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# ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

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## CORPORATE INFORMATION

As at 10 June 2020

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| Company's website   | www.romagroup.com  |
| Executive Directors   | Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken <i>(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)</i><br>Mr. Li, Sheung Him Michael |
| Independent non-executive Directors                         | Mr. Chung, Man Lai<br>Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren<br>Ms. Li, Tak Yin                                  |
| Company secretary   | Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken, <i>AICPA</i>   |
| Authorised representatives                                  | Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken<br>Mr. Li, Sheung Him Michael   |
| Compliance officer  | Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken   |
| Audit committee   | Mr. Chung, Man Lai <i>(chairman)</i><br>Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren<br>Ms. Li, Tak Yin                |
| Remuneration committee                                      | Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren <i>(chairman)</i><br>Mr. Chung, Man Lai<br>Ms. Li, Tak Yin                |
| Nomination committee  | Ms. Li, Tak Yin <i>(chairperson)</i><br>Mr. Chung, Man Lai<br>Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren             |



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| Principal banker   | <b>China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited</b><br>11/F, CCB Centre<br>18 Wang Chiu Road<br>Kowloon Bay<br>Kowloon<br>Hong Kong |
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#### Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the board of Directors (the "Board"), I am pleased to present the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### REVIEW

During the past financial year, the Group has continued to expand its valuation division and had assisted, in the capacity of an independent valuer, growing number of successful public transactions as well as initial public offerings. In addition, the Group has expanded its service scope to the environmental, social and governance (the "ESG") reporting service as a new key driver under the valuation and advisory service segment. The Group has been honored to receive the Best in ESG, Best in Reporting and ESG Report of the Year in Hong Kong awards at the BDO ESG awards 2019 and the Silver Prize Award in Asia's Best Sustainability Report (SME) at the Asia Sustainability Reporting Awards (ASRA) 2019 in Singapore. Our expertise had been recognised by the market and we saw substantial growth in our ESG reporting service line during the year ended 31 March 2020. With our professional team's ample experiences in providing a wide spectrum of valuation and advisory services, the Board remains confident on and committed to the continuation of the Group's mission to maintain a leading position within the valuation sector in Hong Kong.

In respect of the financing services industry, under certain challenges and uncertainties such as keen market competitions as well as the persistent increase in the number of money lenders and intensive price war on the interest margin among those market players, the Group still achieved a growth in revenue by approximately HK\$3.8 million or 16.7% to approximately HK\$26.6 million as compared to approximately HK\$22.8 million in the prior year due to expansion of our loan portfolio. Same as last year, the Group continues to adopt a prudent and cautious approach to handle our financing services business.

With regards to the new segment, namely securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management, the Group has obtained a license from the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC") under the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong (the "SFO") to carry out Type 1 regulated activity (dealing in securities). It has started operation and has brought a positive effect to the Group's performance during the year ended 31 March 2020. In addition, during the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group has completed the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of a company which is a corporation licensed by the SFC to conduct Type 4 (advising on securities) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the SFO. The Group will continue to realise its aims to become an integrated securities house in Hong Kong providing a wide range of securities broking and related financial services with a view to achieve a sustainable growth and increase revenue streams, thus maximising the return to the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") ultimately.



#### PROSPECTS

The outbreak of COVID-19 has caused disruptions to the economic and social activities in the market that the Group operates in. These disruptions had affected the business operation of many industries around the world which made the global economic outlook highly uncertain.

In response to COVID-19 outbreak, the Group has made every effort to introduce a safe working environment for its workforce and introduced measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the working environment, and will continue to impose appropriate measures to minimize the potential adverse impact on the business operation of the Group. In addition, the Company will maintain its core competitiveness, at the same time promote the operation of the new business segment for securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management, and improve the Group's ability to withstand risks.

In order to maintain and further enhance the Group's market presence in the valuation and advisory industry in Hong Kong, the Group will continue to source sound and suitable merger and acquisition opportunities and/or business collaboration cautiously under this uncertain economic environment.

The Board remains committed to the continuation of the Company's mission to maintain a leading position within the valuation sector in Hong Kong, through dedication, innovation and expansion so as to deliver sustainable growth and profitability to the Group and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### **APPRECIATION**

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my appreciation to the Group's management and staff for their unreservedly dedication to the Group. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our loyal customers who continuously support us as well as to our Shareholders who recognise the value and potential of the Group.

Roma Group Limited Yue, Kwai Wa Ken Chairman

Hong Kong, 10 June 2020



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group's provision of valuation and advisory services contributed approximately 58.7% of the total revenue to the Group. The Group recorded a decrease in revenue generated from the provision of valuation and advisory services of approximately 5.7% as compared with that for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The Group aims to provide all-rounded with high quality service to its customers so as to sustain its growth. In addition, the Group always uses its best endeavours to explore various merger and acquisition opportunities and/or business collaboration to enhance its market presence in the valuation and advisory industry in Hong Kong.

The Group's provision of financing services contributed approximately 34.9% of the total revenue of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2020. The Group's interest income generated from provision of financing services for the year ended 31 March 2020 increased by approximately 16.7% as compared with that for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The Group has started a new segment, provision of securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management services during the year ended 31 March 2020, and it contributed approximately 6.4% of the total revenue to the Group.

The Group has been continuously seeking different opportunities to broaden its income stream and the market presence.

The Group distributed discretionary bonus and granted share options under the share option scheme of the Company (the "Share Option Scheme") to certain staff during the year ended 31 March 2020 to retain high-caliber individuals for their continuous contribution to the Group. The Group always considers its professional teams as the most valuable asset of the Group and offers competitive remuneration package to attract and retain high-caliber individuals.

#### SHARE CONSOLIDATION, CAPITAL REDUCTION AND SHARE SUB-DIVISION

On 22 July 2019, the Board proposed to implement a capital reorganisation involving share consolidation, capital reduction and share sub-division (the "Capital Reorganisation"). The Capital Reorganisation was approved by the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") at an extraordinary general meeting held on 20 August 2019. The share consolidation became effective on 22 August 2019, and every twenty of the then existing issued and unissued shares of par value of HK\$0.064 each in the share capital of the Company was consolidated into one consolidated share of par value of HK\$1.28 each.

On 7 November 2019, the Board announced that (i) a copy of the order confirming the capital reduction and the share sub-division and the minutes approved by the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands containing the particulars required under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961), of the Cayman Islands as consolidated and revised with respect to the capital reduction were filed and duly registered with the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands on 6 November 2019 (Cayman Islands time); and (ii) all the other conditions precedent for the implementation of the capital reduction and the share sub-division have been fulfilled. Accordingly, the capital reduction and the share sub-division became effective on 6 November 2019 (Cayman Islands time) or 7 November 2019 (Hong Kong time) that the nominal value of all consolidated shares be reduced from HK\$1.28 each to HK\$0.01 each.

For further details of the Capital Reorganisation, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 22 July, 20 August, 23 October and 7 November 2019 and its circular dated 25 July 2019.



#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### Revenue

For the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group recorded an increase of approximately 8.6% in revenue as compared with that for the year ended 31 March 2019. Such increase was attributable to an increase in interest income generated from provision of financing services and the services fee income generated from the new segment of securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management services outweighed a decrease in the services fee income generated from provision of valuation and advisory services.

The services fee income generated from provision of valuation and advisory services decreased by approximately 5.7% to approximately HK\$44.7 million for the year ended 31 March 2020 from approximately HK\$47.4 million for the year ended 31 March 2019. The outbreak of COVID-19 in the last three months of the year ended 31 March 2020 caused revenue for this quarter to decline and resulted in a slight decrease in revenue for the full financial year.

The interest income generated from provision of financing services increased by approximately 16.7% to approximately HK\$26.6 million for the year ended 31 March 2020 from approximately HK\$22.8 million for the year ended 31 March 2019. The increase in interest income was mainly attributable to the expansion of loan portfolio during the year ended 31 March 2020 as compared with that for the year ended 31 March 2019.

In addition, new segment of securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management services has started operation and it has contributed approximately HK\$4.9 million revenue to the Group during the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### Other income and loss

The Group's net other income and loss increased by approximately 27.7% for the year ended 31 March 2020 as compared with that for the year ended 31 March 2019. It was mainly attributable to the increases in other marketing service income and bank interest income.

#### **Employee benefit expenses**

Employee benefit expenses mainly consisted of wages and salaries, discretionary bonus, pension costs and other benefits to the staff and the Directors. The Group's employee benefit expenses increased by approximately 10.0% for the year ended 31 March 2020 as compared with those for the year ended 31 March 2019. The increase was mainly attributable to rise of the headcounts. The Group always values the contribution of its professional and management teams and has distributed bonus and granted share options under the Share Option Scheme to certain staff during the year ended 31 March 2020 to retain high-caliber individuals for continuous contribution to the Group.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Depreciation and amortisation**

The Group recorded a significant increase in depreciation and amortisation of approximately 81.0% for the year ended 31 March 2020 as compared with that for the year ended 31 March 2019. It was mainly attributable to the additional depreciation of right-of-use assets during the year ended 31 March 2020 in relation to the adoption of newly effective Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standard 16 "Leases".

#### **Finance costs**

The Group's finance costs referred to interest expenses incurred for interest-bearing borrowings, finance lease liabilities and lease liabilities. During the year ended 31 March 2020, more finance costs incurred was mainly due to the higher bank loan interest rate as compared with that for the year ended 31 March 2019.

#### **Other expenses**

The Group's other expenses increased by approximately 57.2% for the year ended 31 March 2020 as compared with those for the year ended 31 March 2019. Such an increase was mainly attributable to the increases in (i) impairment loss of intangible assets; and (ii) impairment loss of goodwill during the year ended 31 March 2020 as compared with those for the year ended 31 March 2019. The global pandemic of COVID-19, the social unrest in Hong Kong and the poor market sentiment due to the trade war between China and the United States of America inevitably eroded the economy and profitability of the Group and affected the intangible assets and goodwill generated from cash-generating units of Bonus Boost Group and Leo Asset Management Limited ("Leo Asset") and led to impairment was made in the year.

#### Loss attributable to owners of the Company

Loss attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$158.4 million for the year ended 31 March 2020 which increased by approximately HK\$87.0 million as compared to the loss attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$71.4 million for the year ended 31 March 2019. The increase was mainly attributable to the (i) significant increase in impairment loss on loan and interest receivables; (ii) impairment loss of intangible assets; and (iii) impairment loss of goodwill outweighing impact of increase in the Group's total revenue for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### **REVIEW ON ADVANCE TO ENTITY AND/OR PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

On 31 October 2019, the Group granted a loan facility of HK\$5,000,000 at an interest rate of 36% per annum for a term of three months to a company, for which a guarantor executed a guarantee in favour of the Group. As at 31 March 2020, the loan matured. Follow up works have been taken. For further details, please refer to the Company's announcements dated 31 October 2019 and 15 November 2019.



#### **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The Group mainly carries out its businesses in Hong Kong. To the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, having made all reasonable enquiries, the Group has complied with all relevant laws and regulations in Hong Kong during the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

The Group aims to protect the environment by minimising environmental adverse impacts in daily operations, such as energy saving and recycling of office resources. The Group will continue to seek for better environmental practices and promote the right environmental attitudes within the organisation. The Group has complied with all relevant laws and regulations in respect of environmental protection, health and safety, workplace conditions and employment.

#### **RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

The Group recognises employees as its valuable assets and it strictly complies with the labour laws and regulations in Hong Kong and reviews regularly the existing staff benefits for improvement. Apart from the reasonable remuneration packages, the Group also offers other employee benefits, such as the medical reimbursement, annual dinner, sports activities, etc.

The Group provides good quality services to the customers and maintains a good relationship with them. The Group keeps a database for direct communications with recurring customers for developing long-term business relationships.

The Group maintains effective communications and develops long-term trust relationships with the suppliers. During the year ended 31 March 2020, there was no material dispute or arguments between the Group and the suppliers.

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group mainly financed its operations with its own working capital and bank borrowings. As at 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2019, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$228.7 million and HK\$306.3 million, respectively, including cash and bank balances of general accounts approximately HK\$19.2 million and HK\$109.9 million, respectively. The Group's pledged bank deposits of approximately HK\$48.2 million as at 31 March 2020 represented cash at bank held by the Group and pledged for bank borrowings. The Group's current ratio (current assets divided by current liabilities) were approximately 3.2 and 3.2 as at 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2019, respectively.

As at 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2019, the Group's total bank borrowings amounted to approximately HK\$43.3 million and HK\$100.0 million, respectively. All bank borrowings were denominated in United States Dollars ("US\$") as at 31 March 2020. Details of the bank borrowings of the Group are set out in note 28 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group. As at 31 March 2020, the Group's other borrowings amounted to HK\$12.3 million (31 March 2019: nil). As at 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2019, the Group's total lease liabilities amounted to approximately HK\$0.6 million and HK\$1.6 million, respectively. The Group's gearing ratio (lease liabilities and interest-bearing borrowings divided by total equity) decreased to approximately 0.15 as at 31 March 2020 from approximately 0.19 as at 31 March 2019.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### TREASURY POLICIES

The Group adopts a conservative approach towards its treasury policies. The Group strives to reduce exposure to credit risk by performing ongoing credit evaluation of the financial conditions of its clients and credit review of the Group's loan portfolio. To manage liquidity risk, the Board closely monitors the Group's liquidity position to ensure that the liquidity structure of the Group's assets, liabilities and commitments can meet its funding requirements.

#### **COMMITMENTS**

The Group's contractual commitments primarily related to the leases of its office premises. The Group's lease commitments amounted to approximately HK\$0.4 million and HK\$4.6 million as at 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2019, respectively. As at 31 March 2020, the Group did not have any capital commitments (31 March 2019: nil).

#### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Details of the movements in the Company's share capital are set out in note 30 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS

Save for the investment of 19.9% equity interest in Greater China Appraisal Limited and acquisition of the entire issued share capital of Leo Asset as disclosed in notes 20 and 38, respectively to the consolidated financial statements of the Group, the Group did not hold any significant investments as at 31 March 2020.

#### **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Group had no material contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2020 (31 March 2019: nil).

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group's exposure to currency risk was limited to its bank balances denominated in Renminbi ("RMB") as a majority of the Group's transactions, monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in HK\$ and US\$. In the event that RMB appreciated by 10% (2019: 3%) against HK\$, the Group's loss for the year ended 31 March 2020 would decrease by approximately HK\$1,000 (2019: the Group's loss decreased by approximately HK\$615,000). On the contrary, if RMB depreciated by 10% (2019: 3%) against HK\$, the Group's loss for the year ended 31 March 2020 would increase by approximately HK\$1,000 (2019: the Group's loss increased by approximately HK\$615,000). As US\$ is pegged to HK\$, the Group does not expect any significant movements in the US\$/HK\$ exchange rates. The Group will continue to monitor its foreign currency exposure closely.

#### **PLEDGE OF ASSETS**

As at 31 March 2020, save for the pledged bank deposits and motor vehicles acquired under leases, the Group did not pledge any of its assets (31 March 2019: nil) as securities for any facilities granted to the Group.



#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES**

As at 31 March 2020 and 2019, the Group employed a total of 76 and 69 full-time employees, respectively. The Group's total employee benefit expenses were approximately HK\$43.6 million and HK\$39.6 million for the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, respectively. Remuneration is determined by reference to market conditions and the performance, qualification and experience of individual employee. In addition to a basic salary, discretionary bonuses are offered to those staff with outstanding performance to attract and retain eligible employees to contribute to the Group. The Company adopted a share option scheme on 26 September 2011 and the Share Award Plan (the "Plan") on 22 June 2018 as incentives to the Directors (in relation to the share option scheme only) and the eligible participants. The Group also provides and arranges on-the-job training for the employees.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

In November 2017, the Company raised net funds of approximately HK\$258.0 million from its rights issue of 1,874,944,986 shares (the "RI Proceeds"). Up to the date of this report, approximately HK\$135.0 million of the RI Proceeds was utilised for the granting of various loans, approximately HK\$27.0 million of the RI Proceeds was used for investment in potential business and approximately HK\$33.0 million of the RI Proceeds was used for the Group's general working capital, and the rest was kept as cash at a licensed bank in Hong Kong. The proposed and actual use of the RI Proceeds up to the date of this report are set as below.

|   | Proposed use of<br>the RI Proceeds<br>(HK\$ in million) | Actual use of<br>the RI Proceeds<br>from the date of<br>issuance of rights<br>issue and up to<br>31.03.2019<br>(HK\$ in million) | Actual use of<br>the RI Proceeds<br>during the year<br>(HK\$ in million) | Unutilised<br>RI Proceeds as<br>at date of this<br>annual report<br>(HK\$ in million) |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| Expansion of Group's existing             |   |  |  |   |
| financing business                        | 135.0   | 135.0  | 0  | 0   |
| Investment in potential businesses (note) | 90.0  | 15.8   | 11.2   | 63.0  |
| General working capital                   | 33.0  | 33.0   | 0  | 0   |
|   |   |  |  |   |
| Total                                     | 258.0   | 183.8  | 11.2   | 63.0  |

Note: The Company currently expects that the unutilised RI Proceeds will be used by 31 March 2022.

As at the date of this annual report, the proceeds were not utilised according to the expected timeframe previously disclosed in the interim report of the Company for six months ended 30 September 2019 arising from unforeseen delays caused by the social unrest in Hong Kong and global pandemic of the COVID-19 which has led the disruptions to the economy and therefore the management is more prudent and taking more time to seek the potential businesses.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS OR DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

Save as disclosed in the section headed "Significant Investments", the Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to recommend the payment of any final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: nil).

#### FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Save as those disclosed in the section headed "Use of proceeds" above, the Group currently does not have other concrete plans for material investments and capital assets.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The Group always aims to be the leading valuation and advisory services provider in Hong Kong. In order to maintain and further enhance the Group's market presence in the valuation and advisory industry in Hong Kong, the Group will proactively explore further merger and acquisition opportunities and/or business collaboration. In order to well manage the Group's credit risk, the Group will further diversify its loan portfolio.

The Group obtained a license from the SFC under the SFO to carry out Type 1 regulated activity (dealing in securities) on 13 December 2018. It has started operation and has brought a positive effect on the Group's performance during the year ended 31 March 2020. In addition, the Group has entered into an agreement to conditionally agree to acquire the entire issued share capital of a company which is a corporation licensed by the SFC to conduct Type 4 (advising on securities) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the SFO. The acquisition of the licensed corporation has been completed during the year ended 31 March 2020. The Group will continue to realise its aims to become an integrated securities house in Hong Kong providing a wide range of securities broking and related financial services with a view to achieving a sustainable growth and increasing revenue streams, and maximising the return to the Shareholders ultimately.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has caused disruptions to the economic and social activities in the market that the Group operates in. Those disruptions pose threat on affecting the entire world and make the outlook highly uncertain.

In response to COVID-19 outbreak, the Group has made every effort to introduce a safe working environment for its workforce and introduced measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the working environment, and will continue to impose appropriate measures to minimize the adverse impact on the business operation of the Group. In addition, the Company will maintain its core competitiveness, at the same time promote the operation of new business segment for securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management, and improve the Group's ability to resist risks.



#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken** (余季華), aged 54, was appointed as an executive Director on 18 March 2011. Mr. Yue is the company secretary and the compliance officer of the Company and is also a director of a number of subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Yue obtained a diploma of technology in financial management accounting option from the British Columbia Institute of Technology in Canada and a bachelor degree of science in accounting from Upper Iowa University of the United States. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the Chartered Global Management Accountants and a fellow member of the Colorado State Society of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Yue has over 20 years of experience in accounting and finance. Mr. Yue has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of China Starch Holdings Limited (Stock code: 3838) since 5 September 2007 and Major Holdings Limited (Stock code: 1389) since 30 December 2013. Mr. Yue was an independent non-executive director of Pan Asia Data Holdings Inc. (formerly known as Manfield Chemical Holdings Limited) (Stock code: 1561) between 6 November 2015 and 31 December 2018. The shares of the abovementioned companies are listed on the Stock Exchange. Mr. Yue is the sole director of Fast and Fabulous Company Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

**Mr. Li, Sheung Him Michael (**李尚謙), aged 36, was appointed as an executive Director on 31 May 2018. He is also a director of a number of subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Li obtained BSc Biochemistry from Imperial College, London in September 2005 and MRes in Structural Biology from Birkbeck College, London in September 2006. From September 2007 to November 2009, Mr. Li was the business development manager of Kinetics Group in London. Since January 2010, Mr. Li has been working in the Group as a project director.

#### **INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**Mr. Chung, Man Lai (鍾文禮)**, aged 43, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 1 March 2020. He is also the chairman of the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") and members of the nomination committee (the "Nomination Committee") and the remuneration committee (the "Remuneration Committee") of the Board. Mr. Chung has over 20 years of experience in auditing and accounting. Mr. Chung obtained a bachelor of arts degree in accountancy from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in November 1998 and a master of business administration degree with a major in international business from EU Business School in December 2018. Mr. Chung is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He worked in Ernst & Young from 2004 to 2007 and was the chief financial officers of CMIC Ocean EnTech Holding Co., Ltd. (formerly known as TSC Group Holdings Limited) (Stock code: 206) and IDT International Limited (Stock code: 167), both are companies listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, for the period from January 2008 to April 2016 and from April 2016 to December 2016, respectively. Since December 2019, he is an independent non-executive director of Century Group International Holdings Limited (Stock code: 2113), which is a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. He is also a non-executive director of Greatwalle Inc. (the share of which are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange, Stock code: 8315) since March 2020 and an independent non-executive director of Aurum Pacific (China) Group Limited (the shares of which are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange, Stock code: 8315) since March 2020.



## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren (高偉倫)**, aged 52, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 6 March 2014. He is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of each of the Audit Committee and the Nomination Committee. Mr. Ko was educated in Canada and England. He obtained his bachelor of science degree from the Simon Fraser University in Canada and bachelor of laws degree from the University of Leeds in England. Mr. Ko was a partner of Richards Butler, an international law firm, between 2001 and 2005. He is currently a partner at a law firm, Robertsons and specialises in corporate finance work including initial public offerings, mergers and acquisitions and restructuring. Mr. Ko is qualified to practise law in both England and Wales and Hong Kong. Mr. Ko was also an independent non-executive director of Cloud Investment Holdings Limited (formerly known as China Bio Cassava Holdings Limited) whose shares are listed on GEM (Stock code: 8129) between 13 February 2014 and 26 March 2019.

**Ms. Li, Tak Yin (**李德賢), aged 39, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 13 September 2017. She is the chairperson of Nomination Committee and a member of each of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee. Ms. Li has over 13 years of experience in sales and marketing. She joined Unisto Ltd., a company based in Switzerland, as a sales executive in 2006, then promoted as a sales manager in 2008, and was later promoted as the sales manager of the Asia region in 2015. She is responsible for the sales and marketing of name badge section in the Asian market, including Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, Singapore and Philippines. Ms. Li holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in marketing from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

#### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Members of the senior management of the Group are the executive Directors whose biography are set out above.



#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Board and the management of the Group are committed to maintaining and achieving a high standard of corporate governance practices with an emphasis on a quality Board, an effective accountability system and a healthy corporate culture in order to safeguard the interests of the Shareholders and enhance the business growth of the Group.

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Company has complied with all the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules except the deviation from the code provisions A.2.1, details of which are set out in the section headed "Chairman and chief executive officer" in this corporate governance report.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT REGARDING SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard of dealings as set out in Rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules.

Having made specific enquiry of all Directors by the Company, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standard of dealings and the Company's code of conduct concerning securities transactions by the Directors during the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As at the date of this annual report, the Board comprises:

| Executive Directors:                 | Mr. Li, Sheung Him Michael<br>Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken <i>(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)</i> |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Independent non-executive Directors: | Mr. Chung, Man Lai<br>Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren<br>Ms. Li, Tak Yin                                  |

There was no relationships (including financial, business, family or other material/relevant relationship) among the Directors and between the chairman and chief executive of the Company at all times during the year ended 31 March 2020.

Each of the independent non-executive Directors for the year ended 31 March 2020 has given an annual written confirmation of his/her independence to the Company, and accordingly the Company considers each of them to be independent under Rule 5.09 of the GEM Listing Rules.



