



# 2020

Interim Report

ORIENT

**東方滙財證券國際控股有限公司**

**ORIENT SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock Code : 8001

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The board of Directors (the “Board”) is pleased to present the unaudited condensed consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the three months and six months period ended 30 June 2020 together with the comparative unaudited figures for the corresponding period in 2019.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the three months and six months period ended 30 June 2020

	Note	Three months ended 30 June		Six months ended 30 June	
		2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Revenue	4	17,138	7,648	33,086	14,768
Other income	5	757	4	758	4
		17,895	7,652	33,844	14,772
Staff costs		(2,674)	(2,832)	(5,184)	(5,779)
Administrative expenses		(3,870)	(2,739)	(7,014)	(5,733)
Finance costs		(75)	(38)	(75)	(38)
Profit before taxation	6	11,276	2,043	21,571	3,222
Income tax	7	(1,521)	(894)	(2,430)	(1,512)
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the company		9,755	1,149	19,141	1,710
Other comprehensive income for the period		—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the company		9,755	1,149	19,141	1,710
Earnings per share					
Basic and diluted	9	2.26 cents	0.27 cents	4.43 cents	0.40 cents

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2020

	Note	30 June 2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2019 HK\$'000 (audited)
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	10	4,855	7,666
Other assets	11	430	480
Loan and interest receivables	12	42,341	28,046
Deposits		1,100	1,100
		<b>48,726</b>	37,292
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Trade receivables	13	42,112	35,008
Loan and interest receivables	12	237,333	228,696
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables		9,349	5,287
Trust bank balances held on behalf of clients		15,911	17,626
Cash and cash equivalents		6,903	21,484
		<b>311,608</b>	308,101
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade payables	14	16,311	18,095
Accruals and other payables		784	1,348
Lease liabilities		5,136	5,572
Tax payables		4,141	3,471
		<b>26,372</b>	28,486
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
		<b>285,236</b>	279,615
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			
		<b>333,962</b>	316,907
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Debentures		1,000	1,000
Lease liabilities		—	2,086
		<b>1,000</b>	3,086
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		<b>332,962</b>	313,821
<b>EQUITY</b>			
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>			
Share capital	15	4,320	4,320
Reserves		328,642	309,501
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>			
		<b>332,962</b>	313,821

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months period ended 30 June 2020

	Attributable to owners of the Company				Total HK\$'000
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share Premium HK\$'000	Merger reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	
At 1 January 2020 (audited)	4,320	138,016	8	171,477	313,821
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	19,141	19,141
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	4,320	138,016	8	190,618	332,962

For the six months period ended 30 June 2019

	Attributable to owners of the Company				Total HK\$'000
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share Premium HK\$'000	Merger reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	
At 1 January 2019 (audited)	4,320	138,016	8	167,304	309,648
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	1,710	1,710
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	4,320	138,016	8	169,014	311,358

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months period ended 30 June 2020

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(14,506)	5,134
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(75)	(38)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(14,581)	5,096
Cash and cash equivalents as at the beginning of the period	21,484	42,631
Cash and cash equivalents as at the end of the period	6,903	47,727

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the three months and six months period ended 30 June 2020

## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Orient Securities International Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated and registered as an exempted company with limited liability on 5 January 2009 under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands and acts as an investment holding company. Its shares were listed on the GEM (“GEM”) of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) on 15 January 2014. The address of its registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman, KY1-1111, Cayman Islands and its principal place of business is Rooms 3101 & 3117-3118, 31st Floor, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168-200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong.

The Company and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) are principally engaged in the provision of:

- brokerage services
- underwriting and placing services
- securities, initial public offering financing services
- money lending services
- investment holding

## 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group’s unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), which collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKAS”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinances. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the GEM of the Stock Exchange.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2019 annual financial statements except for the adoption of the standards, amendments and interpretation issued by the HKICPA mandatory for the annual periods beginning on 1 January 2020. The effect of the adoption of these standards, amendments and interpretation is not material on these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months and six months period ended 30 June 2020 comprises the Company and its subsidiaries.

Items included in the financial statements of each entity in the Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the “functional currency”). The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements is presented in Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”), rounded to the nearest thousand except for otherwise indicated. The Company’s functional and the Group’s presentation currency are both HK\$.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements is the historical cost basis.

