# HENDERSON INVESTMENT LIMITED



## **Interim Results and Dividend**

The Board of Directors announces that for the six months ended 31 December 2006, the unaudited consolidated net profit of the Group attributable to equity shareholders amounted to HK\$1,951.5 million, representing an increase of HK\$149.5 million or 8.3% over that for the same period of the previous year. Earnings per share were HK\$0.64.

The underlying profit for the period under review, excluding the revaluation surplus of investment properties (net of deferred tax), was HK\$1,510.3 million, or an increase of HK\$566.6 million or 60.0% over HK\$943.7 million for the same period of the previous year. Based on the underlying profit, the earnings per share were HK\$0.50.

The Board has resolved to pay an interim dividend of HK\$0.13 per share to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on 25 April 2007.

### **Closing of Register of Members**

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 23 April 2007 to Wednesday, 25 April 2007, both days inclusive, during which period no requests for the transfer of shares will be accepted. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates and transfer forms must be lodged with the Company's Registrars, Standard Registrars Limited, 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 20 April 2007. Warrants for the interim dividend will be sent to shareholders on Thursday, 26 April 2007.

#### **Management Discussion and Analysis**

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

### **Property Investment**

The Group's investment property portfolio, comprising office towers, shopping malls, luxury residential accommodation and industrial buildings, amounted to approximately 2.1 million square feet in total attributable gross floor area. For its core investment properties, the leasing rate remained high at 94%. To maintain its position in Tuen Mun, Trend Plaza will add 20,000 square feet of prime retail space by converting the Tuen Mun Theatre; the conversion work is due to complete by early 2008.

### Hotel

Visitor arrivals to Hong Kong, drawn by the opening of new tourist attractions such as Ngong Ping 360 and the hosting of ITU Telecom World in December 2006, continued to rise steadily in the second half of 2006. Despite keener competition as a result of increase in hotel-room supply in Hong Kong, Newton Hotel Hong Kong and Newton Hotel Kowloon reported a growth of 10.2% in turnover for the period under review, with 8% growth in average room rate and higher occupancy at 86%.