The Board meets at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals and additional meetings will be convened as and when required. During the year ended 31 March 2020, 12 Board meetings, an annual general meeting (the "AGM") of Shareholders and an extraordinary general meeting (the "EGM") of Shareholders were held. The record of attendance of each Director is set out as follows:

|   | Attended/eligible to |     | attend |  |
|---|----------------------|-----|--------|--|
| Name of Directors   | Board<br>meeting     | AGM | EGM    |  |
|   | meeting              | AGM | LOW    |  |
| Mr. Li, Sheung Him Michael                                      | 12/12                | 1/1 | 1/1    |  |
| Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken  | 12/12                | 1/1 | 1/1    |  |
| Mr. Chung, Man Lai (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020)    | 1/1                  | 0/0 | 0/0    |  |
| Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren  | 12/12                | 0/1 | 0/1    |  |
| Ms. Li, Tak Yin   | 11/12                | 0/1 | 0/1    |  |
| Mr. Man, Wai Lun (resigned with effect from 1 March 2020)       | 10/11                | 1/1 | 1/1    |  |
| Mr. Wong, Tat Keung (resigned with effect from 24 January 2020) | 8/9                  | 1/1 | 1/1    |  |

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD**

The Board is responsible for leadership and control of the Group and is collectively responsible for promoting the success of the Group by directing and supervising the Group's affairs. The Board focuses on formulating the Group's overall strategies; authorising the development plan and budget; monitoring financial and operating performance; reviewing the effectiveness of the internal control system and setting the Group's values and standards. The day-to-day management, administration and operation of the Group are delegated to the executive Directors. The delegated functions are reviewed by the Board periodically to ensure that they accommodate the needs of the Group.

Throughout the year ended 31 March 2020, the Company had at least three independent non-executive Directors and at all times met the requirements of the GEM Listing Rules that the number of independent non-executive Directors must represent at least one-third of the Board members and at least one of the independent non-executive Directors has appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise.

The Company has arranged appropriate insurance coverage on the liabilities of the Directors in respect of any legal actions taken against the Directors arising out of corporate activities. The insurance coverage is reviewed on an annual basis.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS**

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No corporate governance committee has been established and the Board is responsible for performing the corporate governance function set out in code provision D.3.1 of the CG Code. The summary of their work during the year ended 31 March 2020 is as follows:

- To review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance and make recommendations;
- To review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management of the Group;



- To review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- To develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual applicable to employees of the Group and the Directors; and
- To review the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in the corporate governance report.

The Board holds meetings from time to time whenever necessary. At least 14 days' notice of regular Board meetings is given to all Directors and they can include matters for discussion in the agenda as they think fit. The agenda accompanying Board papers are sent to all Directors at least 3 days before the date of every Board meeting in order to allow sufficient time for the Directors to review the documents.

Draft minutes of every Board meeting are circulated to all Directors for their perusal and comments prior to confirmation of the minutes. The company secretary of the Company (the "Company Secretary") is responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the Board committees.

Every Board member has full access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary with a view to ensuring that all required procedures, and all applicable rules and regulations are followed and they are also entitled to have full access to Board papers and related materials so that they are able to make an informed decision and to discharge their duties and responsibilities.

#### CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In accordance with the code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of the chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

During the year ended 31 March 2020 and up to the date of this annual report, Mr. Yue has been both the chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") and the chief executive officer of the Group (the "CEO").

The Board considers that having the same person to perform the roles of both the Chairman and the CEO provides the Company with strong and consistent leadership, and allows effective and efficient planning and implementation of business decisions and strategies. Such structure would not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Group. The balance of power and authority is ensured by the operations of the Board which comprises experienced and high caliber individuals and having meeting regularly to discuss issues affecting the operations of the Group.

#### **APPOINTMENT AND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The current articles of association of the Company (the "Articles") provide that subject to the manner of retirement by rotation of Directors as from time to time prescribed by the GEM Listing Rules, at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation and that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Independent non-executive Directors are appointed for a specific term subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the Articles. The term of appointment of each independent non-executive Director is set out in the section headed "Directors' Service Contracts and Letter of Appointment" in this annual report. Each independent non-executive Director is required to inform the Company as soon as practicable if there is any change that may affect his independence and must provide an annual confirmation of his independence to the Company.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

To assist Directors' continuing professional development, the Company recommends Directors to attend relevant seminars to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. All Directors had provided their training records to the Company. For the year ended 31 March 2020, all the Directors, namely Mr. Li, Sheung Him Michael, Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken, Mr. Chung, Man Lai (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020), Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren, Ms. Li, Tak Yin, Mr. Man, Wai Lun (resigned with effect from 1 March 2020) and Mr. Wong, Tat Keung (resigned with effect from 24 January 2020), had participated in continuous professional development programmes such as external seminars organised by qualified professionals and/or reading materials relevant to the Group's business or to directors' duties and responsibilities, to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills in relation to their contribution to the Board.

All the Directors also understand the importance of continuous professional development and are committed to participating any suitable training to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was established on 26 September 2011 with its terms of reference in compliance with Rules 5.28 to 5.33 of the GEM Listing Rules and code provision C.3.3 of the CG Code. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are available at the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. The major roles and functions of the Audit Committee are to review the financial systems of the Group; to review the accounting policies, financial positions and results, and financial reporting procedures of the Group; to communicate with external auditor; to assess the performance of internal financial and audit personnel; to review the risk management system and to assess the internal controls of the Group; and to provide recommendations and advices to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of external auditor as well as their terms of appointment. The Company has adopted a whistleblowing policy in order to allow the employees or other stakeholders (such as suppliers and customers) of the Group to raise concerns, in confidence, with the Audit Committee about possible improprieties in any matter related to the Group.

Currently, the Audit Committee consisted of three members, namely Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren, Ms. Li, Tak Yin and Mr. Chung, Man Lai (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020) (being the chairman of the Audit Committee), all being independent non-executive Directors. No member of the Audit Committee is a member of the former or existing independent auditor of the Company (the "Independent Auditor"). The Audit Committee has reviewed the audited consolidated results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2020.



According to the terms of reference, the Audit Committee shall meet at least four times a year. Seven meetings were held by the Audit Committee for the year ended 31 March 2020. In the meetings during the year ended 31 March 2020, the Audit Committee has reviewed the audited annual results of the Group and the unaudited first and third quarterly and interim results of the Group and recommended to the Board for consideration the re-appointment of the Independent Auditor. The record of attendance of each member of the Audit Committee is set out as follows:

| Name of members of the Audit Committee  | Meeting attended/<br>eligible to attend |
|---|---|
| Mr. Chung, Man Lai <i>(Chairman)</i> (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020)<br>Mr. Man, Wai Lun <i>(Chairman)</i> (appointed and resigned with effect from | 1/1                                     |
| 24 January 2020 and 1 March 2020 respectively)  | 1/2                                     |
| Mr. Wong, Tat Keung (Chairman) (resigned with effect from 24 January 2020)  | 3/4                                     |
| Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren  | 7/7                                     |
| Ms. Li, Tak Yin   | 7/7                                     |

The Audit Committee had a meeting on 10 June 2020 and, among other matters, reviewed the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The Group's internal control and risk management systems were reviewed regularly by management. With the view of enhancing the Group's internal control and risk management systems, during the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group had its internal audit function to review the Group's internal control system and recommend actions to improve the Group's internal controls. Based on the review, the Audit Committee is of the view that the Group's internal control and risk management systems were generally effective and adequate and in compliance with the requirements of the CG Code C.2.1 for the year ended 31 March 2020 in all material respects.

#### **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Remuneration Committee was established on 26 September 2011. Currently, the Remuneration Committee consisted of the following members, namely Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren (being the chairman of the Remuneration Committee), Mr. Chung, Man Lai (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020) and Ms. Li, Tak Yin, all being independent non-executive Directors. The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are available at the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The major roles and functions of the Remuneration Committee include assisting the Board to develop and administer fair and transparent procedures for setting policies on the remuneration of the Directors and senior management of the Company and recommending the remuneration packages of the Directors and senior management of the Company.



Four meetings were held by the Remuneration Committee for the year ended 31 March 2020. In the meeting, the Remuneration Committee has performed its duties to determine the policy for the remuneration and make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration package of the Board members and senior management for the year ended 31 March 2020. The record of attendance of each member of the Remuneration Committee is set out as follows:

| Name of members of the Remuneration Committee                            | Meeting attended/<br>eligible to attend |
|--|---|
| Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren <i>(chairman)</i>                                 | 4/4                                     |
| Mr. Chung, Man Lai (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020)             | 0/0                                     |
| Ms. Li, Tak Yin  | 4/4                                     |
| Mr. Man Wai Lun (appointed and resigned with effect from 24 January 2020 |   |
| and 1 March 2020 respectively)   | 0/1                                     |
| Mr. Wong, Tat Keung (resigned with effect from 24 January 2020)          | 2/3                                     |

The Remuneration Committee had a meeting on 10 June 2020 and considered remuneration related matters of the Directors and senior management.

Details of emoluments of the Directors and senior management of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in note 15 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee was established on 26 September 2011. Currently, the Nomination Committee consisted of the following members, namely Mr. Chung, Man Lai (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020), Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren and Ms. Li, Tak Yin (being the chairperson of the Nomination Committee), all being independent non- executive Directors. The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee are available at the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The major roles and functions of the Nomination Committee include reviewing the structure, size, composition and diversity of the Board at least once a year; making recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-appointment of the Directors and succession planning for Directors; and assessing the independence of the independent non-executive Directors. The Board has adopted a policy of diversity of the Board. Accordingly, selection of Board member should base on a range of diversified perspective, including but not limited to the gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of services.



Three meetings were held by the Nomination Committee for the year ended 31 March 2020. In the meeting, the Nomination Committee has performed its duties to review the structure, size and composition of the Board, make recommendations to the Board on the appointment and re-appointment of Directors and assess the independence of the independent non-executive Directors. The record of attendance of each member of the Nomination Committee is set out as follows:

| Name of members of the Nomination Committee                               | Meeting attended/<br>eligible to attend |
|---|---|
| Ms. Li, Tak Yin <i>(chairperson)</i>                                      | 3/3                                     |
| Mr. Chung, Man Lai (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020)              | 0/0                                     |
| Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren  | 3/3                                     |
| Mr. Man, Wai Lun (appointed and resigned with effect from 24 January 2020 |   |
| and 1 March 2020 respectively)  | 0/1                                     |
| Mr. Wong, Tat Keung (resigned with effect from 24 January 2020)           | 1/2                                     |

The Nomination Committee had a meeting on 10 June 2020 and recommended the re-appointment of all the retiring Directors at the forthcoming AGM.

#### **Board Nomination Policy**

The Company adopted a nomination policy in compliance with the CG Code with effect from 1 January 2019, which establishes written guidelines to nomination committee to identify individuals suitably qualified to become Board members and make recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships with reference to the formulated criteria. The Board is ultimately responsible for selection and appointment of new Directors.

The Board, through the delegation of its authority to the Nomination Committee, has used its best efforts to ensure that Directors appointed to the Board possess the relevant background, experience and knowledge in business, finance and management skills critical to the Group's business to enable the Board to make sound and well considered decisions. Collectively, they have competencies in areas which are relevant and valuable to the Group.

#### **Nomination Process**

The Nomination Committee shall assess whether any vacancy on the Board has been created or is expected on a regular basis or as required.

The Nomination Committee utilises various methods for identifying director candidates, including recommendations from Board members, management, and professional search firms. All director candidates, including incumbents and candidates nominated by Shareholders are evaluated by the Nomination Committee based upon the director qualifications. While director candidates will be evaluated on the same criteria through review of resume, personal interview and performance of background checks. The Nomination Committee retains the discretion to establish the relative weighting of such criteria, which may vary based on the composition, skill sets, age, gender and experiences of the collective Board rather than on the individual candidate for the purpose of diversity perspectives appropriate to the requirement of the Company's business.



#### **Selection Criteria**

The Nomination Committee will take into account whether a candidate has the qualifications, skills, experience and gender diversity that add to and complement the range of skills, experience and background of existing Directors by considering the highest personal and professional ethics and integrity of the director candidates, proven achievement and competence in the nominee's field and the ability to exercise sound business judgment, skills that are complementary to those of the existing Board, the ability to assist and support management and make significant contributions to the Company's success and such other factors as it may deem are in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders.

The Company shall review and reassess the nomination policy and its effectiveness on a regular basis or as required.

#### **REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

As disclosed in the paragraph headed "Senior management" in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report, members of the senior management of the Group are the executive Directors. The remuneration of the executive Directors by band for the year ended 31 March 2020 is set out below:

| Number of             |
|-----------------------|
| executive Directors   |
| during the year ended |
| 31 March 2020         |

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#### **Remuneration bands**

HK\$nil to HK\$1,000,000 HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$2,000,000 HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$3,000,000

Further details of the Directors' remuneration and the five highest paid employees for the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in notes 15 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

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#### **Financial Reporting**

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2020 that give a true and fair view in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the disclosure requirements of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the "Companies Ordinance"), and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements of the Group that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The responsibility of the Independent Auditor is to form an independent opinion, based on their audit, on the Group's consolidated financial statements prepared by the Directors and to report its opinion to the Shareholders. A statement by the Independent Auditor about their reporting responsibility is set out in the Independent Auditor's report in this annual report.



#### **Internal Control and Risk Management**

The Board emphasises the importance of a sound internal control system which is also indispensable for mitigating the Group's key risk exposures. The Group's system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss and to manage and eliminate risks of failure in operational systems and fulfillment of the business objectives. The internal control system is reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Board in order to make it practical and effective in providing reasonable assurance in relation to protection of material assets and the Shareholders' interests. For the year ended 31 March 2020, the management has reviewed the internal control system and the risk management of the Group and has provided written reports to the Audit Committee.

The Group has adopted a three-tier risk management approach to identify, assess and manage different types of risks. As the first line of defence, business units are responsible for identifying, assessing and monitoring risk associated with each business or transaction. The management, as the second line of defence, defines rule sets and models, provides technical support, develops new system and oversees portfolio management. It ensures that risks are within acceptable range and that the first line of defence is effective. As the final line of defense, the internal audit function assists the Audit Committee to review the first and second lines of defence.

The Group is committed to the identification, evaluation and management of risks associated with its business activities through ongoing assessment of a risk register, by considering the likelihood and impact of each identified risk. The Group has implemented an effective control system which includes a defined management structure with limits of authority, a sound management system and periodic review of the Group's performance by its internal audit function, the Audit Committee and the Board.

Through the Audit Committee, the Board has conducted annual review of the effectiveness of the Group's internal control and risk management systems for the year ended 31 March 2020, covering the material financial, operational and compliance controls, which are considered effective and adequate. The Audit Committee has reviewed the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience, training and budget of the accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions on an annual basis.

The independent non-executive Directors have also reviewed the enforcement of (i) the Directors' undertaking that the Group will engage an independent professional geologist to review and report on the adequacy and effectiveness of the implementation of the Group's best practice guidelines for natural resources related projects annually subsequent to the listing of the Shares on GEM; and (ii) the Directors' undertaking that the Group will maintain at least the same standard and quality of staff going forward as long as the Group continues to engage in the provision of valuation and technical advisory services. The independent non-executive Directors are satisfied that the above undertakings have been complied with for the year ended 31 March 2020 and there is no matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INSIDE INFORMATION**

The Group acknowledges its responsibilities under the SFO and the GEM Listing Rules and the overriding principle that inside information should be announced immediately when it is the subject of a decision. The procedures and internal controls for the handling and dissemination of inside information are as follows:

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

#### **AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the fees paid/payable to the Independent Auditor is set out as follows:

| Services rendered  | Fees paid/payable<br>(HK\$'000) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Audit services – annual results<br>Non-audit services (Agreed-upon procedures) | 656<br>13                       |
|  | 669                             |

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken ("Mr. Yue") was appointed as the Company Secretary on 26 September 2011. The biographical details of Mr. Yue are disclosed in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report. During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Company Secretary undertook not less than 15 hours of professional training to update his skills and knowledge.



#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

The Company adopted a policy on payment of dividends (the "Dividend Policy") in compliance with E.1.5 of the CG Code with effect from 1 January 2019, which establishes an appropriate procedure on declaring and recommending the dividend payment of the Company.

The Board considers sustainable returns to Shareholders whilst retaining adequate reserve for the Group's future development to be an objective. Under the Dividend Policy adopted by the Company, dividends may be declared from time to time and be paid to Shareholders provided that the Group is profitable and without affecting the normal operations of the Group. In summary, the declaration of dividends and the dividend amount shall be determined at the sole and absolute discretion of the Board taking into account the following factors:

- (a) the Group's actual and expected financial performance;
- (b) retained earnings and distributable reserves of the Company and each of the members of the Group;
- (c) the Group's working capital requirements, capital expenditure requirements and future expansion plans;
- (d) the Group's liquidity position;
- (e) statutory and regulatory restrictions;
- (f) general business conditions and strategies;
- (g) general economic conditions, business cycle of the Group's business and other internal or external factors that may have an impact on the business or financial performance and position of the Company; and
- (h) other factors that the Board deems relevant.

#### SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

The general meetings of the Company provide an opportunity for communication between the Shareholders and the Board. An AGM shall be held in each year and at the place as may be determined by the Board. Each general meeting, other than an AGM, shall be called an EGM.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

#### **RIGHT TO CONVENE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

Any one or more member(s) holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid-up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company, shall at all times have the right, by written requisition sent to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong as set out in the manner below, to require an EGM to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition.

The written requisition must state the purposes of the meeting, signed by the requisitionist(s) and deposit it to the Board or the Company Secretary at the Company's principal place of business at 22/F., China Overseas Building, 139 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, and such may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more requisitionist(s).

The request will be verified with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong and upon their confirmation that the request is proper and in order, the Company Secretary will ask the Board to convene an EGM by serving sufficient notice in accordance with the statutory requirements to all the registered members. On the contrary, if the request has been verified not in order, the Shareholders will be advised of this outcome and accordingly, an EGM will not be convened as requested. If within 21 days from the date of the deposit of the requisition the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting, the requisitionist(s), may convene a meeting in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed by the Company to the requisitionist(s).

The notice period to be given to all the registered members for consideration of the proposal raised by the requisitionist(s) concerned at the EGM varies according to the nature of the proposal, as follows:

- (a) At least 14 clear days' notice in writing (and not less than 10 clear business days) if the proposal constitutes an ordinary resolution of the Company; or
- (b) At least 21 clear days' notice in writing (and not less than 10 clear business days) if the proposal constitutes a special resolution of the Company.

#### **RIGHT TO SEND ENQUIRIES TO THE BOARD**

Shareholders have the right to put enquiries to the Board. All enquiries shall be in writing and sent by post to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong or by e-mail to info@romagroup.com for the attention of the Company Secretary.



#### PROCEDURES FOR SHAREHOLDERS TO PROPOSE A PERSON FOR ELECTION AS A DIRECTOR

Pursuant to Article 85 of the Articles, no person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting unless a notice signed by a member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his/her intention to propose such person for election and also a notice signed by the person to be proposed of his/her willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office of the Company provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such notice(s) are given, shall be at least 7 days and that (if the notices are submitted after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election) the period for lodgment of such notice(s) shall commence on the day after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting. The written notice must state that person's biographical details as required by Rule 17.50(2) of the GEM Listing Rules.

#### PROCEDURES AND CONTACT DETAILS FOR PUTTING FORWARD PROPOSALS AT SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS

To put forward proposals at a general meeting of the Company, a Shareholder should lodge a written notice of his/ her/its proposal (the "Proposal") with his/her/its detailed contact information via email at the email address of the Company at info@romagroup.com. The identity of the Shareholder and his/her/its request will be verified with the Company's Hong Kong share registrar and upon confirmation by the branch share registrar that the request is made by a Shareholder and such request is proper and in order, the Board will determine in its sole discretion whether the Proposal may be included in the agenda for the general meeting to be set out in the notice of meeting. The notice period to be given to all the Shareholders for consideration of the Proposal raised by the Shareholder concerned at the general meeting varies according to the nature of the Proposal as follows:

- (1) Notice of not less than 21 clear days and not less than 20 clear business days in writing if the Proposal requires approval in an annual general meeting;
- (2) Notice of not less than 21 clear days and not less than 10 clear business days in writing if the Proposal requires approval by way of a special resolution in an EGM;
- (3) Notice of not less than 14 clear days and not less than 10 clear business days in writing if the Proposal requires approval in an EGM other than by way of a special resolution of the Company.

#### **INVESTOR RELATIONS**

The Company has established a range of communication channels between itself and its Shareholders, investors and other stakeholders. These include the annual general meeting; the annual, interim and quarterly reports; notices; announcements; circular; memorandum of association and Articles on the Company's website at www.romagroup.com.

For the year ended 31 March 2020, there had been no significant change in the Company's constitutional documents.



## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors hereby present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The major activities of its principal subsidiaries are set out in note 34 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group. During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group also expanded its principal activities to provide securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management services.

An analysis of the Group's performance for the year ended 31 March 2020 by segments is set out in note 7 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### **RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

The Group's results for the year ended 31 March 2020 and financial position as at that date are set out in the Group's consolidated financial statements on pages 50 to 129 of this annual report.

The Board has resolved not to recommend the payment of any final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: Nil).

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Save as disclosed in this annual report, the Company had complied with all the applicable code provisions as set out in the CG Code contained in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules during the year ended 31 March 2020.

Details of the principal corporate governance practices of the Group are set out in the section headed "Corporate Governance Report" on pages 19 to 31 of this annual report.

Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken is the compliance officer of the Company and the Company Secretary whose biographical details including professional qualification are set out on page 17 of this annual report.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Review of our business and performance**

A discussion and analysis of the Group's performance using financial key performance indicators during the year ended 31 March 2020 and the key factors affecting its results and financial position are set out in the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this annual report.

A fair review of, and an indication of likely future development in the Group's business are set out in the "Chairman's Statement" and the section headed "Future Prospects" in the "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this annual report.



#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Group's success relies, to a significant extent, on the experience and knowledge of the Group's professional staff. The loss of the services of one or more members of the Group's key personnel due to their departure or other reasons, if the Group fails to replace any vacancy by recruiting new competent personnel with relevant experience and knowledge in the market, or employees leaving and setting up business in competition with the Group could adversely affect the Group's operation and financial position.

Besides, the Group engages independent professionals on a project-by-project basis from time to time to work alongside the Group's professional team to perform valuation and advisory services. In the event that the Group fails to engage suitable independent professionals for some of its projects when required, the Group's financial results may be adversely affected.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has caused disruptions to the economic and social activities in the market that the Group operates in. Those disruptions pose threat on affecting the entire world and make the outlook highly uncertain. In the event that the Group fails to maintain its core competitiveness as well as promoting the operation of new business segment for securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management, the Group's financial results may be adversely affected.

#### Particulars of important events

Since 31 March 2020, being the end of the financial year under review, no other important event has occurred affecting the Group.

## Compliance with laws and regulations, environmental policy and relationships with stakeholders

Information on the compliance with laws and regulations, environmental policy and relationships with stakeholders are set out in the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this annual report.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

A five-year summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group is set out on page 130 of this annual report.

#### **SHARE CAPITAL**

Details of the movements in the Company's share capital during the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in note 30 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

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

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Articles or the laws of the Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer its new Shares on a pro rata basis to existing Shareholders.



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### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

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

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Company did not redeem any of its Shares listed on GEM nor did the Company or any of its subsidiaries purchase or sell any such Shares.

#### **EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENT**

Save as disclosed in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" below, no equity-linked agreement was entered into by the Group during the year ended 31 March 2020 or existed as at 31 March 2020.

#### RESERVES

Details of the movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in note 32 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 53 of this annual report respectively.

#### DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

As at 31 March 2020, the Company's reserves available for distribution, calculated in accordance with the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands (the place of incorporation of the Company), amounted to approximately HK\$378.6 million. Such amount represented the Company's share premium and retained earnings, which may be distributable provided that immediately following the date on which the dividend is proposed to be distributed, the Company will be in a position to pay off its debts as and when they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

#### **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group's five largest customers represented less than 11.1% of the Group's total revenue. For the same year, the Group's largest and five largest suppliers represented approximately 36.3% and 72.5% of the Group's total consultancy fee respectively.

None of the Directors nor any of their close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) nor any Shareholders (which, to the best knowledge of the Directors, owns more than 5% of the Company's issued Shares) had any beneficial interest in the Group's five largest customers and/or five largest suppliers during the year ended 31 March 2020.



## DIRECTORS

The Directors during the year ended 31 March 2020 and up to the date of this report were as follows:

### **Executive Directors**

Mr. Yue, Kwai Wa Ken *(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)* Mr. Li, Sheung Him Michael

### Independent non-executive Directors

Mr. Chung, Man Lai (appointed with effect from 1 March 2020)Mr. Ko, Wai Lun WarrenMs. Li, Tak YinMr. Man, Wai Lun (resigned with effect from 1 March 2020)Mr. Wong, Tat Keung (resigned with effect from 24 January 2020)

In accordance with Article 83(3) of the Articles, Mr. Chung, Man Lai will retire from office at the forthcoming AGM. Pursuant to Articles 84(1) and (2) of the Articles, Mr. Li, Sheung Him Michael, Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren will retire from office by rotation at the forthcoming AGM. All the above retiring Directors, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election thereat.

