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## Corporate Information

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Executive Directors
HUI Leung Wah (Chairman)
POON Sui Hong
LEUNG Shu Sum

**Non-Executive Directors**Barbara Lissi
Paola Marchisio

Independent Non-Executive Directors POON Kwok Fai, Ronald TAM Hok Lam, Tommy, JP WONG Chung Mat, Ben

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

POON Kwok Fai, Ronald TAM Hok Lam, Tommy, JP WONG Chung Mat, Ben

#### **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

POON Kwok Fai, Ronald TAM Hok Lam, Tommy, JP WONG Chung Mat, Ben

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

POON Kwok Fai, Ronald TAM Hok Lam, Tommy, JP WONG Chung Mat, Ben

### QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANT & COMPANY SECRETARY

TSUI Choi Yee, Connie

#### **PRINCIPAL BANKERS**

Hang Seng Bank Limited
Dah Sing Bank Limited
The Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation Limited
Citibank, N.A.

#### **AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young

#### **HONG KONG LEGAL ADVISERS**

Richards Butler

#### **BERMUDA LEGAL ADVISERS**

Conyers, Dill & Pearman

#### HONG KONG SHARE REGISTRARS

Tricor Services Limited 26/F Tesbury Centre 28 Queen's Road East Wanchai Hong Kong

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The Bank of Bermuda 6 Front Street Hamilton HM 11 Bermuda

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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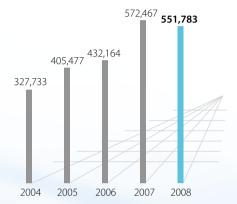
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# Financial Highlights

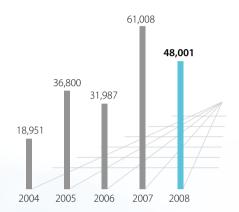
#### **REVENUE**

(HK\$'000)

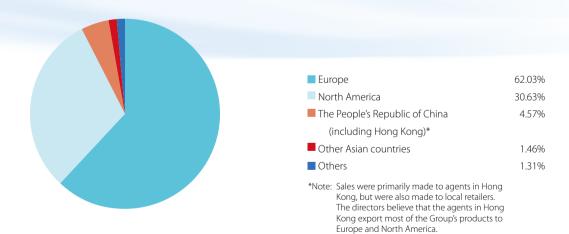


#### PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

(HK\$'000)



### BREAKDOWN OF REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008



## Chairman's Statement



#### **DIVIDENDS**

The Board of Directors have resolved to recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK 6.0 cents per ordinary share (2007: HK 6.0 cents) for the year ended 31 March 2008 at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on 29 August 2008. The final dividend together with the interim dividend of HK 3.0 cents per ordinary share, will make a total dividend for the year of HK 9.0 cents (2007: HK 9.0 cents) per ordinary share. The final dividend, if approved by shareholders, is expected to be payable on 30 September 2008 to those shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members on 29 August 2008.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The Register of Members will be closed from Monday, 25 August 2008 to Friday, 29 August 2008 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed dividend, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration

with the Company's Registrars in Hong Kong, Tricor Services Limited, at 26/F., Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 22 August 2008.

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### **Business Review**

The financial year which ended on 31 March 2008 was a challenging year for the Group. Due to the global economic uncertainty which was triggered by the U.S. subprime mortgage crisis, the subsequent liquidity issue in the finance sector and the exorbitant oil prices, sales began to slow down in the second half of the year, resulting in a decrease in the Group's sales by 3.61% to HK\$551,783,000 compared to HK\$572,467,000 in last year. Gross profit margin decreased from 22.47% to 17.17%, due to the rapid increase in the cost of raw materials, labor and overhead costs in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). The new labour law in the PRC effected beginning of this year and high inflation rate have all added up to sharply increase the cost of our business.

Continuous appreciation of Renminbi against the U.S. dollar and Hong Kong dollar also affected adversely on the Group's results as almost all of our sales revenue are generated in the U.S. dollar whereas a lot of the costs are incurred in Renminbi. In order to keep the prices competitiveness in the market, we have to absorb part of the increased costs. Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent amounted to HK\$48,001,000 (2007: HK\$61,008,000), representing a decrease of 21.32% over that of last year, even though share of profits of associates increased by 591.09% (2008: HK\$10,242,000; 2007: HK\$1,482,000).





#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

**Business Review** (continued)

Although sales to Europe market decreased by 4.64% in the year under review, it was still the largest market of the Group, accounting for 62.03% (2007: 62.70%) of the total sales of the Group. On the other hand, sales to U.S. market increased by

7.64% to HK\$169,038,000 compared to HK\$157,041,000 in last year, accounting for 30.63% (2007: 27.43%). At present it ranks the second largest market of the Group.

The sales of the Group derived principally from manufacturing activities.

The Group is known in the industry for its mastery of the metal products. In the year under review, by sales value, the Group produced 81.5% units in metal eyewear and sunglasses while the balance of the production 18.5% was in plastics.

#### **PROSPECT**

In view of the uncertain global economic ahead, the likelihood of further appreciation of Renminbi, and the escalating cost of production in the PRC, the Group foresees that the coming financial year will continue to be a difficult year for our manufacturing business. In order to maintain competitive in the optical market and to avoid gross margin being further eroded, the Group has attempted to mitigate this adverse effect by (1) strengthening our production



management by inviting production experts to join our Group to enhance its production efficiency; (2) applying more self-made machines in our production process to improve its product quality and to tackle the problem of shortage of labour supply; (3) strengthening its own design capability to appeal and give more choice to its customers; and (4) exploring other market segments to widen its customer base.

With the implementation of the above policies, the group is cautious about the growth in sales and profitability in the coming year.

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Group has maintained sufficient working capital. As at 31 March 2008, the net cash position of the Group (cash and cash equivalents less interest-bearing bank and other borrowings) increased from a net borrowing of HK\$25,680,000 to a net cash of HK\$71,082,000. The Group's outstanding borrowing in respect of bank loans amounted to HK\$5,000,000 (31 March 2007: HK\$64,767,000) which was repayable within one year. The Group's equity attributable to equity holders of the parent as at 31 March 2008 amounted to HK\$518,117,000 (31 March 2007: HK\$491,814,000). Accordingly, the Group's gearing ratio, calculated on the basis of total interest-bearing bank and other borrowings as a percentage of equity attributable to equity holders of the parent, improved to 0.97% (31 March 2007: 13.17%).



#### **FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK**

The Group conducts its business transactions mainly in Hong Kong dollar, Renminbi and U.S. dollar. As the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the U.S. dollar, the Group does not foresee any material exchange risk in this respect. However, the Group is subject to certain foreign exchange impacts caused by the appreciation of Renminbi. The Group has not entered into any foreign exchange contract. The management closely monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

#### CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 March 2008, the Group had capital commitments, which were contracted but not provided for, in respect of land and buildings and equipment and machinery of HK\$2,181,000 (31 March 2007: HK\$2,113,000). As at 31 March 2008, the Company had a contingent liability of HK\$182,000,000 (31 March 2007: HK\$162,600,000) in respect of guarantees given to banks in connection with facilities granted to its subsidiaries.

#### THE PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At 31 March 2007, the Group had pledged its leasehold land, leasehold buildings and investment properties with an aggregate carrying value of approximately HK\$17,206,000 as security for bank loan and general banking facilities granted to the Group. All the assets had been released at 31 March 2008.

#### **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

As at 31 March 2008, the Group employed approximately 6,402 (31 March 2007: 6,666) full time employees in China and in Hong Kong. The decrease of total headcount during the year was due to the fact that more machines were put into use in the manufacturing process and shortage in the supply of labour forces in Shenzhen and Dongguan where the Group operates. Salaries, bonuses and benefits are determined with reference to market terms and performance, qualifications and experience of the individual employee, and are subject to review from time to time.

