Property Management Team recently launched "The Year of Youth" so as to raise public awareness of the all-round development of the young people. In addition to receiving the Gold Award in "The 4th Hong Kong Outstanding Corporate Awards – Category of Volunteer Team", their volunteer team also won the "Highest Service Hour Award" championship, setting a new record by receiving such a top honour for the ninth year.

#### **Mainland China**

In the first half of 2015, the Central Government continued its relaxation policies towards the property sector implemented in the second half of the previous year. Starting from the second quarter of this year, the property market has generally stabilised and signified growth momentum, particularly in first-tier cities. In order to resolve the basic issue of excess supply over demand in many cities, the Central and local governments pursued adjustment measures to address both supply and demand. Land supply and land usage were optimised. Smaller down payments for the purchase of second homes, as well as tax concessions, were also in place so as to stimulate end-users' demands for upgrading. Coupled with the lowering of the interest rate and required reserve ratio which served to facilitate a stable economic development, the property industry stood to benefit as a whole.

Most of the Group's residential projects currently available for sales were targeted at end-users. During the first half of this year, the transaction volume of quality residential units offering lifestyle upgrades rose due to the supportive policies carried out by the Central Government, such as relaxation of the restrictions on home purchases and mortgages, as well as subsidies from provident funds. Capitalising on these easing and incentivising policies, the Group in this year will mirror the market trend to offer quality products.

The following development projects were completed during the period under review:

	Project name	Type of development	Group's interest (%)	Attributable gross floor area (million sq. ft.)
1.	Part of Phase 2A, Grand Waterfront, Chongqing	Residential	100	0.9
2.	Towers 8-11, Sirius, Chengdu ICC	Residential	30	0.1
3.	Phase 2B, Palatial Crest, Xian	Residential	100	0.8
			Total:	1.8

The Group collaborated with CIFI Holdings (Group) Co. Ltd. ("CIFI", a property developer listed in Hong Kong) in April 2015 and formed a 50/50 joint venture to develop a residential site in Gaoxin District, Suzhou. The land lot, which was acquired previously at a consideration of RMB1,400 million, will provide a total gross floor area of over 4.2 million square feet on the site area of about 1.8 million square feet.

In the same month of April 2015, the Group entered into an agreement with CIFI and Longfor Properties Co. Ltd. ("Longfor", a property developer listed in Hong Kong) to jointly develop, on a 35:35:30 ownership basis, a residential site in Songjiang District, Shanghai. This 860,000-square-foot site was earlier purchased at a consideration of RMB629 million. Upon completion of the development, it will provide a planned total gross floor area of over 1.1 million square feet.

At 30 June 2015, the Group had approximately 2.1 million square feet in attributable gross floor area of completed property stock. The Group also held a sizeable development land bank in 16 major cities with a total attributable gross floor area of about 122.1 million square feet. Around 79% of this total were planned for residential development:

### Land bank under development or held for future development

		Group's share of developable gross floor area* (million sq. ft.)
Prime cities		
Shanghai Guangzhou	_	1.3 14.5
	Sub-total:	15.8
Second-tier cities	_	
Anshan Changsha Chengdu Chongqing Dalian Fuzhou Hangzhou Nanjing Shenyang Suzhou Tieling Xian Xuzhou Yixing		17.8 11.9 3.6 1.0 9.5 1.2 1.2 1.4 10.6 16.0 8.7 13.4 2.8 7.2
	Sub-total:	106.3
	Total:	122.1

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding basement areas and car parks

#### Usage of development land bank

		Estimated developable gross floor area (million sq. ft.)	Percentage (%)
Residential		96.2	79
Commercial		12.8	11
Office		9.1	7
Others (including clubhouses, schools and community facilities)		4.0	3
	Total:	122.1	100

Subsequent to the period end, the Group in July 2015 won a bid for a prime office/commercial site of approximately 200,000 square feet in Binjiang area, Xuhui, Shanghai at a consideration of RMB3,872 million. Being an upcoming commercial hub, Binjiang area enjoys well-established transport support from Longyao Road subway station and is characterised by abundant green surroundings. The site is planned to be developed into a 2,000,000-square-foot composite development, further expanding the Group's rental portfolio in the mainland.

#### **Property Sales**

During the period under review, the Group achieved attributable contracted sales of approximately HK\$3,452 million in value and 3.55 million square feet in attributable gross floor area, representing period-on-period increases of 88% and 69% respectively. Most of the attributable contracted sales were contributed by major projects including "Riverside Park" in Suzhou, "Henderson CIFI Centre" in Shanghai, "Emerald Valley" in Nanjing, "Grand Lakeview" in Yixing, "The Arch of Triumph" in Changsha, as well as "Palatial Crest" and "La Bontanica" in Xian.

#### **Investment Properties**

At 30 June 2015, the Group had 7.3 million square feet of completed investment properties in mainland China, comprising mainly offices and shopping malls in the centres of major cities like Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. Driven by positive rental reversions, higher rents on new leases and additional contributions from the newly completed "Henderson 688", the Group's attributable gross rental income increased by 21% period-on-period to HK\$858 million, whilst its attributable pre-tax net rental income also increased by 20% period-on-period to HK\$656 million during the period under review.

In Shanghai, the commercial podium at the 710,000-square-foot "Henderson 688", which was completed in May 2014, has been fully let and the gourmet corridor known as "My Avenue 688" has developed into the latest trendy meeting hub in the city. The leasing rate for its office portion, which housed an array of leading companies such as New Balance and Publicis Groupe, was 88% by the end of June 2015. With the flagship store of Apple, "Henderson Metropolitan Mall" on the bustling Nanjing Road East pedestrian avenue was another popular shopping destination. Promotions were held on a regular basis to boost business turnover for retail tenants. Its office spaces were occupied by many multinational corporations such as Lufthansa Airlines, Oracle and Mitsubishi Electric. "Grand Gateway II" atop the Xujiahui subway station was 98% let at the end of June 2015. "Greentech Tower" & "Centro", which are both located in the Zhabei district, also performed well with leasing rates at 97% and 98% respectively.

In Beijing, "World Financial Centre" is tenanted by many world-renowned financial institutions and multinational corporations. This international Grade-A office complex was almost fully let, with gross rental income increased by 25% period-on-period during the period under review. The leasing rate for the shopping mall at "Henderson Centre" was 90% at 30 June 2015.

In Guangzhou, "Hengbao Plaza" atop the Changshou Road subway station is under realignment of its tenant mix. Interior and facade renovation is also in the pipeline. Its leasing rate was about 90% at the end of June 2015.

### Henderson Investment Limited ("HIL")

For the six months ended 30 June 2015, HIL recorded an unaudited profit attributable to equity shareholders of HK\$410 million, as compared with a loss attributable to equity shareholders of HK\$9 million for the corresponding period last year. It is mainly due to a one-off income recognised by HIL attributable to equity shareholders of approximately HK\$355 million arising from the final arbitral award in relation to the toll fee collection right of Hangzhou Qianjiang Third Bridge, as well as the post-tax profit contribution of approximately HK\$56 million from Citistore during the period under review.

Commencing from 20 March 2012, payment of the toll fee in respect of Hangzhou Qianjiang Third Bridge to Hangzhou Henderson Qianjiang Third Bridge Company, Limited ("Joint Venture Company") was provisionally suspended. An arbitration application (the "Arbitration") was thus filed on 17 September 2012 with China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission ("CIETAC"). On 30 April 2015, the arbitral tribunal of CIETAC issued the final arbitral award, which had legal binding effect on all parties to the Arbitration. Hangzhou Municipal People's Government shall pay to HIL an amount of RMB376 million ("Compensation Payment") within 90 days following the issue of the arbitral award. All tax payable in respect of the above payments ("PRC Tax") in mainland China shall be borne and paid by Hangzhou Municipal People's Government, which shall arrange for the PRC Tax clearance formality. As a result of the above arbitral award, HIL recognised a profit in the amount of HK\$215 million, which is equal to the Compensation Payment of RMB376 million as converted to Hong Kong dollars (net of HIL's share of expenses relating to the Arbitration) of HK\$471 million and after (i) deducting HIL's impairment loss on toll bridge operating right and related net assets of the Joint Venture Company of HK\$379 million (the "Joint Venture Company Impairment"); (ii) recognising the reversal of the exchange reserve attributable to the Joint Venture Company of HK\$138 million; and (iii) deducting the operating loss of the infrastructure business in the aggregate amount of HK\$15 million during the period from 1 January 2015 to 30 April 2015. Adding back HIL's non-controlling interests' attributable share of Joint Venture Company Impairment and operating loss in the aggregate amount of HK\$140 million, a one-off income recognised by HIL attributable to equity shareholders amounted to HK\$355 million. As the entire Compensation Payment was duly settled by Hangzhou Municipal People's Government on 29 July 2015, the collection agreement and joint venture contract were discharged and HIL has no further obligations, responsibilities and payment obligations for expenses whether as a shareholder of the Joint Venture Company or in relation to the Joint Venture Company or Hangzhou Qianjiang Third Bridge, and is no longer entitled to any income sharing and distribution rights as a shareholder of the Joint Venture Company.

Retailing operation has thus become the sole business of HIL and its revenue and profit after tax for the six months ended 30 June 2015 were as follows:

		For the six months ended 30 June 2015 Revenue Profit after tax HK\$ million HK\$ million		<b>30 June 2015</b> 30 June 2014	
				Revenue HK\$ million	Profit after tax HK\$ million
Sale of goods Rental income from consignment and concessionaire counters,		226	14	208	13
and promotion income	_	223	42	211	49
	Total:	449	56	419	62

Note: The comparative figures for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014 were for reference only as the acquisition of "Citistore" was completed on 1 December 2014.

Given the recent slack tourist spending and local consumption, as well as the swelling operating costs and intensifying competition, Hong Kong's retail environment is expected to be challenging in the second half of this year. In order to uplift its business performance of "Citistore", HIL will launch various marketing activities and exercise stringent cost controls.

### **Associated Companies**

The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited ("Hong Kong and China Gas")

The unaudited profit after taxation attributable to shareholders of Hong Kong and China Gas for the six months ended 30 June 2015 amounted to HK\$4,197 million, an increase of HK\$470 million or approximately 13% compared to the same period last year.

#### Gas Business in Hong Kong

Total volume of gas sales in Hong Kong during the first half of 2015 was approximately 15,491 million MJ, a decrease of 1.7%, in contrast to appliance sales which increased by 9.9%, both compared to the same period last year. At 30 June 2015, the number of customers was 1,828,333, an increase of 8,398 since the end of December 2014. Hong Kong and China Gas raised its standard gas tariff by HK1 cent per MJ on 1 August 2015. The actual increase in the gas tariff (including standard tariff and fuel cost adjustment) is equivalent to 3.5%. Hong Kong and China Gas promises to keep this standard gas tariff frozen for the next two years.

#### Utility Businesses in Mainland China

Towngas China Company Limited ("Towngas China"; stock code: 1083), a subsidiary of this group, recorded profit after taxation attributable to its shareholders of HK\$639 million during the first half of 2015, an increase of 37% compared to the same period last year. As at the end of June 2015, Hong Kong and China Gas held approximately 62.15% of Towngas China's total issued shares.

During the first half of 2015, Towngas China acquired a new piped-gas project in Wulian county, Rizhao city, Shandong province, and two midstream pipeline projects, namely Xuancheng-Huangshan natural gas sub-stream and downstream city-gas project in Anhui province, and Taigang Gas midstream long-haul pipeline project in Taian city, Shandong province. In June 2015, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services raised its long-term corporate credit rating on Towngas China to "BBB+" from "BBB", and maintained its "cnA+" long-term Greater China regional scale credit rating with a "stable" outlook. In July 2015, Moody's Investors Service also raised its issuer rating on Towngas China to "Baa1" from "Baa2" with a "stable" outlook.

This group's city-gas businesses are progressing well. Inclusive of Towngas China, this group currently has a total of 128 city-gas projects in mainland cities spread across 23 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, of which one is a new project established by Towngas China this year. The total volume of gas sales for these projects for the first half of 2015 was approximately 7,940 million cubic metres, an increase of 3% over the same period last year. As at the end of June 2015, this group's mainland gas customers stood at approximately 19.91 million, an increase of 9% over the same period last year.

This group's midstream natural gas projects include natural gas pipeline projects in Anhui and Hebei provinces; natural gas extension projects in Jilin and Henan provinces; and the Guangdong LNG Receiving Terminal project. In addition, Towngas China added two midstream natural gas projects to its portfolio this year. Construction of gas storage facility in underground salt caverns in Jintan city, Jiangsu province is in progress. Upon completion, this facility will be the first of its kind developed by any city-gas enterprise on the mainland. Phase one of this project, with a total storage capacity of 110 million standard cubic metres, is expected to be commissioned in mid-2016.

This group has so far invested in, and operates, six water projects, including water supply joint venture projects in Wujiang district, Suzhou city, Jiangsu province and in Wuhu city, Anhui province; wholly-owned water supply projects in Zhengpugang Xin Qu, Maanshan city and in Jiangbei Xin Qu, Wuhu city, both in Anhui province; and an integrated water supply and wastewater treatment joint venture project, together with an integrated wastewater treatment project for a special industry, both in Suzhou Industrial Park, Suzhou city, Jiangsu province.

Overall, inclusive of projects of Towngas China, this group currently has 212 projects on the mainland, ten more than at the end of 2014, spread across 25 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities. These projects encompass upstream, midstream and downstream natural gas sectors, water sectors, environmentally-friendly energy applications, energy resources' exploration and utilisation, as well as telecommunications.

#### **Emerging Environmentally-Friendly Energy Businesses**

This group's development of emerging environmentally-friendly energy businesses and related research and development of new technologies, through its wholly-owned subsidiary ECO Environmental Investments Limited and the latter's subsidiaries (collectively known as "ECO"), are progressing well.

ECO's major businesses in Hong Kong – an aviation fuel facility, dedicated liquefied petroleum gas ("LPG") vehicular refilling stations and landfill gas utilisation projects – are all operating smoothly. Total turnover for ECO's aviation fuel facility for the first half of 2015 was 2.88 million tonnes. The LPG refilling station business is progressing steadily. ECO's landfill gas project in the North East New Territories, after operating for several years, is generating noticeable environmental benefits. On this basis, ECO has commenced the development of a South East New Territories landfill gas utilisation project recently, with commissioning expected in mid-2016. ECO's oilfield project in Thailand recorded an output of 1.04 million barrels of oil during the first half of 2015, a significant increase of 94% compared to the same period last year.