## **BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

The biographical details of the Directors and senior management are disclosed in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" on pages 17 and 18 of this annual report.

## **CHANGE IN DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION**

Subsequent to the date of the 2019/2020 third quarterly report of the Company, the change in Director's information as required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 17.50A(1) of the GEM Listing Rules is set out below:

Pursuant to an announcement of the Company dated 28 February 2020, Mr. Man, Wai Lun has resigned as an independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of each of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee with effect from 1 March 2020.

Mr. Chung, Man Lai, has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the Audit Committee, a member of each of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee with effect from 1 March 2020. He was appointed as a non-executive director of Greatwalle Inc. (Stock code: 8315) on 17 March 2020 and an independent non-executive director of Aurum Pacific (China) Group Limited (Stock code: 8148) on 1 April 2020, both shares of which are listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange.



## DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS AND LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT

Each of the executive Directors has entered into a service agreement with the Company for a term of three years or the date of appointment (as the case maybe).

Mr. Chung, Man Lai, an independent non-executive Director has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for an initial term of one year from 1 March 2020 and will continue thereafter unless terminated by either party giving to the other at least three months' notice in writing.

Mr. Ko, Wai Lun Warren, an independent non-executive Director, has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing on 16 June 2017 and will continue thereafter unless terminated by either party giving to the other at least one month's notice in writing.

Ms. Li, Tak Yin, an independent non-executive Director, has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing on 13 September 2017 and will continue thereafter unless terminated by either party giving to the other at least three months' notice in writing.

Other than as disclosed above, none of the Directors proposed for re-election at the forthcoming AGM has a service contract with the Company, which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

## **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

No contract, other than a contract of service with any Director or any person under the full time employment of the Company, concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Group was entered into or existed during the year ended 31 March 2020.

# REMUNERATION OF THE DIRECTORS AND FIVE INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGHEST EMOLUMENTS

Details of the remuneration of the Directors and the five individuals with the highest emoluments for the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in note 15 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

## **EMOLUMENT POLICY**

The Remuneration Committee is set up for reviewing the Group's emolument policy and structure for all remuneration of the Directors and senior management of the Group, having regard to the Group's operating results, individual performance and comparable market practices. The remunerations of the Directors are determined by reference to the economic situation, the market condition, the responsibilities and duties assumed by each Director as well as their individual performance.

The Company adopted the Share Option Scheme on 26 September 2011 and the Plan on 22 June 2018 as incentives to the Directors (in relation to the share option scheme only) and the eligible participants, details of which are set out in the sections headed "Share Option Scheme" and "Share Award Plan" respectively.



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

As at 31 March 2020, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which would be required, pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register as referred to therein, or pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, are as follows:

### Long positions in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company

| Name of Directors                       | The Company/name of associated company                        | Capacity/nature of interests                                 | Number of<br>Shares held | Number of<br>underlying<br>Shares held | Approximate<br>percentage<br>of interests<br>(Note 1) |
|---|---|--|--------------------------|--|---|
| Mr. Yue Kwai Wa Ken<br>("Mr. Yue")      | The Company   | Interest of controlled<br>corporation/<br>Corporate interest | 15,000,000<br>(Note 2)   | -                                      | 11.11%  |
|   |   | Beneficial interest/<br>Personal interest                    | -                        | 1,500,204<br>(Note 3)                  | 1.11%   |
|   | Fast and Fabulous<br>Company Limited<br>("Fast and Fabulous") | Trustee of the Plan/<br>Other                                | 15,000,000<br>(Note 2)   | -                                      | 11.11%  |
| Mr. Li Sheung Him Michael<br>("Mr. Li") | The Company   | Beneficial owner/<br>Personal interest                       | -                        | 1,500,204<br>(Note 3)                  | 1.11%   |
| Mr. Chung, Man Lai                      | The Company   | Interest of spouse/<br>Family interest                       | 1,250                    | -                                      | 0.00%   |

Note 1: The percentage is calculated on the basis of the total number of issued 135,020,415 Shares as at 31 March 2020.

- Note 2: These 15,000,000 Shares were held by Fast and Fabulous, which was the trustee of the Plan adopted with effect from 22 June 2018. As the entire issued share capital of Fast and Fabulous was legally and beneficially owned by Mr. Yue, Mr. Yue was deemed to be interested in all the Shares in which Fast and Fabulous was interested by virtue of the SFO.
- Note 3: These represent the Shares to be issued and allotted by the Company upon exercise of the options granted under the Share Option Scheme (as defined in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" of this report).



Save as disclosed above, as at 31 March 2020, none of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which would have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which would be required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein, or which would be required pursuant to Rules 5.46 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

## **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The Share Option Scheme was conditionally approved by the Shareholders on 26 September 2011 and became effective on 25 February 2013 (the "Listing Date"). During the year ended 31 March 2020, options comprising 297,044,913 underlying Shares (before the consolidation of Shares), were granted under the Share Option Scheme on 19 June 2019 (the "Date of Grant"). The closing price of the Shares immediately before the date on which the options were granted was HK\$0.026 per Share.

### Principal terms of the Share Option Scheme are set out as follows:

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to attract and retain the eligible persons, to provide additional incentive to them and to promote the success of the business of the Group.

### 2. Participants

The Board is authorised, at its absolute discretion and subject to the terms of the Share Option Scheme, to grant options to subscribe for the Shares to, among others, any employees (full-time and part-time), the Directors, consultants and advisors of the Group.

### 3. Total number of Shares available for issue

The maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme shall not in aggregate exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 20 August 2019 (the date of AGM passing of an ordinary resolution by the Shareholders to approve the refreshment of the scheme mandate limit). On the basis of 2,700,408,311 Shares in issue as at 20 August 2019, the maximum number of Shares available for issue under the Share Option Scheme is equivalent to 270,040,831 Shares (before adjustment of share consolidation), representing 10% of the Shares in issue as at 20 August 2019 and approximately 8.33% of the Shares in issue (after adjustment of share consolidation) as at the date of this annual report.

### 4. Maximum entitlement of each participant

The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of options granted to any grantee (including both exercised and outstanding options) under the Share Option Scheme in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue with the exclusion of the independent non-executive Directors and substantial shareholders of the Company or their respective associates, which is subject to a lower percentage and a specified value).



If a grant of options to a substantial shareholder (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company or an independent non-executive Director or their respective associates will result in the total number of the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted and to be granted (including both exercised and outstanding options) to such person under the Share Option Scheme in any 12-month period up to and including the date of the grant exceeding 0.1% of the Shares in issue from time to time and having an aggregate value, based on the closing price of the Shares at the date of the grant, in excess of HK\$5 million, then the proposed grant of options must be subject to Shareholders' approval taken on a poll. All connected persons of the Company must abstain from voting at such general meeting, except that any connected person may vote against the resolution provided that his or her intention to do so has been stated in the circular.

### 5. Period within which the Shares must be taken up under an option

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme at any time during a period as the Board may determine, which shall not exceed ten years from the date of grant subject to the provisions of early termination thereof.

### 6. Minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised

The Board may in its absolute discretion set a minimum period for which an option must be held and the performance targets must be achieved before an option can be exercised.

### 7. Time of acceptance and the amount payable on acceptance of the option

An offer for the grant of options must be accepted for a period of 28 days from the day on which such offer is made. The amount payable by the grantee of an option to the Company on acceptance of the offer for the grant of an option is HK\$1.00.

### 8. Basis of determining the subscription price

The subscription price of the Shares in respect of any particular option granted under the Share Option Scheme shall be a price solely determined by the Board and notified to a participant and shall be at least the highest of: (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant of the option; (ii) the average of the closing prices of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant of the option; and (iii) the nominal value of the Shares on the date of grant of the option.

### 9. Life of the Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme became unconditional on the Listing Date and shall be valid and effective for a period of ten years commencing on the Listing Date, subject to the early termination provisions contained in the Share Option Scheme.

The Company is entitled to issue options, provided that the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme does not exceed 10% of the issued share capital of the Company. The Company may at any time refresh such limit, subject to the Shareholders' approval and issue of a circular in compliance with the GEM Listing Rules, provided that the total number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under all the share option schemes of the Company does not exceed 30% of the Shares in issue at the time.



Details of the options granted under the Share Option Scheme, their movements during the year ended 31 March 2020 and the options outstanding as at 31 March 2020 were as follows:

#### Number of the Shares comprised in the options granted

|                             |             |             |           |           |          |               |            | Exercise   |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
|                             | As at       | Granted     | Exercised | Cancelled | Lapsed   | Outstanding   | As at      | period and | Subscription      |
|                             | 1 April     | during      | during    | during    | during   | before Share  | 31 March   | vesting    | price             |
|                             | 2019        | the year    | the year  | the year  | the year | consolidation | 2020       | period     | per Share<br>HK\$ |
|                             |             |             |           |           |          |               | (Note 3)   |            | (Note 3)          |
| Name of Directors           |             |             |           |           |          |               |            |            |                   |
| Mr. Yue Kwai Wa Ken         | 30,004,083  | -           | -         | -         | -        | 30,004,083    | 1,500,204  | Note 1     | 1.80              |
| Mr. Li Sheung Him Michael   | 30,004,083  | _           | -         | -         | -        | 30,004,083    | 1,500,204  | Note 1     | 1.80              |
| Employees                   | 30,004,083  | _           | -         | -         | -        | 30,004,083    | 1,500,205  | Note 1     | 1.80              |
| Other eligible participants | 30,004,083  | _           | -         | -         | -        | 30,004,083    | 1,500,204  | Note 1     | 1.80              |
| Employees                   | -           | 243,036,747 | _         | -         | -        | 243,036,747   | 12,151,838 | Note 2     | 1.28              |
| Other eligible participants |             | 54,008,166  | -         | -         | -        | 54,008,166    | 2,700,408  | Note 2     | 1.28              |
|                             | 120,016,332 | 297,044,913 | -         | -         | -        | 417,061,245   | 20,853,063 |            |                   |

Note:

- 1. The options granted under the Share Option Scheme could be exercised at the exercise price of HK\$0.0904 at the date of grant, which was not lower than the highest of (a) the closing price of HK\$0.086 per Share as stated in the daily quotation sheet issued by the Stock Exchange on 15 August 2018 (i.e. the date of grant); (b) the average closing price of HK\$0.0904 per Share as stated in the daily quotation sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (c) the nominal value of HK\$0.064 per Share. The exercise price of the share option was adjusted to HK\$1.80 following the share consolidation on 22 August 2019. The exercise period should commence on the date of grant (i.e. 15 August 2018) and end on 14 August 2020.
- 2. The options granted under the Share Option Scheme could be exercised at the exercise price of HK\$0.064 at the date of grant, which was not lower than the highest of (a) the closing price of HK\$0.026 per Share as stated in the daily quotation sheet issued by the Stock Exchange on 19 June 2019 (i.e. the date of grant); (b) the average closing price of HK\$0.028 per Share as stated in the daily quotation sheets issued by the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant; and (c) nominal value of HK\$0.064 per Share. The exercise price of the share option was adjusted to HK\$1.28 following the share consolidation on 22 August 2019. The exercise period should commence on the date of grant (i.e. 19 June 2019) and end on 18 June 2022.
- 3. The exercise price and the number of outstanding options have been adjusted with effect from 22 August 2019. Please refer to the Company's announcement dated 27 August 2019 for details.

Save as disclosed above, no options were granted or exercised or cancelled or lapsed during the year ended 31 March 2020. As at 31 March 2020, options comprising 20,853,063 Shares, representing approximately 15.44% of the issued Shares, were outstanding under the Share Option Scheme.



## **SHARE AWARD PLAN**

On 22 June 2018, the Company adopted the Plan in which the Group's employees (whether full time or part time, but exclude directors) will be entitled to participate. During the year ended 31 March 2019, a sum of approximately HK\$26,241,000 has been used to acquire 300,000,000 Shares from the market by the trustee of the Plan. No Shares have been granted to eligible employees under the Plan since adoption of the Plan and up to the date of this report.

The objectives of the Plan are to (i) recognise and reward the contribution of certain employees to the growth and development of the Group through an award of Shares and to give incentive thereto in order to retain them for the continual operation and development of the Group; and (ii) attract suitable personnel for further development of the Group.

The Plan shall be subject to the administration of the Board and the trustee in accordance with the plan rules and the trust deed of the Plan. Subject to any early termination as may be determined by the Board, the Plan shall be valid and effective for a term of 10 years commencing from its adoption date (i.e. 22 June 2018).

The maximum number of Shares to be subscribed for and/or purchased by the trustee by applying the trust fund of the Plan for each calendar year for the purpose of the Plan shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares as at the beginning of such calendar year. The Directors shall not instruct the trustee to subscribe and/or purchase any Shares for the purpose of the Plan when such subscription and/or purchase will result in the said limit being exceeded. The maximum number of Shares which may be awarded to a selected employee under the Plan shall not exceed 1% of the total number of issued Shares from time to time.

Details of the Plan were set out in the announcements of the Company dated 22 June 2018 and 10 July 2018.

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR DIRECTORS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES**

Save as disclosed in the section headed "Share Option Scheme" above, at no time during the year ended 31 March 2020 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries, fellow subsidiaries and holding company a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.



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## INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER PERSONS IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 March 2020, so far as the Directors are aware, the interests or short positions owned by the following persons (other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company)/entities in the Shares or underlying Shares, which were required: (a) to be notified to the Company under Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO; or (b) to be recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO are as follows:

### Long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares

| Name of shareholders                              | Capacity/nature of interest                                 | Number of<br>issued Shares<br>held | Number of<br>underlying<br>Shares held | Approximate<br>percentage of<br>interest<br>(Note 1) |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Fast and Fabulous                                 | Trustee of Plan/Others                                      | 15,000,000<br>(Note 2)             | -                                      | 11.11%   |
| Aperto Investments Limited ("Aperto")<br>(Note 3) | Beneficial owner/Corporate interest                         | 39,476,000                         | -                                      | 29.24%   |
| Mr. Luk Kee Yan Kelvin ("Mr. Luk")<br>(Note 3)    | Interest of a controlled corporation/<br>Corporate interest | 39,476,000                         | -                                      | 29.24%   |

Note 1: The percentage is calculated on the basis of the total number of issued 135,020,415 Shares as at 31 March 2020.

Note 2: These 15,000,000 Shares were held by Fast and Fabulous, which was the trustee of the Plan adopted with effect from 22 June 2018. As the entire issued share capital of Fast and Fabulous was legally and beneficially owned by Mr. Yue, Mr. Yue was deemed to be interested in all the Shares in which Fast and Fabulous was interested by virtue of the SFO.

Note 3: The entire issued share capital of Aperto was legally and beneficially owned by Mr. Luk. Mr. Luk was deemed to be interested in all the Shares held by Aperto by virtue of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above and as at 31 March 2020, the Directors are not aware of any interests or short positions owned by any persons (other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company)/entities in the Shares or underlying Shares, which were required: (a) to be disclosed under Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO; or (b) to be recorded in the register of the Company required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO.



## DIRECTORS' MATERIAL INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT IN RELATION TO THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS

None of the Directors or any entity connected with any Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, in any transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance to the business of the Group, to which the Company or its holding company or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party as at 31 March 2020 or during the year ended 31 March 2020.

## **CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER'S INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS**

As at 31 March 2020, no contract of significance (whether for the provision of services to the Group or not) had been entered into between the Company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries and the controlling shareholder (within the meaning of the GEM Listing Rules) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESSES

During the year ended 31 March 2020 and up to the date of this annual report, none of the Directors or any of their respective close associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) engaged in any business that competed or might compete with the business of the Group, or had any other conflict of interest with the Group.

## PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

A permitted indemnity provision (within the meaning of section 469 of the Companies Ordinance) for the benefit of the Directors is currently in force and was in force throughout the year ended 31 March 2020. The Company has taken out and maintained appropriate insurance cover in respect of potential legal actions against its Directors and officers arising out of corporate activities of the Group.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Details of related party transactions of the Group during the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in note 37 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group. None of these related party transactions falls under the definition of "connected transaction" or "continuing connected transaction" in Chapter 20 of the GEM Listing Rules during the year ended 31 March 2020.

## SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and to the best knowledge of the Directors as at the latest practicable date prior to the issue of this annual report, the Directors confirm that at least 25% of the issued Shares were held by the public (i.e. the prescribed public float applicable to the Company under the GEM Listing Rules) during the year ended 31 March 2020 and thereafter up to the date of this annual report.



## **EVENTS AFTER REPORTING DATE**

Details of events after reporting date are set out in the note 44 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

## TAX RELIEF

The Company is not aware of any relief from taxation available to the Shareholders by reason of their holdings of Shares.

## DONATIONS

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group did not donate for charitable purposes (2019: HK\$0.02 million).

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

During the year ended 31 March 2020, BDO Limited has resigned as the Independent Auditor and Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited ("Grant Thornton") was appointed as the new Independent Auditor of the Company on 11 March 2020 to fill the causal vacancy following the resignation of BDO Limited. Please refer to the Company's announcement on 11 March 2020 for more details regarding the change of Independent Auditor. Save as disclosed, there has been no changes in the Independent Auditor in any of the preceding three years.

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been audited by Grant Thornton. A resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM of the Company to re-appoint Grant Thornton as the Independent Auditor.

By order of the Board Yue, Kwai Wa Ken Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman and Company Secretary

10 June 2020



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#### To the members of Roma Group Limited

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

## **OPINION**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Roma Group Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") set out on pages 50 to 129, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2020, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2020, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

### **BASIS FOR OPINION**

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



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## **KEY AUDIT MATTERS**

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

# Impairment assessment of loan and interest receivables, trade receivables, deposits, other receivables and contract assets

Refer to significant accounting policies in notes 4.7, critical accounting estimates and judgements in note 5 and the disclosure of loan and interest receivables, trade receivables, deposits, other receivables and contract assets in note 21, note 22, note 23 and note 39(d) to the consolidated financial statements.

### Key audit matter

As at 31 March 2020, the Group had gross loan and interest receivables, trade receivables and deposits, other receivables and contract assets amounting to HK\$535,779,000, HK\$35,354,000 and HK\$50,393,000, respectively, fall within the scope of expected credit losses ("ECL") model. As at 31 March 2020, the ECL allowance on loan and interest receivables, trade receivables and deposits, other receivables and contract assets were amounted to HK\$176,590,000, HK\$22,984,000 and HK\$41,489,000, respectively. The Group determines the ECL allowance on loan and interest receivables and contract assets based on the Group's past history, existing market conditions and forward-looking information.

We identified the impairment assessment of these financial assets and contract assets as a key audit matter due to considerable amounts of judgement and estimation being applied in the assessment of credit risk under the ECL model. These judgements and assumptions including
 but not limited to the debtors' payment history and creditworthiness, historical default rates, and forward-looking macroeconomic factors.

### How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our procedures in relation to the impairment assessment of loan and interest receivables, trade receivables and deposits, other receivables and contract assets included:

- understanding and reviewing the Group's policy of provision for impairment on loan and interest receivables, trade receivables and deposits, other receivables and contract assets;
- evaluating techniques and methodology in accordance with the requirements of HKFRS 9;
- evaluating management's assessment of significant increases in credit risk;
- evaluating the parameters used by management in estimating the ECL rates and testing the evidence supporting the parameters to the model;
- evaluating whether the ECL rates are appropriately adjusted based on current economic conditions and forward-looking information; and
- checking the accuracy of the provision in accordance with the ECL rates applied by the Group.



### Impairment assessment of intangible assets and goodwill

Refer to significant accounting policies in notes 4.13, critical accounting estimates and judgements in note 5 and the disclosure of intangible assets and goodwill in note 18 and note 19 to the consolidated financial statements.

### Key audit matter

As at 31 March 2020, the Group had intangible assets and goodwill before impairment of HK\$19,343,000 and HK\$22,770,000, respectively, which are subject to impairment testing annually. During the year ended 31 March 2020, the directors concluded that there was impairment loss on intangible assets and goodwill amounting to HK\$14,049,000 and HK\$19,602,000, respectively, which were allocated to the relevant cashgenerating units ("CGUs"). The Group's assessment of impairment of these intangible assets requires estimate of the cash flow forecasts associated with the CGUs.

We identified the impairment assessment of intangible assets and goodwill as key audit matter because of their significance to the consolidated financial statements and the level of subjectivity associated with the assumption used in estimating the value-in-use of the CGUs, including cash flows forecast, growth rate used to extrapolate the cash flows and the rate at which they are discounted.

### How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our procedures in relation to the impairment assessment of intangible assets and goodwill included:

- reviewing the cash flow forecasts of the CGUs prepared by management;
- discussing with management to understand the basis for determining the assumptions of cash flows forecasts;
- evaluating the reasonableness of key assumptions (including operating margins, growth rates and discount rates) of the forecasts based on our knowledge of the business and industry and taking into account of the historical financial information; and
- testing management's sensitivity calculations by applying our own sensitivity analysis to the cash flows forecasts and discount rates to ascertain the extent to which reasonable adverse changes would, either individually or in aggregate, require an impairment on the intangible assets and goodwill.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information included in the Company's 2019/2020 annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

The directors assisted by the Audit Committee are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

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

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

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

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

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.



- conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on
  the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may
  cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material
  uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the
  consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions
  are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or
  conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

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

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

### **Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited**

*Certified Public Accountants* Level 12 28 Hennessy Road Wanchai Hong Kong

10 June 2020

**Ng Ka Kong** Practising Certificate No.: P06919





|   |       | 2020      | 2019                           |
|---|-------|-----------|--------------------------------|
|   | Notes | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000                       |
| Revenue   | 6     | 76,172    | 70,150                         |
| Other income and loss   | 8     | 6,016     | 4,711                          |
| Change in fair value of investment property   | 17    | (1,500)   | 462                            |
| Employee benefit expenses   | 9     | (43,615)  | (39,646)                       |
| Depreciation and amortisation   | 10    | (9,125)   | (5,042)                        |
| Allowance for expected credit losses  | 10    | (125,182) | (60,520)                       |
| Finance costs   | 11    | (3,251)   | (2,503)                        |
| Other expenses  |       | (59,661)  | (39,161)                       |
| Loss before income tax  | 10    | (160,146) | (71,549)                       |
| Income tax credit   | 12    | 1,770     | 134                            |
| Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or I<br>– Change in fair value of financial asset at fair value<br>through other comprehensive income | OSS:  | (9,746)   | (12,030)                       |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year   |       | (168,122) |                                |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year   |       | (,        | (83,445)                       |
|   |       | нк\$      | (83,445)<br>HK\$<br>(Restated) |
| Loss per share  |       |           | HK\$                           |
|   | 14    |           | HK\$                           |

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As at 31 March 2020

|  | 29       | 010              | 2,300              |
|--|----------|------------------|--------------------|
| ease liabilities<br>Deferred tax liabilities                       | 27<br>29 | 238<br>816       | _<br>2,300         |
| inance lease liabilities   | 27       | -                | 640                |
| lon-current liabilities  |          |                  |                    |
| otal assets less current liabilities                               |          | 368,750          | 536,642            |
| Net current assets   |          | 228,734          | 306,337            |
|  |          | 106,364          | 138,407            |
| Current tax liabilities  |          | 14               | 259                |
| nterest-bearing borrowings   | 28       | 55,645           | 100,000            |
| ease liabilities   | 27       | 401              | -                  |
| inance lease liabilities   | 27       | -                | 944                |
| Accrued liabilities, other payables and contract liabilities       | 26       | 48,617           | 36,866             |
| Current liabilities<br>rade payables                               | 25       | 1,687            | 338                |
|  |          | 335,098          | 444,744            |
| segregated accounts  | <u>۲</u> |                  |                    |
| Lash and bank balances – segregated accounts                       | 24       | 798              |                    |
| Pledged bank deposits<br>Eash and bank balances – general accounts | 24<br>24 | 48,157<br>19,216 | 108,557<br>109,856 |
| ax recoverable   | 24       | -                | 2,239              |
| inancial assets at fair value through profit or loss               | 20(b)    | 742              | -                  |
| repayments, deposits, other receivables and contract assets        | 23       | 9,921            | 20,961             |
| rade receivables   | 22       | 12,370           | 10,138             |
| Current assets<br>.oan and interest receivables                    | 21       | 243,894          | 192,993            |
|  |          | 140,016          | 230,305            |
|  | <u> </u> | 3                | 1,204              |
| Deposit<br>Deferred tax assets                                     | 23<br>29 | - 3              | 800<br>1,284       |
| oan and interest receivables                                       | 21       | 115,295          | 166,858            |
| other comprehensive income   | 20(a)    | 3,780            | 13,526             |
| inancial asset at fair value through                               |          |                  |                    |
| Goodwill   | 19       | 3,168            | 15,242             |
| ntangible assets   | 18       | 5,294            | 16,212             |
| nvestment property   | 17       | 11,000           | 12,500             |
| Property, plant and equipment                                      | 16       | 1,476            | 3,883              |
|  |          |                  |                    |
|  |          | • • • •          | • • • •            |
| ASSETS AND LIABILITIES<br>Non-current assets                       | Notes    | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 201<br>HK\$'00     |



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2020

|  | Notes | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|-------|------------------|------------------|
| EQUITY<br>Equity attributable to owners of the Company |       |                  |                  |
| Share capital  | 30    | 1,350            | 172,826          |
| Reserves   | 32    | 366,346          | 360,876          |
| Total equity   |       | 367 696          | 533 702          |
| Total equity   |       | 367,696          | 533,702          |

On behalf of the board of directors (the "Board")

Yue Kwai Wa Ken

Director

Li Sheung Him Michael Director

Note: The Group has initially applied HKFRS 16 effective from 1 April 2019, using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See note 2.