#### **APPRECIATION**

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all of our staff and fellow Directors for their contributions, support and dedication. I would also like to thank our customers, shareholders, bankers, suppliers and other business partners for their continuous support.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD **Hui Leung Wah** 

Chairman

Hong Kong 18 July 2008

## Profiles of Directors and Senior Management

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

**HUI Leung Wah**, aged 55, the chairman and managing director of the Group. He is the founder of the Group and has 42 years of experience in the optical frames manufacturing industry. He received one of the "Young Industrialist Awards of Hongkong" in September 1995. These awards are given by the Federation of Hong Kong Industries. He is responsible for the overall supervision of the Group's activities and for policy making. Mr. Hui has served as a Committee Member of The Hong Kong Optical Manufacturers Association since 1990. In 1998/2000, 2000/2002 and 2006/2008, Mr. Hui serves as the President of The Association.

**POON Sui Hong**, aged 49, is a general manager of the Group. He joined the Group in 1984 and has over 22 years of experience in the marketing and production of optical frames. He is presently responsible for the strategic planning and supervision of the Group's marketing activities. Mr. Poon is a brother-in-law of Mr. Hui Leung Wah.

**LEUNG Shu Sum**, aged 53, is one of the founding members of the Group and has over 32 years of experience in optical frames production. He is currently responsible for supervising the production and engineering activities at the PRC production facilities.

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

**Barbara Lissi**, aged 38, joined the Company as non-executive director on 18 July 2008. Ms. Lissi graduated in Chinese Language and Literature at the prestigious Venice University (Italy). She has over 14 years of extensive experience in the marketing, purchasing, and management function in Italian companies based in mainland China and Hong Kong. She is currently the Safilo's Sourcing Director of Safilo S.p.A. based in Hong Kong. She speaks Italian, English and Chinese fluently.

**Paola Marchisio**, aged 46, joined the Company as a non-executive director on 18 July 2008. Ms. Marchisio graduated in Business Administration at the University of Turin (Italy) and has over 20 years of experience in the marketing and accounting fields in Italy and Hong Kong. Ms. Marchisio is the Chief Financial Officer of Safilo Far East Limited, she is also a director of Safint Optical Investments Limited, an associate of the Group.

**Mario PIETRIBIASI**, aged 51, is the director of Safilo Far East Limited and Safilo Hong Kong Limited. He holds a Degree in Economics from University of Padova (Italy) and has over 24 years of experience in the commercial field. Mr. Pietribiasi resigned as non-executive director of the Company with effect from 18 July 2008.

**Massimiliano Tabacchi**, aged 37, joined the Company as a non-executive director on 24 September 2004. Mr. Tabacchi is a director of Safilo S.p.A., which is incorporated in Italy. He holds a Mechanical Engineering Degree from Padua University, Italy. Mr. Tabacchi resigned as non-executive director of the Company with effect from 18 July 2008.



#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

**POON Kwok Fai, Ronald**, aged 59, is a solicitor and notary public practicing in Hong Kong and has over 27 years of experience in the legal profession. Mr. Poon is currently an independent non-executive director of abc Multiactive Limited (Stock Code: 8131), a listed company on the GEM Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK").

**TAM Hok Lam, Tommy**, JP, aged 59, joined the Company as an independent non-executive director in 2005. Mr. Tam is a fellow member of the Association of International Accountants and a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is also an honorary director of Hong Kong Watch Manufacturer's Association Limited and a council member of the Hong Kong Institute of Directors. Mr. Tam currently is an independent non-executive director of Winbox International (Holdings) Limited, a listed company on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Main Board"), which is principally engaged in the manufacturing and sales of packaging products. Mr. Tam currently is the managing director of Tomson Holdings Limited which is an investment holdings company, and is also the chairman of Andrea Palama Ltd which is involved in watch design, production and trading. Mr. Tam is a Standing Committee member of Chinese People Political Consultative Conference in Shandong Province, the People's Republic of China.

**WONG Chung Mat, Ben**, aged 56, is the chairman and CEO of Wong's International (Holdings) Limited, a Hong Kong listed company on the Main Board (Stock code: 099). He obtained a Master of Science Degree in Operations Research from Ohio State University and has over 33 years of experience in the electronics industry.

#### **SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

**TSANG Tak Hung, Donald**, aged 49, is one of the general managers of the Group and is responsible for the management, strategic planning and corporate development of the Group. Prior to joining the Group in 1994, he had over 13 years of management experience by serving in various banking institutions in Hong Kong and Canada and in the Stock Exchange.

**CHENG Wai Keung, Edmond**, aged 48, is the assistant general manager supervising the Group's production department. He joined the Group in 1988 and has worked in various departments within the Group including the marketing, production and purchasing departments. Mr. Cheng now oversees the production in the PRC production facilities. Mr. Cheng is a brother-in-law of Mr. Hui Leung Wah and is the spouse of Ms. Poon Kam Yee. He holds directorships in some of the subsidiaries in the Group.

**POON Kam Yee**, aged 47, is the assistant to the chairman and managing director and is also a supervisor of the Group's marketing department – the PRC division. She joined the Group in 1988 and has over 27 years of experience in accounting and administration. She is responsible for the Group's sales in the PRC market. Ms. Poon is a sister-in-law of Mr. Hui Leung Wah. She holds directorships in some of the subsidiaries in the Group.

**Tsui Choi Yee, Connie**, aged 42, joined the Group in July 2007 as financial controller and company secretary. She holds a master degree in Business Administration from the Australian Graduate School of Management. Ms. Tsui is a Certified Public Accountant of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a Certified Practising Accountant of CPA Australia. She has over 14 years of experience in the field of accounting and auditing.



The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company and the Group for the year ended 31 March 2008.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the manufacture and trading of optical frames, sunglasses and optical cases. There was no significant change in the nature of the principal activities of the Group during the year.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The Group's profit for the year ended 31 March 2008 and the state of affairs of the Company and the Group at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 26 to 86.

An interim dividend of HK3.0 cents per share was paid on 31 January 2008. The directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK6.0 cents per share in respect of the year to shareholders on the register of members on 29 August 2008. This recommendation has been incorporated in the financial statements as an allocation of retained profits within the equity section of the balance sheet.

#### **SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

A summary of the results and of the assets, liabilities and minority interests of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the published audited financial statements, is set out below. This summary does not form part of the audited financial statements.

#### Results

	Year ended 31 March						
	<b>2008</b> 2007 2006 2005						
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
REVENUE	551,783	572,467	432,164	405,477	327,733		
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	51,369	61,323	27,896	35,645	20,265		
Attributable to:							
Equity holders of the parent	48,001	61,008	31,987	36,800	18,951		
Minority interests	3,368	315	(4,091)	(1,155)	1,314		
	51,369	61,323	27,896	35,645	20,265		



#### **SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION** (continued)

Assets, liabilities and minority interests

	31 March					
	<b>2008</b> 2007 2006 2005 2					
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
TOTAL ASSETS	651,945	679,777	645,248	606,055	547,502	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(113,026)	(170,241)	(177,551)	(134,204)	(80,810)	
MINORITY INTERESTS	(20,802)	(17,722)	(16,797)	(20,004)	(21,159)	
	518,117	491,814	450,900	451,847	445,533	

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment and investment properties of the Group during the year are set out in notes 13 and 14 to the financial statements, respectively.

#### **SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE OPTIONS**

There were no movements in either the Company's authorised or issued share capital during the year. Details of the Company's share capital and share option scheme are set out in notes 31 and 32 to the financial statements, respectively.

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

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws or the laws of Bermuda which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

#### **RESERVES**

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year are set out in note 33(b) to the financial statements and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity set out on page 29 of this annual report, respectively.

#### **DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES**

As at 31 March 2008, the Company's reserves available for cash distribution and/or distribution in specie amounted to HK\$156,008,000 of which HK\$19,419,000 has been proposed as a final dividend for the year. In addition, the Company's share premium account, in the amount of HK\$56,831,000, may be distributed in the form of fully paid bonus shares.