ECO's coalbed methane liquefaction facility, located in Jincheng city, Shanxi province, is operating smoothly. Construction of a project in Xuzhou city, Jiangsu province to produce LNG by using coke oven gas is in progress; commissioning is expected by the end of 2015. ECO has successfully developed new technologies to convert agricultural and forestry waste into natural gas through thermal gasification and methanation. Meanwhile, a network of ECO natural gas refilling stations is gradually taking shape in, amongst others, Shaanxi, Shandong, Shanxi, Henan and Liaoning provinces. All in all, ECO currently has 52 refilling stations in operation, under construction or at the planning stage. ECO's coal-based methanol production plant in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region operated smoothly during the first half of 2015. Construction of an additional facility to upgrade methanol into natural gasoline (a gasoline substitute chemical product) using self-developed technology, was completed at the end of 2014 and is now at the pilot production stage.

#### **Financing Programmes**

Medium term notes totaling HK\$972 million with maturity ranging from 10 to 15 years were issued during the first half of 2015. This group established a medium term note programme in 2009 and had issued, as at 30 June 2015, medium term notes of an aggregate amount equivalent to HK\$11,300 million with tenors ranging from 5 to 40 years under this programme.

Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited ("Hong Kong Ferry")

During the six months ended 30 June 2015, Hong Kong Ferry's revenue amounted to HK\$803 million, representing a decrease of 76% as compared with that recorded in the same period last year. This was mainly attributable to the decrease in the sale of the residential units of Green Code. The unaudited consolidated net profit after taxation amounted to HK\$180 million, representing a decrease of 83% as compared with a profit of HK\$1,048 million for the same period last year. During the period under review, its major source of profits was mainly derived from the sale of residential units of METRO6 and Green Code. The occupation permit of METRO6 was issued in February 2015 and it is expected that units of METRO6 can be delivered to buyers for use in September or October of this year.

The response of the sale of METRO6 and Green Code is satisfactory. For the six months ended 30 June 2015, Hong Kong Ferry sold a total of 71 residential units of METRO6 and 18 residential units of Green Code. The remaining numbers of unsold units of the two properties were 16 and 10 respectively as at 19 August 2015. During the period, the profit of Hong Kong Ferry from the sale of METRO6 and Green Code amounted to HK\$135 million. The gross rental and other income from the commercial arcades amounted to HK\$37 million. The two floors of the commercial podium of Green Code have a gross floor area of approximately 136,000 square feet and as of 19 August 2015, the committed tenancy was around 71%. The relevant shops would be delivered to the tenants for use in the fourth quarter. The commercial podium of METRO6 has a gross floor area of approximately 10,000 square feet and is now under leasing. The occupancy rate of the commercial arcades of Metro Harbour Plaza was 98% during the period. The commercial arcades of Shining Heights and The Spectacle were fully let. As regards the development of Tung Chau Street Project, Hong Kong Ferry has received the approval from the relevant government departments and the superstructure works will resume. The project will provide a total gross floor area of approximately 55,000 square feet and is expected to be completed in 2017.

During the period, the Ferry, Shipyard and Related Operations recorded a profit of HK\$8.8 million, an increase of 107% as compared with the same period last year.

The operating results of the Travel Operation showed a deficit of HK\$4.8 million in this period, representing an increase of 12% as compared with the same period last year as a result of severe market competition, continuous reduction in the number of Chinese visitors and the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome outbreak in South Korea.

A profit of HK\$29 million was recorded in the securities investment in the period.

The sales proceeds from the residential units of METRO6 and Green Code will continue to be the major source of income of Hong Kong Ferry this year.

Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited ("Miramar")

For the six months ended 30 June 2015, Miramar's unaudited revenue grew to HK\$1,575 million, representing an increase of 5% compared to the six months ended 30 June 2014. Unaudited profit attributable to shareholders, at HK\$874 million, increased by 23% compared to the last corresponding period. Excluding the increase in fair value of investment properties, unaudited underlying profit attributable to shareholders rose to HK\$453 million (after including a one-off net gain of HK\$122 million from the sale of 6 Knutsford Terrace).

All business lines recorded growth in revenue and profit except for Hotels and Serviced Apartments.

The Property Rental Business recorded healthy returns during the period. Rental reversions rates remained positive, recording an increase of 8% to HK\$420 million in revenue. The multi-year phased Mall Repositioning Program is progressing well and is expected to significantly reinvigorate the visual landscape of Kimberley Road and Nathan Road into a Ginza-style shopping district, drawing an enriched profile of retailers and shoppers to Miramar Shopping Centre and Mira Mall. Miramar Tower continued to enjoy high occupancy rate with quality and stable tenants. Rental reversion rates were stable. The integration of the malls, Miramar Tower and the mall attached to The Mira Hong Kong into a more wholesome multi-use commercial complex enhanced the total appeal, and property value propositions to both shoppers and tenants.

Miramar's two hotels, The Mira Hong Kong and Mira Moon, responded to market challenges with resilience. They further sharpened sales and pricing strategies and continued to make inroads into MICE, leisure travel sectors and corporate clients. Online hotel marketing and channels were enhanced to attract free individual travellers and direct bookings to its own website. New propositions and packages were offered to diners in its hotels; and events and banqueting offerings were carefully designed exclusively with flair to meet both corporate and individual preferences.

The Food and Beverage Business continued to perform well, having turned profitable last year. Revenue grew by a healthy 32%. Two new School Food outlets were opened in high-traffic malls during the period, increasing the brand's total presence to six. The revamp of its Chinese flagship Cuisine Cuisine at ifc mall was well received by its customers and recorded growth in revenue. Banquet business continued to grow at outlets such as Tsui Hang Village, French Window Brasserie and Bar and Assaggio Trattoria Italiana.

During the period, the Travel Business experienced increased demand from Hong Kong and mainland China for overseas vacations and luxury cruise holidays. As a result, the business recorded a growth of 56% over the last corresponding period.

### **Corporate Finance**

The Group has always adhered to prudent financial management principles. At 30 June 2015, net debt (including the shareholder loans totalling HK\$1,473 million (31 December 2014: HK\$5,021 million)) amounted to HK\$33,064 million (31 December 2014: HK\$37,420 million) giving rise to a financial gearing ratio of 13.5% (31 December 2014: 15.7%).

In March 2015, the Group concluded a HK\$18,000 million 5-year term loan/revolving credit facility with a consortium of 22 leading international banks and local financial institutions. It is the largest syndicated credit facility that has ever been concluded by the Group, reflecting the continuing support and trust of the banking community in the Group.

In light of the low interest rate levels resulting from quantitative easing measures adopted by major economies around the world over the past years, the Group has concluded Hong Kong dollar interest rate swap contracts for certain medium and long-term periods. Such contracts were entered into for the purpose of converting part of the Group's Hong Kong dollar borrowings from floating interest rates into fixed interest rates. It is considered that such a treasury management strategy will be of benefit to the Group in the long run.

### **Prospects**

Notwithstanding the anticipation of an impending interest rate increase in the United States, Hong Kong's economic fundamentals remain in good shape. The mutual recognition of funds between Mainland and Hong Kong put forward in May 2015 is another milestone development after the establishment of mutual stock market access between Shanghai and Hong Kong. This should facilitate Hong Kong's development as a full service asset management hub, reinforcing Hong Kong's status as an international financial centre.

The Group continues to expand its development land bank through multiple channels in Hong Kong. Encouraging progress was achieved during the period under review. Following the acquisition of a commercial site in Tsim Sha Tsui through public tender last year, the Group won another tender again for a residential site in So Kwun Wat, Tuen Mun, at HK\$3,628.9 million in June 2015. Besides, there are 45 urban redevelopment projects with 80% to 100% of their ownerships acquired, representing about 3.6 million square feet in total attributable gross floor area. These projects are expected to be available for sale or leasing in 2016 or beyond. The Group's efforts in urban redevelopment have started to bear fruit and significant returns are expected for the years to come. It is by such diversified means of land acquisitions that the Group manages to secure a stable supply of land, as well as handsome returns, for property development in the long run. As the property developer holding the largest area (44.5 million square feet) of New Territories land, the Group is well-positioned to plan for the development of such land in line with the Government's development policies for the New Territories. By closely monitoring the progress of the Government's development planning, the Group will continue to seek to secure more land supply for development in tandem.

As regards "**property sales**", an array of residential developments will be put up for sale in this financial year. Together with the completed stock, a total of about 2,600 residential units in Hong Kong will be offered for sale in the second half of this year. Besides, up to the end of June 2015, revenue from the presales of "Double Cove Starview Prime" in Ma On Shan, as well as "High One Grand" and "Global Gateway Tower" in Cheung Sha Wan amounted to approximately HK\$5,275 million in attributable terms. As their constructions are expected to be completed in the second half of this year, the corresponding profits may be accounted for in this year.

In mainland China, easing credit environment is expected to continue. For the second half of this year, the property market is expected to remain buoyant, lending support to the Group's sales activities.

As regards "rental business", the Group holds a sizeable portfolio of quality investment properties in both Hong Kong and mainland China, providing a total gross rental income (including the attributable contribution from subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures) of HK\$4,027 million in the first half of this year. The Group's portfolio of investment properties comprised an attributable gross floor area of 9.0 million square feet in Hong Kong and 7.3 million square feet in mainland China. In mainland China, a prime office/commercial site of approximately 200,000 square feet in Binjiang area, Xuhui, Shanghai was acquired recently at a consideration of RMB3,872 million. Together with many commercial development projects in the pipeline, the Group's rental income is poised to increase further against a continually expanding rental portfolio.

The "associates", namely, Hong Kong and China Gas, Miramar and Hong Kong Ferry, serve as another steady recurrent income stream to the Group. Hong Kong and China Gas, in particular, is Hong Kong's first public utility company. It has 212 projects spread across 25 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities on the mainland, with businesses encompassing city-gas, city-water, wastewater treatment, natural gas pipelines, new energy, telecommunications and the production of gas-related materials and devices. Given its sizeable base of over 21.7 million customers in Hong Kong and mainland China, as well as rapidly growing business coverage, its returns to the Group are promising.

The above three major income pillars (namely, "property sales", "rental business" and "associates") enable the Group to maintain sustainable business growth in the years ahead. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the Group is expected to achieve satisfactory results in the current financial year.

# Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss - unaudited

	Note	For the six month 2015 HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
Revenue	3, 10	11,019	8,569
Direct costs		(5,860)	(4,829)
	-	5,159	3,740
Other revenue	4	204	365
Other net income	5	388	672
Selling and marketing expenses		(613)	(518)
Administrative expenses		(902)	(901)
Profit from operations before changes in fair value of investment properties and investment properties under development  Increase in fair value of investment properties and investment properties		4,236	3,358
under development	11(b)	3,730	3,225
Profit from operations after changes in fair value of investment properties and investment properties under development	-	7,966	6,583
Finance costs	6(a)	(447)	(437)
Share of profits less losses of associates		2,286	2,397
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures	-	1,156	1,512
Profit before taxation	6	10,961	10,055
Income tax	7 -	(832)	(538)
Profit for the period		10,129	9,517

### Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss – unaudited (continued)

		For the six months ended 30 J		
	Note	2015 HK\$ million	2014 HK\$ million	
Attributable to:				
Equity shareholders of the Company		9,846	9,460	
Non-controlling interests	_	283	57	
Profit for the period		10,129	9,517	
Earnings per share based on profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company (reported earnings per share)				
Basic and diluted	8(a)	HK\$2.98	HK\$2.90*	
Earnings per share excluding the effects of changes in fair value of investment properties and investment properties under development (net of deferred tax) (underlying earnings per share)				
Basic and diluted	8(b)	HK\$1.60	HK\$1.54*	

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted for the bonus issue effected in 2015.

The notes on pages 40 to 75 form part of these condensed interim financial statements. Details of dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company are set out in note 9.

# Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income – unaudited

	For the six month 2015 HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
Profit for the period	10,129	9,517
Other comprehensive income for the period (after tax and reclassification adjustments): Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
- Exchange differences: net movement in the exchange reserve	(199)	(549)
<ul> <li>Cash flow hedges: net movement in the hedging reserve</li> </ul>	(138)	(218)
<ul> <li>Available-for-sale equity securities: net movement in the fair value reserve</li> </ul>	438	(128)
– Share of other comprehensive income of associates and joint ventures	(94)	(298)
Other comprehensive income for the period	7	(1,193)
Total comprehensive income for the period	10,136	8,324
Attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	9,895	8,273
Non-controlling interests	241	51
Total comprehensive income for the period	10,136	8,324

The notes on pages 40 to 75 form part of these condensed interim financial statements.

# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

	Note	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	11	122,103	117,836
Other property, plant and equipment	11	1,700	1,869
Intangible operating right	12	-	361
Interest in associates	12	51,157	50,146
Interest in joint ventures		34,458	32,365
Derivative financial instruments	13	279	318
Other financial assets	14	8,024	7,423
Deferred tax assets	_	437	556
		218,158	210,874
Current assets			
Deposits for acquisition of properties		5,352	5,463
Inventories	15	79,416	80,101
Trade and other receivables	16	9,908	8,520
Cash held by stakeholders		2,401	1,719
Cash and bank balances	17 _	10,022	10,303
	_	107,099	106,106
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	18	22,400	17,304
Bank loans and overdrafts	19	6,585	13,590
Guaranteed notes		1,152	-
Amount due to a fellow subsidiary		32	409
Tax payable	_	713	937
		30,882	32,240
Net current assets		76,217	73,866
Total assets less current liabilities		294,375	284,740

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (continued)

	Note	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Non-current liabilities			
Bank loans	19	18,937	12,968
Guaranteed notes		14,939	16,144
Amount due to a fellow subsidiary		1,441	4,612
Derivative financial instruments	13	1,608	1,473
Deferred tax liabilities		6,464	6,326
	_	43,389	41,523
NET ASSETS		250,986	243,217
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	20		
Share capital		52,010	52,010
Other reserves		193,761	186,140
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company Non-controlling interests	_	245,771 5,215	238,150 5,067
TOTAL EQUITY	_	250,986	243,217

The notes on pages 40 to 75 form part of these condensed interim financial statements.