The notes on pages 56 to 129 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 March 2020

|   | Share<br>capital      | Shares held<br>for share<br>award plan* | Share<br>premium*     | Capital<br>reserve*   | Share<br>option<br>reserve* | Revaluation<br>reserve* | Retained<br>earnings/<br>(Accumulated<br>losses)* | Total     |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------|
|   | (note 30)<br>HK\$'000 | (note 33(b))<br>HK\$'000                | (note 32)<br>HK\$'000 | (note 32)<br>HK\$'000 | (note 32)<br>HK\$'000       | (note 32)<br>HK\$'000   | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  |
| Balance as at 1 April 2018  | 199,994               |   | 410,059               | 10                    |                             | 556                     | 68,800  | 679,419   |
| Shares repurchased and cancelled (note 30(a))<br>Recognition of share-based payment | (27,168)              | -                                       | (11,626)              | -                     | -                           | -                       | -   | (38,794)  |
| (note 33(a))  | -                     | -                                       | -                     | -                     | 2,763                       | -                       | -   | 2,763     |
| Purchase of shares for share award plan   |                       |   |                       |                       |                             |                         |   |           |
| (note 33(b))  | -                     | (26,241)                                | -                     | -                     | -                           | -                       | -   | (26,241)  |
| Transactions with owners  | (27,168)              | (26,241)                                | (11,626)              |                       | 2,763                       |                         |   | (62,272)  |
| Loss for the year<br>Other comprehensives loss                                      | -                     | -                                       | -                     | -                     | -                           | -                       | (71,415)  | (71,415)  |
| Change in fair value of financial asset<br>at fair value through other              |                       |   |                       |                       |                             |                         |   |           |
| comprehensive income  | -                     | -                                       | -                     | -                     | -                           | (12,030)                | -   | (12,030)  |
| Total comprehensive loss  | _                     | -                                       | -                     | -                     | -                           | (12,030)                | (71,415)  | (83,445)  |
| Balance at 31 March 2019 and 1 April 2019   | 172,826               | (26,241)                                | 398,433               | 10                    | 2,763                       | (11,474)                | (2,615)   | 533,702   |
| Capital reduction (note 30(c))<br>Recognition of share-based payment                | (171,476)             | _                                       | 171,476               | -                     | -                           | -                       | _   | -         |
| (note 33(a))  | -                     | _                                       | -                     | -                     | 2,116                       | -                       | -   | 2,116     |
| Transactions with owners  | (171,476)             |   | 171,476               |                       | 2,116                       |                         |   | 2,116     |
| Loss for the year   | -                     | -                                       | -                     | _                     | -                           | -                       | (158,376)   | (158,376) |
| Other comprehensives loss   |                       |   |                       |                       |                             |                         |   |           |
| Change in fair value of financial asset<br>at fair value through other              |                       |   |                       |                       |                             |                         |   |           |
| comprehensive income  | -                     | _                                       | -                     | -                     | -                           | (9,746)                 | -   | (9,746)   |
| Total comprehensive loss  |                       |   |                       |                       |                             | (9,746)                 | (158,376)   | (168,122) |
| Balance at 31 March 2020  | 1,350                 | (26,241)                                | 569,909               | 10                    | 4,879                       | (21,220)                | (160,991)   | 367,696   |

\* The total of these balances represents "Reserves" in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2020

|   | Notes | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities                                      |       |                  |                  |
| Loss before income tax  |       | (160,146)        | (71,549          |
| Adjustments for:  |       | (100)110)        | (71,313          |
| Finance costs   | 11    | 3,251            | 2,503            |
| Interest income   | 8     | (3,663)          | (3,137           |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment                             | 10    | 6,942            | 2,889            |
| Amortisation of intangible assets   | 10    | 2,183            | 2,153            |
| Net impairment loss on loan and interest receivables                      | 10    | 122,423          | 26,063           |
| Net Impairment loss on trade receivables                                  |       | 1,561            | 2,174            |
| Net impairment loss on deposits, other receivables                        |       | 1,001            | 2,17             |
| and contract assets   |       | 1,198            | 33,487           |
| Impairment loss on goodwill   | 10    | 19,602           | 10,087           |
| Impairment loss on intangible assets                                      | 10    | 14,049           |                  |
| Decrease/(Increase) in fair value of investment property                  | 17    | 1,500            | (462             |
| Other income  |       | (1,003)          | (+02             |
| Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through             |       | (1,005)          |                  |
| profit or loss  | 8     | 794              | -                |
| Share-based payment   | 33(a) | 2,116            | 2,763            |
|   |       | _,               |                  |
| Operating profit before working capital changes                           |       | 10,807           | 6,971            |
| Increase in loan and interest receivables                                 |       | (121,761)        | (181,682         |
| Increase in trade receivables   |       | (3,793)          | (3,345           |
| Decrease in prepayments, deposits, other receivables                      |       | (-,,             |                  |
| and contract assets   |       | 9,906            | 131,103          |
| Increase in cash and bank balances – segregated accounts                  |       | (798)            |                  |
| Increase/(decrease) in trade payables                                     |       | 1,349            | (34              |
| Increase in accrued liabilities, other payables                           |       | .,               | (2 .             |
| and contract liabilities  |       | 11,607           | 13,382           |
|   |       |                  |                  |
| Cash used in operations   |       | (92,683)         | (33,605          |
| Hong Kong profits tax refunded  |       | 2,745            | 126              |
| Net cash used in operating activities                                     |       | (89,938)         | (33,479          |
| Cash flows from investing activities                                      |       |                  |                  |
| Cash flows from investing activities<br>Deposits refunded for investments |       | _                | 19,200           |
| Interest received   |       | 3,663            | 3,137            |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment                                 |       | 3,063 (77)       | 3,137<br>(1,158  |
|   |       | 60,400           |                  |
| Decrease/(increase) in pledged bank deposits                              |       | 60,400           | (2,033           |
| Purchase of an investment property  | 38    | (10.020)         | (12,038          |
| Acquisition of a subsidiary, net of cash acquired                         | õC    | (10,920)         | _                |
| Purchase of intangible assets<br>Purchase of financial assets at FVTPL    |       | (370)            | _                |
|   |       | (3,024)<br>2,491 | -                |
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| Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at FVTPL                       |       | 2,431            |                  |



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For the year ended 31 March 2020

|   | Notes | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash flows from financing activities  |       |                  |                  |
| Proceeds from bank borrowings   | 31    | 1,173,345        | -                |
| Proceeds from other borrowings  | 31    | 12,300           | -                |
| Repayments of bank borrowings   | 31    | (1,230,000)      | -                |
| Repayments of lease liabilities (2019: Finance lease liabilities)                                     | 31    | (5,403)          | (728)            |
| Interest paid   | 31    | (3,107)          | (2,503)          |
| Purchase of shares for share award plan   | 33(b) | -                | (26,241)         |
| Shares repurchase   | 30(a) | -                | (38,794)         |
| Net cash used in financing activities   |       | (52,865)         | (68,266)         |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents   |       | (90,640)         | (94,637)         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year  |       | 109,856          | 204,493          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year  |       | 19,216           | 109,856          |
| <b>Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents</b><br>Cash and bank balances – general accounts |       | 19,216           | 109,856          |

Note: The Group has initially applied HKFRS 16 effective from 1 April 2019, using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated. See note 2.

The notes on pages 56 to 129 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.



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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Roma Group Limited (the "Company") is a limited liability company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The address of its registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, the Cayman Islands. Its principal place of business in Hong Kong is located at 22/F., China Overseas Building, 139 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. The principal activity of the Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") are principally engaged in the provision of valuation and advisory services and financing services. During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group also expanded its principal activities to provide securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management services.

The shares of the Company have been listed on the GEM of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") by way of placing on 25 February 2013 (the "Listing Date").

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

### New and amended HKFRSs that are effective for annual periods beginning or after 1 April 2019

In the current year, the Group has applied for the first time the following new and amended HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA"), which are relevant to the Group's operations and effective for the Group's consolidated financial statements for the annual period beginning on 1 April 2019:

| HKFRS 16              | Leases   |
|-----------------------|--|
| Amendments to HKFRS 9 | Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation       |
| Amendments to HKAS 19 | Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement            |
| Amendments to HKAS 28 | Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures |
| Amendments to HKFRSs  | Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2015-2017 Cycle        |
| HK(IFRIC) – Int 23    | Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments               |

Other than as noted below, the adoption of the new and amended HKFRSs had no material impact on how the results and financial position for the current and prior periods have been prepared and presented.

### HKFRS 16 "Leases"

HKFRS 16 "Leases" replaces HKAS 17 "Leases" along with three Interpretations (HK(IFRIC) – Int 4 "Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease", HK(SIC) – Int 15 "Operating Leases-Incentives" and HK(SIC) – Int 27 "Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease"). HKFRS 16 has been applied using the modified retrospective approach, with the cumulative effect of adopting HKFRS 16 being recognised in equity as an adjustment to the opening balance of accumulated losses for the current period. Prior periods have not been restated.

For contracts in place at the date of initial application, the Group has elected to apply the definition of a lease from HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC) – Int 4 and has not applied HKFRS 16 to arrangements that were previously not identified as lease under HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC) – Int 4.



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As a lessee

The Group has elected not to include initial direct costs in the measurement of the right-of-use asset for operating leases in existence at the date of initial application of HKFRS 16, being 1 April 2019. At this date, the Group has also elected to measure the right-of-use assets at an amount equal to the lease liability adjusted for any prepaid or accrued lease payments that existed at the date of transition.

Instead of performing an impairment review on the right-of-use assets at the date of initial application, the Group has relied on its historical assessment as to whether leases were onerous immediately before the date of initial application of HKFRS 16.

On transition, for leases previously accounted for as operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months, the Group has applied the optional exemptions to not recognise right-of-use assets but to account for the lease expense on a straight-line basis over the remaining lease term. The weighted average incremental borrowing rate applied to lease liabilities recognised under HKFRS 16 was 2.51% per annum.

For those leases previously classified as finance leases, the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are measured at the date of initial application at the same amounts as under HKAS 17 immediately before the date of initial application.

The following is a reconciliation of total operating lease commitments at 31 March 2019 to the lease liabilities recognised at 1 April 2019:

|   | HK\$'000 |
|---|----------|
| Total operating lease commitments disclosed at 31 March 2019<br>Recognition exemptions: | 4,631    |
| Leases with remaining lease term of less than 12 months                                 | (112)    |
| Operating lease liabilities before discounting  | 4,519    |
| Finance leases obligation under HKAS 17   | 1,584    |
| Discounting using incremental borrowing rate as at 1 April 2019                         | (61)     |
| Total lease liabilities recognised under HKFRS 16 at 1 April 2019                       | 6,042    |
| Classified as:  |          |
| – Current lease liabilities   | 5,402    |
| - Non-current lease liabilities   | 640      |



The following table shows the adjustments recognised for each individual line item. Line items that were not affected by the changes have not been included.

|  | <b>31 March 2019</b><br>As originally<br>presented<br>HK\$'000 | Adoption of<br>HKFRS 16<br>HK\$'000 | <b>1 April 2019</b><br>Adjusted<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Non-current assets   |  |                                     |   |
| Property, plant and equipment  | _  | 4,458                               | 4,458                                       |
| <b>Current liabilities</b><br>Finance lease liabilities<br>Lease liabilities     | 944<br>_   | (944)<br>5,402                      | _<br>5,402                                  |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b><br>Finance lease liabilities<br>Lease liabilities | 640<br>_   | (640)<br>640                        | _<br>640                                    |

### Issued but not yet effective HKFRSs

At the date of authorisation of these consolidated financial statements, the following new and amended HKFRSs have been issued, but are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group.

| HKFRS 17                        | Insurance Contracts <sup>2</sup>                       |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Amendments to HKFRS 10 and      | Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and |
| HKAS 28                         | its Associate or Joint Venture <sup>3</sup>            |
| Amendments to HKFRS 3           | Definition of a Business <sup>4</sup>                  |
| Amendments to HKFRS 9,          | Interest Rate Benchmark Reform <sup>1</sup>            |
| HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7             |  |
| Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 | Definition of Material <sup>1</sup>                    |
| Amendments to HKFRS 16          | Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions <sup>5</sup>         |
|                                 |  |

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021
- <sup>3</sup> Effective date not yet determined
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for business combinations and asset acquisitions for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2020
- <sup>5</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020

The directors anticipate that all of the pronouncements will be adopted in the Group's accounting policy for the first period beginning on or after the effective date of the pronouncement. Information on new and amended HKFRSs that are expected to have impact on the Group's accounting policies is provided below. Other new and amended HKFRSs are not expected to have a material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.



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### Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 "Definition of Material"

The amendments clarify the definition of material and state that "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity". Materiality depends on nature or magnitude of information or both.

The amendments also:

- introduce the concept of obscuring information when considering materiality and provide some examples
  of circumstances that may result in material information being obscured;
- clarify that materiality assessment will need to take into account how primary users could reasonably be expected to be influenced in making economic decisions by replacing the threshold "could influence" with "could reasonably be expected to influence" in the definition of material; and
- clarify that materiality assessment will need to take into account of information provided to primary
  users of general purpose financial statements (i.e. existing and potential investors, lenders and other
  creditors that rely on general purpose financial statements for much of the financial information they
  need).

Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 are effective for annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 January 2020 and apply prospectively. Earlier application is permitted. The directors expect that the amendments have no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

## 3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION

### 3.1 Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs, which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations issued by the HKICPA and the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

The consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of the Stock Exchange (the "GEM Listing Rules").

### 3.2 Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI"), financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") and investment property, which are measured at fair value as explained in the accounting policies set out below.



### 3.3 Functional and presentation currency

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), which is also the functional currency of the Company and its principal subsidiaries, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

## 4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

### 4.1 Business combination and basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. Inter-group transactions and balances between group companies together with unrealised profits are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of impairment on the asset transferred, in which case the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

The Group includes the income and expenses of a subsidiary in the consolidated financial statements from the date it gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by other members of the Group.

Acquisition of subsidiaries or businesses is accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at the aggregate of the acquisition-date fair value of assets transferred by the Group, liabilities incurred by the Group to the former owners of the acquiree and equity interests issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. The identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are principally measured at acquisition-date fair value. Acquisition-related costs incurred are expensed unless they are incurred in issuing equity instruments in which case the costs are deducted from equity.

### 4.2 Subsidiaries

A subsidiary is an investee over which the Company is able to exercise control. The Company controls an investee if all three of the following elements are present: (1) power over the investee, (2) exposure, or rights, to variable returns from the investee, and (3) the ability to use its power to affect those variable returns. Control is reassessed whenever facts and circumstances indicate that there may be a change in any of these elements of control.

In the Company's statement of financial position, investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less impairment loss, if any. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

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### 4.3 Goodwill

Goodwill arising from business combination is recognised as an asset at the date that control is acquired (the acquisition date) and is initially recognised at cost being the excess of the aggregate of consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree, and fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity in the acquiree (if any) over the fair value of identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired as at the acquisition date.

Where the fair value of acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities exceed the sum of consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognised in profit or loss on the acquisition date as a bargain purchase gain, after re-assessment.

Goodwill is measured at cost less impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill arising from an acquisition is allocated to each of the relevant cash generating unit ("CGU") that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the acquisition. A CGU to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the unit may be impaired (See note 4.13).

For goodwill arising on an acquisition in a financial year, the CGUs to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually. When the recoverable amount of the CGUs is less than the carrying amount of the unit, the impairment loss is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit first, and then to the other assets of the unit pro-rata on the basis of the carrying amount to each asset in the unit. Any impairment loss for goodwill is recognised in profit or loss and is not reversed in subsequent periods.

### 4.4 Foreign currency

In the individual financial statements of the group entities, foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency of the individual entity using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the end of reporting period, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the end of reporting period. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the retranslation of monetary assets and liabilities at the end of reporting period are recognised in profit or loss. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated (i.e. only translated using the exchange rates at the transaction date).

### 4.5 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment (other than cost of right-of-use assets as described in note 4.9) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost of an asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to the working conditions and location for its intended use.



Depreciation is provided to write off the assets' costs less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method, at the following rates per annum:

| Leasehold improvements                   |  |
|--|--|
| Furniture, fixtures and office equipment |  |
| Motor vehicles                           |  |

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Before the application of HKFRS 16, assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as owned assets or, over the term of the relevant lease, whichever is shorter. Upon the application of HKFRS 16, accounting policy for depreciation of right-of-use assets is set out in note 4.9.

The assets' estimated residual values, depreciation methods and estimated useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of reporting period.

The gain or loss arising on retirement or disposal is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other costs, such as repairs and maintenance, are charged to profit or loss during the reporting period in which they are incurred.

### 4.6 Intangible assets (other than goodwill)

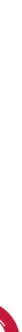
Acquired intangible assets are recognised initially at cost. After initial recognition, intangible assets with finite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses. Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is provided on straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

| Customer relationship         | 6 years   |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Database                      | 20 years  |
| Accounting and management and | 5–8 years |
| valuation softwares           |           |

Licenses have indefinite useful lives and are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. The licenses have no foreseeable limit to the period over which the Group can use to generate net cash flows.

The assets' amortisation methods and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date. The amortisation expense is recognised in profit or loss and included in "depreciation and amortisation" in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Amortisation commences when the intangible assets are available for use. Intangible assets, with finite and indefinite useful lives, are tested for impairment as described below in note 4.13.





## 4.7 Financial instruments

### (i) Financial assets

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

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

#### Debt instruments

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

Amortised cost: Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest rate method. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Group's loan and interest receivables, trade receivables, deposits and other receivables, pledged bank deposits and cash and bank balances fall into this category of financial instruments.

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

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



#### Equity instruments

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

#### *(ii)* Impairment of financial assets and contract assets

The Group applies the expected credit losses ("ECL") model on all financial assets and contract assets that are subject to impairment. The Group's loan and interest receivables, trade receivables, contract assets recognised and measured under HKFRS 15, deposits and other receivables, pledged bank deposits and cash and bank balances fall within the scope of ECL model.

The ECL are measured on either of the following bases: (1) 12-month ECL: these are the ECL that result from possible default events within the 12 months after the reporting date; and (2) lifetime ECL: these are ECL that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. The maximum period considered when estimating ECL is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

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

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

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

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



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In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Depending on the nature of the financial instruments, the assessment of a significant increase in credit risk is performed on either an individual basis or a collective basis. When the assessment is performed on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics, such as past due status and credit risk ratings.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses on a forward looking basis whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is "credit-impaired" when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable events:

- Significant financial difficulty of the debtor;
- A breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- It becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- Significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor; and
- The disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

Interest income on credit-impaired financial assets is calculated based on the amortised cost (i.e. the gross carrying amount less loss allowance) of the financial asset. For financial assets which are not credit-impaired, interest income is calculated based on the gross carrying amount.

Detailed analysis of the ECL assessment of the financial assets measured at amortised cost and contract assets are set out in note 39(d).



### (iii) Financial liabilities

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

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities at amortised cost including trade payables, accrued liabilities, other payables and interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. The related interest expense is recognised in profit or loss.

The financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognised.

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

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

#### (v) Derecognition

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

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

### 4.8 Investment properties

Investment property is property held either to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or for both, but not held for sale in the ordinary course of business, use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. Investment property is measured at cost on initial recognition and subsequently at fair value with any change therein recognised in profit or loss.

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### 4.9 Leases

### (a) Definition of a lease and the Group as a lessee

Policy applicable from 1 April 2019

For any new contracts entered into on or after 1 April 2019, the Group considers whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A lease is defined as "a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an identified asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration". To apply this definition, the Group assesses whether the contract meets three key evaluations which are whether:

- the contract contains an identified asset, which is either explicitly identified in the contract or implicitly specified by being identified at the time the asset is made available to the Group;
- the Group has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset throughout the period of use, considering its rights within the defined scope of the contract; and
- the Group has the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. The Group assess whether it has the right to direct "how and for what purpose" the asset is used throughout the period of use.

For contracts that contains a lease component and one or more additional lease or non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease and non-lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

#### Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee

At lease commencement date, the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the consolidated statement of financial position. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Group, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any lease incentives received).

The Group depreciates the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term unless the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership at the end of the lease term. The Group also assesses the right-of-use asset for impairment when such indicator exists.

At the commencement date, the Group measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate.



Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable payments based on an index or rate, and amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payment of penalties for terminating a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for lease payments made and increased for interest cost on the lease liability. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or lease modification, or if there are changes in in-substance fixed payments.

When the lease is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset, or profit or loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

The Group has elected to account for short-term leases using the practical expedients. Instead of recognising a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these leases are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 month or less.

On the consolidated statement of financial position, right-of-use assets have been included in "Property, plant and equipment", the same line as it presents the underlying assets of the same nature that it owns.

Refundable rental deposits paid are accounted for under HKFRS 9 and initially measured at fair value. Adjustments to fair value at initial recognition are considered as additional lease payments and included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

Policy applicable before 1 April 2019

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are initially recognised as assets at their fair value or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding lease commitment is shown as a liability. Lease payments are analysed between capital and interest. The interest element is charged to profit or loss over the period of the lease and is calculated so that it represents a constant proportion of the lease liability. The capital element reduces the balance owed to the lessor.

The total rentals payable under the operating leases are recognised in profit or loss on a straightline basis over the lease term. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integrated part of the total rental expense, over the term of the lease.



### (b) The Group as a lessor

As a lessor, the Group classifies its leases as either operating or finance leases.

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset, and classified as an operating lease if it does not.

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

### 4.10 Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditure expected to settle the obligation.

All provisions are reviewed at the end of reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

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

### 4.11 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Share capital is determined using the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Any transaction costs associated with the issuing of shares are deducted from share premium (net of any related income tax benefit) to the extent they are incremental costs directly attributable to the equity transaction.

### 4.12 Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of goods or services is transferred to the customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services, excluding those amounts collected on behalf of third parties.



To determine whether to recognise revenue, the Group follows a 5-step process:

- 1. Identifying the contract with a customer
- 2. Identifying the performance obligations
- 3. Determining the transaction price
- 4. Allocating the transaction price to the performance obligations
- 5. Recognising revenue when/as performance obligation(s) are satisfied

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

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

A contract asset represents the Group's right to consideration in exchange for services that the Group has transferred to a customer that is not yet unconditional. In contrast, a receivable represents the Group's unconditional right to consideration (See note 4.7(i)). Contract assets are assessed for ECL in accordance with the policy set out in note 4.7(ii) and reclassified to receivable when the right to the consideration has become unconditional.

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

For a single contract with the customer, either a net contract asset or a net contract liability is presented. For multiple contracts, contract assets and contract liabilities of unrelated contracts are not presented on a net basis.

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

Further details of the Group's revenue and other income recognition policies are as follows:

#### Service fee income from provision of valuation and advisory services

The Group provides valuation and advisory services. The service fee income is recognised at a point in time when the valuation and advisory service is completed. Invoices are usually due on presentation.



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#### Commission income from broking services

Broking commission income is recognised at a single point in time, i.e. on a trade date when the relevant transactions are executed. Handling and settlement fee income arising from broking services is recognised when the related services are rendered.

#### Placing and underwriting fee income

Income from securities placing and underwriting services is recognised at a single point in time when the obligation of underwriting is completed.

#### Asset management and investment advisory fee income

Income from asset management and investment advisory services is recognised over time as services rendered.

#### Interest income

Interest income is accrued on a time basis on the principal outstanding at the applicable interest rate.

#### Rental income

Rental income under operating leases is recognised in accordance with note 4.9(b).

## 4.13 Impairment of non-financial assets

Goodwill, property, plant and equipment (including right-of-use assets), other intangible assets and the Company's investments in subsidiaries are subject to impairment testing.