#### **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

During the year, the Group made charitable contributions totalling HK\$528,000.



#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were:

#### **Executive directors**

Hui Leung Wah (Chairman and Managing Director)

Poon Sui Hong Leung Shu Sum

#### Non-executive directors

Barbara Lissi (appointed on 18 July 2008)
Paola Marchisio (appointed on 18 July 2008)
Mario Pietribiasi (resigned on 18 July 2008)
Massimiliano Tabacchi (resigned on 18 July 2008)

#### Independent non-executive directors

Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald Wong Chung Mat, Ben Tam Hok Lam, Tommy, JP

In accordance with Bye-law 110(A) of the Company's Bye-laws, Mr. Poon Sui Hong will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer himself for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

In accordance with Bye-law 101 of the Company's Bye-laws, Ms. Barbara Lissi and Ms. Paola Marchisio will retire by rotation and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

The Company has received annual confirmations of independence from Messrs. Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald, Wong Chung Mat, Ben and Tam Hok Lam, Tommy, JP, and as at the date of this report still considers them to be independent.

Detailed terms of the appointment of the non-executive directors are disclosed in the corporate governance report.

#### **DIRECTORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S BIOGRAPHIES**

Biographical details of the directors of the Company and the senior management of the Group are set out on pages 7 to 8 of the annual report.

#### **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Mr. Poon Sui Hong and Mr. Leung Shu Sum have each entered into a renewed service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing on 17 February 2008. The service agreements continue after the expiry of their previous terms, subject to termination by either party giving a not less than three months' notice.

Save as disclosed above, no director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting 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.



#### **DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

The directors' fees are subject to shareholders' approval at general meetings. Other emoluments are determined by the Company's board of directors with reference to directors' duties, responsibilities and performance and the results of the Group.

#### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

At 31 March 2008, the interests and short positions of the directors in the share capital and underlying shares of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") contained in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the SEHK (the "Listing Rules"), were as follows:

Long positions in ordinary shares of the Company:

	Number of shares held and capacity in which the shares are held			Percentage of the issued
	Beneficial	Other		share capital
Name of director	owner	interests	Total	of the Company
Hui Leung Wah (Note 1)	8,308,000	141,316,000	149,624,000	46.23
Poon Sui Hong	7,000,000	-	7,000,000	2.16
Leung Shu Sum	6,000,000	_	6,000,000	1.85
Mario Pietribiasi	100,000		100,000	0.03
	21,408,000	141,316,000	162,724,000	50.27

#### Notes:

- 1. The 141,316,000 shares held as other interests of Mr. Hui comprised 141,116,000 shares held by Best Quality Limited and 200,000 shares held by Deluxe Concept Limited. The entire issued share capital of both Best Quality Limited and Deluxe Concept Limited is held by Wahyee Limited as trustee for a unit trust, which, in turn, is beneficially owned by Docater Trust, a discretionary trust with LGT Trustees Limited (previously named as Ansbacher (BVI) Limited) as trustee, the beneficiaries of which include the spouse and children of Mr. Hui Leung Wah (Mr. Hui himself is not a beneficiary of the discretionary trust).
- 2. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on 18 July 2008, Ms. Paola Marchisio was appointed as non-executive director of the Company. Ms. Marchisio held 198,000 shares of the Company.



#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES** (continued)

Long position in ordinary shares in the subsidiaries:

Mr. Hui Leung Wah is beneficially interested in 200,000 non-voting deferred shares in the capital of Elegance Optical Investments Limited. The rights and restrictions of such non-voting deferred shares are set out in note 17 to the financial statements.

In addition to the above, certain directors have non-beneficial personal equity interests in certain subsidiaries of the Group held for the benefit of the Company solely for the purpose of complying with the minimum company membership requirements.

Save as disclosed herein and as at 31 March 2008, none of the directors or chief executive of the Company had any interests in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which (a) were required to be notified to the Company and the SEHK pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which the directors are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (c) were required, pursuant to the Model Codes to be notified to the Company and the SEHK.

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

Apart from the share option scheme disclosures set out in note 32 to the financial statements, at no time during the year was the Company, its holding company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the directors of the Company, their respective spouses or children under 18 years of age, to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS**

None of the directors had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party during the year.



### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 March 2008, so far as is known to the directors or chief executive of the Company, the following persons (i) had an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or (ii) is, directly or indirectly, interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of any other member of the Group. The amount of each of such person's interest in such securities, together with particulars of any option in respect of such share capital are as follows:

#### Long positions:

Name	Number of issued ordinary shares held	Capacity in which the shares are held	Percentage of issued share capital of the Company
Poon Yuk Yee (Note 1) LGT Trustees Limited (previously named	149,624,000	Beneficiary of a trust	46.23
as Ansbacher (BVI) Limited) (Note 2)	141,316,000	Trustee	43.66
Wahyee Limited (Note 2)	141,316,000	Trustee	43.66
Safilo Far East Limited ("SFEL") (Note 3)	74,599,123	Beneficial owner	23.05
Safilo S.p.A. (Note 3)	74,599,123	Controlled corporation	23.05

#### Notes:

- 1. Ms. Poon Yuk Yee is the spouse of Mr. Hui Leung Wah and is deemed to be interested in shares held by and shares taken to be interested by Mr. Hui Leung Wah.
- 2. Details are stated in the above section headed "Directors' interests and short positions in shares and underlying shares".
- 3. SFEL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Safilo S.p.A.

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

There was no purchase, sale or redemption of the Company's listed securities by the Company or by any of its subsidiaries during the year.



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

During the year under review, the Group's largest customer and the Group's five largest customers accounted for 41.39% and 58.27% of the Group's total sales, respectively. The Group's largest customer, the Safilo S.p.A. group of companies, owned 23.05% of the Company's issued share capital at the balance sheet date. Details of the sales to the Safilo S.p.A. group of companies are included in note 38 to the financial statements.

During the year under review, the Group's largest supplier and the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for 15.60% and 44.16% of the Group's total purchases, respectively.

Save as disclosed above, none of the directors of the Company or any of their associates or any shareholders, which to the best knowledge of the directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital had any beneficial interest in any of the Group's five largest customers or suppliers during the year.

#### CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS AND CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the Company and the Group had the following connected and continuing connected transactions, certain details of which are disclosed in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to a special general meeting held on 30 March 2007 by the independent shareholders, an ordinary resolution (the "Resolution") was passed which approved the sales of optical frames, sunglasses and related products (the "Sales") by the Company and its subsidiaries to the Safilo S.p.A. group of companies for the three years ending 31 March 2010 subject to certain conditions. According to the Resolution, the aggregate values of the Sales shall not exceed HK\$390 million, HK\$470 million and HK\$565 million for each of the three years ended 31 March 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.

The Resolution replaces the former resolution granted by the independent shareholders of the Company on 31 March 2004, which expired on 31 March 2007. Further details are set out in the circular to the Company's shareholders dated 9 March 2007.

The directors, including the independent non-executive directors, confirm that the Sales to the Safilo S.p.A. group of companies were approved by the board of directors and were:

- (a) entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group;
- (b) conducted on normal commercial terms or, if there are not sufficient comparable transactions to judge whether they are on normal commercial terms, on terms no less favourable to the Group than the terms available to or from independent third parties as appropriate;
- (c) entered into in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions governing such transactions, which are fair and reasonable so far as the shareholders of the Company were concerned and in the interests of the Group as a whole; and
- (d) did not exceed HK\$390 million for the year.



#### CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS AND CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (continued)

The independent non-executive directors of the Company have reviewed the continuing connected transactions set out above and in note 38 to the financial statements and have confirmed that these continuing connected transactions were entered into (i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group; (ii) on normal commercial terms or on terms no less favourable to the Group than terms available to or from independent third parties; and (iii) in accordance with the relevant agreements governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

Further details of the Sales to the Safilo S.p.A. group of companies are set out in note 38 to the financial statements.