The preparation of unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying amounts of assets and liabilities not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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## 3. SEGMENT REPORTING

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

Brokerage	—	Provision of brokerage services
Underwriting and placing	—	Provision of underwriting and placing services
Margin financing	—	Provision of securities and initial public offering financing services
Money lending	—	Provision of money lending services

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

Segment assets include all non-current and current assets. Segment liabilities include all current liabilities with the exception of current tax payable.

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to revenue generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments or which otherwise arise from the depreciation and amortisation of assets attributable to those segments.

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment without allocation of interest income on bank deposits, sundry income and income tax expense.

### a) Segment revenue and results

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to revenue generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments or which otherwise arise from the depreciation and amortisation of assets attributable to those segments.

Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment without allocation of interest income on bank deposits, sundry income, and income tax expenses.

The segment revenue and results for the six months period ended 30 June 2020 are as follows:

	Brokerage HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Underwriting and placing HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Margin financing HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Money lending HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Reportable segment revenue					
Revenue from external clients	4,793	11,271	1,916	15,106	33,086
Reportable segment profit	3,015	7,090	1,205	9,503	20,813



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## 3. SEGMENT REPORTING *(Continued)*

### a) *Segment revenue and results (Continued)*

The segment revenue and results for the three months period ended 30 June 2020 are as follows:

	Brokerage HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Underwriting and placing HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Margin financing HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Money lending HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Reportable segment revenue					
Revenue from external clients	2,429	5,928	997	7,784	17,138
Reportable segment profit	1,491	3,638	612	4,778	10,519

The segment revenue and results for the six months period ended 30 June 2019 are as follows:

	Brokerage HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Underwriting and placing HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Margin financing HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Money lending HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Reportable segment revenue					
Revenue from external clients	1,169	—	1,865	11,734	14,768
Reportable segment profit	255	—	406	2,557	3,218

The segment revenue and results for the three months period ended 30 June 2019 are as follows:

	Brokerage HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Underwriting and placing HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Margin financing HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Money lending HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Reportable segment revenue					
Revenue from external clients	640	—	899	6,109	7,648
Reportable segment profit	170	—	240	1,629	2,039

### b) *Information about geographical areas*

All of the activities of the Group are carried out in Hong Kong and all of the Group's revenue for the three months and six months period ended 30 June 2020 and 2019 are derived from Hong Kong. Accordingly, no analysis of geographical information is presented.

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For the three months and six months period ended 30 June 2020

## 4. REVENUE

The Group's revenue represents:

	For the three months ended 30 June		For the six months ended 30 June	
	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Commission from brokerage services and related service income	2,429	640	4,793	1,169
Commission from underwriting and placing services	5,928	—	11,271	—
Interest income from margin financing services	997	899	1,916	1,865
Interest income from money lending services	7,784	6,109	15,106	11,734
	<b>17,138</b>	<b>7,648</b>	<b>33,036</b>	<b>14,768</b>

## 5. OTHER INCOME

	For the three months ended 30 June		For the six months ended 30 June	
	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Interest income on — bank deposits	—	1	—	1
Total interest income on financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss	—	1	—	1
Sundry income	757	3	758	3
	<b>757</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>4</b>

## 6. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

	For the three months ended 30 June		For the six months ended 30 June	
	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Staff costs and Directors' emoluments including commission paid to staff and other staff costs	2,674	2,832	5,184	5,779
Depreciation for property, plant and equipment	141	302	289	603
Operating lease charges and depreciation of right-of-use assets in respect of office premises	1,481	1,177	2,969	2,353

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## 7. INCOME TAX

	For the three months ended 30 June		For the six months ended 30 June	
	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Current tax — Hong Kong Profits Tax Provision for the period	1,521	894	2,430	1,512
	1,521	894	2,430	1,512

The provision for Hong Kong Profits tax for 2020 is calculated at 8.25% of the first HK\$2,000,000 and 16.5% of the remaining balance (2019: 8.25% of the first HK\$2,000,000 and 16.5% of the remaining balance) of estimated assessable profits for the period.

## 8. DIVIDENDS

The directors of the Company do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months period ended 30 June 2020 (2019: Nil).

## 9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to equity shareholders of the Company is based on the following data:

	For the three months ended 30 June		For the six months ended 30 June	
	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
<b>Earnings:</b>				
Earnings for the purposes of basic and diluted earnings per share:				
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	9,755	1,149	19,141	1,710
<b>Number of shares:</b>				
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	432,000,000	432,000,000	432,000,000	432,000,000

Diluted earnings per share equals to basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding during the periods.