Goodwill and other intangible assets with indefinite useful life are tested for impairment at least annually, irrespective of whether there is any indication that they are impaired. Property, plant and equipment, intangible assets with finite useful lives and investments in subsidiaries are tested for impairment whenever there are indications that the assets' carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value, reflecting market conditions less costs to disposal, and value-in-use. In assessing value-in-use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of time value of money and the risk specific to the asset.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows independently (i.e. a CGU). As a result, some assets are tested individually for impairment and some are tested at CGU level.



Goodwill in particular is allocated to those cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from synergies of the related business combination and represent the lowest level within the Group at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purpose and not be larger than an operating segment.

Impairment losses recognised for CGUs, to which goodwill has been allocated, are credited initially to the carrying amount of goodwill. Any remaining impairment loss is charged pro rata to the other assets in the CGU, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less cost of disposal, or value in use, if determinable.

An impairment loss on goodwill is not reversed in subsequent period. In respect of other assets, an impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount and only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

### 4.14 Employee benefits

#### *(i) Retirement benefits*

Retirement benefits to employees are provided through defined contribution plans.

The Group operates a defined contribution retirement benefit plan under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance (the "MPF Scheme"), for all of its employees who are eligible to participate in the MPF Scheme.

Contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss as employees render services during the year. The Group's obligation under these plans is limited to the fixed percentage contributions payable.

#### (ii) Short-term employee benefits

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the end of reporting period.

Non-accumulating compensated absences such as sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

#### (iii) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognised at the earlier of when the Group can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits and when the Group recognises restructuring costs involving the payment of termination benefits.



#### (iv) Equity-settled share-based payment transactions

The Group operates equity-settled share-based compensation scheme, under which the entity receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments of the Group as part of their compensation package. See note 4.15 for the Group's accounting policy of share-based payment transactions.

## 4.15 Share-based payments

The Group operates two equity-settled share-based compensation schemes including a share option scheme and a share award plan.

Where share options are awarded to employees and others providing similar services, the fair value of the options at the date of grant is recognised in profit or loss over the vesting period with a corresponding increase in the share option reserve within equity. Non-market vesting conditions are taken into account by adjusting the number of equity instruments expected to vest at the end of reporting period so that, ultimately, the cumulative amount recognised over the vesting period is based on the number of options that eventually vest. Market vesting conditions are factored into the fair value of the options granted. As long as all other vesting conditions are satisfied, a charge is made irrespective of whether the market vesting conditions are satisfied. The cumulative expense is not adjusted for failure to achieve a market vesting condition.

Where the terms and conditions of options are modified before they vest, the increase in the fair value of the options, measured immediately before and after the modification, is also recognised in profit or loss over the remaining vesting period.

Where equity instruments are granted to persons other than employees and others providing similar services, the fair value of goods or services received is recognised in profit or loss unless the goods or services qualified for recognition as assets. A corresponding increase in equity as share option reserve is recognised.

When the share options are exercised, the Company issues new shares. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium and the amount previously recognised in the share option reserve will be transferred to share capital.



### 4.16 Income tax

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

Current income tax assets and/or liabilities comprise those obligations to, or claims from, fiscal authorities relating to the current or prior reporting period, that are unpaid at the reporting date. They are calculated according to the tax rates and tax laws applicable to the fiscal periods to which they relate, based on the taxable profit for the year. All changes to current tax assets or liabilities are recognised as a component of tax expense in profit or loss.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts used for tax purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, tax losses available to be carried forward as well as other unused tax credits, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates appropriate to the expected manner in which the carrying amount of the asset or liability is realised or settled and that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of reporting period.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither taxable nor accounting profit or loss.

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

Changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognised in profit or loss, or in other comprehensive income or directly in equity if they relate to items that are charged or credited to other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

When different tax rates apply to different levels of taxable income, deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the average tax rates that are expected to apply to the taxable income of the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse.



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The determination of the average tax rates requires an estimation of (i) when the existing temporary differences will reverse and (ii) the amount of future taxable profit in those years. The estimate of future taxable profit includes:

- income or loss excluding reversals of temporary differences; and
- reversals of existing temporary differences.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities are presented in net if, and only if,

- (a) the Group has the legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts; and
- (b) intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Group presents deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities in net if, and only if:

- (a) the entity has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and
- (b) the deferred tax assets and the deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
  - (i) the same taxable entity; or
  - (ii) different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

## 4.17 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs attributable directly to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets which require a substantial period of time to be ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. Income earned on temporary investments of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on those assets is deducted from borrowing costs capitalised. All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

## 4.18 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the executive directors that makes strategic decisions.



#### 4.19 Related parties

A party is considered to be related to the Group if:

- (a) the party is a person or a close member of that person's family and that person;
  - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
  - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
  - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or the Company's parent;
- (b) the party is an entity where any of the following conditions applies:
  - (i) the entity and the Group are members of the same group.
  - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
  - (iii) the entity and the Group are joint ventures of the same third party.
  - (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third party and the other party is an associate of the third party.
  - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group.
  - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
  - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).
  - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the parent of the Group.

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

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# 5. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

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

## **Estimation uncertainties**

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

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

# Impairment of loan and interest receivables, trade receivables and deposits, other receivables and contract assets

Management estimates the amount of loss allowance for ECL on loan and interest receivables, trade receivables and deposits, other receivables and contract assets based on their respective credit risk, which is determined by risk of default and expected loss rates. The ECL allowance is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows with the consideration of expected future credit loss of the respective assets. The assessment of the credit risk of the respective assets involves high degrees of estimation and uncertainty about future economic conditions which have an adverse effect on debtors' business, debtors' creditworthiness, the payment delinquency or default in interest or principal payments. When the actual future cash flows are less than expected or more than expected, a material impairment loss or a material reversal of impairment loss may arise.

Details of impairment of loan and interest receivables, trade receivables and deposits, other receivables and contract assets are disclosed in notes 21, 22, 23 and 39(d) to the consolidated financial statements.

#### Impairment of intangible assets and goodwill

The Group determined intangible assets and goodwill with indefinite useful lives at least on an annual basis, while for the intangible assets with definite useful lives, they are tested for impairment whenever there are indications that the asset's carrying amount may not be recoverable. This requires an estimation of the value in use of the CGUs to which the intangible assets and goodwill are allocated. Estimating the value in use requires the Group to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the CGUs and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value of those cash flows. Details of intangibles assets and goodwill are set out in note 18 and note 19, respectively.



#### Fair value measurements

The Group's investment property and financial assets at FVTOCI and at FVTPL are measured at fair value. Significant estimation and judgement are required in determining the fair value. Changes in these estimation and judgement could materially affect the respective fair value of these assets.

The fair value measurement utilises market observable inputs and data as far as possible. Inputs used in determining fair value measurements are categorised into three levels of a fair value hierarchy. The levels are based on the observability and significance of inputs to the measurements, as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical items;
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and not using significant unobservable inputs;
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs (i.e. not derived from market data).

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

Details of the fair value measurements of the investment property and financial assets at FVTOCI and FVTPL are disclosed in note 17 and note 39(f)(i) to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

### Critical judgement in applying the entity's accounting policies

#### Fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed upon acquisition

In connection with acquisition of a subsidiary through business combination (note 38), the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are adjusted to their estimated fair values on the date of acquisition. The determination of the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed involves management's judgement and assumptions. Any change in such judgement and assumptions would affect the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed and, therefore, cost of goodwill recognised at the acquisition date.

#### Recognition of share-based payment expenses

As detailed in note 33(a), the Company granted certain share options on 15 August 2018 and 19 June 2019. The directors, with the assistance of an independent professional valuer, have used the Binomial Option-Pricing Model to determine the total fair value of the options granted. Significant estimate on assumptions, such as share price volatility and dividend yield, is required to be made by the directors in applying the Binomial Option-Pricing Model. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could have a material effect on the determination of the fair value of the share options, which may in turn significantly impact the determination of the share based payment expenses.



## 6. **REVENUE**

The Group's principal activities are provision of i) valuation and advisory services; ii) financing services; and iii) securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management services. An analysis of the Group's revenue for the year is as follows:

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Revenue from contracts with customers within                |                  |                  |
| the scope of HKFRS 15:                                      |                  |                  |
| Valuation and advisory services                             | 44,702           | 47,389           |
| Securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment |                  |                  |
| advisory and asset management services                      | 4,909            | -                |
| Revenue from other sources:                                 |                  |                  |
| Interest income from provision of financing services        | 26,561           | 22,761           |
|   |                  |                  |
|   | 76,172           | 70,150           |

## 7. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision-maker (the "CODM") has been identified as the Company's executive directors. During the year ended 31 March 2020, the executive directors have identified "Securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management services" as a reporting segment in addition to the "valuation and advisory services", "financing services" and "other segments" which have been identified in the prior year. For the year ended 31 March 2020, the executive directors have identified the Group's service lines as reportable operating segments as follows:

(i) Valuation and advisory services

Provision of asset appraisal and asset advisory services, including real estate and fixed asset appraisal, mineral property appraisal, business and intangible asset valuation, financial instrument valuation and advisory services.

(ii) Financing services

Provision of financial services including personal loans, commercial loans and mortgage loans to individuals and corporations.

(iii) Securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory and asset management services

Provision of securities broking and trading of securities services to investors, equity and debt securities placing and underwriting services to listed companies, and investment advisory and asset management services to professional investors.



#### (iv) Other segments

Mainly represents other operations of head office.

## (a) Business segments

|                                       | Valuation<br>and advisory<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Financing<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Securities<br>broking,<br>placing and<br>underwriting<br>and investment<br>advisory<br>and asset<br>management<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Other<br>segments<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| For the year ended 31 March 2020      |   |                                   |  |                               |                   |
| Segment revenue (note (i))            | 44,702  | 26,561                            | 4,909  | -                             | 76,172            |
| Segment results (note (ii))           | (37,819)  | (103,612)                         | (2,853)  | (1)                           | (144,285)         |
| Other segment information             |   |                                   |  |                               |                   |
| Depreciation                          | (100)   | (5)                               | (28)   | _                             | (133)             |
| Amortisation                          | (2,183)   | -                                 | (20)   | _                             | (2,183)           |
| Net impairment loss on                | (2)100)   |                                   |  |                               | (2,100)           |
| loan and interest receivables         | _   | (122,423)                         | _  | -                             | (122,423)         |
| Net impairment loss on                |   | (                                 |  |                               | (                 |
| trade receivables                     | (1,561)   | -                                 | -  | -                             | (1,561)           |
| Net impairment loss on deposits,      |   |                                   |  |                               |                   |
| other receivables and contract assets | -   | (680)                             | (26)   | (492)                         | (1,198)           |
| Impairment loss on goodwill           | (15,242)  | -                                 | (4,360)  | -                             | (19,602)          |
| Impairment loss on intangible assets  | (14,049)  | -                                 | -  | -                             | (14,049)          |
| Decrease in fair value of investment  |   |                                   |  |                               |                   |
| property                              | -   | -                                 | -  | (1,500)                       | (1,500)           |
| Income tax credit                     | 1,188   | 506                               | -  | 76                            | 1,770             |
| Additions to non-current assets       |   |                                   |  |                               |                   |
| (excluding financial instruments)     |   |                                   |  |                               |                   |
| (note (iii))                          | 415   | -                                 | 12,504   | -                             | 12,919            |
| Segment assets                        | 15,148  | 366,373                           | 8,459  | 11,150                        | 401,130           |
| Segment liabilities                   | (48,275)  | (815)                             | (1,666)  | (80)                          | (50,836)          |

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|                                       | Valuation<br>and advisory<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Financing<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Securities<br>broking,<br>placing and<br>underwriting<br>and investment<br>advisory<br>and assets<br>management<br>services<br>HK\$'000 | Other<br>segments<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| For the year ended 31 March 2019      |   |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| Segment revenue (note (i))            | 47,389  | 22,761                            | -   | -                             | 70,150            |
| Segment results (note (ii))           | (18,222)  | (38,787)                          | _   | (1,788)                       | (58,797)          |
| Other segment information             |   |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| Depreciation                          | (111)   | (4)                               | _   | (42)                          | (157)             |
| Amortisation                          | (2,153)   | _                                 | _   | _                             | (2,153)           |
| Net impairment loss on                |   |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| loan and interest receivables         | -   | (26,063)                          | -   | _                             | (26,063)          |
| Net impairment loss on                |   |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| trade receivables                     | (2,174)   | -                                 | -   | -                             | (2,174)           |
| Net impairment loss on deposits,      |   |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| other receivables and contract assets | (6,870)   | (26,441)                          | -   | (176)                         | (33,487)          |
| Impairment loss on goodwill           | (10,087)  | -                                 | -   | -                             | (10,087)          |
| Increase in fair value of investment  |   |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| property                              | -   | -                                 | -   | 462                           | 462               |
| Income tax credit/ (expense)          | 272   | (46)                              | -   | (92)                          | 134               |
| Additions to non-current assets       |   |                                   |   |                               |                   |
| (excluding financial instruments)     | 127   | 23                                | -   | 110                           | 260               |
| Segment assets                        | 48,388  | 376,969                           | -   | 13,293                        | 438,650           |
| Segment liabilities                   | (37,994)  | (1,483)                           | -   | (162)                         | (39,639)          |

Notes:

- (i) Segment revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external customers. There were no material inter-segment sales for both years.
- (ii) The accounting policies of the operating segments are same as the Group's accounting policies described in note 4. Segment results represents the profit earned or the loss incurred by each segment without allocation of corporate income and central administrative costs. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purpose of resources allocation and performance assessment.
- (iii) Additions include those arising from acquisition of a subsidiary (note 38).



## (b) Reconciliation of reportable segment loss, assets and liabilities

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Loss before income tax  |                  |                  |
| Reportable segment loss                                       | (144,285)        | (58,797)         |
| Unallocated interest income                                   | 3,663            | 3,137            |
| Unallocated employee benefit expenses                         | (4,022)          | (6,799)          |
| Unallocated depreciation                                      | (6,809)          | (2,732)          |
| Unallocated finance costs                                     | (3,251)          | (2,503)          |
| Unallocated other expenses                                    | (4,648)          | (3,855)          |
| Unallocated change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL | (794)            |                  |
| Consolidated loss before income tax                           | (160,146)        | (71,549)         |
| Assets  |                  |                  |
| Reportable segment assets                                     | 401,130          | 438,650          |
| Unallocated property, plant and equipment                     | 1,151            | 3,502            |
| Unallocated financial asset at FVTOCI                         | 3,780            | 13,526           |
| Unallocated financial assets at FVTPL                         | 742              |                  |
| Unallocated pledged bank deposits                             | 48,157           | 108,557          |
| Unallocated deposit   | _                | 800              |
| Unallocated cash and bank balances                            | 20,014           | 109,856          |
| Unallocated corporate assets                                  | 140              | 158              |
| Consolidated total assets                                     | 475,114          | 675,049          |
| Liabilities   |                  |                  |
| Reportable segment liabilities                                | (50,836)         | (39,639)         |
| Unallocated finance lease liabilities                         |                  | (1,584           |
| Unallocated lease liabilities                                 | (639)            |                  |
| Unallocated interest-bearing borrowings                       | (55,645)         | (100,000         |
| Unallocated corporate liabilities                             | (298)            | (124             |
| Provide and               |                  |                  |
| Consolidated total liabilities                                | (107,418)        | (141,347)        |



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## (c) Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers

In the following table, revenue is disaggregated by timing over revenue recognition (under HKFRS 15). The table also includes a reconciliation of the disaggregated revenue with the Group's reportable segments.

|                                  | Valuation    |           | Securities<br>broking,<br>placing and<br>underwriting<br>and investment<br>advisory<br>and asset |          |          |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--|----------|----------|
|                                  | and advisory | Financing | management   | Other    |          |
|                                  | services     | services  | services   | segments | Total    |
|                                  | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| For the year ended 31 March 2020 |              |           |  |          |          |
| – At a point in time             | 44,702       | -         | 4,799  | -        | 49,501   |
| - Over time                      | -            | -         | 110  | -        | 110      |
|                                  | 44,702       | -         | 4,909  | -        | 49,611   |
| For the year ended 31 March 2019 |              |           |  |          |          |
| - At a point in time             | 47,389       |           | -  | _        | 47,389   |

## (d) Geographical segment information

All of the revenue from external customers and non-current assets of the Group are derived from activities or located in Hong Kong. Accordingly, no geographical information is presented.

## (e) Information about major customer

For the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, none of the customers contributed 10% or more of the revenue of the Group.



# 8. OTHER INCOME AND LOSS

|  | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Other income                                     |                  |                  |
| Bank interest income                             | 3,663            | 3,137            |
| Reimbursement of expenses                        | 440              | 501              |
| Rental income                                    | 192              | 105              |
| Other marketing service income                   | 2,513            | 300              |
| Sundry income                                    | 2                | 668              |
|  | 6,810            | 4,711            |
| Other loss                                       |                  |                  |
| Net fair value loss on financial assets at FVTPL | (794)            | _                |
|  | 6,016            | 4,711            |

## 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSES (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS)

|  | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries and allowances                                | 38,695           | 35,803           |
| Contributions on defined contribution retirement plans | 1,096            | 962              |
| Share-based payment                                    | 1,777            | 2,072            |
| Other benefits   | 2,047            | 809              |
|  | 43,615           | 39,646           |

# **10. LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX**

Loss before income tax is arrived at after charging:

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Auditor's remuneration (note)                               | 656              | 828              |
| Depreciation:   |                  |                  |
| - Owned assets  | 1,343            | 1,504            |
| <ul> <li>Assets held under finance lease</li> </ul>         | -                | 1,385            |
| <ul> <li>Right-of-use assets under HKFRS 16</li> </ul>      | 5,599            | _                |
| Amortisation of intangible assets                           | 2,183            | 2,153            |
| Exchange loss, net (note)                                   | 1,425            | 483              |
| Consultancy fee (note)                                      | 3,677            | 2,607            |
| Allowance for expected credit losses                        | 125,182          | 60,520           |
| Impairment loss (note):                                     |                  |                  |
| – Goodwill (note 19)  | 19,602           | 10,087           |
| <ul> <li>Intangible assets (note 18)</li> </ul>             | 14,049           | -                |
| Professional fee (note)                                     | 4,724            | 7,243            |
| Marketing and business development expenses (note)          | 4,804            | 4,624            |
| Lease charges (note):                                       |                  |                  |
| <ul> <li>Premises held under operating leases</li> </ul>    | -                | 4,627            |
| - Short term leases and leases with lease term shorter than |                  |                  |
| 12 months as at initial application of HKFRS 16             | 513              | _                |

Note: These expenses are included in "other expenses" in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

# **11. FINANCE COSTS**

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Interest on bank borrowings                             | 2,967            | 2,430            |
| Interest on other borrowings                            | 182              | -                |
| Finance charges on lease liabilities (2019: Interest on |                  |                  |
| finance lease liabilities)                              | 102              | 73               |
|   |                  |                  |
|   | 3,251            | 2,503            |

## **12. INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Under the two-tiered profits tax rates regime, the first HK\$2 million of profits of the qualifying group entity will be taxed at 8.25% (2019: 8.25%), and profits above HK\$2 million will be taxed at 16.5%. The profits of group entities not qualifying for the two-tiered profits tax rates regime will continue to be taxed at a flat rate of 16.5% (2019: 16.5%).

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$′000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Current tax – Hong Kong profits tax               |                  |                  |
| Over-provision in respect of prior year           | (751)            | (14)             |
| Deferred tax (note 29)                            |                  |                  |
| Origination and reversal of temporary differences | (1,019)          | (120)            |
| Total income tax credit                           | (1,770)          | (134)            |

The income tax credit for the year can be reconciled to the loss before income tax per the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as follows:

|  | 2020<br>HK\$′000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Loss before income tax                                   | (160,146)        | (71,549)         |
| Tax at Hong Kong profits tax rate of 16.5% (2019: 16.5%) | (26,425)         | (11,640)         |
| Tax effect of non-deductible expenses                    | 4,133            | 2,420            |
| Tax effect of non-taxable revenue                        | (29)             | (100)            |
| Tax effect of temporary differences not recognised       | 873              | 306              |
| Tax effect of tax losses not recognised                  | 21,013           | 9,174            |
| Effect of two-tiered profits tax rates regime            | (111)            | _                |
| Utilisation of tax loss previously not recognised        | (321)            | (150)            |
| Over-provision in respect of prior year                  | (751)            | (14)             |
| Others   | (152)            | (130)            |
| Income tax credit  | (1,770)          | (134)            |

The Group has not recognised deferred tax asset in respect of the unused tax losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The unrecognised tax losses of HK\$231,281,000 (2019: HK\$113,637,000) can be carried forward indefinitely.



## 13. DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to recommend the payment of any dividend for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: nil).

## 14. LOSS PER SHARE

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

|  | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Loss<br>Loss for the purpose of basic and diluted loss per share                                     | (158,376)        | (71,415)         |
| <b>Number of shares (thousands)</b><br>Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of |                  | (Restated)       |
| basic and diluted loss per share   | 120,020          | 136,107          |

Notes:

- (a) For the purpose of computing basic and diluted loss per share, the weighted average number of ordinary shares has been adjusted retrospectively for the effect of the share consolidation completed on 22 August 2019 (note 30(b)) as if the share consolidation had been completed on 1 April 2018.
- (b) The weighted average number of ordinary shares for the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019 has been adjusted to reflect the shares repurchased (note 30(a)) and shares held for the Plan (as defined and detailed in note 33(b)).
- (c) The diluted loss per share for the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019 was the same as the basic loss per share as all the potential ordinary shares were anti-dilutive.



## 15. DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS

## (a) Directors' emoluments

Directors' emoluments disclosed pursuant to the GEM Listing Rules and disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance are as follows:

|   | Notes | <b>Fees</b><br>HK\$'000 | Salaries<br>allowance<br>and other<br>benefits<br>HK\$'000 | Contributions<br>to defined<br>contribution<br>retirement<br>plans<br>HK\$'000 | Share-<br>based<br>payment<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------|
| Year ended 31 March 2020                          |       |                         |  |  |  |                          |
| Executive directors                               |       |                         | 2 254  | 40   |  | 2.260                    |
| Mr. Yue Kwai Wa Ken<br>Mr. Li Sheung Him, Michael | (ii)  | -                       | 2,251<br>1,327   | 18<br>18   |  | 2,269<br>1,345           |
|   |       | -                       | 3,578  | 36   | -                                      | 3,614                    |
| Independent non-executive directors               |       |                         |  |  |  |                          |
| Mr. Ko Wai Lun Warren                             |       | 100                     | -  | -  | -                                      | 100                      |
| Mr. Man Wai Lun                                   | (iv)  | 100                     | -  | -  | -                                      | 100                      |
| Mr. Wong Tat Keung<br>Ms. Li Tak Yin              | (v)   | 98<br>100               | _  | -  | _                                      | 98<br>100                |
| Mr. Chung Man Lai                                 | (vi)  | 100                     |  |  | _                                      | 100                      |
|   |       | 408                     |  | _  |  | 408                      |
|   |       | 408                     | 3,578  | 36   | _                                      | 4,022                    |
| Year ended 31 March 2019                          |       |                         |  |  |  |                          |
| Executive directors                               |       |                         |  |  |  |                          |
| Mr. Yue Kwai Wa Ken                               |       | -                       | 3,122  | 18   | 691                                    | 3,831                    |
| Ms. Chan Hong Nei Connie                          | (i)   | -                       | 245  | 3  | -                                      | 248                      |
| Mr. Li Sheung Him, Michael                        | (ii)  | _                       | 1,584  | 18   | 691                                    | 2,293                    |
|   |       | -                       | 4,951  | 39   | 1,382                                  | 6,372                    |
| Independent non-executive directors               |       |                         |  |  |  |                          |
| Mr. Ko Wai Lun Warren                             |       | 120                     | -  | -  | -                                      | 120                      |
| Mr. Man Wai Lun                                   | (iv)  | 7                       | -  | -  | -                                      | 7                        |
| Mr. Wong Tat Keung                                | (v)   | 120                     | -  | -  | -                                      | 120                      |
| Mr. Choi Wai Tong Winton<br>Ms. Li Tak Yin        | (iii) | 60<br>120               | -  | -  |  | 60<br>120                |
|   |       | 427                     | _  | _  | _                                      | 427                      |
|   |       | 427                     | 4,951  | 39   | 1,382                                  | 6,799                    |



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Notes:

- (i) Ms. Chan Hong Nei Connie resigned as an executive director on 31 May 2018 with effect from 1 June 2018.
- (ii) Mr. Li Sheung Him Michael was appointed as an executive director on 31 May 2018.
- (iii) Mr. Choi Wai Tong Winton resigned as an independent non-executive director on 27 September 2018.
- (iv) Mr. Man Wai Lun was appointed as an independent non-executive director on 12 March 2019 and resigned on 1 March 2020.
- (v) Mr. Wong Tat Keung resigned as an independent non-executive director on 24 January 2020.
- (vi) Mr. Chung Man Lai was appointed as an independent non-executive director on 1 March 2020.