In addition to the transactions with the Safilo S.p.A. group of companies set out above, certain non-wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Group also owed certain of the Group's wholly-owned subsidiaries amounts arising from their ordinary and usual course of business. The amounts due are unsecured, interest-free and are repayable in accordance with normal trading terms. Details of the amounts outstanding at the respective balance sheet dates are set out below:

	31 March	31 March
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Gold Strong Industrial Limited	33,734	33,708
Grand Artic Limited	1,549	1,778
	35,283	35,486

During the year, a director's quarter was rented by the Group from Mr. Hui Leung Wah, the chairman and managing director of the Company, for the use by Mr. Poon Siu Hong as a directors' quarter. The annual rental amounting to HK\$444,000 for the year (2007: HK\$444,000) was mutually agreed by both parties based on market value and has been included in directors' remuneration in note 8 to the financial statements.

#### SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors, at least 25% of the Company's total issued share capital was held by the public as at the date of this report.



#### **AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young retire and a resolution for their reappointment as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

#### **Hui Leung Wah**

Chairman

Hong Kong 18 July 2008



#### COMPLIANCE WITH CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board of Directors (the "Board") is committed to maintain high standard of corporate governance practices and procedures in fulfilling its responsibilities. It is the belief of the board that shareholders can maximise their benefits from good corporate governance. The Company has always recognised the importance of transparency and accountability. The Group has adopted the Code provisions as set out in the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "Code") in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "SEHK") as its own code of corporate governance practices. The directors of the Company (the "Directors") consider that the Company has complied with the Code throughout the year ended 31 March 2008, except for the following deviation:

Code Provision A.2.1 stipulates that the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Company does not have any officer with the title "chief executive officer". Mr. Hui Leung Wah assumes the role of both Chairman and Managing Director of the Company and he is in charge of the overall management of the Company. The Company does not have a separate Chairman and Managing Director as Mr. Hui currently holds both positions. The Board believes that the combination of the roles of chairman and chief executive officer can promote the efficient formulation and implementation of the strategies of the Company, which will enable the Group to grasp business opportunities efficiently and promptly. The Board also maintains that through the supervision of its Board and its Independent Non-executive Directors, a balancing mechanism exist so that the interests of the shareholders are adequately and fairly represented.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Board Composition**

The Board comprises a total of eight Directors. Three Executive Directors are Mr. Hui Leung Wah, who is also the chairman of the Board, Mr. Leung Shu Sum and Mr. Poon Sui Hong, two Non-executive Directors are Ms. Barbara Lissi and Ms. Paola Marchisio (both appointed on 18 July 2008, Mario Pietribiasi and Massimiliano Tabacchi resigned as Non-executive Directors on 18 July 2008), and three Independent Non-executive Directors (the "INEDs") are Mr. Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald, Mr. Tam Hok Lam, Tommy, JP and Mr. Wong Chung Mat, Ben. One of the INEDs has appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise, which is in accordance with rules 3.10(1) and (2) of the Listing Rules.

Each of the INEDs has made an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company is of the view that all INEDs meet the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and are independent in accordance with the terms of the guidelines.

The Board composition will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it has a balance of skills and experience appropriate for the requirements of the business. The Directors' biographical information is set out on pages 7 to 8 to the annual report.

## Corporate Governance Report (continued)

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (continued)

#### **Appointment and Re-election**

To comply with the Code Provision A.4.2 of the Code, all directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy should be subject to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after their appointment and every director of the Company shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years respectively. All non-executive directors were re-elected as a non-executive director for a specific term of not more than three years in previous annual general meetings.

In accordance with Bye-law 110(A) of the Bye-laws, Mr. Poon Sui Hong shall retire at the forthcoming annual general meeting. In addition, Ms. Barbara Lissi and Ms. Paola Marchisio, being Directors appointed by the Board after the Company's annual general meeting held on 31 August 2007, will hold office only until the annual general meeting pursuant to Bye-law 101 of the Bye-laws. All the retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-elections by shareholders.

#### **Duties of the Board**

The Board formulates the overall policies and strategies, monitors the financial performance, oversees the management, and ensures good corporate governance practices of the Company. The Board is collectively responsible for the oversight of the management of the business and affairs of the Group with the objective of enhancing shareholders value.

The Directors meet regularly to review the financial performance and operational performance of the Company and to discuss and formulate the development plan of the Group. Daily operations and administration are delegated to the Executive Directors and management of the Group. The members of the Board are mostly professionally qualified and widely experienced personnel who bring in valuable contribution, provide different professional advices and consultancy for the development of the Company. They provide strong support towards the effective discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the Board. Every Director has access to board papers and related information; and has access to the services of the Company Secretary who updates the Board on corporate governance and regulatory frameworks.

The Chairman of the Board shall ensure that the Board works effectively and discharges its responsibilities, and that all key and appropriate issues are discussed and approved by the Board before the execution. All Directors have been consulted about any matters proposed for inclusion in the agenda. The Chairman has delegated the responsibility for drawing up the agenda for each Board meeting to the Company Secretary.

#### **Functions of the Board**

During the financial year ended 31 March 2008, four regular Board meetings were held and the attendance of each director is set out as follows:

Name of director	Attendance in 2007/2008
Executive Directors	
Hui Leung Wah	4/4
Poon Sui Hong	3/4
Leung Shu Sum	4/4
Non-executive Directors	
Mario Pietribiasi	0/4
Massimiliano Tabacchi	0/4
Independent Non-executive Directors	
Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald	3/4
Tam Hok Lam, Tommy, JP	4/4
Wong Chung Mat, Ben	4/4



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** (continued)

#### Functions of the Board (continued)

Four regular Board meetings of the year ended 31 March 2008 were scheduled in advance to give all Directors an opportunity to attend. With the support of the Company Secretary, the Chairman seeks to ensure that all Directors are properly briefed on issues arising at Board meetings and adequate and reliable information are given to the Board in a timely manner.

The Company Secretary shall convene the Board meetings on the request of any one director of the Company and 14 days' notice of Board meetings will be given to all Directors. The Board papers are tabled not less than three days before the Board meetings to enable the Directors to make informed decisions on matters to be raised at the Board meetings. The Company Secretary and Qualified Accountant shall attend all regular Board meetings to advise on corporate governance, statutory compliance, accounting and financial matters when necessary. The Directors shall have full access to information on the Group and are able to obtain independent professional advice whenever deemed necessary by the Directors. The Company Secretary shall prepare minutes and keep records of matters discussed and decisions resolved at all Board meetings. Minutes of the Board are kept by the Company Secretary and are open for inspection at any reasonable time by any Director.

#### RESPONSIBILITY OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements of the Group and ensure that the financial statements are in accordance with statutory requirements and prevailing accounting standards with the assistance of the Finance Department which is under the supervision of the Qualified Accountant of the Company. The Directors also ensure the timely publication of the financial statements of the Group. The Directors confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, they are not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The statement of the Auditors of the Company about their reporting responsibilities on the financial statements of the Group is set out in the Report of the Auditors on pages 24 to 25 the annual report.

#### **DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS**

The Group has adopted the code of conducts regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. The Company, having made specific enquiry, confirms that all Directors complied throughout the year with the required standard set out in the Model Code and the Company's code of conduct regarding Director's securities transactions.

#### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The members of the Remuneration Committee comprise Mr. Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald, Mr. Tam Hok Lam, Tommy, JP and Mr. Wong Chung Mat, Ben. All members are the INED of the Company and Mr. Wong is a chairman of the Remuneration Committee. The Remuneration Committee held one meeting to review and approve the Directors' and senior management's remuneration packages during the year.

The attendance of each member is set out as follows:

Members	Number of Attendence
Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald	1/1
Tam Hok Lam, Tommy, JP	1/1
Wong Chung Mat, Ben	1/1



#### **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (continued)**

Its terms of reference are summarised as follows:

- 1. to make recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for all remuneration of directors and senior management;
- 2. to review and determine the remuneration packages of all executive directors; and
- 3. to ensure that no director of any of his associates is involved in deciding his own remuneration.