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## 10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the six months period ended 30 June 2020, the Group has no addition of plant and equipment (31 December 2019: HK\$nil).

## 11. OTHER ASSETS

	30 June 2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2019 HK\$'000 (audited)
Statutory and other deposits	430	480

Statutory and other deposits represent deposits placed with various exchanges and clearing houses. These balances do not bear interest.

## 12. LOAN AND INTEREST RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2019 HK\$'000 (audited)
<i>Money lending services</i>		
Gross loan and interest receivables	279,674	257,017
Less: Provision on loan and interest receivables	—	(275)
	279,674	256,742
Less: Portion due within one year included under current assets	(237,333)	(228,696)
Non-current portion included under non-current assets	42,341	28,046

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## 13. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2019 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade receivables arising from the business of dealing in securities and equity option:		
— Cash clients	2,890	2,166
— Margin finance loans	47,360	40,571
— Clearing house	—	409
Trade receivables, gross	50,250	43,146
Less: provision on trade receivables	(8,138)	(8,138)
Trade receivables, net	42,112	35,008

These balances are required to be settled on the settlement dates of their respective transactions (normally one or two business days after the respective trade dates). The trade receivables from cash clients bear interest at commercial rates (normally at HK\$ Prime Rate plus a spread).

Margin finance loans are secured by clients' pledged securities, repayable on demand and bear interest at variable commercial rates.

### a) Ageing analysis

The trade receivables arising from cash clients and clearing house (net of allowance for doubtful debts) with the following ageing analysis, presented based on the trade date which is the revenue recognition date, as at the end of the reporting period:

	30 June 2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2019 HK\$'000 (audited)
Current	2,890	2,575

Receivables that were neither past due nor impaired relate to a large number of diversified clients for whom there was no recent history of default.

In determining the recoverability of trade receivables, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the trade receivables from the date credit was initially granted and subsequent settlement up to the end of the reporting period. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, there is no further credit provision required in excess of the allowance for doubtful debts. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

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## 14. TRADE PAYABLES

	<b>30 June 2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)</b>	31 December 2019 HK\$'000 (audited)
Trade payables arising from the business of dealing in securities and equity option:		
— Cash clients	<b>10,915</b>	16,115
— Margin clients	<b>4,606</b>	1,903
— Clients' deposits	<b>91</b>	77
— Clearing house	<b>699</b>	—
	<b>16,311</b>	18,095

The settlement terms of trade payables arising from the business of dealing in securities are two days after trade date.

Trade payables to margin and cash clients bear variable interest at commercial rates, and repayable on demand subsequent to two days after trade date.

No ageing analysis is disclosed as in the opinion of directors of the Company, the ageing analysis does not give additional value in view of the nature of business of dealing in securities.

The trade payables included HK\$15,911,000 as at 30 June 2020 (31 December 2019: HK\$17,626,000) payable to clients and clearing house in respect of the trust and segregated bank balances received and held for clients in the course of the conduct of regulated activities. However, the Group does not have a currently enforceable right to offset these payables with the deposits placed.

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## 15. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of Shares	HK\$
<b>Authorised:</b>		
At 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	<b>20,000,000,000</b>	<b>200,000,000`</b>
<b>Issued and fully paid:</b>		
At 31 December 2019 and 30 June 2020 ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	<b>432,000,000</b>	<b>4,320,000</b>

## 16. CREDIT FACILITIES

a) At 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019, Orient Securities had the following banking facilities with Chong Hing Bank Limited:

- bank overdraft facility to the extent of HK\$20,000,000 (31 December 2019: HK\$20,000,000). Interest is charged at prime lending rate as quoted by Chong Hing Bank Limited per annum. The bank overdraft facility is subject to repayable on demand clause.

At 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019, the banking facilities were secured by the following:

- corporate guarantee to the extent of HK\$20,000,000 executed by the Company.

b) As at 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019, the Group had not utilised any of the above credit facilities, and no listed securities owned by the margin clients of the Group were pledged.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

The Group is principally engaged in the provision of (i) brokerage services; (ii) underwriting and placing services; (iii) margin financing services; and (iv) money lending services. During the first six months of 2020, due to the completion of a number of placing transactions and service income from provision of brokerage and margin financing related services, the Group's total revenue was increased by approximately HK\$18.3 million or 1.2 times compared with relevant period in 2019. In particular, the commission from provision of underwriting and placing services was HK\$11.3 million in the first six months of 2020.