The emoluments shown above represent emoluments received by these directors in the capacity as directors/employees of the companies comprising the Group for the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019.

There was no arrangement under which a director waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019.

## (b) Five highest paid individuals

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group, two (2019: two) were directors of the Company whose emoluments are included in the disclosures in note 15(a) above. The emoluments of the remaining three (2019: three) individuals were as follows:

|  | 2020<br>HK\$′000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries, allowances and other benefits                | 7,023            | 5,728            |
| Contributions on defined contribution retirement plans | 54               | 48               |
| Share-based payment                                    | -                | 691              |
|  | 7,077            | 6,467            |



The remuneration paid to each of the above non-director highest paid individuals fell within the following bands:

|                                | Number of individuals |      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------|
|                                | 2020                  | 2019 |
|                                |                       | 2    |
| HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$2,000,000 | 1                     | 2    |
| HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$3,000,000 | 1                     | —    |
| HK\$3,000,001 to HK\$4,000,000 | 1                     | 1    |

During the year, no emolument was paid by the Group to the directors and the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group, or as compensation for loss of office (2019: nil).

## 16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

|   | Office<br>premise<br>HK\$'000 | Leasehold<br>improvements<br>HK\$'000 | Furniture,<br>fixtures and<br>office<br>equipment<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Motor</b><br>vehicles<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cost  |                               |                                       |   |                                      |                          |
| At 1 April 2018                                   | -                             | 3,318                                 | 1,136   | 7,863                                | 12,317                   |
| Additions   | -                             | 89                                    | 260   | 809                                  | 1,158                    |
| Written-off                                       |                               | _                                     |   | (708)                                | (708)                    |
| At 31 March 2019                                  | _                             | 3,407                                 | 1,396   | 7,964                                | 12,767                   |
| Adjustment from the adoption of HKFRS 16 (note 2) | 4,458                         | -                                     | -   | _                                    | 4,458                    |
|   |                               |                                       |   |                                      |                          |
| At 1 April 2019 (restated)                        | 4,458                         | 3,407                                 | 1,396   | 7,964                                | 17,225                   |
| Additions   | _                             | _                                     | 77  | _                                    | 77                       |
| At 31 March 2020                                  | 4,458                         | 3,407                                 | 1,473   | 7,964                                | 17,302                   |
| Accumulated depreciation                          |                               |                                       |   |                                      |                          |
| At 1 April 2018                                   | _                             | 921                                   | 858   | 4,924                                | 6,703                    |
| Depreciation                                      | _                             | 1,176                                 | 157   | 1,556                                | 2,889                    |
| Written-off                                       | _                             | -                                     | -   | (708)                                | (708)                    |
| At 31 March 2019 and 1 April 2019                 | _                             | 2,097                                 | 1,015   | 5,772                                | 8,884                    |
| Depreciation                                      | 4,458                         | 1,210                                 | 133   | 1,141                                | 6,942                    |
| At 31 March 2020                                  | 4,458                         | 3,307                                 | 1,148   | 6,913                                | 15,826                   |
| Net book value                                    |                               |                                       |   |                                      |                          |
| At 31 March 2020                                  | -                             | 100                                   | 325   | 1,051                                | 1,476                    |
| At 31 March 2019                                  | _                             | 1,310                                 | 381   | 2,192                                | 3,883                    |



ROMA

As at 31 March 2020, included in the net carrying amount of property, plant and equipment are right-of-use assets (2019: motor vehicles of net book value of HK\$2,192,000 are held under finance lease) as follows:

|                | Carrying a    | Carrying amount |               |  |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
|                | At            | At              | Year ended    |  |
|                | 31 March 2020 | 1 April 2019    | 31 March 2020 |  |
|                | HK\$'000      | HK\$'000        | HK\$'000      |  |
| Office premise | -             | 4,458           | 4,458         |  |
| Motor vehicles | 1,051         | 2,192           | 1,141         |  |
| Total          | 1,051         | 6,650           | 5,599         |  |

During the year ended 31 March 2020, there are no additions to right-of-use assets included in property, plant and equipment. The details in relation to these leases are set out in note 27.

## **17. INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

|                                   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| As at 1 April                     | 12,500           | _                |
| Addition                          | -                | 12,038           |
| (Decrease)/Increase in fair value | (1,500)          | 462              |
|                                   |                  |                  |
| As at 31 March                    | 11,000           | 12,500           |

Investment property represents property located in Hong Kong held as lessor under operating leases to earn rentals or for capital appreciation.

Investment property was revalued on 31 March 2020 and 2019 by an independent professional valuer. The valuation, which conforms to The Valuation Standards of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, was arrived at using direct comparison approach in the course of valuation.



The direct comparison approach is a method of valuation by making reference to comparable market transactions. This approach rests on the wide acceptance of the market transactions as the best indicator and pre-supposes that evidence of relevant transactions in the market place can be extrapolated to similar properties. Appropriate adjustments and analysis are considered to the differences in location and other characters between the comparable properties and the subject properties.

The fair value of the investment property is a level 2 recurring fair value measurement. There were no changes to the valuation techniques during the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019. The fair value measurement is based on the above property's highest and best use, which does not differ from its actual use.

| Valuation techniques of investment properties | Significant unobservable inputs   | Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value         |
|---|---|---|
| Direct comparison method                      | Market price ranging from HK\$5,906/<br>sq.m. to HK\$6,613/sq.m. (2019: from<br>HK\$6,383/sq.m to HK\$8,071/sq.m) and<br>adjusted taking into account of locations<br>and other individual factors such as size<br>of land and construction in progress and<br>conditions of prices | The higher the market price,<br>the higher the fair value |

During the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, there were no transfers between level 1 and level 2, or transfer into or out of level 3.



# **18. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

|                                |       |       | HK\$'000 | <b>software</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>software</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cost                           |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| At 1 April 2018, 31 March 2019 |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| and 1 April 2019               | _     | 4,200 | 15,400   | 118                         | 6,059                       | 25,777                   |
| Addition                       | -     | _     | -        | 370                         | -                           | 370                      |
| Acquisition of a subsidiary    |       |       |          | _                           |                             |                          |
| (note 38)                      | 4,944 |       |          |                             |                             | 4,944                    |
| At 31 March 2020               | 4,944 | 4,200 | 15,400   | 488                         | 6,059                       | 31,091                   |
| Accumulated amortisation       |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| At 1 April 2018                | _     | 2,216 | 2,438    | 67                          | 2,691                       | 7,412                    |
| Amortisation                   | _     | 700   | 770      | 20                          | 663                         | 2,153                    |
|                                |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| At 31 March 2019 and           |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| 1 April 2019                   | -     | 2,916 | 3,208    | 87                          | 3,354                       | 9,565                    |
| Amortisation                   | _     | 700   | 770      | 51                          | 662                         | 2,183                    |
| At 31 March 2020               | -     | 3,616 | 3,978    | 138                         | 4,016                       | 11,748                   |
| Accumulated impairment         |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| At 1 April 2018, 31 March 2019 |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| and 1 April 2019               | _     | _     | _        | _                           | _                           | _                        |
| Impairment loss                | _     | 584   | 11,422   | _                           | 2,043                       | 14,049                   |
| F                              |       |       | ,        |                             |                             | ,                        |
| At 31 March 2020               | -     | 584   | 11,422   | -                           | 2,043                       | 14,049                   |
| Net book value                 |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| At 31 March 2020               | 4,944 | -     | -        | 350                         | -                           | 5,294                    |
|                                |       |       |          |                             |                             |                          |
| At 31 March 2019               | -     | 1,284 | 12,192   | 31                          | 2,705                       | 16,212                   |

For the purpose of impairment testing, intangible assets have been included in the CGUs of i) investment advisory and asset management service business, ii) the Bonus Boost Group (comprising Bonus Boost International Limited and its subsidiary) which principally engaged in the provision of valuation and consultancy services, and iii) the natural resources valuation business.



In respect of the licenses were allocated to the CGU of investment advisory and asset management service business acquired during the year ended 31 March 2020 (note 38), the licenses have no foreseeable limit to the period over which the Group can use to generate net cash flows. The directors consider the licenses as having indefinite useful lives because they are expected to contribute to net cash inflows indefinitely. The licenses will not be amortised until their useful life are determined to be finite.

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group reviewed the recoverable amounts of the licenses. No impairment loss has been recognised during the year. The recoverable amounts of the licenses were determined based on fair value less costs of disposal which is based on market approach. Key assumptions used in the fair value less costs of disposal included a marketability discount of 14.8%. The higher the marketability discount, the lower the fair value less costs of disposal of the licenses.

In respect of the customer relationship and database which were allocated in the CGU of the Bonus Boost Group acquired in 2015, the directors conducted a review of the recoverable amounts of the CGU containing the customer relationship and database, and determined that an impairment loss of HK\$584,000 (2019: nil) and HK\$11,422,000 (2019: nil) are recognised in profit or loss for the year ended 31 March 2020, respectively. Further details on impairment assessment of the CGU of the Bonus Boost Group are set out in note 19.

In respect of the valuation software which was allocated in the CGU of the natural resources valuation business, the directors conducted a review of the recoverable amounts of the CGU containing the valuation software. The recoverable amount for the CGU was determined based on value in use calculations using cash flows projections covering the useful life of the valuation software, with a pre-tax discount factor of 14% (2019: 14%) for the year ended 31 March 2020. Due to the decrease in market demand on the natural resources valuation services, the revenue of the natural resources valuation business was adversely affected. The recoverable amount the CGU was reduced to nil and accordingly an impairment loss of HK\$2,043,000 (2019: nil) is recognised in profit or loss for the year ended 31 March 2020.



# 19. GOODWILL

The carrying amount of goodwill mainly arose from the acquisition of the Bonus Boost Group in 2015 and the acquisition of Leo Asset Management Limited ("Leo Asset") during the year ended 31 March 2020 (note 38). The net carrying amount of goodwill can be analysed as follows:

|                             | Note | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| Net carrying amount:        |      |                  |                  |
| As at 1 April               |      | 15,242           | 25,329           |
| Acquisition of a subsidiary | 38   | 7,528            | _                |
| Impairment loss             |      | (19,602)         | (10,087)         |
| As at 31 March              |      | 3,168            | 15,242           |

The carrying amount of goodwill, net of any impairment loss, is allocated to the following CGUs:

|                      | Notes | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|----------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Net carrying amount: |       |                  |                  |
| Bonus Boost Group    | (a)   | -                | 15,242           |
| Leo Asset            | (b)   | 3,168            |                  |
|                      |       | 3,168            | 15,242           |



Notes:

(a) The recoverable amount of the goodwill relating to the Bonus Boost Group has been determined from value-in-use calculation based on cash flow projections from formally approved budgets covering a five-year period. Cash flow beyond the five-year period are extrapolated using an estimated weighted average growth rate of 2.5% (2019: 3.0%).

|   | 2020        | 2019    |
|---|-------------|---------|
| Discount rate                           | 10%         | 14%     |
| Operating (loss)/profit margin*         | (17%)-(32%) | 10%-38% |
| Growth rate within the five-year period | 3%          | 3%-45%  |

The discount rate used is pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to the Bonus Boost Group. The operating margin and growth rate within the five-year period have been based on management expectation and the result of the market research and prediction. During the year ended 31 March 2020, due to the expected decrease in customers' demand as a result of the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (the "COVID-19 outbreak") in 2020 and fierce competition in the valuation and consultation industry, the recoverable amount of the CGU was reduced to nil and accordingly, impairment loss of goodwill approximately HK\$15,242,000 (2019: HK\$10,087,000) was provided.

(b) The recoverable amount of the goodwill relating to Leo Asset has been determined from value-in-use calculation based on cash flow projections from formally approved budgets covering a five-year period. Cash flow beyond the five-year period are extrapolated using an estimated weighted average growth rate of 3.0%.

|   | 2020   |
|---|--------|
| Discount rate                           | 11%    |
| Operating margin*                       | 4%-30% |
| Growth rate within the five-year period | 3%-20% |

The discount rate used is pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to Leo Asset. The operating margin and growth rate within the five-year period have been based on management expectation and the result of the market research and prediction. During the year ended 31 March 2020, due to the expected decrease in customers' demand as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, the recoverable amount of the CGU amounting to HK\$7,659,000 was calculated which is to be lower than its carrying amount and accordingly, impairment loss of goodwill approximately HK\$4,360,000 was provided.

\* defined as (loss)/profit before income tax expense divided by revenue



# **20. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS**

|                           | Notes | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Financial asset at FVTOCI | (a)   | 3,780            | 13,526           |
| Financial assets at FVTPL | (b)   | 742              | _                |
|                           |       | 4,522            | 13,526           |

Notes:

#### (a) Financial asset at FVTOCI

The balance represented the Group's strategic investment of a 19.9% equity interest in Greater China Appraisal Limited. The investment was not accounted for using an equity method as the Group does not have the power to participate in its operating and financial policies, evidenced by the lack of any direct or indirect involvement at board level.

The Group designated its investment in this unlisted investment as financial asset at FVTOCI, as this investment is held as long-term strategic investments that is not expected to be sold in the short to medium term.

Details of the fair value measurement of the equity investment are described in note 39(f).

#### (b) Financial assets at FVTPL

|   | 2020<br>HK\$′000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Equity investments – Listed in Hong Kong<br>Other derivatives | 543<br>199       |                  |
|   | 742              | -                |

Details of the fair value measurements of the equity investments and other derivatives are described in note 39(f).



## 21. LOAN AND INTEREST RECEIVABLES

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Loan and interest receivables                           | 535,779          | 414,118          |
| Less: ECL allowance                                     | (176,590)        | (54,267)         |
|   | 359,189          | 359,851          |
| Less: Non-current portion loan and interest receivables | (115,295)        | (166,858)        |
|   | 243,894          | 192,993          |

As at 31 March 2020, loan and interest receivables with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK\$72,262,000 (2019: approximately HK\$106,600,000) were secured by assets under legal charges.

The customers are obliged to settle the amounts according to the terms set out in relevant contracts. Interest rates are offered based on the assessment of a number of factors including the borrowers' creditworthiness and repayment ability, collaterals as well as the general economic trends. The Group's loan principals charged interest at contract rates ranging approximately 8%-48% per annum (2019: approximately 8%-48% per annum).

A maturity profile of the loan and interest receivables based on the maturity date at the end of reporting period is as follows:

|               | 2020<br>HK\$′000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Within 1 year | 243,894          | 192,993          |
| 1 to 5 years  | 115,295          | 166,517          |
| Over 5 years  |                  | 341              |
|               | 359,189          | 359,851          |

The table below reconciles the ECL allowance on loan and interest receivables for the year:

|                          | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Balance at 1 April       | 54,267           | 28,505           |
| ECL allowance recognised | 126,077          | 26,181           |
| ECL allowance reversed   | (3,654)          | (118)            |
| Written-off              | (100)            | (301)            |
| Balance at 31 March      | 176,590          | 54,267           |

The Group recognises ECL allowance based on the accounting policy stated in note 4.7(ii). Further details on the Group's credit policy and credit risk arising from loan and interest receivables are set out in note 39(d).



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# 22. TRADE RECEIVABLES

|  | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Third parties                            | 35,354           | 31,561           |
| Less: ECL allowance of trade receivables | (22,984)         | (21,423)         |
|  | 12,370           | 10,138           |

Trade receivables mainly arise from valuation and advisory services. Invoices issued to customers are in accordance with the payment terms stipulated in the contracts and payable on issuance. The ageing analysis of trade receivables (net of ECL allowance) based on invoice date at the end of reporting period is as follows:

|                 | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0 to 30 days    | 6,229            | 5,961            |
| 31 to 60 days   | 810              | 1,446            |
| 61 to 90 days   | 521              | 591              |
| 91 to 180 days  | 1,688            | 650              |
| 181 to 360 days | 3,122            | 1,490            |
|                 | 12,370           | 10,138           |

The table below reconciles the ECL allowance on trade receivables for the year:

|                          | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Balance as at 1 April    | 21,423           | 20,363           |
| ECL allowance recognised | 2,309            | 2,580            |
| ECL allowance reversed   | (748)            | (406)            |
| Written-off              |                  | (1,114)          |
| Balance at 31 March      | 22,984           | 21,423           |

The Group recognises ECL allowance based on the accounting policy stated in note 4.7(ii). Further details on the Group's credit policy and credit risk arising from trade receivables as are set out in note 39(d).



# 23. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS, OTHER RECEIVABLES AND CONTRACT ASSETS

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000   | 2019<br>HK\$'000   |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Contract assets   | 94                 | 9,143              |
| Prepayments   | 1,017              | 1,181              |
| Deposits  | 1,812              | 2,880              |
| Other receivables   | 48,487             | 57,897             |
| Total prepayments, deposits, other receivables and contract assets<br>Less: ECL allowance of deposits, other receivables and<br>contract assets | 51,410<br>(41,489) | 71,101<br>(49,340) |
|   |                    |                    |
| Less: Non-current portion deposit   | 9,921              | 21,761<br>(800)    |
|   | 9,921              | 20,961             |

The table below reconciles the ECL allowance on deposits, other receivables and contract assets for the year:

| Balance at 31 March      | 41,489   | 49,340   |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Written-off              | (9,049)  | (303)    |
| ECL allowance reversed   | -        | (6)      |
| ECL allowance recognised | 1,198    | 33,493   |
| Balance as at 1 April    | 49,340   | 16,156   |
|                          | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|                          | 2020     | 2019     |

The Group recognises ECL allowance based on the accounting policy stated in note 4.7(ii). Further details on the Group's credit policy and credit risk arising from deposits, other receivables and contract assets are set out in note 39(d).



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# 24. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS AND CASH AND BANK BALANCES

As at 31 March 2020 and 2019, pledged bank deposits represented cash at bank pledged for bank borrowings (note 28(a)).

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. As at 31 March 2020, the Group maintains segregated deposit accounts with banks and authorised institutions to hold clients' monies arising from its normal course of business amount to HK\$798,000 (2019: nil). The Group classified the brokerage clients' monies in cash and bank balances, and recognised the corresponding trade payables to the respective brokerage clients (note 25(a)).

## **25. TRADE PAYABLES**

|   | Notes | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Trade payables arising from:                    |       |                  |                  |
| <ul> <li>Securities broking business</li> </ul> | (a)   | 798              | _                |
| - Valuation and advisory business               | (b)   | 889              | 338              |
|   |       | 1,687            | 338              |

Notes:

- (a) Trade payables arising from securities broking business represent the monies received from and repayable to brokerage clients. Trade payables to brokerage clients are interest-bearing at the prevailing interest rate and repayable on demand.
- (b) The Group was granted by its suppliers credit periods ranging from 0 to 30 (2019: 0 to 30) days. The ageing analysis of the trade payables arising from valuation and advisory business based on invoice date at the end of reporting period is as follows:

|               | 2020<br>HK\$′000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 0 to 30 days  | 596              | 44               |
| Over 360 days | 293              | 294              |
|               | 889              | 338              |



## 26. ACCRUED LIABILITIES, OTHER PAYABLES AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Accrued liabilities and other payables<br>Contract liabilities (note) |                  |                  |
|   | 48,617           | 36,866           |

Note:

Contract liabilities of the Group mainly arise from the advance payments made by customers while the underlying valuation and advisory services are yet to be provided. The Group generally requires the customers to make up to certain percentage of the total contract value upon signing of service contract.

The Group recognises the contract liabilities as revenue when the underlying services are completed. Contract liabilities outstanding at the beginning of the year amounting to HK\$9,181,000 (2019: HK\$13,830,000) have been recognised as revenue during the year.

The Group has elected the practical expedient for not to disclose the remaining performance obligation because the unsatisfied performance obligations as part of the contracts has original expected duration of one year or less.

Significant increase in contract liabilities was primarily due to increase in the number of project in progress as at 31 March 2020.

# 27. LEASE LIABILITIES/FINANCE LEASE LIABILITIES

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The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities of the Group's lease liabilities (2019: finance lease liabilities):

|  | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Total minimum lease payments:  |                  |                  |
| Due within one year  | 417              | 985              |
| Due within two to five years   | 251              | 668              |
|  | 668              | 1,653            |
| Less: future finance charges   | (29)             | (69)             |
| Present value of lease liabilities                                   | 639              | 1,584            |
| Present value of minimum lease payments:                             |                  |                  |
| Due within one year  | 401              | 944              |
| Due within two to five years   | 238              | 640              |
|  | 639              | 1,584            |
| Less: payment due within one year included under current liabilities | (401)            | (944)            |
| Payment due after one year included under non-current liabilities    | 238              | 640              |



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The Group has initially applied HKFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach and adjusted the opening balances at 1 April 2019 to recognise lease liabilities relating to leases which were previously classified as operating leases under HKAS 17. These liabilities have been aggregated with the brought forward balances relating to leases previously classified as finance leases. Comparative information as at 31 March 2019 has not been restated and relates solely to leases previously classified as finance lease. Details for transitions to HKFRS 16 are set out in note 2.

As at 31 March 2020, lease liabilities amounting to HK\$639,000 are effectively secured by the related underlying assets (note 16) as the rights to the leased assets would be reverted to the lessor in the event of default by repayment by the Group.

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the total cash outflow for the leases (including short-term leases) are HK\$6,018,000.

## **Details of the lease activities**

At 31 March 2020, the Group has entered into leases for the items listed as follows:

| Types of right-of-use assets | Number of<br>leases | Range of<br>remaining<br>lease term | Particulars                      |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Motor vehicles               | 2                   | 1 to 3 years                        | Subject to monthly fixed payment |
| Office premise               | 1                   | 1 month                             | Subject to monthly fixed payment |

## **28. INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS**

|   | Notes | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Current                                   |       |                  |                  |
| Bank borrowings repayable within one year | (a)   | 43,345           | 100,000          |
| Other borrowings                          | (b)   | 12,300           | _                |

Notes:

#### (a) Bank borrowings

As at 31 March 2020, the bank borrowings of HK\$43,345,000 (2019: HK\$100,000,000) were secured by bank deposits of HK\$48,157,000 (2019: HK\$108,557,000) placed in a bank (note 24). Interest is charged at London Inter-bank Offered Rate +1% (2019: Hong Kong Inter-bank Offered Rate +1%) per annum.

The above banking facilities of the loans are subject to the fulfillment of covenants relating to minimum requirement of pledged bank deposits and compliance of the bank's administrative requirements, as are commonly found in lending arrangements with financial institutions in Hong Kong. If the subsidiary were to breach the covenants, the drawn down facility would become repayable on demand.



As at 31 March 2020 and 2019, the bank borrowings were scheduled to repay within one year or on demand.

The Group regularly monitors the compliance with these covenants and the scheduled repayments of the loans and does not consider it probable that the bank will exercise its discretion to demand repayment for so long as the subsidiary continues to meet these requirements. Further details of the Group's management of liquidity risk are set out in note 39(e). As at 31 March 2020 and 2019, none of the covenants relating to drawn down facilities had been breached.

#### (b) Other borrowings

The other borrowings of HK\$12,300,000 (2019: nil) are unsecured, interest bearing at 6% per annum and repayable within one year.