The Remuneration Committee has reviewed and recommended to the Board on the remuneration policy and remuneration of the executive Directors, the remuneration of the INED and senior management, retirement schemes, the existing share option policy and the rewarding scheme for executive Directors and senior management. The Board reviewed and approved the Directors' remuneration at the Board Meeting held on 18 July 2008.

Details of the emoluments of Directors are set out in Note 8 to the financial statements.

The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee have been posted on the website of the Company.

#### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The Nomination Committee currently comprises three members including three INED. Mr. Tam Hok Lam, Tommy, JP is the chairman of the Nomination Committee. The other members are Mr. Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald and Mr. Wong Chung Mat, Ben. The Nomination Committee assists the Board to fulfill its supervisory role over the Group in nominating new directors to the Board and assessing the performance and skills of Directors. The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee have been posted on the website of the Company. Nomination Committee did not hold any meeting during the financial year ended 31 March 2008.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee was established in 1999 to consider the appointment of auditors and audit fee, to discuss with the auditors the nature and scope of audit, to review the Group's financial reporting, internal controls and corporate governance issues and make relevant recommendations to the Board. Its current members comprise Mr. Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald, Mr. Tam Hok Lam, Tommy, JP and Mr. Wong Chung Mat, Ben. Mr. Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald is the chairman of the Audit Committee. All members of the Audit Committee are the INEDs. One of the members has appropriate professional qualifications, accounting or related financial management expertise as required under the Listing Rules. None of them is employed by or otherwise affiliated with former or existing auditors of the Company. The main duties of the Audit Committee are as follows:

- 1. To consider the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditors, and to approve the remuneration and the terms of engagement of the external auditors, and any questions of resignation or dismissal of the external auditors of the Company;
- 2. To assess the independence of external auditors and discuss with the external auditors the nature and scope of audit;
- 3. To review interim and annual financial statements before approval of the Board;
- To review the financial control, internal control, and risk management system of the Group and make recommendations to the Board; and
- 5. To review the external auditor's engagement letter, management letter, material queries raised by the auditors to management in respect of accounting records, financial control, internal control and management's response.



#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE** (continued)

The Audit Committee held two meetings during the year under review. Minutes of the audit committee are kept by the duly-appointed secretary of the audit committee and the copies of the minutes are sent to all members of the committee. The conclusions of the Audit Committee meetings were tabled to the Board for noting and for action by the Board where appropriate. The attendance of each member is set out as follows:

Name of directorAttendance in 2007/2008Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald2/2Tam Hok lam, Tommy, JP2/2Wong Chung Mat, Ben2/2

During the meetings held in the year, the Audit Committee had performed the following works:

- 1. Reviewed with external auditors the accounting policies and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2007 and for the six months ended 30 September 2007 respectively;
- 2. Reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and ensured the Company to comply with the Listing Rules and other statutory compliance;
- 3. Reviewed the effectiveness of internal control system;
- 4. Reviewed the external auditor's management letter and management's response;
- 5. Reviewed and recommended for the Board's approval the audit scope and auditors' remuneration; and
- 6. Reviewed and considered the connected transactions entered into by the Group during the year.

The terms of reference of the Audit Committee have been posted on the Website of the Company.

#### **AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

For the year ended 31 March 2008, the remuneration paid to the Company's auditors, Messrs Ernst & Young, is set out as follows:

Services rendered	Fees paid/payable HK\$'000
Audit services  Non-audit services – interim review  Non-audit service – review of documents relating to pension scheme  Non-audit services – taxation	1,260 165 10 118
Total	1,553



#### INVESTOR RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS

The Board recognizes the importance of good communication with all shareholders. The Company establishes different communication channels with shareholders and investors: (i) the annual general meeting provides a forum for shareholders to raise comments and exchange views with the Board, (ii) updated key information of the Group are available on the websites of the SEHK and the Company, and (iii) the Company's website offers communication channel between the Company and its shareholders and investors.

The annual general meeting is a channel for the Chairman of the Board and the sub-committees of the Board to address concern of shareholders. At the annual general meeting, a separate resolution was proposed by the Chairman in respect of each separate issue including re-election of directors and the Chairman demanded on a poll on all resolutions. The procedures for and the rights of shareholders for demanding a poll by the shareholders will be incorporated in the circular which will be sent to Shareholder on 30 July 2008.

The Company has established dedicated personnel for liaison with investors and shareholders by answering their enquiries.

#### **INTERNAL CONTROL**

The Board acknowledges its responsibility in maintaining effective and sound internal control system for the Group to safeguard investments of the shareholders and assets of the Company at all times.

The system of internal controls aims to help achieving the Group's business objectives, safeguarding assets and maintaining proper accounting records for provision of reliable financial information. The design of system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement in the financial statements or loss of assets and to manage rather than eliminate risks of failure when business objectives are being sought. The Board of Directors has reviewed the effectiveness of the existing internal control system for the year ended 31 March 2008.

The Board has also kept the Company's system of internal control under review to ensure its effectiveness and convened meetings regularly to discuss financial, operational and risk management control.





#### To the shareholders of Elegance International Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the financial statements of Elegance International Holdings Limited set out on pages 26 to 86, which comprise the consolidated and company balance sheets as at 31 March 2008, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and the true and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### **AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITY**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



#### To the shareholders of Elegance International Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 31 March 2008 and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosures requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### **Ernst & Young**

Certified Public Accountants

18th Floor Two International Finance Centre 8 Finance Street, Central Hong Kong 18 July 2008



	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
REVENUE	5	551,783	572,467
Cost of sales		(457,046)	(443,818)
Gross profit		94,737	128,649
Other income and gain Selling and distribution costs General and administrative expenses Other operating income, net Finance costs	5 7	11,159 (11,463) (54,461) 7,565 (1,797)	3,314 (12,317) (55,492) 7,927 (3,199)
Share of profits and losses of: Jointly-controlled entities Associates		452 10,242	1,482
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	6	56,434	70,364
Tax	9	(5,065)	(9,041)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		51,369	61,323
Attributable to: Equity holders of the parent Minority interests	10	48,001 3,368 51,369	61,008 315 61,323
DIVIDENDS Interim Proposed final	11	9,709 19,419 29,128	9,709 19,419 29,128
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT	12		
Basic		14.83 cents	18.85 cents
Diluted		N/A	N/A



	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, plant and equipment Investment properties Prepaid land lease payments	13 14 15	229,560 4,416 46,553	232,848 3,129 45,974
Interests in jointly-controlled entities Interests in associates Available-for-sale financial assets Deposits paid for items of property, plant and equipment	18 19 20	3,827 19,155 650 3,048	8,913 81,638
Total non-current assets		307,209	372,502
CURRENT ASSETS Inventories Trade and bills receivables Prepayments, deposits and other receivables Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss Tax recoverable Available-for-sale financial assets Due from associates Cash and cash equivalents	21 22 23 24 20 19 25	90,286 137,468 7,029 78 - 23,673 10,120 76,082	86,616 160,058 5,627 451 15 7,699 7,722 39,087
Total current assets		344,736	307,275
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade and bills payables Other payables and accruals Tax payable Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings Due to an associate	26 27 28 19	61,309 31,852 3,150 5,000 4,600	56,003 27,516 9,370 59,767 4,600
Total current liabilities		105,911	157,256
NET CURRENT ASSETS		238,825	150,019
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		546,034	522,521
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings Deferred tax liabilities	28 30	- 7,115	5,000 7,985
Total non-current liabilities		7,115	12,985
Net assets		538,919	509,536



	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent			
Issued capital	31	32,365	32,365
Reserves	33(a)	466,333	440,030
Proposed final dividend	11	19,419	19,419
		518,117	491,814
Minority interests		20,802	17,722
Total equity		538,919	509,536

**Hui Leung Wah** 

Poon Sui Hong

Director

Director

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity Year ended 31 March 2008