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity – unaudited

			Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company										
	Note	Share capital HK\$ million	Share premium HK\$ million	Capital redemption reserve HK\$ million	Property revaluation reserve HK\$ million	Exchange reserve HK\$ million	Fair value reserve HK\$ million	Hedging reserve HK\$ million	Other reserves HK\$ million	Retained profits HK\$ million	Total HK\$ million	Non- controlling interests HK\$ million	Total equity HK\$ million
Balance at 1 January 2014		5,398	45,127	20	16	8,436	346	30	(1)	164,030	223,402	4,598	228,000
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2014:													
Profit for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,460	9,460	57	9,517
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-	(844)	(113)	(230)	-	-	(1,187)	(6)	(1,193)
Total comprehensive income for the period			-	-	-	(844)	(113)	(230)	-	9,460	8,273	51	8,324
Transfer to other reserves Dividend approved in respect of the		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	(23)	-	-	-
previous financial year	9(b)	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	(1,997)	(1,997)	_	(1,997)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	` '	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	-	(18)	(18)
Disposal of partial interest in a subsidiary		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	69	(69)	-
Contribution from non-controlling interests, net Transition to the no-par value regime		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,185	1,185
on 3 March 2014	20	45,147	(45,127)	(20)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2014		50,545	-	-	16	7,592	233	(200)	22	171,539	229,747	5,747	235,494

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity – unaudited (continued)

		Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company									
	Note	Share capital HK\$ million	Property revaluation reserve HK\$ million	Exchange reserve HK\$ million	Fair value reserve HK\$ million	Hedging reserve HK\$ million	Other reserves HK\$ million	Retained profits HK\$ million	Total HK\$ million	Non- controlling interests HK\$ million	Total equity HK\$ million
Balance at 1 January 2015		52,010	16	7,884	515	(343)	3	178,065	238,150	5,067	243,217
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2015:											
Profit for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	9,846	9,846	283	10,129
Other comprehensive income for the period		-	-	(182)	412	(181)	-	-	49	(42)	7
Total comprehensive income for the period			-	(182)	412	(181)	-	9,846	9,895	241	10,136
Transfer to other reserves		-	-	-	-	-	19	(19)	-	-	-
Dividend approved in respect of the previous financial year	9(b)	_	-	-	-	-	-	(2,280)	(2,280)	-	(2,280)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	(20)	(20)
Increase of shareholding in a subsidiary		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
Repayment to non-controlling interests, net		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(72)	(72)
Share of associate's reserve		_	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	6
Balance at 30 June 2015		52,010	16	7,702	927	(524)	28	185,612	245,771	5,215	250,986

The notes on pages 40 to 75 form part of these condensed interim financial statements.

# Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement - unaudited

		For the six months ended 30 Ju		
	Note	2015 HK\$ million	2014 HK\$ million	
Operating activities				
Increase in forward sales deposits received		3,556	4,197	
Decrease/(increase) in inventories		886	(1,072)	
Other cash flows generated from operations		1,269	2,489	
Tax paid		(805)	(410)	
Net cash generated from operating activities	-	4,906	5,204	
Investing activities				
Dividends received from associates		1,083	943	
Dividends received from joint ventures		443	547	
Increase in deposits with banks and other financial institutions				
over three months of maturity at acquisition		(823)	(1,603)	
(Contribution to)/repayment from joint ventures, net		(1,288)	166	
Other cash flows generated from investing activities	-	139	348	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	-	(446)	401	
Financing activities				
Proceeds from new bank loans		23,313	9,200	
Repayment of existing bank loans and guaranteed notes		(24,119)	(14,773)	
Repayment to a fellow subsidiary		(3,549)	(1,341)	
(Repayment to)/contribution from non-controlling interests, net		(72)	1,185	
Other cash flows used in financing activities	-	(1,073)	(1,202)	
Net cash used in financing activities	_	(5,500)	(6,931)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(1,040)	(1,326)	
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	17	9,968	13,634	
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		2	(123)	
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	17	8,930	12,185	

The notes on pages 40 to 75 form part of these condensed interim financial statements.

## 1 Basis of preparation

The condensed interim financial statements comprise Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group") and the Group's interests in associates and joint ventures.

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules"), including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). They were authorised for issuance on 20 August 2015.

The condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 ("the 2014 financial statements"), except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2015. Details of these changes in accounting policies are set out in note 2.

The preparation of condensed interim financial statements in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

These condensed interim financial statements contain condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2014 financial statements. The condensed interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the HKICPA.

The condensed interim financial statements are unaudited, but have been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the HKICPA. KPMG's independent review report to the Board of Directors is included on page 98. In addition, the condensed interim financial statements have been reviewed by the Company's Audit Committee.

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 December 2014 that is included in the condensed interim financial statements as comparative information does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements.

## 2 Changes in accounting policies

The HKICPA has issued the following amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group and the Company, which are relevant to the Group's condensed interim financial statements for the current accounting period:

- Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2010-2012 Cycle
- Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2011-2013 Cycle

None of these developments have had a material effect on the preparation or presentation of the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior periods. The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

### 3 Revenue

Revenue of the Group represents those generated from the sale of properties, rental income, hotel operation and management, department store operation and management, and others mainly including income from construction, infrastructure, provision of finance, investment holding, project management, property management, agency services, cleaning and security guard services, as well as the trading of building materials and disposal of leasehold land.

The major items are analysed as follows:

	For the six month 2015 HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
Sale of properties	7,176	4,432
Rental income	2,764	2,425
Hotel operation	50	94
Department store operation	449	419
Others	580	1,199
Total (note 10(b))	11,019	8,569

#### 4 Other revenue

	For the six month	s ended 30 June
	2015 HK\$ million	2014 HK\$ million
Bank interest income	111	251
Other interest income (note)	12	25
Others	81	89
	204	365

Note: Other interest income for the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 2014 included overdue interest income (before tax) of HK\$8 million and HK\$13 million received by the Group during the respective periods in relation to refunds of land deposits to the Group.

#### 5 Other net income

	For the six months 2015 HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
Other net income recognised by HIL arising from the Compensation		
Payment (net of expenses in relation to the Arbitration) and after		
deducting the Joint Venture Company Impairment (note(i))	230	-
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale equity securities	164	-
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of:		
– Investment properties	28	598
- Other property, plant and equipment	(3)	_
Other property, plant and equipment written off	(21)	(20)
Reversal of provision on inventories, net	-	45
Net fair value gain on derivative financial instruments	21	_
Impairment loss on held-to-maturity debt securities	(17)	_
Impairment loss on trade debtors (note 10(c))	(11)	(4)
Bad debt written off		(6)
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)	18	(25)
Others (note(ii))	(21)	84
	388	672

Note (i): The capitalised terms of "HIL", "Compensation Payment", "Arbitration" and "Joint Venture Company Impairment" are defined and referred to in note 12 to these condensed interim financial statements.

Note (ii): The figure of HK\$84 million for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014 included a gain of HK\$113 million arising from the reversal of the accrued site settlement cost of a terminated development project in mainland China, which did not recur for the six months ended 30 June 2015.

# 6 Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

		For the six month 2015 HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
(a)	Finance costs:		
	Bank loans interest	347	378
	Interest on loans wholly repayable within five years	425	423
	Interest on loans repayable after five years	36	176
	Other borrowing costs	95	89
		903	1,066
	Less: Amount capitalised (note)	(456)	(629)
		447	437

Note:

The borrowing costs have been capitalised at weighted average interest rates (based on the principal amounts of the Group's bank loans and overdrafts, guaranteed notes and amount due to a fellow subsidiary during the period under which interest capitalisation is applicable) ranging from 3.7% to 6.2% (2014: 3.66% to 6.52%) per annum.

# 6 Profit before taxation (continued)

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting): (continued)

		For the six month 2015 HK\$ million	s <b>ended 30 June</b> 2014 HK\$ million
(b)	Staff costs:		
	Salaries, wages and other benefits Contributions to defined contribution retirement plans	964 46	886 40
		1,010	926

		For the six month 2015 HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
(c)	Other items:		
	Depreciation Less: Amount capitalised	63	74 (4)
		63	70
	Amortisation of intangible operating right Cost of sales	10	16
	<ul> <li>completed properties for sale</li> <li>trading stocks</li> <li>Dividend income from investments in available-for-sale</li> </ul>	4,581 158	3,204 146
	equity securities – listed – unlisted	(44)	(42) (132)

#### 7 Income tax

	For the six month	•
	2015 HK\$ million	2014 HK\$ million
Current tax		
Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax	294	237
Provision for taxation outside Hong Kong	218	116
Provision for Land Appreciation Tax	34	32
	546	385
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	286	153
	832	538

Provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made at 16.5% (2014: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period.

Provision for taxation outside Hong Kong is provided for at the applicable rates of taxation for the period on the estimated assessable profits arising in the relevant tax jurisdictions during the period.

Land Appreciation Tax is levied on properties in mainland China developed by the Group for sale, at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, which under the applicable regulations is calculated based on the revenue from sale of properties less deductible expenditure including lease charges of land use rights, borrowing costs and all property development expenditure.

# 8 Earnings per share

## (a) Reported earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the consolidated profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of HK\$9,846 million (2014: HK\$9,460 million) and the weighted average number of 3,300 million ordinary shares in issue during the period (2014: 3,266 million ordinary shares\*), calculated as follows:

	For the six months e 2015 million	ended 30 June 2014 million
Number of issued ordinary shares at 1 January	3,000	2,699
Weighted average number of ordinary shares issued in respect of the bonus issue in 2014	-	270
Weighted average number of ordinary shares issued in respect of the bonus issue in 2015	300	297
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the period (2014: as adjusted)	3,300	3,266

Diluted earnings per share were the same as the basic earnings per share for the period and the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014 as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during both periods.

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted for the bonus issue effected in 2015.

## 8 Earnings per share (continued)

### (b) Underlying earnings per share

For the purpose of assessing the underlying performance of the Group, basic and diluted earnings per share are additionally calculated based on the underlying profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of HK\$5,291 million (2014: HK\$5,030 million), excluding the effects of changes in fair value of investment properties and investment properties under development (net of deferred tax) during the period. A reconciliation of profit is as follows:

	For the six months 2015 HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company Effect of changes in fair value of investment	9,846	9,460
properties and investment properties under development (note 11(b)) Effect of deferred tax on changes in fair value of	(3,730)	(3,225)
investment properties and investment properties under development (note 11(b)) Effect of share of changes in fair value of investment	12	(3)
properties (net of deferred tax) of: - associates - joint ventures Effect of share of non-controlling interests	(317) (535) 15	(515) (703) 16
Underlying profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	5,291	5,030
Underlying earnings per share	HK\$1.60	HK\$1.54*

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted for the bonus issue effected in 2015.

### 9 Dividends

(a) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the interim period

	For the six months ended 30 Jun		
	2015 HK\$ million	2014 HK\$ million	
Interim dividend declared after the interim period of HK\$0.38	1.054	1.000	
(2014: HK\$0.34) per share	1,256	1,020	

The interim dividend declared after the end of the reporting period has not been recognised as a liability at the end of the reporting period.

(b) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the previous financial year, approved and payable during the interim period

	For the six month	s ended 30 June
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved and payable during the following interim period, of HK\$0.76		
(2014: HK\$0.74) per share	2,280	1,997

## 10 Segment reporting

The Group manages its businesses by a mixture of business lines and geography. In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, the Group has identified the following reportable segments. No operating segments have been aggregated to form the following reportable segments.

Property development : Development and sale of properties

Property leasing : Leasing of properties

Hotel operation : Hotel operation and management

Department store operation : Department store operation and management

Others : Construction, infrastructure, provision of finance, investment holding,

project management, property management, agency services, cleaning and security guard services, as well as the trading of building materials

and disposal of leasehold land

Utility and energy : Production, distribution and marketing of gas, water supply and

emerging environmentally-friendly energy businesses

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the Group's most senior executive management monitors the results attributable to each reportable segment on the following bases.

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to revenues generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments. Segment results form the basis of measurement used for assessing segment performance and represent profit or loss before bank interest income, (provision)/reversal of provision on inventories, fair value adjustment of investment properties and investment properties under development, finance costs, income tax and items not specifically attributed to individual segments, such as unallocated head office and corporate income/(expenses).

## 10 Segment reporting (continued)

## (a) Results of reportable segments

Information regarding the Group's and its share of associates and joint ventures on reportable segments as provided to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance for the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 2014 is set out below:

	Company and (before d non-controll	educting	Associat joint ver				Attribut non-controlli		Attributable shareholders of	
	Revenue HK\$ million (note (i))	Segment results HK\$ million	Share of revenue HK\$ million	Share of segment results HKS million	Combined revenue HK\$ million	Consolidated segment results HK\$ million	Revenue HK\$ million	Segment results HK\$ million	Combined revenue HK\$ million	Consolidated segment results HK\$ million
For the six months ended 30 June 2015										
Property development Hong Kong Mainland China	4,372 2,804	1,466 358	282 233	81 (14)	4,654 3,037	1,547 344	(605) (3)	(335) (5)	4,049 3,034	1,212 339
	7,176	1,824	515	67	7,691	1,891	(608)	(340)	7,083	1,551
Property leasing Hong Kong Mainland China	1,912 852	1,404 651	1,268 6	1,081 5	3,180 858	2,485 656	(11)	(7) -	3,169 858	2,478 656
	(note (ii)) 2,764	2,055	1,274	1,086	4,038	3,141	(11)	(7)	4,027	3,134
Hotel operation Department store operation Others	50 449 580	(15) 155 586		127 - 146		112 155 732		- (20) 38		112 135 770
Utility and energy	11,019	4,605	-	1,426 1,976		6,031 1,976		(329)		5,702 1,976
	11,019	4,605		3,402		8,007		(329)		7,678
Bank interest income Provision on inventories, net Unallocated head office and		111		82 (1)		193 (1)		(3)		190 (1)
corporate expenses, net		(note (iii)) (480)	_	(75)		(555)	_	(4)	_	(559)
Profit from operations Increase in fair value of investment properties and investment properties		4,236		3,408		7,644		(336)		7,308
under development Finance costs		3,730 (447)		854 (261)		4,584 (708)		(15) 2		4,569 (706)
Profit before taxation Income tax		7,519 (832)		4,001 (559)		11,520 (1,391)		(349) 66		11,171 (1,325)
Profit for the period		6,687		3,442		10,129		(283)		9,846

# 10 Segment reporting (continued)

(a) Results of reportable segments (continued)

In relation to the share of profits less losses of associates and joint ventures:

	Property development HK\$ million	Property leasing HK\$ million	Hotel operation HK\$ million	Department store operation HK\$ million	Others HK\$ million	Subtotal HK\$ million	Utility and energy HK\$ million	Total HK\$ million
For the six months ended 30 June 2015								
Share of profits less losses of associates (note (iv))								
- Listed associates								
The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited	-	174	11	-	26	211	1,531	1,742
Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited	-	328	23	-	43	394	-	394
Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited	37	11	-	-	12	60	-	60
- Unlisted associates		86	-	-	4	90	-	90
	37	599	34	-	85	755	1,531	2,286
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures (note (v))	13	1,082	63	-	(2)	1,156	-	1,156
	50	1,681	97	-	83	1,911	1,531	3,442

# 10 Segment reporting (continued)

(a) Results of reportable segments (continued)