For the interest income from money lending services, such income was increased by approximately 3.4 million or 28.7% in the first six months of 2020 compared with the corresponding period in 2019 due to higher amount of loan portfolio brought forward from 2019.

The commission income from brokerage services relates to the turnover of the Hongkong securities market, demand from our clients and competitions from other securities companies; the number of underwriting and placing exercises the Group can be involved in and/or the size of fund the customers intended to raise and interest income from margin financing services will be subject to customers' investment and financing needs. Such external factors are beyond the Group's control and the Group's financial performance is susceptible to fluctuation as a result. The Group will continue to keep an eye on opportunities available and participate in such transactions if they are profitable under the Group's risk management framework.

The Group and the management have been working hard and through various channels to develop the business. At the same time, the Group is positioned to divert currently available resources to the money lending business with a view to maximize the returns to shareholders with manageable risk exposure.

Going forward, the Group intends to provide new financial services to existing customer base and potential customers by studying market demands, resources available within the Group. In addition, after obtaining Type 9 license granted by SFC, the Group is planning to start providing relevant services to customers to expand the income channels and customer base to maximise the shareholders' returns.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### *Revenue*

The Group's revenue is mainly generated from (i) commission income from the brokerage services; (ii) commission income from the underwriting and placing services; (iii) interest income from the financing services; and (iv) interest income from the money lending services.

The total revenue for the first six months of 2020 was approximately HK\$33.1 million (2019: HK\$14.8 million) which represented an increase of approximately HK\$18.3 million or 1.2 times compared with 2019. Such increase was attributable to the commission income from provision of underwriting and placing services by HK\$11.3 million and service income of HK\$3.7 million through provision of brokerage and margin financing related services.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The reasons of increase in income from various services were mentioned above under the Business Review and Outlook section.

	For the three months ended 30 June		For the six months ended 30 June	
	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2020 HK\$'000 (unaudited)	2019 HK\$'000 (unaudited)
Commission from brokerage services and related service income	2,429	640	4,793	1,169
Commission from underwriting and placing services	5,928	—	11,271	—
Interest income from margin financing services	997	899	1,916	1,865
Interest income from money lending services	7,784	6,109	15,106	11,734
	<b>17,138</b>	7,648	<b>33,036</b>	14,768

As at 30 June 2020, the Group had 625 active securities accounts as reported pursuant to Securities and Futures (Financial Resources) Rules (Cap 571N) (2019: 785 active securities accounts).

### Staff costs

The total staff costs for the first six months of 2020 was approximately HK\$5.2 million (2019: HK\$5.8 million) which represented a decrease of approximately HK\$0.6 million or 10.3% compared with 2019. The decrease was mainly attributable to saving of bonus paid to staff in 2020 compared with 2019.

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Commission paid to staff	135	135
Directors' emoluments and staff salaries, bonus and allowances	4,792	5,365
Other staff costs including MPF and insurance	256	279
	<b>5,183</b>	5,779

### Administrative expenses

The total administrative expenses for the first six months of 2020 was approximately HK\$7.0 million (2019: HK\$5.7 million) which represented an increase of approximately HK\$1.3 million or 22.3% compared with 2019. Such increase was mainly due to the increase in legal and professional fees paid for handling listing status letters issued to the Group,



# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## *Income tax expenses*

The income tax expense for the first six months of 2020 was approximately HK\$2.4 million (2019: HK\$1.5 million) and such increase was due to the increase of assessable profits under Hong Kong Profits Tax.

## *Profit for the period*

The Group recorded a net profit attributable to owners of the Company of approximately HK\$19.1 million for the first six months of 2020 (2019: HK\$1.7 million). Such change was mainly due to the increase of revenue by HK\$18.3 million as discussed above.

## **LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

During the first six months of 2020, the Group financed its operations by cash flow from operating activities. As at 30 June 2020, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$285.2 million (31 December 2019: HK\$279.6 million), including cash and bank balances of approximately HK\$6.9 million (31 December 2019: HK\$21.5 million). The current ratio, being the ratio of current assets to current liabilities, was approximately 11.8 times as at 30 June 2020 (31 December 2019: 10.8 times). The increase in the current ratio was mainly attributable to the lower balances of trade payables to cash and margin clients as at 30 June 2020 compared to 31 December 2019.

The capital of the Group comprises only ordinary shares. Total equity attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately HK\$333.0 million as at 30 June 2020 (31 December 2019: HK\$313.8 million).