Attributable to equity holders of the parent

		Issued share	Share premium	Capital	Available- for-sale financial asset revaluation	Goodwill eliminated against	Exchange fluctuation	Retained	Proposed final		Minority	Total
		capital	account	reserve	reserve	reserves	reserve	profits	dividend	Total	interests	equity
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2006 Change in fair value of available-for-sale		32,365	56,831	41,800	(9,809)	(152)	1,148	312,535	16,182	450,900	16,797	467,697
financial assets	20	-	-	-	5,052	-	-	-	-	5,052	-	5,052
Exchange realignment							745			745	610	1,355
Total income for the year recognised directly												
in equity		-	-	-	5,052	-	745	-	-	5,797	610	6,407
Profit for the year								61,008		61,008	315	61,323
Total income for the year		-	-	-	5,052	-	745	61,008	-	66,805	925	67,730
2006 final dividend declared		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16,182)	(16,182)	-	(16,182)
2007 interim dividend paid	11	-	=	-	-	-	=	(9,709)	=	(9,709)	=	(9,709)
2007 proposed final dividend	11							(19,419)	19,419			
At 31 March and 1 April 2007 Repayment of a loan to		32,365	56,831*	41,800*	* (4,757)*	(152)*	<sup>+</sup> 1,893*	344,415*	19,419	491,814	17,722	509,536
a minority shareholder Change in fair value of		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(836)	(836)
available-for-sale												
financial assets	20	-	-	=	5,030	-	2 400	-	-	5,030	-	5,030
Exchange realignment							2,400			2,400	548	2,948
Total income for the year												
recognised directly in equity		-	-	-	5,030	_	2,400	-	-	7,430	548	7,978
Profit for the year								48,001		48,001	3,368	51,369
Total income for the year		-	-	-	5,030	-	2,400	48,001	-	55,431	3,916	59,347
2007 final dividend declared		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19,419)	(19,419)	-	(19,419)
2008 interim dividend paid	11	=	-	-	=	-	=	(9,709)	=	(9,709)	=	(9,709)
2008 proposed final dividend	11							(19,419)	19,419			
At 31 March 2008		32,365	56,831*	41,800*	273*	(152)*	4,293*	363,288*	19,419	518,117	20,802	538,919

<sup>\*</sup> Comprise the consolidated reserves of HK\$466,333,000 (2007: HK\$440,030,000) in the consolidated balance sheet.



	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before tax		56,434	70,364
Adjustments for:			
Finance costs	7	1,797	3,199
Share of profits and losses of jointly-controlled			
entities and associates		(10,694)	(1,482)
Bank interest income	5	(2,026)	(436)
Dividend income from listed investments	5	(11)	(11)
Gain on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	6	(169)	(802)
Gain on disposal of staff quarters	6	-	(4,118)
Gain on disposal of investment properties	6	-	(50)
Changes in fair value of investment properties	6	(1,287)	(919)
Write-back of provision for impairment of buildings	6	(96)	(45)
Write-back of provision for impairment of prepaid			
land lease payments	6	(614)	(290)
Fair value gains, net:			
Equity investments at fair value through profit or loss	6	(164)	(14)
Depreciation	6	36,667	37,365
Recognition of prepaid land lease payments	15	1,173	1,162
Write-back of impairment of trade receivables	6	(5,237)	(1,699)
Provision/(write-back of provision) for inventory obsolescence	6	2,104	(2,412)
Write-off of other receivables	6		10
		77,879	99,822
Decrease/(increase) in inventories		(5,774)	3,821
Decrease/(increase) in trade and bills receivables		27,827	(11,485)
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments, deposits and other receivables		(1,393)	563
Increase in trade and bills payables		5,306	3,294
Increase in other payables and accruals		4,336	2,398
Movements of balances with associates		(2,398)	(7,822)
Decrease in equity investments at fair value through profit or loss		537	-
Exchange adjustments		(5,017)	
Cash generated from operations		101,303	90,591
Interest paid	7	(1,793)	(3,160)
Interest element on finance lease rental payments	7	(4)	(39)
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(11,247)	(4,915)
Overseas taxes paid		(893)	(514)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		87,366	81,963



	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received		2,026	436
Dividend received from listed investments		11	11
Purchases of items of property, plant and equipment	13	(29,123)	(44,248)
Deposits paid for items of property, plant and equipments		(3,048)	2.474
Proceeds from disposal of items of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from disposal of non-current assets		771	2,474
classified as held for sale		-	15,741
Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	10	70,044	_
Purchases of shareholding in jointly-controlled entities	18	(1,225)	_
Advances of loan to a jointly-controlled entity	18	(2,150)	(1.502)
Advances of a loan to an associate		<del></del> _	(1,582)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities		37,306	(27,168)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New bank loans		-	42,320
Repayment of bank loans		(59,541)	(62,046)
Repayment of a loan to a minority shareholder		(836)	_
Capital element of finance lease rental payments		(226)	(566)
Dividends paid		(29,128)	(25,891)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		(89,731)	(46,183)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		34,941	8,612
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		39,087	30,385
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net		2,054	90
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		76,082	39,087
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and bank balances	25	32,330	39,087
Non-pledged time deposits with original maturity of			
less than three months when acquired	25	43,752	_
		76,082	39,087



	Notes	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Interests in subsidiaries	17	491,849	472,170
CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	23	166	117
Cash and bank balances	25	39	379
Total current assets		205	496
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payables and accruals	27	181	363
NET CURRENT ASSETS		24	133
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		491,873	472,303
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Loans from a subsidiary	17	227,250	199,696
Net assets		264,623	272,607
EQUITY			
Issued capital	31	32,365	32,365
Reserves	33(b)	212,839	220,823
Proposed final dividend	11	19,419	19,419
Total equity		264,623	272,607

Hui Leung Wah

Director

**Poon Sui Hong** 

Director



#### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Elegance International Holdings Limited is a limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda. The registered office of the Company is located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda.

During the year, the Company was engaged in investment holding and the Group was engaged in the manufacture and trading of optical frames, sunglasses and optical cases.

#### 2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment properties, available-for-sale financial assets and equity investments, which have been measured at fair value. These financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HKS") and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2008. The results of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date of acquisition, being the date on which the Group obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases. All significant intercompany transactions and balances within the Group are eliminated on consolidation.

Minority interests represent the interests of outside shareholders not held by the Group in the results and net assets of the Company's subsidiaries. Acquisitions of minority interests are accounted for using the parent entity extension method whereby the difference between the consideration and the book value of the share of the net assets acquired is recognised as goodwill.

#### 2.2 IMPACT OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The Group has adopted the following new and revised HKFRSs for the first time for the current year's financial statements. Except for in certain cases, giving rise to new and revised accounting policies and additional disclosures, the adoption of these new and revised standards and interpretations has had no material effect on these financial statements.

HKFRS 7 HKAS 1 Amendment HK(IFRIC)-Int 8 HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 HK(IFRIC)-Int 10 HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
Capital Disclosures
Scope of HKFRS 2
Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives
Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment
HKFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions



#### 2.2 IMPACT OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (continued)

The principal effects of adopting these new and revised HKFRSs are as follows:

#### (a) HKFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures

This standard requires disclosures that enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the significance of the Group's financial instruments and the nature and extent of risks arising from those financial instruments. The new disclosures are included throughout the financial statements. While there has been no effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Group, comparative information has been included/revised where appropriate.

#### (b) Amendment to HKAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements - Capital Disclosures

This amendment requires the Group to make disclosures that enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the Group's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital. These new disclosures are shown in note 40 to the financial statements.

#### (c) HK(IFRIC)-Int 8 Scope of HKFRS 2

This interpretation requires HKFRS 2 to be applied to any arrangement in which the Group cannot identify specifically some or all of the goods or services received, for which equity instruments are granted or liabilities (based on a value of the Group's equity instruments) are incurred by the Group for a consideration, and which appears to be less than the fair value of the equity instruments granted or liabilities incurred. As the Company had not issued any equity instruments to the Group's employees for identified services provided in accordance with the Company's share option scheme, the interpretation has had no effect on these financial statements.