## 29. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances for financial reporting purposes:

|                          | 2020<br>HK\$′000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Deferred tax assets      | 3                | 1,284            |
| Deferred tax liabilities | (816)            | (2,300)          |
|                          |                  |                  |
|                          | (813)            | (1,016)          |

The movement on deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year is as follows:

|                             | <b>Tax loss</b><br>HK\$'000 | Fair value<br>adjustments<br>arising from<br>business<br>combination<br>HK\$'000 | Accelerated<br>tax<br>depreciation<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Others</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| At 1 April 2018             | 1,281                       | (2,465)  | 48   | _                         | (1,136)                  |
| Recognised in profit        |                             |  |  |                           |                          |
| or loss                     | -                           | 241  | (45)   | (76)                      | 120                      |
| At 31 March 2019 and        |                             |  |  |                           |                          |
| 1 April 2019                | 1,281                       | (2,224)  | 3  | (76)                      | (1,016)                  |
| Acquisition of a subsidiary |                             |  |  |                           |                          |
| (note 38)                   | _                           | (816)  | _  | _                         | (816)                    |
| Recognised in profit or     |                             |  |  |                           |                          |
| loss                        | (1,281)                     | 2,224  | _  | 76                        | 1,019                    |
| At 31 March 2020            | -                           | (816)  | 3  | -                         | (813)                    |



# **30. SHARE CAPITAL**

|                                 | Numb            |               |                |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
|                                 | at HK\$0.064    |               |                |           |
|                                 | each            | each          | each           | HK\$'000  |
| Authorised:                     |                 |               |                |           |
| At 1 April 2018, 31 March 2019  |                 |               |                |           |
| and 1 April 2019                | 9,000,000,000   | -             | -              | 576,000   |
| Effect of share consolidation   |                 |               |                |           |
| (note (b))                      | (9,000,000,000) | 450,000,000   | _              | -         |
| Effect of share sub-division    |                 |               |                |           |
| (note (d))                      |                 | (450,000,000) | 57,600,000,000 |           |
|                                 |                 |               |                |           |
| At 31 March 2020                | -               | -             | 57,600,000,000 | 576,000   |
|                                 |                 |               |                |           |
| Issued:                         |                 |               |                |           |
| At 1 April 2018                 | 3,124,908,311   | -             | -              | 199,994   |
| Effect of share repurchased and |                 |               |                |           |
| cancelled (note (a))            | (424,500,000)   | _             |                | (27,168)  |
|                                 |                 |               |                |           |
| At 31 March 2019 and            | 2 700 400 244   |               |                | 472.026   |
| 1 April 2019                    | 2,700,408,311   | _             | _              | 172,826   |
| Effect of share consolidation   |                 | 125 020 415   |                |           |
| (note (b))                      | (2,700,408,311) | 135,020,415   | _              | _         |
| Effect of capital reduction     | _               | (125 020 415) | 125 020 415    | (171 476) |
| (note (c))                      |                 | (135,020,415) | 135,020,415    | (171,476) |
| At 31 March 2020                | -               | _             | 135,020,415    | 1,350     |

Notes:

- (a) During the year ended 31 March 2019, the Company repurchased a total of 424,500,000 shares on the Stock Exchange with an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$38,794,000. The above shares were cancelled.
- (b) Pursuant to the share consolidation being completed on 22 August 2019, every twenty (20) of the then shares of par value of HK\$0.064 each in the share capital of the Company was consolidated into one (1) consolidated share of par value of HK\$1.28 each. Upon the share consolidation became effective, the authorised number of share capital of the Company decreased from 9,000,000 shares of par value of HK\$0.064 each to 450,000,000 consolidated shares of par value of HK\$1.28 each.
- (c) Pursuant to the capital reduction being completed on 7 November 2019, (the "Capital Reduction"), the par value of issued consolidated shares was reduced from HK\$1.28 each to HK\$0.01 by cancelling the paid up capital to the extent of HK\$1.27 on each issued consolidated share. Accordingly, the issued share capital decreased by HK\$171,476,000 to HK\$1,350,000, standing to the credit of the share premium account of HK\$171,476,000.
- (d) Immediately following the Capital Reduction, each of the authorised but unissued consolidated shares with par value of HK\$1.28 each are sub-divided into one hundred and twenty-eight (128) shares of par value at HK\$0.01 each (the "Share Sub-division"). Accordingly, the total authorised share capital were increased to 57,600,000,000 shares at par value of HK\$0.01 each.



## 31. NOTE TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The table below set out the reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities for the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019:

|   | Bank<br>borrowings<br>(note 28(a))<br>HK\$'000 | Other<br>borrowings<br>(note 28(b))<br>HK\$'000 | Finance<br>lease<br>liabilities<br>(note 27)<br>HK\$′000 | Lease<br>liabilities<br>(note 27)<br>HK\$'000 | <b>Interest<br/>payable</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$'000 |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|--------------------------|
| At 1 April 2018   | 100,000  | _   | 2,312  | _   | _                                       | 102,312                  |
| Changes from cash flows:<br>Repayments<br>Non-cash:                                 | -  | -   | (728)  | -   | (2,503)                                 | (3,231)                  |
| Interest expenses   |  | _   | _  | _   | 2,503                                   | 2,503                    |
| At 31 March 2019 and<br>1 April 2019<br>Adjustment from the<br>adoption of HKFRS 16 | 100,000  | -   | 1,584  | -   | -                                       | 101,584                  |
| (note 2)  | -  |   | (1,584)  | 6,042   | _                                       | 4,458                    |
| At 1 April 2019 (Adjusted)<br>Changes from cash flows:                              | 100,000  | -   | _  | 6,042   | _                                       | 106,042                  |
| Proceeds  | 1,173,345                                      | 12,300  | _  | -   | -                                       | 1,185,645                |
| Repayments<br>Capital element of  | (1,230,000)                                    | _   | -  | _   | _                                       | (1,230,000)              |
| lease paid  | -  | -   | _  | (5,403)                                       | -                                       | (5,403)                  |
| Interest paid   | -  | -   | -  | (102)   | (3,005)                                 | (3,107)                  |
| Non-cash:   |  |   |  |   |   |                          |
| Interest expenses   | _  | _   | -  | 102   | 3,149                                   | 3,251                    |
| At 31 March 2020  | 43,345   | 12,300  | -  | 639   | 144                                     | 56,428                   |

## 32. RESERVES

## The Group

#### Share premium

Share premium represents the amount subscribed for share capital in excess of nominal value.

#### Capital reserve

Capital reserve represents the difference between the nominal value of shares issued and the nominal value of the share capital of the subsidiaries acquired as part of a group reorganisation which resulted in existing group structure.





#### Share option reserve

Share option reserve represents the cumulative expenses recognised on the granting of share options to the scheme participants over the vesting period and are dealt with in accordance with the accounting policy set out in note 4.15. The share option reserve is non-distributable.

#### Revaluation reserve

Revaluation reserve represents fair value reserve comprising the cumulative net change in the fair value of equity investments designed at FVTOCI under HKFRS 9 that are held at the end of the reporting period.

## The Company

|   | Share held<br>for share       | Share                      | Share<br>option            | Retained<br>earnings/<br>(Accumulated |                          |
|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | <b>award plan</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>premium</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>reserve</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>losses)</b><br>HK\$'000            | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$′000 |
|   |                               |                            |                            |                                       |                          |
| At 1 April 2018                                 | _                             | 410,059                    | -                          | 15,684                                | 425,743                  |
| Share repurchased and                           |                               |                            |                            |                                       |                          |
| cancelled (note 30(a))                          | -                             | (11,626)                   | -                          | _                                     | (11,626)                 |
| Recognition of share-based                      |                               |                            |                            |                                       |                          |
| payment (note 33(a))                            | _                             | _                          | 2,763                      | -                                     | 2,763                    |
| Purchase of shares for share                    |                               |                            |                            |                                       |                          |
| award plan (note 33(b))                         | (26,241)                      |                            | _                          |                                       | (26,241)                 |
|   |                               |                            |                            |                                       |                          |
| Transactions with owners                        | (26,241)                      | (11,626)                   | 2,763                      | -                                     | (35,104)                 |
| Loss and total comprehensive                    |                               |                            |                            |                                       |                          |
| loss for the year                               |                               |                            | _                          | (4,334)                               | (4,334)                  |
|   |                               |                            |                            |                                       |                          |
| At 31 March 2019 and                            | (26.2.44)                     | 200 422                    | 2 7 6 2                    | 44.250                                | 206 205                  |
| 1 April 2019                                    | (26,241)                      | 398,433                    | 2,763                      | 11,350                                | 386,305                  |
| Recognition of share-based payment (note 33(a)) | _                             | _                          | 2,116                      | _                                     | 2 116                    |
| Effect of capital reduction                     |                               |                            | 2,110                      |                                       | 2,116                    |
| (note 30(c))                                    | _                             | 171,476                    | _                          | _                                     | 171,476                  |
|   |                               | 171,470                    |                            |                                       | 171,470                  |
| Transactions with owners                        | _                             | 171,476                    | 2,116                      | _                                     | 173,592                  |
| Loss and total comprehensive                    |                               | .,.,.,                     | 2,110                      |                                       | 1, 5,552                 |
| loss for the year                               | -                             | _                          |                            | (202,706)                             | (202,706)                |
|   |                               |                            |                            |                                       |                          |
| At 31 March 2020                                | (26,241)                      | 569,909                    | 4,879                      | (191,356)                             | 357,191                  |

As at 31 March 2020, the aggregate amount of reserves available for distribution to owners of the Company was HK\$378,553,000 (2019: HK\$409,783,000).



## 33. SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") and a share award plan (the "Plan") providing incentives or rewards to eligible persons of the Group for their contribution to the Group. Details of the Share Option Scheme and the Plan are summarised below.

#### (a) Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme was approved by the shareholder of the Company on 26 September 2011 for providing incentives or rewards to eligible persons of the Group for their contribution to the Group.

The Share Option Scheme will be valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing on the Listing Date.

The total number of shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all options to be granted under the Share Option Scheme and other share option schemes must not, in aggregate, exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue as at the Listing Date (the "Scheme Mandate Limit") provided that options lapsed in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme or other share option schemes will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the Scheme Mandate Limit. The Company may seek approval by its shareholders in general meeting for refreshing the Scheme Mandate Limit. However, the total number of shares which may be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company under the limit as "refreshed" must not exceed 10% of the total number of ordinary shares in issue as at the date of passing the relevant resolution to refresh such limit.

Eligible persons under the Share Option Scheme include employees and other members of the Group, including any executive, non-executive and independent non-executive directors, advisors and consultants of the Group.

The offer of a grant of share options under the Share Option Scheme may be accepted within a period of 28 days from the date of which the option is granted, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 by the grantee.

The subscription price for the shares subject to the options will be a price determined by the Board and shall be the highest of (i) the closing price of the shares as stated on the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant of the options, which must be a trading date; (ii) the average closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the 5 trading days immediately preceding the date of grant of the options; and (iii) the nominal value of a share.

On 15 August 2018 and 19 June 2019, options comprising 120,016,332 shares (the "Batch 1 Share Options") and options comprising 297,044,913 share options (the "Batch 2 Share Options"), were granted under the Share Option Scheme, respectively. All of the share options were fully vested on the respective date of grant.



The following table shows the movement of the outstanding number of the shares comprised in the options granted during the year:

|   | At beginning<br>of year | Granted<br>during<br>the year          | Adjusted<br>during<br>the year<br>(Note) | At end<br>of year                      |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| For the year ended<br>31 March 2020       |                         |  |  |  |
| Executive directors                       |                         |  |  |  |
| – Mr. Yue Kwai Wa Ken                     | 30,004,083              | -                                      | (28,503,879)                             | 1,500,204                              |
| – Mr. Li Sheung Him Michael               | 30,004,083              | _                                      | (28,503,879)                             | 1,500,204                              |
| Subtotal                                  | 60,008,166              | -                                      | (57,007,758)                             | 3,000,408                              |
| Employees                                 | 30,004,083              | 243,036,747                            | (259,388,787)                            | 13,652,043                             |
| Eligible participants                     | 30,004,083              | 54,008,166                             | (79,811,637)                             | 4,200,612                              |
| Total                                     | 120,016,332             | 297,044,913                            | (396,208,182)                            | 20,853,063                             |
| Weighted average exercise<br>price (HK\$) | 0.090                   | 0.064                                  | N/A                                      | 1.430                                  |
|   |                         |  |  |  |
| For the year ended<br>31 March 2019       |                         |  |  |  |
| Executive directors                       |                         |  |  |  |
| – Mr. Yue Kwai Wa Ken                     | -                       | 30,004,083                             | _  | 30,004,083                             |
| – Mr. Li Sheung Him Michael               |                         | 30,004,083                             | _  | 30,004,083                             |
| Subtotal                                  |                         |  |  |  |
|   | _                       | 60,008,166                             | _  | 60,008,166                             |
| Employee                                  | _                       |  | _  |  |
| Employee<br>Eligible participant          | -                       | 60,008,166<br>30,004,083<br>30,004,083 | -  | 60,008,166<br>30,004,083<br>30,004,083 |
|   | -                       | 30,004,083                             | -  | 30,004,083                             |
| Eligible participant                      | -                       | 30,004,083<br>30,004,083               | -  | 30,004,083<br>30,004,083               |
| Eligible participant                      | _<br>                   | 30,004,083<br>30,004,083               | _<br>                                    | 30,004,083<br>30,004,083               |



Note: The exercise price and the number of the outstanding share options granted under the Share Option Scheme have been adjusted for share consolidation on 22 August 2019 as follows:

|  | Before adj<br>Exercise price<br>HK\$ | justment<br>Number of<br>share comprised<br>in the<br>share options | After adj<br>Exercise price<br>HK\$ | ustment<br>Number of<br>share comprised<br>in the<br>share options |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Date of grant</b><br>15 August 2018<br>19 June 2019 | 0.090<br>0.064                       | 120,016,332<br>297,044,913  | 1.800<br>1.280                      | 6,000,817<br>14,852,246  |

All of the Company's share options are exercisable as at 31 March 2020 and 2019. The weighted-average remaining contractual life of the options outstanding at the end of reporting period is 1.69 years (2019: 1.38 years). The exercise in full of the outstanding share options would result in the issue of 20,853,063 (2019: 120,016,332, before adjustment of share consolidation) additional shares of the Company and additional share capital and share premium of approximately HK\$209,000 (2019: HK\$7,681,000) and HK\$29,604,000 (2019: HK\$3,120,000) (before issue expense), respectively.

No options were exercised or lapsed during the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019.

During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group recognised share-based payment compensation of approximately HK\$2,116,000 (2019: HK\$2,763,000).

The fair value of the share options granted was estimated as at the respective date of grant, using the Binomial Option-Pricing Model. The following key inputs were used in the valuations:

|  | Batch 1<br>Share Options | Batch 2<br>Share Options |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Risk-free rate                                 | 1.76%                    | 1.51%                    |
| Contractual life                               | 2 years                  | 3 years                  |
| Expected volatility                            | 73.95%                   | 79.67%                   |
| Dividend yield                                 | 0%                       | 0%                       |
| Number of options (before adjustment for share |                          |                          |
| consolidation)                                 | 120,016,332              | 297,044,913              |

#### (b) The Plan

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On 22 June 2018, the Company adopted the Plan in which the Group's employees (whether full time or part time, but exclude directors) will be entitled to participate.

During the year ended 31 March 2019, a sum of approximately HK\$26,241,000 has been used to acquire 300,000,000 shares from the market by the trustee of the Plan. The number of shares under the Plan have been adjusted to 15,000,000 shares for the share consolidation completed on 22 August 2019. No shares have been granted to eligible employees under the Plan during the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019.

The Plan shall be subject to the administration of the Board and the trustee in accordance with the plan rules and the trust deed of the Plan. Subject to any early termination as may be determined by the Board, the Plan shall be valid and effective for a term of 10 years commencing on its adoption date (i.e. 22 June 2018).



The maximum number of shares to be subscribed for and/or purchased by the trustee by applying the trust fund of the Plan for each calendar year for the purpose of the Plan shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares as at the beginning of such calendar year. The directors of the Company shall not instruct the trustee to subscribe and/or purchase any shares for the purpose of the Plan when such subscription and/or purchase will result in the said limit being exceeded. The maximum number of shares which may be awarded to a selected employee under the Plan shall not exceed 1% of the total number of issued shares from time to time.

## **34. SUBSIDIARIES**

| Name   | Place of incorporation/<br>operation        | Issued and fully paid<br>share capital           | Attributable equ<br>held by the C<br>Directly | •    | Principal activities  |
|--|---|--|---|------|---|
| United Brilliant Limited                           | British Virgin Islands<br>("BVI")/Hong Kong | 10,000 shares of<br>US Dollar ("US\$")<br>1 each | 100%  | -    | Investment holding  |
| Chariot Success Limited                            | BVI/Hong Kong                               | 10 shares of US\$1 each                          | _   | 100% | Investment holding  |
| Gertino Limited                                    | BVI/Hong Kong                               | 10 shares of nil<br>par value                    | -   | 100% | Investment holding  |
| Roma Appraisals Limited                            | Hong Kong                                   | HK\$10,000                                       | -   | 100% | Provision of valuation and consultancy services                                 |
| Roma Oil and Mining Associates Limited             | Hong Kong                                   | HK\$100  | -   | 100% | Provision of natural resources<br>valuation and technical<br>advisory services  |
| M Success Finance Limited                          | Hong Kong                                   | HK\$1  | -   | 100% | Provision of financing services   |
| Excellent Success Investment Limited               | Hong Kong                                   | HK\$30,000,000<br>(2019: HK\$12,000,000)         | -   | 100% | Provision of securities broking,<br>placing and underwriting<br>(2019: Dormant) |
| Project P Enterprise Limited                       | Hong Kong                                   | HK\$1  | -   | 100% | Dormant   |
| Charleton Holdings Limited                         | BVI/Hong Kong                               | 1 share of US\$1 each                            | -   | 100% | Investment holding  |
| Roma Surveyors and Property Consultants<br>Limited | Hong Kong                                   | HK\$1  | -   | 100% | Provision of valuation on real estate and agency services                       |
| Roma Credit and Risk Evaluation Limited            | Hong Kong                                   | HK\$1  | -   | 100% | Provision of credit reports services  |

Details of the Company's subsidiaries at 31 March 2020 and 2019 were as follows:



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| Name   | Place o<br>operati | •      | Issued and fully paid<br>share capital | Attributable equination of the second | •                   | Principal activities   |
|--|--------------------|--------|--|--|---------------------|--|
| Ascendant Success Limited                              | BVI/Hor            | g Kong | 1 share of US\$1 each                  | -  | 100%                | Investment holding   |
| Million Up Holdings Limited                            | BVI/Hor            | g Kong | 1 share of US\$1 each                  | -  | 100%                | Investment holding   |
| Roma Strategic Marketing I                             | imited Hong K      | ong I  | HK\$1                                  | -  | 100%                | Provision of marketing and event organisation services           |
| Bonus Boost International L                            | imited BVI/Hor     | g Kong | 1 share of US\$1 each                  | -  | 100%                | Investment holding   |
| B.I. Appraisals Limited                                | Hong K             | ong I  | HK\$1,000,000                          | -  | 100%                | Provision of valuation and<br>consultancy services               |
| Charming Global Group Lin                              | nited BVI/Hor      | g Kong | 10 shares of US\$1 each                | -  | 100%                | Dormant  |
| Glorious Sky Group Limited                             | BVI/Hor            | g Kong | 10 shares of US\$1 each                | -  | 100%                | Dormant  |
| Fantastic Adventure Holdin                             | gs Limited BVI/Hor | g Kong | 10 shares of US\$1 each                | -  | 100%                | Investment holding   |
| Roma Risk Advisory Limited                             | Hong K             | ong l  | HK\$1                                  | -  | 100%                | Provision of ESG reporting<br>services                           |
| KLS Consultants Limited                                | Hong K             | ong l  | HK\$3                                  | -  | 100%                | Dormant  |
| Shanghai Baby Limited                                  | Hong K             | ong l  | HK\$10,000                             | -  | 100%                | Property investment  |
| Roma Capital Limited (form<br>Adventure Securities Lim |                    | ong l  | HK\$100                                | -  | 100%                | Dormant  |
| Leo Asset (note 38)                                    | Hong K             | ong I  | HK\$150,000                            | -  | 100%<br>(2019: N/A) | Provision of investment advisory<br>and asset management service |
| Macau Roma International<br>and Advisory Limited       | Appraisals Macau   |        | 25 shares of<br>MOP\$1,000 each        | -  | 100%<br>(2019: N/A) | Dormant  |
| B.I. ESG Advisory Limited                              | Hong K             | ong l  | HK\$100                                | -  | 100%<br>(2019: N/A) | Dormant  |



## **35. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY**

|   | Notes | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS AND LIABILITIES                      |       |                  |                  |
| Non-current assets                          |       |                  |                  |
| Investments in subsidiaries                 | 34    | 806              | 1,335            |
| Current assets                              |       |                  |                  |
| Prepayments, deposits and other receivables |       | 135              | 156              |
| Amounts due from subsidiaries               |       | 359,900          | 488,607          |
| Cash and bank balances                      |       | 189              | 71,737           |
|   |       | 360,224          | 560,500          |
| Current liabilities                         |       |                  |                  |
| Accrued liabilities                         |       | 93               | 125              |
| Amounts due to subsidiaries                 |       | 2,396            | 2,579            |
|   |       | 2,489            | 2,704            |
|   |       |                  |                  |
| Net current assets                          |       | 357,735          | 557,796          |
| Net assets                                  |       | 358,541          | 559,131          |
| EQUITY                                      |       |                  |                  |
| Share capital                               | 30    | 1,350            | 172,826          |
| Reserves                                    | 32    | 357,191          | 386,305          |
| Total equity                                |       | 358,541          | 559,131          |

On behalf of the board of directors (the "Board")

Mr. Yue Kwai Wa Ken Director Mr. Li Sheung Him Michael Director



## **36. LEASE COMMITMENTS**

#### As a lessee

At the reporting date, the lease commitments for short-term leases (2019: total future minimum lease payments payable by the Group under non-cancellable operating leases) are as follows:

|  | 2020<br>HK\$′000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Within one year<br>In the second to fifth year | 402<br>_         | 4,281<br>350     |
|  | 402              | 4,631            |

## **37. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Save as disclosed in elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following significant transactions with related parties during the year:

#### Key management personnel remuneration

Key management of the Group are members of the Board. Key management personnel remuneration includes the following expenses:

|  | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Directors' fees  | 408              | 427              |
| Salaries, allowances and other benefits                | 3,578            | 4,951            |
| Contributions on defined contribution retirement plans | 36               | 39               |
| Share-based payment                                    | -                | 1,382            |
|  |                  |                  |
|  | 4,022            | 6,799            |



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## **38. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY**

On 21 December 2018, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a sales and purchase agreement with an independent third party, pursuant to which the Group agreed to acquire the entire issued share capital of Leo Asset at the consideration of HK\$12,000,000 (the "Acquisition"). The Acquisition was completed on 27 November 2019. Leo Asset is a corporation licensed by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong (the "SFC") to conduct Type 4 (advising on securities) and Type 9 (asset management) regulated activities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO"). The Acquisition was made as part of the Group's strategy to diversify and provide further synergy effect to the existing businesses of the Group.

The following summarises the consideration paid for the Acquisition and the recognised amounts of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date:

|                                    | Fair value of<br>net identifiable<br>assets and<br>liabilities<br>acquired<br>HK\$'000 |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Intangible assets                  | 4,944  |
| Deposit and other receivables      | 64   |
| Cash and bank balances             | 280  |
| Deferred tax liabilities (note 29) | (816)  |
| Net identifiable assets acquired   | 4,472  |
| Goodwill (note 19)                 | 7,528  |
|                                    | 12,000   |
|                                    |  |

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|---------------|--------|
| Cash          | 12,000 |
|               |        |

Goodwill arose in the above business combination as the consideration paid for the combination effectively included amounts in relation to the benefit of expected synergies, revenue growth and future market development. These benefits are not recognised separately from goodwill because they do not meet the recognition criteria for identifiable intangible assets. None of the goodwill arising on the Acquisition is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

The Group incurred transaction costs of approximately HK\$24,000 for the Acquisition.



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An analysis of the cash flows in respect of the Acquisition is as follows:

| Cash consideration                   | 12,000 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Less: Deposits paid                  | (800)  |
| Less: Cash and bank balance acquired | (280)  |

from investing activities 10,920

The revenue and profit included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income since 27 November 2019 to 31 March 2020 contributed by the Leo Asset were HK\$110,000 and HK\$19,000, respectively.

Had the combination taken place on 1 April 2019, the revenue and loss of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2020 would have been increased by HK\$159,000 and decreased by HK\$123,000, respectively. These pro forma information are for illustrative purposes only and are not necessarily an indication of revenue and result of operation of the Group that actually would have been achieved had the acquisition been completed on 1 April 2019, nor are they intended to be a projection of future results.

## **39. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Group is exposed to financial risks through its use of financial instruments in its ordinary course of operations and in its investment activities. The financial risks include market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The directors meet regularly to identify and evaluate risks and to formulate strategies to manage financial risks. The overall objectives in managing financial risks focus on securing the Group's short to medium term cash flows by minimising its exposure to financial markets. There has been no change to the types of the Group's exposure in respect of financial instruments or the manner in which it manages and measures the risks.

The Group has not used any derivatives or other instruments for hedging purposes. The most significant risks to which the Group is exposed to are described below.

#### (a) Currency risk

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Currency risk refers to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group's exposure to currency risk is limited to its bank balances denominated in Renminbi ("RMB") as majority of the Group's transactions, monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in HK\$ and US\$.

As at 31 March 2020, the Group has net assets of HK\$48,159,000 (2019: HK\$83,516,000) that are denominated in USD. As US\$ is pegged to HK\$, the Group does not expect any significant movements in the US\$/HK\$ exchange rates. No sensitivity analysis in respect of the Group's financial assets and liabilities denominated in US\$ is presented as in the opinion of the directors, such sensitivity analysis does not give additional value in view of the insignificant movement in the US\$/HK\$ exchange rates at the end of reporting period.



