
Chairman's Statement



"Asia Standard will thrive in the lucrative high-end property market for the years to come."

Profit attributable this year to shareholders was HK\$202 million as a result of a strong and persistent revival in property market. Similarly, our hotel business also recorded turnaround results with HK\$569 million turnover and HK\$85 million profit compared with HK\$426 million turnover and HK\$12 million loss last year.

Prospects for the coming year to both property market and hotel business remains optimistic although we have recently witness several interest rates rises.

Scarcity in development sites and shrinking inventory stocks in the property market continue to persist together with other favorable externalities such as declining unemployments, affordability ratio, investor confidences will all but maintain a strong demand for the property sector.

Disney park opening, continuing expanding territories allowed for Mainlanders to Hong Kong, increasing convention activities resulting from a stronger economy and the expansion of gaming industries in Macau will all contribute to another good year for our hotel business.

By Order of the Board
Fung Siu To, Clement
Chairman

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