#### (d) HK(IFRIC)-Int 9 Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives

This interpretation requires that the date to assess whether an embedded derivative is required to be separated from the host contract and accounted for as a derivative is the date that the Group first becomes a party to the contract, with reassessment only if there is a change to the contract that significantly modifies the cash flows. As the Group has no embedded derivative requiring separation from the host contract, the interpretation has had no effect on these financial statements.

#### (e) HK(IFRIC)-Int 10 Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment

The Group has adopted this interpretation as of 1 April 2007, which requires that an impairment loss recognised in a previous interim period in respect of goodwill or an investment in either an equity instrument classified as available for sale or a financial asset carried at cost is not subsequently reversed. As the Group had no impairment losses previously reversed in respect of such assets, the interpretation has had no impact on the financial position or results of operations of the Group.

#### (f) HK(IFRIC)-Int 11 HKFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions

This interpretation requires arrangements whereby an employee is granted rights to the Group's equity instruments, to be accounted for as an equity-settled scheme, even if the Group acquires the instruments from another party, or the shareholders provide the equity instruments needed. It also addresses the accounting for share-based payment transactions involving two or more entities within the Group. As the Group currently has no such transactions, the interpretation is unlikely to have any financial impact on the Group.



#### 2.3 IMPACT OF ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The Group has not applied the following new and revised HKFRSs, that have been issued but are not yet effective, in these financial statements.

HKAS 1 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements <sup>1</sup>

HKAS 23 (Revised)

Borrowing Costs <sup>1</sup>

HKAS 27 (Revised) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements <sup>2</sup>

HKAS 32 and HKAS 1 Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation <sup>1</sup>

Amendments

Amendments to HKFRS 2 Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellation <sup>1</sup>

HKFRS 3 (Revised)

Business Combinations <sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 8

Operating Segments <sup>1</sup>

HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 Service Concession Arrangements <sup>4</sup> HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes <sup>3</sup>

HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 HKAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding

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- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2008
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008

The revised HKAS 1 separates owner and non-owner changes in equity. The statement of changes in equity will include only details of transactions with owners, with all non-owner changes in equity presented as a single line. In addition, the standard introduces the statement of comprehensive income: it presents all items of income and expenses recognised in profit or loss, together with all other items of recognised income and expenses, either in one single statement, or in two linked statements. The Group is still evaluating whether it will have one or two statements.

HKAS 23 has been revised to require capitalisation of borrowing costs when such costs are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. In accordance with the transitional provisions in the revised standard, the Group shall apply the revised standard on a prospective basis to borrowing costs relating to qualifying assets for which the commencement date for capitalisation is on or after 1 April 2009.

The revised HKAS 27 requires that a change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary is accounted for as an equity transaction. Therefore, such a change will have no impact on goodwill, nor will it give rise to a gain or loss. Furthermore, the amended standard changes the accounting for losses incurred by the subsidiary as well as the loss of control of a subsidiary. The changes introduced by the revised HKAS 27 must be applied prospectively and will affect future acquisitions and transactions with minority interests.

HKAS 32 and HKAS 1 Amendments permitted a range of entities to recognise their capital as equity rather than as financial liabilities, and required additional disclosures for puttable financial instruments classified as equity. The amendment reinforces that this is a limited scope exception to the definition of a financial liability and no analogies should be made to its requirements.

The amendments to HKFRS 2 restrict the definition of "vesting condition" to a condition that includes an explicit or implicit requirement to provide services. Any other conditions are non-vesting conditions, which have to be taken into account to determine the fair value of the equity instruments granted. In the case that the award does not vest as the result of a failure to meet a non-vesting condition that is within the control of either the entity or the counterparty, this must be accounted for as a cancellation. The Group has not entered into share-based payment schemes with non-vesting conditions attached and, therefore, does not expect significant implications on its accounting for share-based payments.



# 2.3 IMPACT OF ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (continued)

HKFRS 3 (Revised) introduces a number of changes in the accounting for business combinations that will have impact on the amount of goodwill recognised, the reported results in the period that an acquisition occurs, and future reported results. The changes introduced by the revised HKFRS 3 must be applied prospectively and will affect future acquisitions and transactions with minority interests.

HKFRS 8, which will replace HKAS 14 *Segment Reporting*, specifies how an entity should report information about its operating segments, based on information about the components of the entity that is available to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of allocating resources to the segments and assessing their performance. The standard also requires the disclosure of information about the products and services provided by the segments, the geographical areas in which the Group operates, and revenue from the Group's major customers. The Group expects to adopt HKFRS 8 from 1 April 2009.

HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 requires an operator under public-to-private service concession arrangements to recognise the consideration received or receivable in exchange for the construction services as a financial asset and/or an intangible asset, based on the terms of the contractual arrangements. HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 also addresses how an operator shall apply existing HKFRSs to account for the obligations and the rights arising from service concession arrangements by which a government or a public sector entity grants a contract for the construction of infrastructure used to provide public services and/or for the supply of public services. As the Group currently has no such arrangements, the interpretation is unlikely to have any financial impact on the Group.

HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 requires that loyalty award credits granted to customers as part of a sales transaction are accounted for as a separate component of the sales transaction. The consideration received in the sales transaction is allocated between the loyalty award credits and the other components of the sale. The amount allocated to the loyalty award credits is determined by reference to their fair value and is deferred until the awards are redeemed or the liability is otherwise extinguished.

HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 addresses how to assess the limit under HKAS 19 *Employee Benefits*, on the amount of a refund or a reduction in future contributions in relation to a defined benefit scheme that can be recognised as an asset, in particular, when a minimum funding requirement exists.

As the Group currently has no customer loyalty award credits and defined benefit scheme, HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 14 are not applicable to the Group and therefore are unlikely to have any financial impact on the Group.

# 2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Subsidiaries**

A subsidiary is an entity whose financial and operating policies the Company controls, directly or indirectly, so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The results of subsidiaries are included in the Company's income statement to the extent of dividends received and receivable. The Company's interests in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

# Joint ventures

A joint venture is an entity set up by contractual arrangement, whereby the Group and other parties undertake an economic activity. The joint venture operates as a separate entity in which the Group and the other parties have an interest.



**Joint ventures** (continued)

The joint venture agreement between the venturers stipulates the capital contributions of the joint venture parties, the duration of the joint venture entity and the basis on which the assets are to be realised upon its dissolution. The profits and losses from the joint venture's operations and any distributions of surplus assets are shared by the venturers, either in proportion to their respective capital contributions, or in accordance with the terms of the joint venture agreement.

A joint venture is treated as:

- (a) a subsidiary, if the Group has unilateral control, directly or indirectly, over the joint venture;
- (b) a jointly-controlled entity, if the Group does not have unilateral control, but has joint control, directly or indirectly, over the joint venture;
- (c) an associate, if the Group does not have unilateral or joint control, but holds, directly or indirectly, generally not less than 20% of the joint venture's registered capital and is in a position to exercise significant influence over the joint venture; or
- (d) an equity investment accounted for in accordance with HKAS 39, if the Group holds, directly or indirectly, less than 20% of the joint venture's registered capital and has neither joint control of, nor is in a position to exercise significant influence over, the joint venture.

# Jointly-controlled entities

A jointly-controlled entity is a joint venture that is subject to joint control, resulting in none of the participating parties having unilateral control over the economic activity of the jointly-controlled entity.

The Group's interests in jointly-controlled entities are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at the Group's share of net assets under the equity method of accounting, less any impairment losses. The Group's share of the post-acquisition results and reserves of jointly-controlled entities is included in the consolidated income statement and consolidated reserves, respectively. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its jointly-controlled entities are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interests in the jointly-controlled entities, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

The results of jointly-controlled entities are included in the Company's income statement to the extent of dividends received and receivable. The Company's interests in jointly-controlled entities are treated as non-current assets and are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

#### **Associates**

An associate is an entity, not being a subsidiary or a jointly-controlled entity, in which the Group has a long term interest of generally not less than 20% of the equity voting rights and over which it is in a position to exercise significant influence.