	(before de	mpany and its subsidiaries (before deducting Associates and on-controlling interests) joint ventures					Attributable to non-controlling interests		Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	
	Revenue HK\$ million (note (i))	Segment results HK\$ million	Share of revenue HK\$ million	Share of segment results HK\$ million	Combined revenue HK\$ million	Consolidated segment results HK\$ million	Revenue HK\$ million	Segment results HK\$ million	Combined revenue HK\$ million	Consolidated segment results HK\$ million
For the six months ended 30 June 2014										
Property development Hong Kong Mainland China	3,465 967	772 (127)	1,272 883	427 194	4,737 1,850	1,199 67	(474) (5)	(45) 4	4,263 1,845	1,154 71
	4,432	645	2,155	621	6,587	1,266	(479)	(41)	6,108	1,225
Property leasing Hong Kong Mainland China	1,723 702	1,267 542	1,220 6	1,033 5	2,943 708	2,300 547	(9)	(5)	2,934 708	2,295 547
	(note (ii)) 2,425	1,809	1,226	1,038	3,651	2,847	(9)	(5)	3,642	2,842
Hotel operation Department store operation Others	94 419 1,199	27 153 424		135 - (99)		162 153 325		- - 2	-	162 153 327
Utility and energy	8,569	3,058	-	1,695 2,016	-	4,753 2,016	-	(44)		4,709 2,016
	8,569	3,058		3,711		6,769		(44)		6,725
Bank interest income Reversal of provision/		251		72		323		(13)		310
(provision) on inventories, net Unallocated head office and corporate income/		45		(1)		44		-		44
(expenses), net		(note (iii)) 4	-	(154)	-	(150)	-	3	-	(147)
Profit from operations		3,358		3,628		6,986		(54)		6,932
Increase in fair value of investment properties and investment properties										
under development Finance costs		3,225 (437)	_	1,218 (278)	-	4,443 (715)	_	(16)		4,427 (712)
Profit before taxation Income tax		6,146 (538)		4,568 (659)		10,714 (1,197)		(67) 10		10,647 (1,187)
Profit for the period		5,608		3,909		9,517		(57)		9,460

# 10 Segment reporting (continued)

(a) Results of reportable segments (continued)

In relation to the share of profits less losses of associates and joint ventures:

	Property development HK\$ million	Property leasing HK\$ million	Hotel operation HK\$ million	Department store operation HK\$ million	Others HK\$ million	Subtotal HK\$ million	Utility and energy HK\$ million	Total HK\$ million
For the six months ended 30 June 2014								
Share of profits less losses of associates (note (iv))  - Listed associates								
The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited	_	202	11	_	(137)	76	1,471	1,547
Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited	-	332	26	-	(40)	318	-	318
Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited	285	50	-	-	2	337	-	337
- Unlisted associates		189	-	-	6	195	-	195
	285	773	37	-	(169)	926	1,471	2,397
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures (note (v))	208	1,233	64	-	7	1,512	-	1,512
	493	2,006	101	-	(162)	2,438	1,471	3,909

## 10 Segment reporting (continued)

(a) Results of reportable segments (continued)

Notes:

- (i) The revenue figures above are arrived at after the elimination of inter-segment revenues, in the amounts of HK\$129 million (2014: HK\$119 million) and HK\$723 million (2014: HK\$1,043 million) in relation to the reportable segments under property leasing and others, respectively.
- (ii) Revenue for the property leasing segment comprises rental income of HK\$2,446 million (2014: HK\$2,139 million) and rental-related income of HK\$318 million (2014: HK\$286 million), which in aggregate amounted to HK\$2,764 million for the six months ended 30 June 2015 (2014: HK\$2,425 million).
- (iii) Unallocated head office and corporate expenses, net for the period is stated after netting off the net gain on disposal of investment properties of HK\$28 million (2014: HK\$598 million) (see note 5). Excluding the aforementioned gain, the Group's unallocated head office and corporate expenses for the period amounted to HK\$508 million (2014: HK\$594 million).
- (iv) The Group's share of profits less losses of associates contributed from the property leasing segment during the period of HK\$599 million (2014: HK\$773 million) includes the increase in fair value of investment properties (net of deferred tax) during the period of HK\$317 million (2014: HK\$515 million).
- (v) The Group's share of profits less losses of joint ventures contributed from the property leasing segment during the period of HK\$1,082 million (2014: HK\$1,233 million) includes the increase in fair value of investment properties (net of deferred tax) during the period of HK\$535 million (2014: HK\$703 million).

## 10 Segment reporting (continued)

### (b) Geographical information

The following table sets out information about the geographical segment location of (i) the Group's revenue from external customers; and (ii) the Group's investment properties, other property, plant and equipment, intangible operating right, interests in associates and joint ventures (together, the "Specified non-current assets"). The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the services were provided or the goods were delivered. The geographical location of the Specified non-current assets is based on the physical location of the asset in the case of investment properties and other property, plant and equipment, the location of the operation to which they are allocated in the case of the intangible operating right, and the location of operations in the case of interests in associates and joint ventures.

	Revenue from exte	ernal customers	Specified non	-current assets
	For the six month 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Hong Kong Mainland China	7,353 3,666	6,885 1,684	170,159 39,259	164,148 38,429
	11,019	8,569	209,418	202,577
	(note 3)	(note 3)		

## (c) Other segment information

	Amortisation and	d depreciation	Impairment loss on trade debtors			
	For the six month	s ended 30 June	For the six months ended 30 Jui			
	2015	2014	2015	2014		
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)		
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million		
Property development	7	8	-	_		
Property leasing	4	4	-	_		
Hotel operation	20	21	-	_		
Department store operation	13	9	-	_		
Others	29	44	11	4		
	73	86	11	4		

## 11 Investment properties

### (a) Disposals

Items of investment properties with an aggregate net book value of HK\$47 million were disposed of during the six months ended 30 June 2015 (2014: HK\$226 million), resulting in a net gain on disposal of HK\$28 million for the period (2014: HK\$598 million) (see note 5).

(b) Fair value measurement of investment properties and investment properties under development

#### Valuation process

The Group's investment properties and investment properties under development were revalued at 30 June 2015 by DTZ Debenham Tie Leung Limited, an independent firm of professional surveyors who have among their staff Members of The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors with recent experience in the location and category of property being valued, on a market value basis.

The Group's management has reviewed the valuation results performed by the independent surveyors for financial reporting purposes by verifying all major inputs and assumptions, and assessing the reasonableness of property valuation. Such valuation is performed at each interim and annual reporting date and is reviewed and approved by senior management.

#### Valuation methodologies

The valuations of completed investment properties in Hong Kong and mainland China were based on income capitalisation approach which capitalised the net income of the properties and taking into account the reversionary potential of the properties after expiry of the current lease.

For certain investment properties in Hong Kong and mainland China which are still under development, the valuations were determined on redevelopment basis and by taking into account the fair value of the completed investment property and then deducting from that amount the estimated costs to complete the construction, financing costs and a reasonable profit margin.

#### Valuation

As a result, a net fair value gain of HK\$3,730 million (2014: HK\$3,225 million) and deferred tax charge in respect of the fair value change on investment properties in mainland China of HK\$12 million (2014: deferred tax credit of HK\$3 million) have been recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the period (see note 8(b)).

# 12 Intangible operating right

	Toll bridge operating right		
	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million	
Cost: At 1 January 2015/2014 Movements for the six months ended 30 June 2015/ year ended 31 December 2014:	954	957	
– Exchange difference – Impairment	(954)	(3)	
At 30 June 2015/31 December 2014		954	
Accumulated amortisation: At 1 January 2015/2014 Movements for the six months ended 30 June 2015/ year ended 31 December 2014:	593	563	
<ul><li>Exchange adjustments</li><li>Charge for the period/year</li><li>Impairment</li></ul>	10 (603)	(1) 31 -	
At 30 June 2015/31 December 2014		593	
Carrying amount: At 30 June 2015/31 December 2014		361	

The amortisation charge for the period/year is included in "Direct costs" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

The toll bridge represents Hangzhou Qianjiang Third Bridge (the "Bridge") located in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, mainland China.

## 12 Intangible operating right (continued)

In relation to the provisional suspension in the payment of toll fee by 杭州市市區公共停車場 (庫) 建設 發展中心 (Hangzhou City Urban Public Carpark Construction & Development Centre, formerly known as 杭州市城市"四自"工程道路綜合收費管理處 or Hangzhou City "Sizi" Engineering & Highway General Toll Fee Administration Office) (the "Hangzhou Toll Office") to the Group in respect of the Bridge commencing from 20 March 2012, on 17 September 2012, an arbitration application ("Arbitration") was filed by Hangzhou Henderson Qianjiang Third Bridge Company, Limited (the "Joint Venture Company"), a subsidiary of Henderson Investment Limited ("HIL") (being a subsidiary of the Company) with China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission ("CIETAC", 中國國際經濟貿易仲裁委員會) against the Hangzhou Toll Office as the first respondent and Hangzhou Municipal People's Government (杭州市人民政府) as the second respondent for an arbitration award that, inter alia, the first respondent and the second respondent should continue to perform their obligations under an agreement dated 5 February 2004 entered into between the Group and Hangzhou Toll Office (the "Collection Agreement") by paying toll fees of the Bridge to the Joint Venture Company and be liable for the relevant outstanding toll fees together with the legal and arbitration costs incurred.

On 30 April 2015, the arbitral tribunal of CIETAC made, inter alia, the following final arbitral award which have legal binding effect on all parties to the Arbitration:

- (i) Hangzhou Municipal People's Government shall pay to HIL an amount of RMB376 million (equivalent to HK\$477 million) (the "Compensation Payment") within 90 days following the issue of the arbitral award;
- (ii) upon the receipt by HIL of the Compensation Payment, the Collection Agreement and the 中外合資 經營杭州恒基錢江三橋有限公司合同 dated 8 January 1997 made between, amongst others, HIL (which, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, holds a 60% interest in the Joint Venture Company) and 杭州錢江三橋綜合經營公司 (which holds the remaining 40% interest in the Joint Venture Company) (the "Joint Venture Contract") shall be discharged;
- (iii) upon the discharge of the Joint Venture Contract, HIL shall have no obligations, responsibilities and payment obligations for expenses whether as a shareholder of the Joint Venture Company or in relation to the Joint Venture Company or the Bridge, and HIL shall not be entitled to any income sharing and distribution rights as a shareholder of the Joint Venture Company; and
- (iv) HIL shall be responsible for 50% of the Arbitration fees and certain other mediation expenses of the arbitral tribunal, the fees and expenses of the relevant arbitrator as well as the legal expenses incurred by the Joint Venture Company (subject to adjustment as to the final sum incurred by the Joint Venture Company) in relation to the Arbitration, which in aggregate amounted to approximately RMB5 million (or equivalent to HK\$6 million).

## 12 Intangible operating right (continued)

The entire Compensation Payment was settled by Hangzhou Municipal People's Government on 29 July 2015. Based on the Compensation Payment (net of expenses incurred in relation to the Arbitration) of HK\$471 million and after (i) deducting HIL's impairment loss on toll bridge operating right and related net assets of the Joint Venture Company of HK\$379 million (the "Joint Venture Company Impairment"); (ii) recognising the reversal of the exchange reserve attributable to the Joint Venture Company of HK\$138 million to other comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 June 2015; and (iii) deducting the operating loss of the infrastructure business in the aggregate amount of HK\$15 million during the period from 1 January 2015 to 30 April 2015, a profit of HK\$215 million was recognised by the infrastructure business during the six months ended 30 June 2015. Adding back HIL's non-controlling interests' attributable share of the Joint Venture Company Impairment and operating loss in the aggregate amount of HK\$140 million, a one-off income of HK\$355 million was generated to HIL and in relation to which the Group's 69.27% attributable share amounted to HK\$246 million.

As a result, the intangible operating right in relation to the Bridge was fully impaired during the six months ended 30 June 2015.

### 13 Derivative financial instruments

	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited)		At 31 Decer (audi	
	Assets HK\$ million	Liabilities HK\$ million	Assets HK\$ million	Liabilities HK\$ million
Cash flow hedges:				
Cross currency interest rate swap contracts				
(note 21(a)(i))	258	861	318	812
Interest rate swap contracts (note 21(a)(i))	-	750	_	661
Other derivatives (note 21(a)(i))	21	_	_	_
	279	1,611	318	1,473
Representing:				
Non-current portion	279	1,608	318	1,473
Current portion (note 18)		3	_	_
	279	1,611	318	1,473

### 13 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

Swap contracts which have been entered into with certain counterparty banks comprise:

- cross currency interest rate swap contracts to hedge against the interest rate risk and foreign currency risk in respect of guaranteed notes denominated in United States dollars ("US\$"), Pound Sterling ("£") and Singapore dollars ("S\$") with aggregate principal amounts of US\$672 million, £50 million and S\$200 million at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: US\$672 million, £50 million and S\$200 million) and bank loans denominated in Japanese Yen ("¥") with an aggregate amount of ¥10,000 million at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: ¥10,000 million); and
- interest rate swap contracts to hedge against the interest rate risk in respect of certain bank loans denominated in Hong Kong dollars with an aggregate amount of HK\$10,700 million at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: HK\$12,000 million).

These cross currency interest rate swap contracts and interest rate swap contracts were designated as cash flow hedges of the interest rate risk and foreign currency risk in relation to the guaranteed notes and bank loans. They will mature between 13 June 2016 and 20 October 2026 (31 December 2014: between 13 June 2016 and 20 October 2026).

### 14 Other financial assets

	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Available-for-sale securities Unlisted (note 21(b))	1,089	1,083
Listed (note 21(a)(i)):  – in Hong Kong  – outside Hong Kong	2,850 79	2,783
	4,018	3,866
Held-to-maturity debt securities (note 21(b)) Listed:		
<ul><li>in Hong Kong</li><li>outside Hong Kong</li></ul>	522 610	367 591
	1,132	958
Instalments receivable Loans receivable	2,004 870	1,679 920
	8,024	7,423
Market value of listed available-for-sale securities (note 21(a)(i))	2,929	2,783
Market value of listed held-to-maturity debt securities (note 21(b))	1,131	912
Fair value of individually impaired available-for-sale equity securities	648	885

### (a) Available-for-sale securities

Certain of the Group's listed available-for-sale equity securities were individually determined to be impaired on the basis of significant or prolonged decline in their fair value below cost.

Included in the carrying amount of available-for-sale securities at 30 June 2015 was an aggregate amount of HK\$90 million (31 December 2014: HK\$83 million) being pledged in favour of certain financial institutions for credit facilities granted to a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group. Such credit facilities were not utilised by the Group at 30 June 2015.

### 14 Other financial assets (continued)

### (b) Held-to-maturity debt securities

Except for an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$33 million, the listed debt securities are issued by corporate entities with sound credit standing. Except for an amount of HK\$15 million at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: Nil) which was impaired due to the principal's default in interest payment during the six months ended 30 June 2015, all of the held-to-maturity debt securities are neither past due nor impaired.

Included in the carrying amount of held-to-maturity debt securities at 30 June 2015 was an aggregate amount of HK\$595 million (31 December 2014: HK\$563 million) being pledged in favour of certain financial institutions for credit facilities granted to a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group. Such credit facilities were not utilised by the Group at 30 June 2015.

#### (c) Instalments receivable

Instalments receivable represents the proceeds receivable from the sale of properties due after one year from the end of the reporting period and which amount is neither past due nor impaired. Instalments receivable due within one year from the end of the reporting period is included in "Trade and other receivables" under current assets (see note 16).