## **EMPLOYEE INFORMATION**

Total remuneration for the first six months of 2020 (including directors' emoluments and commission paid to staff and directors excluding MPF contributions and other employee costs) was approximately HK\$4.9 million (2019: HK\$5.5 million). Such decrease was mainly due to the decrease in commission paid to staff and directors' and staff salaries as mentioned under the Staff costs section above. The Group's remuneration policies are formulated on the basis of performance, qualifications and experience of individual employee and make reference to the prevailing market conditions. Our remuneration packages comprise monthly fixed salaries and discretionary year-end bonuses based on individual performance, which are paid to employees as recognition of, and reward for, their contributions.

## **CHARGES ON THE GROUP'S ASSETS**

The Group did not have any charge arranged with any financial institution in Hong Kong as at 30 June 2020 (2019: Nil).

## **FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPOSURE**

The revenue and business costs of the Group were principally denominated in Hong Kong dollars, and as such the exposure to the risk of foreign exchange rate fluctuations for the Group was minimal. Hence, no financial instrument for hedging was employed.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

No material contingent liability had come to the attention of the Directors in the first six months of 2020 and up to the date of results announcement and interim report issuance of the Company.

### EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Up to the date of results announcement and interim report issuance of the Company, there was no significant event relevant to the business or financial performance of the Group that come to the attention of the Directors after the period ended 30 June 2020.



## OTHER INFORMATION

### **INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF THE DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE COMPANY IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY ASSOCIATED CORPORATION**

As at 30 June 2020, none of the Directors and chief executives of the Company (the “Chief Executives”) had any interest or short position in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the “SFO”)) as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the required standard of dealings by directors of listed issuer as referred to in rule 5.46 of the GEM Listing Rules (the “Required Standard of Dealings”).

### **INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY IN THE SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES**

As at 30 June 2020, so far as is known to the Directors and the Chief Executives and based on the public records filed on the website of the Stock Exchange and records kept by the Company, there was no person or corporation who had any interests and short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares as recorded in the register of interests required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

### **OTHER INTERESTS DISCLOSEABLE UNDER THE SFO**

Save as disclosed above, so far as is known to the Directors, there was no other person who had interest or short position in the Shares and underlying Shares that is discloseable under section 336 of the SFO.

### **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The share option scheme (“Scheme”) enables the Company to grant options to any full-time or part-time employee of the Company or any member of the Group (“Eligible Participant”) as incentives or rewards for their contributions to the Group, the Scheme was conditionally adopted by the Company on 19 December 2013 whereby the Board are authorised, at their absolute discretion and subject to the terms of the Scheme, to grant options to subscribe for the shares of the Company to the Eligible Participant. The Scheme is valid and effective for a period of ten years commencing from the date of adoption of the Scheme.

As at the date of this report and since the adoption of the Scheme, no share option has been granted by the Company.

### **RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES**

Save as disclosed under the paragraphs headed “INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF THE DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF THE COMPANY IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY ASSOCIATED CORPORATION” and “SHARE OPTION SCHEME” in this report, at no time during the six months ended 30 June 2020 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of Shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the six months ended 30 June 2020 had the Directors and the Chief Executives (including their spouses and children under 18 years of age) any interest in, or been granted, or exercised any rights to subscribe for the Shares (or warrants or debentures, if applicable) of the Company and/or its associated corporations (within the meaning of the SFO).

## OTHER INFORMATION

### COMPETING INTERESTS

As at 30 June 2020, none of the Directors, the substantial Shareholders and their respective associates (as defined in the GEM Listing Rules) had any interest in a business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group.

### DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the required standard of dealings set out in rules 5.48 to 5.67 of the GEM Listing Rules as the code of conduct for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors. The Company had made specific enquiries of all the Directors and the Directors have confirmed they had complied with the Required Standard of Dealings throughout the six months ended 30 June 2020.

### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SHARES

During the six months ended 30 June 2020, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

### COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

The Company is committed to achieving high standards of corporate governance to safeguard the interests of the Shareholders and enhance its corporate value. The Company's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code in Appendix 15 to the GEM Listing Rules (the "CG Code").

Throughout the six months ended 30 June 2020, to the best knowledge of the Board, the Company had complied with the code provisions in the CG Code, save for the deviation from the code provisions A.2.1 and A.6.7 as explained below:

- Pursuant to A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive ("CEO") should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the chairman and CEO should be clearly established and set out in writing.

The Company currently has no chairman or CEO. The daily operation and management of the Company is monitored by the executive Directors as well as the senior management.

