

Capital Resources and Liquidity

As at 31st March 2004, the Group's total shareholders' funds were HK\$849.6 million including reserves of HK\$720.3 million. The Group continued to maintain a strong financial position with cash and bank balances plus held-to-maturity securities in aggregate of HK\$740.1 million (please see table below). The Group's working capital was HK\$817.0 million. Based on the Group's steady cash inflow from operations and coupled with its existing cash and bank facilities, the Group has adequate financial resources to fund its future expansion.

資本及流動資金

截至二零零四年三月三十一日止,集團股 東權益為八億四千九百六十萬港元,其中 包括七億二千零三十萬港元之儲備金。集 團繼續維持穩健財務狀況,現金及銀行結 存加上持至到期日之證券累積達七億四千 零一十萬港元(請參閱下表),集團營運資 金為八億一千七百萬港元。基於集團有穩 定的經營業務現金注入,加上現時手持之 現金及銀行信貸,集團掌握充裕財務資源 以應付未來發展。

	=	31st March 2004 HK\$'000 零零四年三月三十一日 港幣千元	31st March 2003 HK\$'000 二零零三年三月三十一日 港幣千元
Held-to-maturity securities Cash and bank balances	持至到期日之證券 現金及銀行結存	35,181 704,954	70,544 650,913
Total	總額	740,135	721,457

As at 31st March 2004, the Group's held-to-maturity securities were composed of corporate bonds and bank notes with maturity dates falling within two years. This is in line with the Group's policy to invest in investment grade securities with maturity periods of less than two years. When compared with short-term deposit interest rates, the Group was able to achieve a higher yield based on its investment strategy.

During the year, the majority of the Group's cash and bank balances were in U.S. dollars and were deposited in leading banks.

於二零零四年三月三十一日,本集團持至 到期日之證券由兩年內到期之公司債券及 銀行票據組成,此與本集團投資於兩年內 到期之投資級別證券的政策相符。若跟短 期存款息率比較,本集團基於其投資策 略,成功取得較高回報。

於年內,集團大部份現金及銀行結存均為 美元,並存放於數間大銀行。

Financial Review

財務概況



Financial Position

Total funds employed (comprising shareholders' funds only) for the year ended 31st March 2004 were HK\$849.6 million, which represented a 11.7% increase over the total funds employed of HK\$760.3 million for the year ended 31st March 2003.

The gearing ratio, defined as the ratio of total loans less cash and bank balances to total assets, was nil as at 31st March 2004 and 31st March 2003.

Treasury Policies

It is the Group's treasury management policy not to engage in any highly leveraged or speculative derivative products. In this respect, the Group continued to adopt a conservative approach to financial risk management with no significant borrowing during the year. Most of the assets, receipts and payments of the Group are either in Hong Kong or U.S. dollars. However, the Group will monitor its foreign exchange position and, when appropriate, the Group will hedge its non U.S. dollar foreign exchange exposure by way of forward foreign exchange contracts. As at 31st March 2004, the Group had HK\$65.9 million outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts committed for payment in foreign currencies in the coming year.

財務狀況

截至二零零四年三月三十一日之運用資金 總額(等同股東權益)為八億四千九百六十 萬港元,較二零零三年三月三十一日之七 億六千零三十萬港元運用資金總額上升百 分之十一點七。

集團於二零零四年三月三十一日及二零零 三年三月三十一日之槓桿比率均為零。槓 桿比率為總負債減去現金及存款後與總資 產之比例。

庫務政策

集團的理財政策是不參與高風險之投資或投機性的衍生工具。年內,集團於財務風險管理方面繼續維持審慎態度,並無重大借貸。集團大部份資產、收款及付款均為港元或美元。惟集團會審視其外幣狀況,並於適當時候,以遠期外匯合約對沖其非美元外幣風險。於二零零四年三月三十一日,本集團未履行之遠期外匯合約為六千五百九十萬港元,此等合約將用作未來一年之外幣付款。





Charge on Group Assets

At 31st March 2004, no Group asset was under charge to a financial institution.

Contingent Liabilities

The Group had no contingent liabilities as at 31st March 2004.

集團資產之抵押

於二零零四年三月三十一日,集團並無資 產於財務機構作抵押。

或然負債

集團於二零零四年三月三十一日並無或然 負債。