#### (d) Loans receivable

Loans receivable included amounts of HK\$150 million (31 December 2014: HK\$200 million) and HK\$720 million (31 December 2014: HK\$720 million) which are secured, interest-bearing at Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate plus 5.65% (31 December 2014: Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate plus 5.65%) per annum and Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate plus 4% (31 December 2014: Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate plus 4%) per annum, respectively. The balance is due after one year from the end of the reporting period and is neither past due nor impaired.

The current portion of HK\$101 million (31 December 2014: HK\$50 million) which is expected to be recovered within one year is included in "Trade and other receivables" under current assets (see note 16).

### 15 Inventories

	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Property development		
Leasehold land held for development for sale	9,988	9,888
Properties held for/under development for sale	62,064	60,615
Completed properties for sale	7,289	9,518
Other and the second se	79,341	80,021
Other operations	75	80
Trading stocks		80
	79,416	80,101

## 16 Trade and other receivables

	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Instalments receivable (note 14(c))	2,274	1,281
Loans receivable (note 14(d))	101	50
Debtors, prepayments and deposits	6,904	6,968
Gross amount due from customers for contract work	16	31
Amounts due from associates	299	138
Amounts due from joint ventures	314	52
	9,908	8,520

Loans receivable under trade and other receivables are secured, interest-bearing at Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate plus 5.65% (31 December 2014: Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate plus 5.65%) per annum. The balance is expected to be recovered within one year from the end of the reporting period and is neither past due nor impaired.

### 16 Trade and other receivables (continued)

At the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade debtors (which are included in trade and other receivables) net of allowance for doubtful debts is as follows:

	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Current or under 1 month overdue More than 1 month overdue and up to 3 months overdue More than 3 months overdue and up to 6 months overdue More than 6 months overdue	2,689 71 41 82	1,885 31 78 66
	2,883	2,060

Regular review and follow-up actions are carried out on overdue amounts of instalments receivable from sale of properties which enable management to assess their recoverability and to minimise exposure to credit risk. In respect of rental income from leasing properties, monthly rents are received in advance and sufficient rental deposits are held to cover potential exposure to credit risk.

For other trade receivables, credit terms given to customers are generally based on the financial strength and repayment history of each customer. As such, the Group does not obtain collateral from its customers. An ageing analysis of the receivables is prepared on a regular basis and is closely monitored to minimise any credit risk associated with the receivables. Adequate allowances for impairment losses are made for estimated irrecoverable amounts.

### 17 Cash and bank balances

	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Deposits with banks and other financial institutions	5,342	6,930
Cash at bank and in hand	4,680	3,373
Cash and bank balances in the consolidated statement of financial position Less: deposits with banks and other financial institutions	10,022	10,303
over three months of maturity at acquisition	(1,071)	(247)
Cash and cash equivalents Bank overdrafts	8,951 (21)	10,056 (88)
-	(21)	(66)
Cash and cash equivalents in the condensed consolidated cash flow statement	8,930	9,968

At 30 June 2015, cash and bank balances in the consolidated statement of financial position included balances of bank deposits in mainland China which were subject to exchange controls. Included in such bank deposits is an amount of HK\$1,779 million (31 December 2014: HK\$1,408 million) which was restricted for use and which primarily comprised the guarantee deposits for the construction of certain property development projects under pre-sales in mainland China.

# 18 Trade and other payables

	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Creditors and accrued expenses	9,532	8,505
Gross amount due to customers for contract work	51	54
Rental and other deposits	1,414	1,320
Forward sales deposits received	9,962	6,404
Derivative financial instruments (note 13)	3	_
Amounts due to associates	156	140
Amounts due to joint ventures	1,282	881
	22,400	17,304

At the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade creditors which are included in trade and other payables is as follows:

	At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
Due within 1 month or on demand Due after 1 month but within 3 months Due after 3 months but within 6 months	830 1,617 1,119	1,298 1,635 1,273
Due after 6 months	5,785	6,692

#### 19 Bank loans and overdrafts

During the six months ended 30 June 2015, the Group obtained new bank loans amounting to HK\$23,313 million (2014: HK\$9,200 million) and repaid bank loans amounting to HK\$24,119 million (2014: HK\$14,133 million). The new bank loans bear interest at rates ranging from 0.80% to 1.47% (2014: 0.85% to 1.42%) per annum.

At 30 June 2015 and 31 December 2014, the entire amounts of the Group's bank loans and overdrafts were unsecured.

## 20 Capital and reserves

Prior to 3 March 2014, the application of the share premium account and the capital redemption reserve was governed by sections 48B and 49H respectively of the predecessor Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32). In accordance with the transitional provisions set out in section 37 of Schedule 11 to the new Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) which became effective on 3 March 2014, any amount standing to the credit of the share premium account and the capital redemption reserve on 3 March 2014 have been subsumed into the Company's share capital (see the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the corresponding period of six months ended 30 June 2014). The use of share capital as from 3 March 2014 is governed by the new Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622).

These changes did not impact on the number of shares in issue or the relative entitlement of any of the members. Since 3 March 2014, all changes in share capital have been made in accordance with the requirements of Parts 4 and 5 of the new Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622).

### 21 Fair value measurement of financial instruments

(a) Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value

#### (i) Fair value hierarchy

The following table presents the fair value of the Group's financial assets and liabilities measured at the end of the reporting period on a recurring basis, categorised into the three-level fair value hierarchy as defined in HKFRS 13, *Fair value measurement*. The level into which a fair value measurement is classified is determined with reference to the observability and significance of the inputs used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1 valuations: Fair value measured using only Level 1 inputs, i.e. unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.
- Level 2 valuations: Fair value measured using Level 2 inputs, i.e. observable inputs which fail to meet Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available.
- Level 3 valuations: Fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs.

	Fair value at 30 June _ 2015 HK\$ million	at 30 June 2015 categorised in	
		Level 1 HK\$ million	Level 2 HK\$ million
Recurring fair value measurement			
Financial assets:			
Available-for-sale securities:			
– Listed (note 14)	2,929	2,929	-
Derivative financial instruments:			
<ul> <li>Cross currency interest rate swap</li> </ul>			
contracts (note 13)	258	-	258
- Other derivatives (note 13)	21	-	21
Financial liabilities:			
Derivative financial instruments:			
<ul> <li>Cross currency interest rate swap</li> </ul>			
contracts (note 13)	861	-	861
- Interest rate swap contracts (note 13)	750	-	750

## 21 Fair value measurement of financial instruments (continued)

### (a) Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value (continued)

#### (i) Fair value hierarchy (continued)

	Fair value at 31 December 2014 HK\$ million	Fair value mea at 31 December 201	
		Level 1 HK\$ million	Level 2 HK\$ million
Recurring fair value measurement			
Financial assets:			
Available-for-sale securities:			
– Listed (note 14)	2,783	2,783	-
Derivative financial instruments:			
<ul> <li>Cross currency interest rate swap</li> </ul>			
contracts (note 13)	318	_	318
Financial liabilities:			
Derivative financial instruments:			
<ul> <li>Cross currency interest rate swap</li> </ul>			
contracts (note 13)	812	_	812
- Interest rate swap contracts (note 13)	661	_	661

During the six months ended 30 June 2015, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 or transfers into or out of Level 3 (2014: Nil). The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which they occur.

#### (ii) Valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 2 fair value measurement

The fair values of cross currency interest rate swap contracts and interest rate swap contracts are calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on the terms and maturity of each contract, taking into account the current interest rates and the current creditworthiness of the swap counterparties.

### 21 Fair value measurement of financial instruments (continued)

### (b) Fair values of financial assets and liabilities carried at other than fair value

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial instruments measured at cost or amortised cost are not materially different from their fair values at 30 June 2015 and 31 December 2014 except as follows:

### Certain amounts due from associates and joint ventures and amounts due to associates and joint ventures

Certain amounts due from associates and joint ventures and all the amounts due to associates and joint ventures are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed terms of repayment. Given these terms it is not meaningful to quantify their fair values and therefore they are stated at cost.

#### Unlisted investments

Unlisted available-for-sale equity securities of HK\$1,089 million (31 December 2014: HK\$1,083 million) (see note 14) do not have a quoted market price in an active market and their fair values cannot be reliably measured. They are recognised at cost less impairment losses at the end of the reporting period.

#### Held-to-maturity debt securities

Held-to-maturity debt securities of HK\$1,132 million (31 December 2014: HK\$958 million) (see note 14) with fair values of HK\$1,131 million (31 December 2014: HK\$912 million) (see note 14) are recognised at amortised cost less impairment losses at the end of the reporting period.

# 22 Capital commitments

At 30 June 2015, the Group had capital commitments not provided for in these condensed interim financial statements as follows:

		At 30 June 2015 (unaudited) HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 (audited) HK\$ million
(a)	Contracted for acquisition of property and future development expenditure and the related costs of internal fixtures and fittings	11,180	9,458
	Future development expenditure and the related costs of internal fixtures and fittings approved by the directors but not contracted for	17,947	16,845
		29,127	26,303
(b)	In relation to the capital commitments undertaken by joint ventures attributable to the Group:		
	Contracted for acquisition of property and future development expenditure and the related costs of internal fixtures and fittings	1,891	1,879
	Future development expenditure and the related costs of internal fixtures and fittings approved by the directors but not contracted for	956	1,225
	_	2,847	3,104

### 23 Contingent liabilities

- (a) In connection with the sale of certain subsidiaries and shareholders' loans to Sunlight Real Estate Investment Trust ("Sunlight REIT") (the "Sale") in December 2006, the Group entered into Deeds of Tax Covenant with Sunlight REIT. Under the Deeds of Tax Covenant, the Group has undertaken to indemnify Sunlight REIT for any tax liabilities relating to events occurred on or before the completion of the Sale (the "Completion"), clawback of commercial building allowances and capital allowances granted up to the Completion and re-classification of the properties before the Completion. At 30 June 2015, the Group had contingent liabilities in this connection of HK\$17 million (31 December 2014: HK\$17 million).
- (b) At 30 June 2015, the Company had contingent liabilities in respect of performance bonds to guarantee for the due and proper performance of the obligations undertaken by the Group's subsidiaries and projects amounting to HK\$33 million (31 December 2014: HK\$536 million).
- (c) At 30 June 2015, the Company had given guarantees in the aggregate amount of HK\$Nil (31 December 2014: HK\$232 million) in respect of certain bank loans and borrowings entered into by an entity whose shares were held by the Company as available-for-sale equity securities at 30 June 2015.
- (d) At 30 June 2015, the Group had given guarantees to financial institutions in the aggregate amount of HK\$1,333 million (31 December 2014: HK\$1,234 million) on behalf of purchasers of property units in mainland China in relation to which the related Building Ownership Certificate (房產證) had not yet been issued at 30 June 2015. Such guarantees will be released upon the issuance of the Building Ownership Certificate.

### 24 Material related party transactions

In addition to the transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in these condensed interim financial statements, the Group entered into the following material related party transactions during the period:

#### (a) Transactions with fellow subsidiaries

Details of material related party transactions during the period between the Group and its fellow subsidiaries are as follows:

	For the six month	s ended 30 June
	2015 HK\$ million	2014 HK\$ million
Other interest expense (note (i))	53	119
Sales of construction materials (note (iii))	7	7
Sales commission income (note (iii))	3	9
Administration fee income (note (ii))	4	4

#### (b) Transactions with associates and joint ventures

Details of material related party transactions during the period between the Group and its associates and joint ventures are as follows:

	For the six month 2015 HK\$ million	s ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
Construction/repair and maintenance income (note (ii))	_	582
Security guard service fee income (note (iii))	12	10
Management fee income (note (iii))	6	19
Rental expenses (note (iii))	67	67
Venue-related expenses (note (iii))	31	29
Other interest income (note (i))	17	12

### 24 Material related party transactions (continued)

#### (c) Transactions with related companies

Details of material related party transactions during the period between the Group and its related companies which are controlled by private family trusts of a director of the Company are as follows:

	For the six months 2015 HK\$ million			
Rental income (note (iii)) Tax indemnity receipt	9 5	3 -		

#### Notes:

- (i) Interest income and expense are calculated on the balance of loans outstanding from time to time by reference to Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate, Hong Kong dollars prime rate or Renminbi benchmark loan rates announced by the People's Bank of China.
- (ii) These transactions represent cost reimbursements or cost reimbursements plus certain percentage thereon as service fees.
- (iii) In the opinion of the directors, these transactions were carried out on normal commercial terms and in the ordinary course of business.

### (d) Transactions with Sunlight REIT

Details of the material related party transactions during the period between the Group and Sunlight REIT (which is deemed as a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules as from 30 April 2009) are as follows:

	For the six months ended 30 June		
	2015 HK\$ million	2014 HK\$ million	
Rental expenses	5	5	
Property and leasing management service fee income and other			
ancillary property service fee income	24	24	
Asset management service fee income	46	41	
Security service fee income	1	1	

The above transactions were conducted in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements/ deeds entered into between the Group and Sunlight REIT. At 30 June 2015, the amount due from Sunlight REIT was HK\$32 million (31 December 2014: HK\$29 million) and is unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed terms of repayment. The amount is included in "Trade and other receivables" under current assets (note 16).

### 24 Material related party transactions (continued)

(e) Transactions with a company owned by a director of the Company

Dr Lee Ka Kit, a director of the Company, through a company owned by him (the "entity") had separate interest in an associate of the Group and through which the Group holds its interest in a development project in mainland China. The entity agreed to provide and had provided finance in the form of non interest-bearing advances to such associate in accordance with the percentage of its equity interest in such associate.

At 30 June 2015, the advance by the entity to the abovementioned associate amounted to HK\$80 million (31 December 2014: HK\$80 million). Such amount is unsecured and has no fixed terms of repayment.

### 25 Non-adjusting events after the reporting period

- (a) After the end of the reporting period, the directors declared an interim dividend. Further details are disclosed in note 9(a).
- (b) On 9 July 2015, an aggregate of 300 million bonus shares were issued on the basis of one new share for every ten shares held to shareholders whose names appeared on the Company's register of members on 10 June 2015.

### 26 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

### Financial Review

# Results of operations

The following discussions should be read in conjunction with the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2015.