The Board is of the view that although there is no chairman or CEO, the balance of power and authority is ensured by the operation of the Board, which comprises experienced individuals who would meet from time to time to discuss issues affecting operation of the Company and the Group. This arrangement can still enable the Company to make and implement decisions promptly, and thus achieve the Company's objectives efficiently and effectively in response to the changing environment. The Company will, at the appropriate time, arrange for the election of the new chairman of the Board.

- Pursuant to A.6.7 of CG Code, the independent non-executive Directors, as equal board members, should attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders of the Company.

Due to other unavoidable engagements, two independent non-executive Directors were unable to attend annual general meeting of the Company held on 23 June 2020.

### UPDATE ON LISTING STATUS

The Company received a letter dated 20 December 2019 from The Stock Exchange to the effect that the Stock Exchange had decided to suspend trading in the share(s) of Company under Rule 9.04 of the GEM Listing Rules and proceed with cancellation of the Company's listing under Rule 9.14 of the GEM Listing Rules on the view of that the Company has not shown to have sufficient level of operations and assets that could enable it to carry out viable and sustainable business as required by Rule 17.26 of GEM Listing Rules (the "Decision"). Under GEM Listing Rules 4.06(1), the Company filed an application for a review by the GEM Listing Committee in relation to the Decision on 3 January 2020. The review hearing of the Decision by the GEM Listing Committee took place on 10 March 2020. On 18 March 2020, the Company received a fax from the GEM Listing Committee that they had decided to uphold the Decision ("GEM Listing Committee Decision").

Under Rule 4.06(2) of the GEM Listing Rules, the Company filed an application for a review by the GEM Listing Review Committee in relation to the GEM Listing Committee Decision on 26 March 2020. The review hearing of the GEM Listing Committee Decision by the GEM Listing Review Committee took place on 10 July 2020. On 29 July 2020, the Company received a letter from the GEM Listing Review Committee that they had decided to uphold the GEM Listing Committee Decision to suspend trading in the Company's shares under Rule 9.04(3) of the GEM Listing Rules ("GEM Listing Review Committee Decision"). According to the said letter, the GEM Listing Review Committee considered that if the Company achieves or exceeds the revenue of HK\$57.29 million and the net profits before taxation of HK\$29.83 million as indicated in its profit forecast for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 through sustainable operations with no disposal of material assets, this will be reasonably strong evidence of re-compliance with Rule 17.26 of GEM Listing Rules by the Company which should then not warrant a suspension of trading.

On 4 August 2020, the Company received a letter from the Stock Exchange setting out the resumption guidance of demonstrating its compliance with Rule 17.26 of the GEM Listing Rules for the resumption of trading in the shares of the Company.

In view of the GEM Listing Review Committee Decision, the Company is required to re-comply with Rule 17.26 of the GEM Listing Rules and it will have a remedial period of 12 months to re-comply with Rule 17.26 of the GEM Listing Rules. If the Company fails to do so by the expiry of the 12-month period (i.e. 29 July 2021), the Stock Exchange may proceed with cancellation of the Company's listing.

Trading in the shares of the Company has been suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 30 July 2020 and will remain suspended until further notice.

For details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 23 December 2019, 3 January 2020, 18 March 2020, 26 March 2020, 29 July 2020 and 5 August 2020.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has been established with written terms of reference in compliance with Rules 5.28 and 5.29 of the GEM Listing Rules and code provision C.3.3 of the CG Code. The Audit Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive Directors and is chaired by Mr. Siu Kin Wai. The other members are Mr. Tang Chung Wai and Ms. Chan Man Yi. All members of the Audit Committee are appointed by the Board.



## OTHER INFORMATION

The primary duty of the Audit Committee are mainly to make recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of external auditor, to review the financial statements and material advice in respect of financial reporting, and oversee financial reporting system, the internal control and risk management systems of the Group and monitor continuing connected transactions (if any).

The Audit Committee had reviewed the unaudited consolidated results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and is of the opinion that such results complied with the applicable accounting standards, the requirements under the GEM Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures had been made.

By order of the Board  
**Orient Securities International Holdings Limited**  
**Lee Nga Ching**  
*Executive Director*

Hong Kong, 11 August 2020

*As at the date of this report, the executive Directors are Mr. Lam Shu Chung, Ms. Lee Nga Ching and Ms. Cheung Yu Xuan and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Siu Kin Wai, Mr. Tang Chung Wai and Ms. Chan Man Yi.*