The carrying amounts of the Group's material monetary assets that are denominated in RMB at the end of reporting period were as follows:

|     | Assets   | Assets   |  |  |
|-----|----------|----------|--|--|
|     | 2020     | 2019     |  |  |
|     | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |  |  |
|     |          |          |  |  |
| RMB | 9        | 20,502   |  |  |
|     |          |          |  |  |

#### Sensitivity analysis

The following table indicates the approximate change in the Group's results for the year in response to reasonably possible changes in the foreign exchange rates to which the Group has significant exposure at the end of reporting period. A positive number below indicates a decrease in loss for the year.

|                               | Effect on results for the year |          |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--|
|                               | <b>2020</b> 2                  |          |  |
|                               | HK\$'000                       | HK\$'000 |  |
| RMB to HK\$:                  |                                |          |  |
| Appreciated by 10% (2019: 3%) | 1                              | 615      |  |
| Depreciated by 10% (2019: 3%) | (1)                            | (615)    |  |

The sensitivity analysis has been determined assuming that the change in foreign exchange rate had occurred at the end of reporting period and that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant. The stated changes represent management's assessment of reasonably possible changes in foreign exchange rates over the period until the next annual reporting date.

#### (b) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk due to the fluctuation of the prevailing market interest rate on loan and interest receivables, bank balances and borrowings with floating rate. The Group currently does not use any derivative contracts to hedge its loans to interest rate risk. However, management will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.



The following table details the interest rate profile of the Group's financial assets and liabilities as at the end of the reporting period based upon which the Group's management evaluates the cash flow interest rate risk:

|   | 2020<br>Effective<br>interest rate<br>(% per annum) | Amount<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>Effective<br>interest rate<br>(% per annum) | Amount<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|---|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| Financial assets                                  |   |                    |   |                    |
| Fixed rate receivables                            |   |                    |   |                    |
| <ul> <li>Pledged bank deposits</li> </ul>         | 1.90%-2.21%   | 48,157             | 0.01%-3.85%   | 108,557            |
| <ul> <li>Loan and interest receivables</li> </ul> | 8%-48%  | 359,189            | 8%-48%  | 359,851            |
| Floating rate receivables                         |   |                    |   |                    |
| – Cash at bank                                    | 0.001%-0.01%  | 20,014             | 0.001%-0.01%  | 109,856            |
| Financial liabilities                             |   |                    |   |                    |
| Fixed rate borrowings                             |   |                    |   |                    |
| – Lease liabilities (2019: Finance                |   |                    |   |                    |
| lease liabilities)                                | 1.6%-2.51%  | 639                | 1.6%-2.5%   | 1,584              |
| <ul> <li>Other borrowings</li> </ul>              | 6%  | 12,300             | N/A   | N/A                |
| Floating rate borrowings                          |   |                    |   |                    |
| – Bank borrowings                                 | 1.9%-2.0%   | 43,345             | 2.0%-3.21%  | 100,000            |

The following table demonstrates the effect of sensitivity to reasonably possible changes in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, on the Group's loss after income tax in the next accounting period:

|  | 2020          |               | 2019          | )             |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  |               | Decrease/     |               | Decrease/     |
|  | Increase/     | (Increase) in | Increase/     | (Increase) in |
|  | (decrease) in | loss after    | (decrease) in | loss after    |
|  | basis points  | income tax    | basis points  | income tax    |
|  |               | HK\$'000      |               | HK\$'000      |
| Floating rate financial assets         |               |               |               |               |
| Increase in floating rate              | 10            | 17            | 10            | 92            |
| Decrease in floating rate              | (10)          | (17)          | (10)          | (92)          |
| Floating rate financial<br>liabilities |               |               |               |               |
| Increase in floating rate              | 10            | (36)          | 10            | (84)          |
| Decrease in floating rate              | (10)          | 36            | (10)          | 84            |



## (c) Price risk

Price risk relates to the risk that the fair values or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates). The Group is mainly exposed to change in market prices in respect of its investments in listed equity classified as financial assets at FVTPL.

The sensitivity analysis is determined based on the exposure to price risk of the listed securities held by the Group at the end of each reporting date. As at 31 March 2020, if the fair value of the listed securities held by the Group had been 10% higher/lower, the loss for the year would have been decreased/increased by HK\$54,000 (2019: nil). The Group is not exposed to significant price risk as at 31 March 2019.

### (d) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument would fail to discharge its obligation under the terms of the financial instrument and cause a financial loss to the Group. The Group's exposure to credit risk mainly arises from granting credit to customers in the ordinary course of its operation and its loan and interest receivables.

#### Trade receivables and contract assets

The Group's policy is to deal with credit worthy counterparties. Customers are required to pay in advance or partial deposits for the valuation and advisory contracts. It is not the Group's policy to request collateral from its customers. Payment record of customers is closely monitored and management will determine appropriate recovery actions for overdue balances. Management reviews the recoverability of trade receivables and contract assets collectively at end of reporting period to ensure that provision for impairment is adequate for the outstanding balances.

As at 31 March 2020 and 2019, there was no concentration of credit risk with respect to trade receivables as the Group has a large number of customers.

The Group applies the simplified approach in providing for ECL as prescribed by HKFRS 9, which requires the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables and contract assets. The Group always measures the loss allowance for trade receivables and contract assets at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. The ECL on trade receivables and contract assets are estimated by reference to past default experience of the debtor and current market condition in relation to each debtor's exposure. The ECL also incorporates forward-looking information with reference to general macroeconomic conditions that may affect the ability of the debtors to settle receivables. To measure the ECL, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on share credit risk characteristics.



The following table provides information about the Group's exposure to credit risk and ECL for trade receivables and contract assets:

|                             | Weighted-<br>average<br>ECL rate | Gross<br>carrying<br>amount<br>HK\$'000 | Loss<br>allowance<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| As at 31 March 2020         |                                  |   |                               |
| Current (not past due)      | 0%                               | 94                                      | -                             |
| 1–30 days past due          | 2.8%                             | 6,410                                   | 181                           |
| 31–60 days past due         | 3.5%                             | 839                                     | 29                            |
| 61–90 days past due         | 4.6%                             | 546                                     | 25                            |
| 91–180 days past due        | 4.9%                             | 1,775                                   | 87                            |
| 181–360 days past due       | 13.2%                            | 3,595                                   | 473                           |
| More than 360 days past due | 100.0%                           | 22,189                                  | 22,189                        |
|                             |                                  | 35,448                                  | 22,984                        |
| As at 31 March 2019         |                                  |   |                               |
| Current (not past due)      | 0%                               | 94                                      | -                             |
| 1–30 days past due          | 4.2%                             | 6,221                                   | 260                           |
| 31–60 days past due         | 5.9%                             | 1,537                                   | 91                            |
| 61–90 days past due         | 24.7%                            | 785                                     | 194                           |
| 91–180 days past due        | 29.7%                            | 924                                     | 274                           |
| 181–360 days past due       | 41.4%                            | 2,544                                   | 1,054                         |
| More than 360 days past due | 100.0%                           | 19,550                                  | 19,550                        |
|                             |                                  |   |                               |

#### Loan and interest receivables

The management is responsible for overseeing the credit quality of the Group's loan portfolio. Credit limit is granted to new borrower after a credit worthiness assessment by the credit control team. Exposure to credit risk is also managed by obtaining collateral. The Group holds collaterals to cover its risks for certain loan and interest receivables. The maximum credit limit granted for each customer is based on the customer's creditworthiness, financial strength, the past collection statistic and the quality of related collateral. Payment records of the borrowers are closely monitored and management will determine appropriate recovery actions for overdue balances. Management reviews the recoverability of loan and interest receivables individually or collectively at end of reporting period to ensure that provision for impairment is adequate for irrecoverable amounts.



Collaterals are obtained in respect of certain secured loan and interest receivables which made up to approximately 22.7% (2019: 56.5%) of the total loan and interest receivables, net of ECL allowance, as at 31 March 2020. Such collaterals comprise a residential property, shares of private companies, promissory notes and convertible bonds issued by limited companies pledged against the balances. As at 31 March 2020, the fair value of collaterals for the mortgage loans and those secured loans which are a residential property and shares of certain private companies based on the prevailing market price or valuations amounted to approximately HK\$3,150,000 (2019: HK\$3,100,000) and HK\$49,390,000 (2019: HK\$151,256,000), respectively. The promissory notes and convertible bonds were held as collateral by the Group as at 31 March 2020 amounted to HK\$20,000,000 (2019: HK\$40,000,000) and HK\$9,000,000 (2019: HK\$9,000,000), respectively.

As at 31 March 2020, the Group had certain concentrations of credit risk as 21.9% (2019: 22.7%) of the Group's loan and interest receivables were due from the five largest borrowers.

To measure the ECL, loan and interest receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics. The internal credit risk ratings are determined on a combination of collective and individual basis taking into account of qualitative (such as debtors' operating conditions, financial positions, external rating of debtors, etc.) and quantitative factors (mainly includes past due information of the loan and interest receivables).

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is by referencing the external data adjusted by macroeconomic factors and forward-looking information, etc.

The Group consider the factors set out in note 4.7(ii) in assessing whether the credit risk of the loan and interest receivables are significantly increased. Due to significant deterioration of the financial position, repayment ability and quality of related collaterals of the Group's debtors, following the COVID-19 outbreak, social unrest in Hong Kong and the trade war between China and the United States of America, ECL allowance of HK\$176,590,000 (2019: HK\$54,267,000) was made against the gross amount of loan and interest receivables (note 21) as at 31 March 2020. The following table provides an overview of the Group's credit risk by stage, and the associated ECL coverage. The loan and interest receivables recorded in each stage have the following characteristics:

- Stage 1: Unimpaired and without significant increase in credit risk (i.e. either not yet overdue or overdue for less than 30 days) on which 12-month allowance for ECL are recognised.
- Stage 2: A significant increase in credit risk has been experienced since initial recognition (i.e. overdue within 31 days and 90 days but not credit impaired) on which lifetime ECL are recognised.
- Stage 3: Objective evidence of impairment (i.e. overdue more than 90 days), and are therefore considered to be in default or otherwise credit-impaired on which lifetime ECL are recognised.



The following table provides information about the ECL allowance movement for loan and interest receivables:

|  | <b>Stage 1</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>Stage 2</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>Stage 3</b><br>HK\$'000 | <b>Total</b><br>HK\$′000 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Weighted-average ECL rate  | 2.8%                       | 19.4%                      | 76.3%                      |                          |
| As at 1 April 2019<br>ECL allowance for new loans  | 3,416                      | 15,061                     | 35,790                     | 54,267                   |
| granted during the year<br>Loan recovered or repaid during                                   | 3,970                      | 971                        | 1,342                      | 6,283                    |
| the year   | (289)                      | (2,795)                    | (570)                      | (3,654)                  |
| Transfer to 12-month ECL<br>(Stage 1)<br>Transfer to lifetime ECL not                        | _                          | _                          | _                          | _                        |
| credit impaired (Stage 2)<br>Transfer to lifetime ECL redit                                  | _                          | _                          | _                          | _                        |
| impaired (Stage 3)   | (1,450)                    | (12,266)                   | 13,716                     | _                        |
| Total transfer between stages<br>Changes in credit risk of loans                             | (1,450)                    | (12,266)                   | 13,716                     | _                        |
| granted in prior years<br>Written-off  | 3,151                      | -                          | 116,643<br>(100)           | 119,794<br>(100)         |
| As at 31 March 2020  | 8,798                      | 971                        | 166,821                    | 176,590                  |
| Weighted-average ECL rate  | 1.2%                       | 18.5%                      | 93.7%                      |                          |
| As at 1 April 2018<br>ECL allowance for new loans  | 5,083                      | 2,397                      | 21,025                     | 28,505                   |
| granted during the year<br>Loan recovered or repaid  | 2,779                      | 1,822                      | -                          | 4,601                    |
| during the year  | (118)                      | _                          | _                          | (118)                    |
| Transfer to 12-month ECL<br>(Stage 1)  | _                          | _                          | _                          | _                        |
| Transfer to lifetime ECL not<br>credit impaired (Stage 2)<br>Transfer to lifetime ECL credit | (1,951)                    | 1,951                      | -                          | -                        |
| impaired (Stage 3)   | (3)                        | (2,107)                    | 2,110                      | _                        |
| Total transfer between stages<br>Changes in credit risk of loans                             | (1,954)                    | (156)                      | 2,110                      | _                        |
| granted in prior years<br>Written-off  | (2,374)                    | 10,998<br>_                | 12,956<br>(301)            | 21,580<br>(301)          |
| As at 31 March 2019  | 3,416                      | 15,061                     | 35,790                     | 54,267                   |
|  |                            |                            |                            |                          |



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#### Other receivables and deposits

The Group provides for 12-month ECL for all other receivables and deposits at initial recognition. Where there is a significant deterioration in credit risk or when the other receivables and deposits are assessed to be credit-impaired, the Group provides for lifetime ECL. The ECL incorporate forward looking information such as forecast of economic conditions. As at 31 March 2020, there were HK\$9,480,000 (2019: HK\$3,557,000) of other receivables without significant increase in credit risk on which 12-month ECL of HK\$706,000 (2019: HK\$39,000) were recognised, while there were HK\$1,200,000 (2019: HK\$43,560,000) of other receivables with significant increase in credit risk on which lifetime ECL of HK\$1,164,000 (2019: HK\$26,593,000) were recognised. There were HK\$39,619,000 (2019: HK\$13,660,000) of credit-impaired other receivables on which lifetime ECL of HK\$39,619,000 (2019: HK\$13,660,000) were recognised.

The credit risk for liquid funds is considered negligible as the counterparties are reputable international banks with high quality external credit ratings.

### (e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk relates to the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or other financial assets. The Group is exposed to liquidity risk in respect of settlement of trade payables and its financial obligations, and also in respect of its cash flow management. The cash management of all operating entities is centralised, including the raising of funds to cover expected cash demands. The Group's objective is to maintain sufficient reserves of cash to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

Specifically, for bank borrowings which contain a repayment on demand clause which can be exercised at the bank's sole discretion, the analysis shows the cash outflow based on the earliest period in which the entity can be required to pay, that is if the lenders were to invoke their unconditional rights to call the loans with immediate effect. The maturity analysis for other interest-bearing borrowings is prepared based on the scheduled repayment dates.



|  | Carrying<br>amount<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>contractual<br>undiscounted<br>cash flow<br>HK\$'000 | Within<br>1 year or<br>on demand<br>HK\$'000 | More than<br>1 year but<br>less than<br>2 years<br>HK\$'000 | More than<br>2 years but<br>less than<br>5 years<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| As at 31 March 2020                    |                                |   |  |   |  |
| Trade payables                         | 1,687                          | 1,687   | 1,687  | -   | -  |
| Accrued liabilities and other payables | 3,549                          | 3,549   | 3,549  | -   | -  |
| Interest-bearing borrowings (note)     | 55,645                         | 56,014  | 56,014                                       | -   | -  |
| Lease liabilities                      | 639                            | 668   | 417  | 223   | 28   |
|  | 61,520                         | 61,918  | 61,667                                       | 223   | 28   |
| As at 31 March 2019                    |                                |   |  |   |  |
| Trade payables                         | 338                            | 338   | 338  | -   | -  |
| Accrued liabilities and other payables | 3,218                          | 3,218   | 3,218  | -   | -  |
| Interest-bearing borrowings (note)     | 100,000                        | 100,000   | 100,000                                      | -   | -  |
| Finance lease liabilities              | 1,584                          | 1,653   | 985  | 417   | 251  |
|  | 105,140                        | 105,209   | 104,541                                      | 417   | 251  |

The contractual maturity analysis below is based on the undiscounted cash flows of the financial liabilities:

Note: As at 31 March 2020, interest-bearing borrowings include bank borrowings with repayment on demand clause amounted to HK\$43,345,000 (2019: HK\$100,000,000), which are included in the "Within 1 year or on demand" time band in the above maturity analysis. Taking into account the Group's financial position, the directors do not believe that it is probable that the bank will exercise its discretionary rights to demand immediate repayment. The directors believe that such bank borrowings will be repaid within 1–6 months (2019: 1 month) after the reporting date in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements. At that time, the aggregate principal and interest cash outflows will amount to HK\$43,705,000 (2019: HK\$100,217,000).



## (f) Fair values

#### (i) Financial assets measured at fair value

The following table presents the fair value of the Group's financial instruments measured at the end of the reporting period on a recurring basis, categorised into the three-level fair value hierarchy defined in HKFRS 13 "Fair Value Measurement".

|  | Fair value measurements categorised into |          |          |          |  |
|--|--|----------|----------|----------|--|
|  | Level 1                                  | Level 2  | Level 3  | Total    |  |
|  | HK\$'000                                 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |  |
| As at 31 March 2020                            |  |          |          |          |  |
| Financial asset at FVTOCI                      |  |          |          |          |  |
| – Unlisted equity investment                   | -  | -        | 3,780    | 3,780    |  |
| Financial assets at FVTPL                      |  |          |          |          |  |
| <ul> <li>Listed equity securities</li> </ul>   | 543                                      | -        | -        | 543      |  |
| - Other derivatives                            | _  | _        | 199      | 199      |  |
| As at 31 March 2019                            |  |          |          |          |  |
| Financial asset at FVTOCI                      |  |          |          |          |  |
|  |  |          | 40 506   | 12 526   |  |
| <ul> <li>Unlisted equity investment</li> </ul> |  | _        | 13,526   | 13,526   |  |

During the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, there were no transfers between level 1 and level 2, or transfer into or out of level 3. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period in which they occur.

The Group's financial controller is responsible for the fair value measurements of assets and liabilities required for financial reporting purposes, including level 2 and level 3 fair value measurements. The financial controller reports directly to the Board for these fair value measurements. Discussions of valuation processes and results are held between the financial controller and the Board at least twice a year.

For level 2 and level 3 fair value measurements, the Group will normally engage external valuation experts with recognised professional qualifications and recent experience to perform the valuations.



Financial asset at FVTOCI

The reconciliation of the carrying amounts of the Group's financial asset at FVTOCI classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy is as follows:

|  | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Unlisted equity investment                       |                  |                  |
| Opening balance                                  | 13,526           | 25,556           |
| Decrease in fair value                           | (9,746)          | (12,030)         |
| Closing balance                                  | 3,780            | 13,526           |
| Fair value change for the year included in other | ()               | (                |
| comprehensive income                             | (9,746)          | (12,030)         |

The fair value of equity instruments have been estimated using a guideline public company marketability model based on assumptions that are not supported by observable market price or rates.

Below is a summary of significant unobservable inputs to the valuation of financial instruments:

|                               | Valuation<br>technique                                 | Significant<br>unobservable<br>inputs | Range (av<br>2020 | <b>erage)</b><br>2019 | Relationship of<br>unobservable inputs<br>to fair value   |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Unlisted equity<br>investment | Guideline<br>public company<br>marketability<br>method | Price-to-sales ratio                  | 1:0.86            | 1:2.68                | An increase in the<br>ratio will result in<br>an increase in<br>the fair value of<br>the unlisted equity<br>investment        |
|                               |  | Discount for lack of marketability    | 15.8%             | 15.8%                 | An increase in the<br>discount rate will<br>result in a decrease<br>in the fair value of<br>the unlisted equity<br>investment |



Financial assets at FVTPL

The reconciliation of the carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets at FVTPL classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy is as follows:

|  | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Other derivatives                          |                  |                  |
| Opening balance                            | -                | -                |
| Addition                                   | 1,003            | _                |
| Decrease in fair value                     | (804)            | _                |
| Closing balance                            | 199              | _                |
| Fair value change for the year included in |                  |                  |
| profit or loss                             | (804)            | -                |

The fair value of other derivatives represents the share options of a listed entity and have been estimated using Binomial Option-Pricing Model based on assumptions that are not supported by observable market price or rates.

Below is a summary of significant unobservable inputs to the valuation of financial instruments:

|               | Valuation technique                | Significant<br>unobservable inputs | Relationship of<br>unobservable inputs<br>to fair value       |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Share options | Binomial Option –<br>Pricing Model | Expected volatility –<br>98.41%    | The higher the expected volatility, the higher the fair value |

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

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and liabilities carried at cost or amortised cost were not materially different from their fair values as at 31 March 2020 and 2019.

## 40. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES BY CATEGORY

The carrying amounts presented in the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group relate to the following categories of financial assets and financial liabilities:

|   | 2020<br>HK\$'000 | 2019<br>HK\$'000                       |
|---|------------------|--|
| Financial assets  |                  |  |
| Financial asset at FVTOCI   | 3,780            | 13,526                                 |
| Financial assets at FVTPL   | 742              | _                                      |
| Financial assets at amortised cost                                      |                  |  |
| <ul> <li>Loan and interest receivables</li> </ul>                       | 359,189          | 359,851<br>10,138<br>19,686<br>108,557 |
| <ul> <li>Trade receivables</li> </ul>                                   | 12,370           |  |
| <ul> <li>Deposits and other receivables</li> </ul>                      | 8,810            |  |
| <ul> <li>Pledged bank deposits</li> </ul>                               | 48,157           |  |
| <ul> <li>Cash and bank balances – general accounts</li> </ul>           | 19,216           | 109,856                                |
| - Cash and bank balances - segregated accounts                          | 798              | _                                      |
|   | 453,062          | 621,614                                |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b><br>Financial liabilities at amortised cost |                  |  |
| - Trade payables  | 1,687            | 338                                    |
| <ul> <li>Accrued liabilities and other payables</li> </ul>              | 3,549            | 3,218                                  |
| <ul> <li>Interest-bearing borrowings</li> </ul>                         | 55,645           | 100,000                                |
| Lease liabilities   | 639              | _                                      |
| inance lease liabilities  | -                | 1,584                                  |
|   | 61,520           | 105,140                                |

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## 41. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

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

The Group actively and regularly reviews and manages its capital structure, taking into consideration the future capital requirements of the Group, to ensure optimal shareholder returns.

For capital management purpose, the directors of the Company regard the total equity presented on the consolidated statement of financial position as capital.

The Group is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements except for certain subsidiaries engaged in securities broking, placing and underwriting and investment advisory services and asset management services which are regulated entities under the SFC and subject to the respective minimum capital requirements. The subsidiaries monitor the liquid capital on a daily basis to ensure fulfilment of the minimum and notification level of the liquid capital requirements under the SFO.

## 42. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

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

## 43. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The consolidated financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 10 June 2020.

## 44. EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

On 12 May 2020, the Company successfully completed a placing of 27,000,000 new shares to independent investors at a price of HK\$0.21 per placing share, representing a discount of approximately 17.65% to the closing price of HK\$0.255 per share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on 27 April 2020, being the date of the placing agreement. The gross and net proceeds (after deducting the placing commission and other related expenses from the Placing) are HK\$5.67 million and approximately HK\$5.48 million respectively. The Company intends to apply the net proceeds for the general working capital of the Group.



|  | Year ended 31 March |          |          |          |          |  |
|--|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| RESULTS                                      | 2020                | 2019     | 2018     | 2017     | 2016     |  |
|  | HK\$'000            | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |  |
| Revenue                                      | 76,172              | 70,150   | 65,140   | 111,992  | 118,102  |  |
| (Loss)/profit before income tax              | (160,146)           | (71,549) | (25,955) | 25,314   | 45,199   |  |
| Income tax credit/(expense)                  | 1,770               | 134      | 407      | (4,065)  | (8,612)  |  |
|  |                     |          |          | 24.240   |          |  |
| (Loss)/profit for the year                   | (158,376)           | (71,415) | (25,548) | 21,249   | 36,587   |  |
|  | As at 31 March      |          |          |          |          |  |
| ASSETS AND LIABILITIES                       | 2020                | 2019     | 2018     | 2017     | 2016     |  |
|  | HK\$'000            | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |  |
| Current assets                               | 335,098             | 444,744  | 760,411  | 466,286  | 442,565  |  |
| Non-current assets                           | 140,016             | 230,305  | 77,365   | 85,243   | 90,710   |  |
| Total assets                                 | 475,114             | 675,049  | 837,776  | 551,529  | 533,275  |  |
|  |                     |          |          |          |          |  |
| Current liabilities                          | 106,364             | 138,407  | 125,601  | 70,014   | 70,998   |  |
| Non-current liabilities                      | 1,054               | 2,940    | 3,481    | 5,030    | 7,041    |  |
| Total liabilities                            | 107,418             | 141,347  | 129,082  | 75,044   | 78,039   |  |
| Net assets                                   | 367,696             | 533,702  | 708,694  | 476,485  | 455,236  |  |
| EQUITY                                       |                     |          |          |          | ,        |  |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company | 367,696             | 533,702  | 708,694  | 476,485  | 455,236  |  |



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