### Revenue and profit

		Revenue		Contribution/(loss) from operations		
	Six months of 2015 HK\$ million	ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million	Increase/ (Decrease) %	Six months of 2015 HK\$ million	ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million	Increase/ (Decrease) %
Reportable segments						
<ul> <li>Property development</li> </ul>	7,176	4,432	+62%	1,824	645	+183%
- Property leasing	2,764	2,425	+14%	2,055	1,809	+14%
- Hotel operation	50	94	-47%	(15)	27	-156%
<ul> <li>Department store</li> </ul>						
operation	449	419	+7%	155	153	+1%
- Other businesses	580	1,199	-52%	586	424	+38%
	11,019	8,569	+29%	4,605	3,058	+51%

	Six months 2015 HK\$ million	ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million	Increase %
Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company  – including the Group's attributable share of changes in fair value of investment properties and investment properties under development (net of deferred taxation) held by the Group's subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures  – excluding the Group's attributable share of changes in fair value of investment properties and investment properties under development (net of deferred taxation) held by the Group's subsidiaries, associates	9,846	9,460	+4%
and joint ventures	5,291	5,030	+5%

Excluding the effects of certain one-off income items from the underlying profit attributable to shareholders for the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 2014, the adjusted underlying profit attributable to shareholders for the two periods is as follows:

	Six months o 2015 HK\$ million	ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million	Increase HK\$ million	e/(Decrease) %
Underlying profit attributable to shareholders	5,291	5,030	261	+5%
Less:				
One-off income items -				
The Group's attributable share of a one-off income				
item arising from the Compensation Payment and				
the Joint Venture Company Impairment (as referred	(2.45)		(2.15)	
to in the paragraph "Other businesses" below)	(246)	_	(246)	
Aggregate net gain after tax on en-bloc disposals				
of a commercial investment property in Hong Kong				
and the Group's 50% interest in a commercial investment property in Shenzhen, mainland China		(557)	557	
Reversal of the accrued site settlement cost of a	_	(337)	337	
terminated development project in mainland China	_	(113)	113	
Overdue interest income in relation to the refund of		(113)	113	
land deposits regarding land sites in mainland				
China (net of tax)	(6)	(10)	4	
,				
Adjusted underlying profit attributable to shareholders	5,039	4,350	689	+16%

Discussions on the major reportable segments are set out below.

### Property development

Gross revenue - subsidiaries

The gross revenue from property sales during the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 2014 generated by the Group's subsidiaries, and by geographical contribution, is as follows:

	Six months of 2015  HK\$ million	ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million	Ir HK\$ million	ıcrease
By geographical contribution:				
Hong Kong Mainland China	4,372 2,804	3,465 967	907 1,837	+26% +190%
	7,176	4,432	2,744	+62%

The gross revenue from property sales in Hong Kong during the six months ended 30 June 2015 is mainly contributed from "High Park" and "The Hemispheres" (being property development projects completed during the period) in the aggregate amount of HK\$1,228 million, as well as from the other major completed projects such as "39 Conduit Road", "The Reach", "High Point" and "Legende Royale" in the aggregate amount of HK\$2,876 million. By comparison, the gross revenue from property sales in Hong Kong during the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014 was mainly contributed as to HK\$1,079 million from property development projects which were completed during the corresponding period, and HK\$2,206 million from the other major completed projects.

The gross revenue from property sales in mainland China during the six months ended 30 June 2015 is mainly contributed from those property development projects which were completed and the sold units of which were delivered to the buyers during the period, namely "Grand Waterfront" Phase 2A in Chongqing and "Palatial Crest" Phase 2B in Xian, as well as from the delivery of the sold units to the buyers of "The Arch of Triumph" Phase 2B in Changsha, in the aggregate amount of HK\$2,379 million. By comparison, the gross revenue from property sales in mainland China during the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014 was mainly contributed as to HK\$755 million from property development projects which were completed during the corresponding period.

Pre-tax profits – subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures

The Group's attributable share of pre-tax profits from property sales, by geographical contribution and from subsidiaries (after deducting non-controlling interests), associates and joint ventures during the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 2014, is as follows:

	Six months 2015 HK\$ million	ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million		acrease %
By geographical contribution:				
Hong Kong Mainland China	1,212 339	1,154 71	58 268	+5% +377%
	1,551	1,225	326	+27%

The increase in the Group's share of pre-tax profits from property sales in Hong Kong during the six months ended 30 June 2015 of HK\$58 million, or 5%, is mainly attributable to the increase in pre-tax profit contribution from the Group's subsidiaries of HK\$408 million as a result of the increase in gross revenue as referred to above, which is being partially offset by the period-on-period decrease in the share of pre-tax profit contribution of HK\$327 million from the property sales of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited ("HK Ferry", a listed associate of the Group) as mentioned below.

The increase in the Group's share of pre-tax profits from property sales in mainland China during the six months ended 30 June 2015 of HK\$268 million, or 377%, is mainly attributable to the increase in pre-tax profit contribution from the Group's subsidiaries of HK\$476 million as a result of the increase in gross revenue as referred to above, which is being partially offset by the decrease in pre-tax profit contribution of HK\$225 million from the property sales of "La Botanica", Xian and "Chengdu ICC" (both being projects held by joint ventures of the Group) as mentioned below.

	Six months ended 30 June 2015 2014 Increase/			
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	
By contribution from subsidiaries (after deducting non-controll	ing interests), ass	sociates and joint	t ventures:	
Subsidiaries	1,484	604	880	+146%
Associates	45	341	(296)	-87%
Joint ventures	22	280	(258)	-92%
	1,551	1,225	326	+27%

The increase in the Group's share of pre-tax profit contribution from the property sales of subsidiaries during the six months ended 30 June 2015 is mainly attributable to the increase in gross revenue as referred to above.

The decrease in the Group's share of pre-tax profit contribution from the property sales of associates during the six months ended 30 June 2015 is mainly attributable to the fact that "METRO6", a project of HK Ferry, contributed pre-tax profit of HK\$17 million to the Group but which amount was substantially less than the pre-tax profit contribution of HK\$344 million from "Green Code", a project of HK Ferry, in the corresponding period last year.

The decrease in the Group's share of pre-tax profit contribution from the property sales of joint ventures during the six months ended 30 June 2015 is mainly attributable to the decrease in the Group's attributable share of pre-tax profit contribution from the property sales of "Mount Parker Residences" in Hong Kong as well as "La Botanica", Xian and "Chengdu ICC" in mainland China, in the aggregate amount of HK\$279 million.

#### **Property leasing**

Gross revenue - subsidiaries

The gross revenue from property leasing during the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 2014 generated by the Group's subsidiaries, and by geographical contribution, is as follows:

	Six months 2015 HK\$ million	ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million	In HK\$ million	acrease %
By geographical contribution:				
Hong Kong Mainland China	1,912 852	1,723 702	189 150	+11% +21%
	2,764	2,425	339	+14%

*Pre-tax net rental income – subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures* 

The Group's attributable share of pre-tax net rental income, by geographical contribution and from subsidiaries (after deducting non-controlling interests), associates and joint ventures during the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 2014, is as follows:

	Six months 2015	ended 30 June 2014	Increase		
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	%	
By geographical contribution:					
Hong Kong	2,478	2,295	183	+8%	
Mainland China	656	547	109	+20%	
	3,134	2,842	292	+10%	

	Six months ended 30 June 2015 2014 Increase							
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	%				
By contribution from subsidiaries (after deducting non-controlling interests), associates and joint ventures:								
Subsidiaries	2,048	1,804	244	+14%				
Associates	363	338	25	+7%				
Joint ventures	723	700	23	+3%				
	3,134	2,842	292	+10%				

The increase in gross revenue and pre-tax net rental income in Hong Kong is mainly attributable to the period-on-period increase in average rentals in relation to the portfolio of investment properties in Hong Kong during the six months ended 30 June 2015.

The increase in gross revenue and pre-tax net rental income in mainland China is mainly attributable to the new contributions from "Henderson 688" in Shanghai (which project was completed in May 2014), as well as from "World Financial Centre" in Beijing and "Centro" in Shanghai, in respect of which (i) the strong demand for and the limited supply of Grade A office properties in Beijing's central business district have enabled "World Financial Centre" to reap the benefits of increased occupancy and to secure higher rentals for new tenancy leases and upon tenancy lease renewals; and (ii) "Centro" in Shanghai has secured new office tenancy leases as well as higher rentals when compared with other office properties of comparable conditions in similar locations in Zhabei district, Shanghai over the last twelve months.

#### Hotel operation

Revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2015 decreased by HK\$44 million (or 47%) to HK\$50 million, and recorded an operating loss of HK\$15 million for the six months ended 30 June 2015 (2014: operating profit of HK\$27 million).

During the six months ended 30 June 2015, the Group's three Newton hotels recorded (i) an average occupancy rate of 44.9%, which represents a remarkable period-on-period decrease when compared with 74.8% for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014; and (ii) a period-on-period decrease of 8% in the average daily room rate when compared with that for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014. Such decreases are mainly due to the difficult market conditions for the hotel industry in Hong Kong during the six months ended 30 June 2015 as a result of the decrease in tourist arrivals from mainland China to Hong Kong when compared with the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014.

#### Department store operation

Department store operation is carried out by Citistore (Hong Kong) Limited ("Citistore HK") which became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Henderson Investment Limited ("HIL", a subsidiary of the Company) following the completion of HIL's acquisition of Citistore HK from the Group on 1 December 2014.

For the six months ended 30 June 2015, revenue increased by HK\$30 million (or 7%) to HK\$449 million which is mainly attributable to (i) the increase in revenue of HK\$15 million from the Yuen Long store which completed its renovation in June 2014; (ii) the increase in the aggregate shopping floor area in the Ma On Shan store and Tseung Kwan O store of 8,558 square feet featuring fixed-price merchandise items, which resulted in the increase in revenue of HK\$6 million; and (iii) the increase in rental income from consignment counters and concessionaire counters of other stores in the aggregate amount of HK\$4 million. Profit contribution also increased by HK\$2 million (or 1%) to HK\$155 million.

#### Other businesses

Other businesses mainly comprise construction, infrastructure, provision of finance, investment holding, project management, property management, agency services, cleaning and security guard services, as well as the trading of building materials and disposal of leasehold land.

In relation to the infrastructure business, reference is made to the paragraph headed "Henderson Investment Limited ("HIL")" under the section "Business Review" on page 24 of the Company's interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2015 of which this Financial Review forms a part. The entire Compensation Payment was settled by Hangzhou Municipal People's Government on 29 July 2015. Based on the Compensation Payment (net of expenses incurred in relation to the Arbitration) of HK\$471 million and after (i) deducting HIL's impairment loss on toll bridge operating right and related net assets of the Joint Venture Company of HK\$379 million (the "Joint Venture Company Impairment"); (ii) recognising the reversal of the exchange reserve attributable to the Joint Venture Company of HK\$138 million; and (iii) deducting the operating loss of the infrastructure business in the aggregate amount of HK\$15 million during the period from 1 January 2015 to 30 April 2015, a profit of HK\$215 million was recognised by the infrastructure business during the six months ended 30 June 2015, representing a period-on-period increase in profit contribution of HK\$241 million from the operating loss of HK\$26 million during the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014. Adding back HIL's non-controlling interests' attributable share of the Joint Venture Company Impairment and operating loss in the aggregate amount of HK\$140 million, a one-off income of HK\$355 million was generated to HIL and in relation to which the Group's 69.27% attributable share amounted to HK\$246 million.

Revenue of other businesses for the six months ended 30 June 2015 decreased by HK\$619 million, or 52%, from that for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014. This is mainly attributable to (i) the decrease in construction revenue of HK\$523 million which is mainly attributable to the non-recurrence of the revenue contribution from the construction contract of "Green Code" project following its project completion in 2014; (ii) the decrease in project management income of HK\$79 million mainly in relation to two property development projects, namely "Green Code" and "Global Trade Square" as these projects were completed last year; and (iii) the decrease in dividend income of HK\$89 million mainly in relation to the non-recurrence of a dividend income of HK\$132 million received from the Group's investment in a property development project in Hong Kong during the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014, which in aggregate are being partially offset by (iv) the increase in revenue contribution from property management of HK\$49 million; and (v) the increase in interest income from the provision of financing services of HK\$10 million during the six months ended 30 June 2015.

The profit contribution of other businesses for the six months ended 30 June 2015 increased by HK\$162 million, or 38%, over that for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014. This is mainly attributable to (i) the increase in profit contribution from the infrastructure business of HK\$241 million as referred to above; (ii) a gain on disposal of certain available-for-sale equity securities in the amount of HK\$164 million during the six months ended 30 June 2015; and (iii) the fair value gain of HK\$21 million recognised by the Group from its entitlement to the bonus warrants of Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited ("Miramar", a listed associate of the Group) on the record date of 30 June 2015, which in aggregate are being partially offset by (iv) the decrease in profit contribution from construction activities of HK\$27 million for the reason as referred to above; (v) the decrease in profit contribution from project management of HK\$45 million for the reason as referred to above; (vi) the decrease in dividend income of HK\$89 million as referred to above; and (vii) the non-recurrence of a one-off income item of HK\$113 million arising from the reversal during the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014 of the accrued site settlement cost of a terminated development project in mainland China.

#### **Associates**

The Group's attributable share of post-tax profits less losses of associates during the six months ended 30 June 2015 amounted to HK\$2,286 million (2014: HK\$2,397 million), representing a decrease of HK\$111 million, or 5%, from that for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014. Excluding the Group's attributable share of changes in fair value of investment properties held by the associates (net of deferred taxation) of HK\$317 million during the six months ended 30 June 2015 (2014: HK\$515 million), the Group's attributable share of the underlying post-tax profits less losses of associates for the six months ended 30 June 2015 amounted to HK\$1,969 million (2014: HK\$1,882 million), representing an increase of HK\$87 million, or 5%, over that for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014. Such period-on-period increase in the underlying post-tax profits was mainly due to the following:

- (i) the Group's attributable share of increase in the underlying post-tax profit contribution from The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited of HK\$228 million, as the performance of the gas operation and related businesses maintained stable growth during the six months ended 30 June 2015;
- (ii) the Group's attributable share of decrease in the underlying post-tax profit contribution from HK Ferry of HK\$237 million, mainly due to the non-recurrence of the sizeable profit contribution of HK\$264 million from the property sales of "Green Code"; and

(iii) the Group's attributable share of increase in the underlying post-tax profit contribution from Miramar of HK\$95 million, mainly due to the share of increase in profit contribution from the property leasing business of HK\$15 million, the savings in the share of losses contributed from the food and beverage operation and the discontinued operations in the aggregate amount of HK\$23 million, as well as the share of gain on disposal of an investment property of HK\$55 million.

#### Joint ventures

The Group's attributable share of post-tax profits less losses of joint ventures during the six months ended 30 June 2015 amounted to HK\$1,156 million (2014: HK\$1,512 million), representing a decrease of HK\$356 million, or 24%, from that for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014. Excluding the Group's attributable share of changes in fair value of investment properties held by the joint ventures (net of deferred taxation) of HK\$535 million during the six months ended 30 June 2015 (2014: HK\$703 million), the Group's attributable share of the underlying post-tax profits less losses of joint ventures for the six months ended 30 June 2015 amounted to HK\$621 million (2014: HK\$809 million), representing a decrease of HK\$188 million, or 23%, from that for the corresponding six months ended 30 June 2014. Such period-on-period decrease was mainly attributable to the decrease in the Group's attributable share of post-tax profit contribution from property sales of the joint venture property development projects of "Mount Parker Residences" in Hong Kong as well as "La Botanica", Xian and "Chengdu ICC" in mainland China, in the aggregate amount of HK\$222 million.

#### Finance costs

Finance costs (comprising interest expense and other borrowing costs) recognised as expenses for the six months ended 30 June 2015 were HK\$447 million (2014: HK\$437 million). Finance costs before interest capitalisation for the six months ended 30 June 2015 were HK\$903 million (2014: HK\$1,066 million). During the six months ended 30 June 2015, the Group's effective borrowing rate was approximately 3.91% per annum (2014: approximately 3.98% per annum).

#### Revaluation of investment properties and investment properties under development

The Group recognised an increase in fair value on its investment properties and investment properties under development (before deferred taxation and non-controlling interests) of HK\$3,730 million in the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the six months ended 30 June 2015 (2014: HK\$3,225 million).

# Financial resources and liquidity

### Medium Term Note Programme

At 30 June 2015, the aggregate carrying amount of notes guaranteed by the Company and issued under the Group's Medium Term Note Programme established on 30 August 2011 and which remained outstanding was HK\$10,362 million (31 December 2014: HK\$10,420 million), with tenures of between four years and twenty years (31 December 2014: between four years and twenty years). These notes are included in the Group's bank and other borrowings at 30 June 2015 as referred to in the paragraph "Maturity profile and interest cover" below.

### Maturity profile and interest cover

The maturity profile of the total debt, the cash and bank balances and the gearing ratio of the Group were as follows:

	At 30 June 2015 HK\$ million	At 31 December 2014 HK\$ million
Bank and other borrowings repayable:		
– Within 1 year	7,737	13,590
- After 1 year but within 2 years	8,158	6,940
– After 2 years but within 5 years	24,058	20,512
– After 5 years	1,660	1,660
Amount due to a fellow subsidiary	1,473	5,021
Total debt Less: Cash and bank balances	43,086 (10,022)	47,723 (10,303)
Net debt	33,064	37,420
Shareholders' funds	245,771	238,150
Gearing ratio (%)	13.5%	15.7%

At 30 June 2015, after taking into account the effect of swap contracts designated as cash flow hedging instruments, 63% (31 December 2014: 60%) of the Group's total debt carried fixed interest rates.

Gearing ratio is calculated based on the net debt and shareholders' funds of the Group at the end of the reporting period.

The interest cover of the Group is calculated as follows:

	Six month 2015 HK\$ million	as ended 30 June 2014 HK\$ million
Profit from operations (before changes in fair value of investment properties and investment properties under development) plus the Group's share of the underlying profits less losses of associates and joint ventures	6,826	6,049
Interest expense (before interest capitalisation)	808	977
Interest cover (times)	8	6

With abundant banking facilities in place and the recurrent income generation from its operations, the Group has adequate financial resources in meeting the funding requirements for its ongoing operations as well as its future expansion.

### Treasury and financial management

The Group is exposed to interest rate and foreign exchange risks. To efficiently and effectively manage these risks, the Group's financing and treasury activities are centrally co-ordinated at the corporate level. As a matter of policy, all transactions in derivative financial instruments are undertaken solely for risk management purposes and no derivative financial instruments were held by the Group at the end of the reporting period for speculative purposes.

The Group conducts its business primarily in Hong Kong with the related cash flows, assets and liabilities being denominated mainly in Hong Kong dollars. The Group's primary foreign exchange exposure arises from its property developments and investments in mainland China which are denominated in Renminbi ("RMB"), the guaranteed notes ("Notes") which are denominated in United States dollars ("US\$"), Sterling ("£") and Singapore dollars ("S\$"), certain bank borrowings which are denominated in Japanese Yen ("¥") ("Yen borrowings"), as well as the fixed coupon rate bond ("Bond") which is denominated in United States dollars.

In respect of the Group's operations in mainland China, apart from its capital contributions and, in some cases, loan contributions to projects which are denominated in RMB and are not hedged, the Group endeavours to establish a natural hedge by maintaining an appropriate level of external borrowings in RMB. In respect of the Notes, the Bond and the Yen borrowings in the aggregate principal amounts of US\$672,000,000, £50,000,000, \$\$200,000,000 and \$10,000,000,000 at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: US\$672,000,000, £50,000,000, \$\$200,000,000 and \$10,000,000,000), interest rate swap contracts and cross currency interest rate swap contracts were entered into between the Group and certain counterparty banks for the purpose of hedging against interest rate risk and foreign currency risk during their tenure. Furthermore, in respect of certain of the Group's bank loans denominated in Hong Kong dollars which bear floating interest rates in the aggregate principal amount of HK\$10,700,000,000 at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: HK\$12,000,000,000), interest rate swap contracts were entered into between the Group and certain counterparty banks for the purpose of hedging against interest rate risk during their tenure.

### Material acquisitions and disposals

On 17 June 2015, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company acquired a land site situated in Kwun Chui Road, Area 56, Tuen Mun, New Territories, through public tender for a land premium of HK\$3,628.9 million. The land site will be held for development of residential properties for sale.

Save for the aforementioned, the Group did not undertake any other significant acquisitions or any disposals of subsidiaries or assets during the six months ended 30 June 2015.

# Charge on assets

Assets of the Group's subsidiaries were not charged to any third parties at both 30 June 2015 and 31 December 2014, except for certain available-for-sale securities and held-to-maturity debt securities in the aggregate carrying amount of HK\$685 million at 30 June 2015 (31 December 2014: HK\$646 million) which were pledged in favour of certain financial institutions for credit facilities granted to a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group.

# Capital commitments

At 30 June 2015, capital commitments of the Group amounted to HK\$29,127 million (31 December 2014: HK\$26,303 million). In addition, the Group's attributable share of capital commitments in relation to its joint ventures at 30 June 2015 amounted to HK\$2,847 million (31 December 2014: HK\$3,104 million).

### Contingent liabilities

At 30 June 2015, the Group's contingent liabilities amounted to HK\$1,383 million (31 December 2014: HK\$2,019 million), of which:

- (i) an amount of HK\$33 million (31 December 2014: HK\$536 million) relates to performance bonds to guarantee for the due and proper performance of the obligations undertaken by the Group's subsidiaries and projects, the decrease of which is mainly attributable to the release of the bank guarantee on the construction activities of "Double Cove Starview Prime" (being the Group's property development project in Hong Kong) for the reason that during the six months ended 30 June 2015, its pre-sale proceeds were stakeheld which adequately covered the construction costs;
- (ii) an amount of HK\$Nil (31 December 2014: HK\$232 million) relates to guarantees given by the Company in respect of certain bank loans and borrowings entered into by an entity whose shares were held by the Company as available-for-sale equity securities at 30 June 2015, for the reason that such bank loans and borrowings were fully repaid by the abovementioned entity at 30 June 2015; and
- (iii) an amount of HK\$1,333 million (31 December 2014: HK\$1,234 million) relates to guarantees given by the Group to financial institutions on behalf of purchasers of property units in mainland China in relation to which the related Building Ownership Certificate (房產證) had not yet been issued at 30 June 2015 (and such guarantees will be released upon the issuance of the Building Ownership Certificate).

### Employees and remuneration policy

At 30 June 2015, the Group had approximately 8,040 full-time employees (31 December 2014: 8,560), which saw a decrease in headcount by 520 as compared to 2014. Among the reduced headcount, 432 employees were from the Group's operation in mainland China. It was mainly due to adjustments in the business process in some of the Group's development projects in mainland China where contractual partners were engaged to manage the projects from project management, construction, through to sales. As a result, certain positions were duplicated and redundancy was made to streamline the operation.

The remuneration of the employees is in line with the market and commensurate with the level of pay in the industry. Discretionary year-end bonuses are payable to the employees based on individual performance. Other benefits to the employees include medical insurance, retirement scheme, training programmes and education subsidies.

Total staff costs for the six months ended 30 June 2015 amounted to HK\$1,010 million (2014: HK\$926 million).

#### Other Information

### Revolving Credit Agreement with Covenants of the Controlling Shareholders

Wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company, as borrowers, have respectively obtained a 5-year term loan and revolving credit facilities of up to HK\$10,000,000,000 in June 2011, a 4-year term loan, 5-year term loan and revolving credit facilities of up to HK\$13,800,000,000 in January 2014 and a 5-year term loan and revolving credit facilities of up to HK\$18,000,000,000 in March 2015 from groups of syndicate of banks under separate guarantees given by the Company. The HK\$13,250,000,000 5-year term loan and revolving credit facilities obtained in 2010 was repaid in June 2015.

In connection with each of the above credit facilities, it will be an event of default if the Company is deemed to be ultimately controlled by any person(s) other than Dr Lee Shau Kee and/or his family and/or companies controlled by any of them or any trust in which Dr Lee Shau Kee and/or his family and/or companies controlled by any of them are beneficiaries. If any event of default occurs, the outstanding (if any) under the respective credit facilities may become due and payable on demand.

#### **Review of Interim Results**

The unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2015 have been reviewed by the auditor of the Company, KPMG in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the report of which is included on page 98.

#### **Issue of Shares**

On 9 July 2015, the Company issued 4,801,477 shares in lieu of the 2014 final cash dividend at a market value of HK\$54.41 per share and 300,033,920 bonus shares on the basis of one bonus share for every ten shares held.

# Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

Except for the issue of shares regarding the Scrip Dividend Scheme and bonus shares on 9 July 2015, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the period under review.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee met in August 2015 and reviewed the systems of internal control and compliance and the interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2015.

# Corporate Governance

During the six months ended 30 June 2015, the Company complied with the applicable code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as stated in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"), with the exception that the roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company have not been segregated as required by code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code. The Company is of the view that it is in the best interest of the Company that Dr Lee Shau Kee, with his profound expertise in the property business, shall continue in his dual capacity as the Chairman and Managing Director.

### Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has adopted the Model Code of the Listing Rules as the code for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors (the "Model Code"). Having made specific enquiry, the Company confirmed that all Directors have complied with the required standard as set out in the Model Code.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This interim report contains certain statements that are forward-looking or which use certain forward-looking terminologies. These forward-looking statements are based on the current beliefs, assumptions and expectations of the Board of Directors of the Company regarding the industry and markets in which it operates. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors beyond the Company's control which may cause actual results or performance to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements.

### Changes in the Information of Directors

Pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, changes in the information of Directors of the Company required to be disclosed are shown as follows:

- (i) (a) Dr Lee Shau Kee stepped down from the positions of the chairman and managing director, the chairman of the nomination committee and a member of the remuneration committee on 1 July 2015 and remains as an executive director of Henderson Investment Limited, a listed subsidiary of the Company.
  - (b) Dr Lee Ka Kit was awarded Gold Bauhinia Star (GBS) by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 1 July 2015.
  - (c) Mr Lee Ka Shing was re-designated as the chairman and managing director of, and was appointed as the chairman of the nomination committee and a member of the remuneration committee of, Henderson Investment Limited, a listed subsidiary of the Company, on 1 July 2015.
  - (d) Mr Suen Kwok Lam was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 1 July 2015.
  - (e) Professor Poon Chung Kwong resigned as an independent non-executive director of K. Wah International Holdings Limited, a listed company, on 31 July 2015.

(ii) The Group usually makes annual adjustment to basic salaries in January and determines the discretionary bonuses near the end of the year. Therefore, the only changes to the Directors' remunerations during the period under review were the changes to the basic salaries of the Directors of the Company due to the annual adjustments. The effect of the basic salary changes are illustrated as follows:

	Salaries, allowances a for the six month 2015 HK\$'000		Discretionary Bonuses for the year ended 31 December 2014 (For reference) HK\$'000
Lam Ko Yin, Colin	4,904	4,713	21,110
Yip Ying Chee, John	4,477	4,306	14,880
Lee Ka Kit	8,836	8,489	540
Lee Ka Shing	6,777	6,508	1,760
Suen Kwok Lam	3,441	3,307	6,060
Fung Lee Woon King	2,461	2,366	4,136
Kwok Ping Ho	2,391	2,296	1,230
Lee King Yue	1,863	1,787	281
Wong Ho Ming, Augustine	4,588	4,408	7,680

Note: Excluding bonuses and directors' fees.

Mr Li Ning stepped down as a director of the Company on 2 June 2015. Save as disclosed above, there were no changes to the basic salaries of the other current Directors of the Company for the period under review. There are no changes to the bases in determining other allowances and benefits, bonuses and retirement scheme contributions. For certain Directors of the Company, discretionary bonus is a major component of their remunerations, which will be determined near the end of the year. The discretionary bonuses for the year ended 31 December 2014 are listed above for reference.

By Order of the Board Timon LIU Cheung Yuen Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 20 August 2015

As at the date of this report, the Board comprises: (1) executive directors: Lee Shau Kee (Chairman), Lee Ka Kit, Lam Ko Yin, Colin, Lee Ka Shing, Yip Ying Chee, John, Suen Kwok Lam, Lee King Yue, Fung Lee Woon King, Lau Yum Chuen, Eddie, Kwok Ping Ho and Wong Ho Ming, Augustine; (2) non-executive directors: Lee Pui Ling, Angelina and Lee Tat Man; and (3) independent non-executive directors: Kwong Che Keung, Gordon, Ko Ping Keung, Wu King Cheong, Woo Ka Biu, Jackson, Leung Hay Man, Poon Chung Kwong and Chung Shui Ming, Timpson.

### **Disclosure of Interests**

#### Directors' Interests in Shares

As at 30 June 2015, the interests and short positions of each Director of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or which were notified to the Company or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies were as follows:

#### Ordinary Shares (unless otherwise specified)

Name of Company	Name of Director	Note	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total	% Interest
Henderson Land	Lee Shau Kee	1	9,654,499		2,110,953,454		2,120,607,953	70.68
Development Company	Lee Ka Kit	1				2,109,815,799	2,109,815,799	70.32
Limited	Lee Ka Shing	1				2,109,815,799	2,109,815,799	70.32
	Lee Tat Man	2	136,788				136,788	0.00
	Lee Pui Ling, Angelina	3	39,817				39,817	0.00
	Lee King Yue	4	330,133		25,910		356,043	0.01
	Fung Lee Woon King	5	1,548,043				1,548,043	0.05
	Woo Ka Biu, Jackson	6		2,420			2,420	0.00
	Chung Shui Ming, Timpson	7	60,500				60,500	0.00
Henderson	Lee Shau Kee	8			2,115,274,943		2,115,274,943	69.41
Investment Limited	Lee Ka Kit	8				2,110,868,943	2,110,868,943	69.27
	Lee Ka Shing	8				2,110,868,943	2,110,868,943	69.27
	Lee Tat Man	9	6,666				6,666	0.00
	Lee King Yue	10	1,001,739				1,001,739	0.03

### Ordinary Shares (unless otherwise specified) (continued)

Name of Company	Name of Director	Note	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total	% Interest
The Hong Kong	Lee Shau Kee	11			4,800,418,503		4,800,418,503	41.51
and China Gas Company Limited	Lee Ka Kit	11				4,800,418,503	4,800,418,503	41.51
	Lee Ka Shing	11				4,800,418,503	4,800,418,503	41.51
	Poon Chung Kwong	12				150,596	150,596	0.00
Hong Kong	Lee Shau Kee	13	799,220		118,732,090		119,531,310	33.55
Ferry (Holdings) Company	Lee Ka Kit	13				118,732,090	118,732,090	33.33
Limited	Lee Ka Shing	13				118,732,090	118,732,090	33.33
	Lam Ko Yin, Colin	14	150,000				150,000	0.04
	Fung Lee Woon King	15	465,100				465,100	0.13
	Leung Hay Man	16	2,250				2,250	0.00
Miramar Hotel	Lee Shau Kee	17			260,239,250		260,239,250	45.08
and Investment Company,	Lee Ka Kit	17				260,239,250	260,239,250	45.08
Limited	Lee Ka Shing	17				260,239,250	260,239,250	45.08
Towngas China	Lee Shau Kee	18			1,663,541,813		1,663,541,813	62.94
Company Limited	Lee Ka Kit	18				1,663,541,813	1,663,541,813	62.94
	Lee Ka Shing	18	_			1,663,541,813	1,663,541,813	62.94

### Ordinary Shares (unless otherwise specified) (continued)

Name of Company	Name of Director	Note	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total	% Interest
Henderson Development Limited	Lee Shau Kee	19			8,190 (Ordinary A Shares)		8,190 (Ordinary A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Shau Kee	20			3,510 (Non-voting B Shares)		3,510 (Non-voting B Shares)	100.00
	Lee Shau Kee	21	35,000,000 (Non-voting Deferred Shares)		15,000,000 (Non-voting Deferred Shares)		50,000,000 (Non-voting Deferred Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Kit	19				8,190 (Ordinary A Shares)	8,190 (Ordinary A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Kit	20				3,510 (Non-voting B Shares)	3,510 (Non-voting B Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Kit	21				15,000,000 (Non-voting Deferred Shares)	15,000,000 (Non-voting Deferred Shares)	30.00
	Lee Ka Shing	19				8,190 (Ordinary A Shares)	8,190 (Ordinary A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Shing	20				3,510 (Non-voting B Shares)	3,510 (Non-voting B Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Shing	21				15,000,000 (Non-voting Deferred Shares)	15,000,000 (Non-voting Deferred Shares)	30.00
Best Homes	Lee Shau Kee	22			26,000		26,000	100.00
Limited	Lee Ka Kit	22				26,000	26,000	100.00
	Lee Ka Shing	22				26,000	26,000	100.00
Feswin Investment Limited	Lee Ka Kit	23			5,000	5,000	10,000	100.00
Fordley Investment Limited	Fung Lee Woon King	24	2,000				2,000	20.00

#### Ordinary Shares (unless otherwise specified) (continued)

### **Long Positions**

Name of Company	Name of Director	Note	Personal Interests	Family Interests	Corporate Interests	Other Interests	Total	% Interest
Furnline Limited	Lee Shau Kee	25			100 (A Shares)		100 (A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Shau Kee	26			(B Share)		1 (B Share)	100.00
	Lee Ka Kit	25				100 (A Shares)	100 (A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Kit	26				1 (B Share)	1 (B Share)	100.00
	Lee Ka Shing	25				100 (A Shares)	100 (A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Shing	26				1 (B Share)	1 (B Share)	100.00
Gain Base Development Limited	Fung Lee Woon King	27	50				50	5.00
Heyield	Lee Shau Kee	28			100		100	100.00
Estate Limited	Lee Ka Kit	28				100	100	100.00
	Lee Ka Shing	28				100	100	100.00
Perfect Bright Properties Inc.	Lee Shau Kee	29			100 (A Shares)		100 (A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Shau Kee	30			(B Share)		1 (B Share)	100.00
	Lee Ka Kit	29				100 (A Shares)	100 (A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Kit	30				(B Share)	1 (B Share)	100.00
	Lee Ka Shing	29				100 (A Shares)	100 (A Shares)	100.00
	Lee Ka Shing	30				1 (B Share)	(B Share)	100.00

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors or the Chief Executive of the Company or their associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations as defined in the SFO.

### **Share Option Schemes**

The Company and its subsidiaries have no share option schemes.

### Arrangements to Purchase Shares or Debentures

At no time during the six months ended 30 June 2015 was the Company or any of its holding companies, subsidiary companies or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement 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.

### Substantial Shareholders' and Others' Interests

As at 30 June 2015, the interests and short positions of every person, other than Directors of the Company, in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

	No. of shares in which interested	% Interest
Substantial Shareholders:		
Rimmer (Cayman) Limited (Note 1)	2,109,815,799	70.32
Riddick (Cayman) Limited (Note 1)	2,109,815,799	70.32
Hopkins (Cayman) Limited (Note 1)	2,109,815,799	70.32
Henderson Development Limited (Note 1)	2,108,001,436	70.26
Yamina Investment Limited (Note 1)	981,223,325	32.70
Believegood Limited (Note 1)	495,425,632	16.51
South Base Limited (Note 1)	495,425,632	16.51
Persons other than Substantial Shareholders:		
Cameron Enterprise Inc. (Note 1)	230,452,102	7.68
Richbond Investment Limited (Note 1)	218,807,512	7.29

#### Notes:

- Of these shares, Dr Lee Shau Kee was the beneficial owner of 9,654,499 shares, and for the remaining 2,110,953,454 shares, (i) 901,191,453 shares were owned by Henderson Development Limited ("HD"); (ii) 218,807,512 shares were owned by Richbond Investment Limited which was a wholly-owned subsidiary of HD; (iii) 230,452,102 shares were owned by Cameron Enterprise Inc.; 495,425,632 shares were owned by Believegood Limited which was wholly-owned by South Base Limited; 94,937,415 shares were owned by Prosglass Investment Limited which was wholly-owned by Jayasia Investments Limited; 87,358,640 shares were owned by Fancy Eye Limited which was whollyowned by Mei Yu Ltd.; 73,049,536 shares were owned by Spreadral Limited which was wholly-owned by World Crest Ltd.; and Cameron Enterprise Inc., South Base Limited, Jayasia Investments Limited, Mei Yu Ltd. and World Crest Ltd. were wholly-owned subsidiaries of Yamina Investment Limited which in turn was 100% held by HD; (iv) 6,779,146 shares were owned by Superfun Enterprises Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited ("China Gas") which was 41.51% held by Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("HL") which in turn was taken to be 70.26% held by HD; (v) 1,814,363 shares were owned by Fu Sang Company Limited ("Fu Sang"); and (vi) 774,618 shares and 363,037 shares were respectively owned by Tako Assets Limited and Thommen Limited, both of which were wholly-owned subsidiaries of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited ("HKF") in which Dr Lee Shau Kee together with HL held 33.55% as set out in Note 13. Hopkins (Cayman) Limited ("Hopkins") as trustee of a unit trust (the "Unit Trust") owned all the issued ordinary shares of HD and Fu Sang. Rimmer (Cayman) Limited ("Rimmer") and Riddick (Cayman) Limited ("Riddick"), as trustees of respective discretionary trusts, held units in the Unit Trust. The entire issued share capital of Hopkins, Rimmer and Riddick were owned by Dr Lee Shau Kee. Dr Lee Shau Kee was taken to be interested in these shares by virtue of SFO. As directors of the Company and discretionary beneficiaries of two discretionary trusts holding units in the Unit Trust, Dr Lee Ka Kit and Mr Lee Ka Shing were taken to be interested in these shares by virtue of the SFO.
- 2. Mr Lee Tat Man was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 3. Mrs Lee Pui Ling, Angelina was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 4. Mr Lee King Yue was the beneficial owner of 330,133 shares, and the remaining 25,910 shares were held by Ngan Hei Development Company Limited which was 50% each owned by Mr Lee King Yue and his wife.
- 5. Madam Fung Lee Woon King was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 6. These shares were owned by the wife of Mr Woo Ka Biu, Jackson.
- 7. Dr Chung Shui Ming, Timpson was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 8. Of these shares, (i) 843,249,284 shares, 602,398,418 shares, 363,328,900 shares, 217,250,000 shares and 84,642,341 shares were respectively owned by Banshing Investment Limited, Markshing Investment Limited, Covite Investment Limited, Gainwise Investment Limited and Darnman Investment Limited, all of which were wholly-owned subsidiaries of Kingslee S.A. which in turn was 100% held by HL; and (ii) 3,000,000 shares and 1,406,000 shares were respectively owned by Tako Assets Limited and Thommen Limited, both of which were wholly-owned subsidiaries of HKF in which Dr Lee Shau Kee together with HL held 33.55% as set out in Note 13. Dr Lee Shau Kee was taken to be interested in HL as set out in Note 1 and Henderson Investment Limited by virtue of the SFO. As directors of the Company and discretionary beneficiaries of two discretionary trusts holding units in the Unit Trust, Dr Lee Ka Kit and Mr Lee Ka Shing were taken to be interested in these shares by virtue of the SFO.

- 9. Mr Lee Tat Man was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 10. Mr Lee King Yue was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 11. Of these shares, 2,672,405,723 shares and 1,037,979,286 shares were respectively owned by Disralei Investment Limited and Medley Investment Limited, both of which were wholly-owned subsidiaries of Timpani Investments Limited; 1,090,033,494 shares were owned by Macrostar Investment Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chelco Investment Limited; and Timpani Investments Limited and Chelco Investment Limited were wholly-owned subsidiaries of Faxson Investment Limited which in turn was 100% held by HL. Dr Lee Shau Kee was taken to be interested in HL as set out in Note 1 and China Gas by virtue of the SFO. As directors of the Company and discretionary beneficiaries of two discretionary trusts holding units in the Unit Trust, Dr Lee Ka Kit and Mr Lee Ka Shing were taken to be interested in these shares by virtue of the SFO.
- 12. These shares were owned by Professor Poon Chung Kwong and his wife jointly.
- 13. Of these shares, Dr Lee Shau Kee was the beneficial owner of 799,220 shares, and for the remaining 118,732,090 shares, 48,532,090 shares were held by Wiselin Investment Limited, 23,400,000 shares each were respectively owned by Graf Investment Limited, Mount Sherpa Limited and Paillard Investment Limited, all of which were wholly-owned subsidiaries of Pataca Enterprises Limited which in turn was 100% held by HL. Dr Lee Shau Kee was taken to be interested in HL as set out in Note 1 and HKF by virtue of the SFO. As directors of the Company and discretionary beneficiaries of two discretionary trusts holding units in the Unit Trust, Dr Lee Ka Kit and Mr Lee Ka Shing were taken to be interested in these shares by virtue of the SFO.
- 14. Dr Lam Ko Yin, Colin was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 15. Madam Fung Lee Woon King was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 16. Mr Leung Hay Man was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 17. Of these shares, 100,612,750 shares, 79,121,500 shares and 80,505,000 shares were respectively owned by Higgins Holdings Limited, Multiglade Holdings Limited and Threadwell Limited, all of which were wholly-owned subsidiaries of Aynbury Investments Limited which in turn was 100% held by HL. Dr Lee Shau Kee was taken to be interested in HL as set out in Note 1 and Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited by virtue of the SFO. As directors of the Company and discretionary beneficiaries of two discretionary trusts holding units in the Unit Trust, Dr Lee Ka Kit and Mr Lee Ka Shing were taken to be interested in these shares by virtue of the SFO.
- 18. These shares were owned by Hong Kong & China Gas (China) Limited, Planwise Properties Limited and Superfun Enterprises Limited, wholly-owned subsidiaries of China Gas. Dr Lee Shau Kee was taken to be interested in China Gas as set out in Note 11 and Towngas China Company Limited by virtue of the SFO. As directors of the Company and discretionary beneficiaries of two discretionary trusts holding units in the Unit Trust, Dr Lee Ka Kit and Mr Lee Ka Shing were taken to be interested in these shares by virtue of the SFO.
- 19. These shares were held by Hopkins as trustee of the Unit Trust.
- 20. These shares were held by Hopkins as trustee of the Unit Trust.
- 21. Of these shares, Dr Lee Shau Kee was the beneficial owner of 35,000,000 shares, and Fu Sang owned the remaining 15,000,000 shares.

- 22. Of these shares, (i) 10,400 shares were owned by HL; and (ii) 15,600 shares were owned by Manifest Investments Limited which was 100% held by HD.
- 23. Of these shares, (i) 5,000 shares were owned by Applecross Limited which was wholly-owned by Dr Lee Ka Kit; and (ii) 5,000 shares were owned by Henderson (China) Investment Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Andcoe Limited which was wholly-owned by Henderson China Holdings Limited, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of HL.
- 24. Madam Fung Lee Woon King was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 25. These shares were owned by Jetwin International Limited.
- 26. This share was owned by Sunnice Investment Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Profit Best Development Limited which in turn was wholly-owned by HL.
- 27. Madam Fung Lee Woon King was the beneficial owner of these shares.
- 28. Of these shares, (i) 80 shares were owned by Tactwin Development Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HL; (ii) 10 shares were owned by Henderson Finance Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HD; and (iii) 5 shares each were owned by Perfect Bright Properties Inc. and Furnline Limited, and Jetwin International Limited was the sole holder of A shares in each of Perfect Bright Properties Inc. and Furnline Limited (the "A Shares") with the A Shares being entitled to all interests and, liable for all liabilities in Heyield Estate Limited. Triton (Cayman) Limited as trustee of a unit trust owned all the issued share capital of Jetwin International Limited. Triumph (Cayman) Limited and Victory (Cayman) Limited, as trustees of respective discretionary trusts, held units in the unit trust. The entire share capital of Triton (Cayman) Limited, Triumph (Cayman) Limited and Victory (Cayman) Limited were owned by Dr Lee Shau Kee who was taken to be interested in such shares by virtue of the SFO. As discretionary beneficiaries of the discretionary trusts holding units in such unit trust, Dr Lee Ka Kit and Mr Lee Ka Shing were taken to be interested in such shares by virtue of the SFO.
- 29. These shares were owned by Jetwin International Limited.
- 30. This share was owned by Sunnice Investment Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Profit Best Development Limited which in turn was wholly-owned by HL.



# INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HENDERSON LAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the condensed interim financial statements set out on pages 32 to 75 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position of Henderson Land Development Company Limited as of 30 June 2015 and the related consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and condensed consolidated cash flow statement for the six month period then ended and explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of condensed interim financial statements to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the condensed interim financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34.

Our responsibility is to form a conclusion, based on our review, on the condensed interim financial statements and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

### Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of the condensed interim financial statements consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion.

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed interim financial statements as at 30 June 2015 are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*.

#### **KPMG**

Certified Public Accountants

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20 August 2015