The Group's share of the post-acquisition results and reserves of associates is included in the consolidated income statement and consolidated reserves, respectively. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interests in the associates, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. The Group's interests in associates are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at the Group's share of net assets under the equity method of accounting, less any impairment losses.



**Associates** (continued)

The results of associates are included in the Company's income statement to the extent of dividends received and receivable. The Company's interests in associates are treated as non-current assets and are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries represents the excess of the cost of the business combination over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquirees' identifiable assets acquired, and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed as at the date of acquisition.

Goodwill on acquisition for which the agreement date is on or after 1 January 2005

Goodwill arising on acquisition is recognised in the consolidated balance sheet as an asset, initially measured at cost and subsequently at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

The carrying amount of goodwill is reviewed for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units, or groups of cash-generating units, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the Group are assigned to those units or groups of units.

Impairment is determined by assessing the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (group of cash-generating units) to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (group of cash-generating units) is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

Where goodwill forms part of a cash-generating unit (group of cash-generating units) and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal of the operation. Goodwill disposed of in this circumstance is measured based on the relative values of the operation disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

Goodwill previously eliminated against consolidated reserves

Prior to the adoption of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 30 "Business Combinations" ("SSAP 30") in 2001, goodwill arising on acquisition was eliminated against consolidated reserves in the year of acquisition. On the adoption of HKFRS 3, such goodwill remains eliminated against consolidated reserves and is not recognised in the income statement when all or part of the business to which the goodwill relates is disposed of or when a cash-generating unit to which the goodwill relates becomes impaired.

# Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill

Where an indication of impairment exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required (other than inventories, financial assets, investment properties and goodwill), the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use and its fair value less costs to sell, and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets, in which case the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.



Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill (continued)

An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. 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 assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. An impairment loss is charged to the income statement in the period in which it arises in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss of an asset other than goodwill and certain financial assets is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount of that asset, but not to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any depreciation/amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of such impairment loss is credited to the income statement in the period in which it arises, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

# **Related parties**

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

- (a) the party, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, (i) controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Group; (ii) has an interest in the Group that gives it significant influence over the Group; or (iii) has joint control over the Group;
- (b) the party is an associate;
- (c) the party is a jointly-controlled entity;
- (d) the party is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or its parent;
- (e) the party is a close member of the family of any individual referred to in (a) or (d);
- (f) the party is an entity that is controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by or for which significant voting power in such entity resides with, directly or indirectly, any individual referred to in (d) or (e); or
- (g) the party is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of the Group, or of any entity that is a related party of the Group.

# Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, other than construction in progress, are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Expenditure incurred after items of property, plant and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to the income statement in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditure has resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an item of property, plant and equipment, and where the cost of the item can be measured reliably, the expenditure is capitalised as an additional cost of that asset or as a replacement.



**Property, plant and equipment and depreciation** (continued)

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis to write off the cost of each item of property, plant and equipment to its residual value over its estimated useful life. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are as follows:

Buildings 2%

Leasehold improvements Shorter of the lease terms and the rates of 5% to 10%

Plant and machinery 10% to 20% Furniture, fixtures and office equipment 10% to 20% Motor vehicles 20%

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of that item is allocated on a reasonable basis among the parts and each part is depreciated separately.

Residual values, useful lives and the depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on disposal or retirement recognised in the income statement in the year the asset is derecognised is the difference between the net sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset.

Construction in progress represents the cost of a new factory building under construction, which is stated at cost less any impairment losses. No depreciation is provided on the construction until the related construction is completed and the assets are put into use. Construction in progress is reclassified to the appropriate category of property, plant and equipment or investment properties when completed and ready for use.

# **Investment properties**

Investment properties are interests in land and buildings (including the leasehold interest under an operating lease for a property which would otherwise meet the definition of an investment property) held to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation, rather than for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes; or for sale in the ordinary course of business. Such properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at fair value, which reflects market conditions at the balance sheet date.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair values of investment properties are included in the income statement in the year in which they arise.

Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognised in the income statement in the year of the retirement or disposal.

# Leases

Leases that transfer substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets to the Group, other than legal title, are accounted for as finance leases. At the inception of a finance lease, the cost of the leased asset is capitalised at the present value of the minimum lease payments and recorded together with the obligation, excluding the interest element, to reflect the purchase and financing. Assets held under capitalised finance leases are included in property, plant and equipment, and depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and the estimated useful lives of the assets. The finance costs of such leases are charged to the income statement so as to provide a constant periodic rate of charge over the lease terms.

Assets acquired through hire purchase contracts of a financing nature are accounted for as finance leases, but are depreciated over their estimated useful lives.



Leases (continued)

Leases where substantially all the rewards and risks of ownership of assets remain with the lessor are accounted for as operating leases. Where the Group is the lessor, assets leased by the Group under operating leases are included in non-current assets, and rentals receivable under the operating leases are credited to the income statement on the straight-line basis over the lease terms. Where the Group is the lessee, rentals payable under the operating leases are charged to the income statement on the straight-line basis over the lease terms.

Prepaid land lease payments under operating leases are initially stated at cost and subsequently recognised on the straight-line basis over the lease terms. When the lease payments cannot be allocated reliably between the land and buildings elements, the entire lease payments are included in the cost of the land and buildings as a finance lease in property, plant and equipment.

#### Investments and other financial assets

Financial assets in the scope of HKAS 39 are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, and available-for-sale financial assets, as appropriate. When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value, plus, in the case of investments not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group determines the classification of its financial assets after initial recognition and, where allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates this designation at the balance sheet date.

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 marketplace.

#### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets held for trading. Financial assets are classified as held for trading if they are acquired for the purpose of sale in the near term. Gains or losses on investments held for trading are recognised in the income statement. The net fair value gain or loss recognised in the income statement does not include any dividends on these financial assets, which are recognised in accordance with the policies set out for "Revenue recognition" below.

# Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any allowance for impairment. Amortised cost is calculated taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and includes fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate and transaction costs. Gains and losses are recognised in the income statement when the loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

#### Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available for sale or are not classified in any of the other two categories. After initial recognition, available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value, with gains or losses recognised as a separate component of equity until the investment is derecognised or until the investment is determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously reported in equity is included in the income statement. Interest and dividends earned are reported as interest income and dividend income, respectively and are recognised in the income statement as "Other income" in accordance with the policies set out for "Revenue recognition" below. Losses arising from the impairment of such investments are recognised in the income statement as "Impairment losses on available-for-sale financial assets" and are transferred from the available-for-sale investment revaluation reserve.



**Investments and other financial assets** (continued)

Fair value

The fair value of investments that are actively traded in organised financial markets is determined by reference to quoted market bid prices at the close of business at the balance sheet date. For investments where there is no active market, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. Such techniques include using recent arm's length market transactions; reference to the current market value of another instrument which is substantially the same; a discounted cash flow analysis; and option pricing models.

# Impairment of financial assets

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired.

# Assets carried at amortised cost

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). The carrying amount of the asset is reduced either directly or through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the impairment loss is recognised in the income statement. Loans and receivables together with any associated allowance are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the income statement, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortised cost at the reversal date.

In relation to trade and other receivables, a provision for impairment is made when there is objective evidence (such as the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor and significant changes in the technological, market economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor) that the Group will not be able to collect all of the amounts due under the original terms of an invoice. The carrying amount of the receivables is reduced through the use of an allowance account. Impaired debts are derecognised when they are assessed as uncollectible.

# Available-for-sale financial assets

If an available-for-sale asset is impaired, an amount comprising the difference between its cost (net of any principal payment and amortisation) and its current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognised in the income statement, is transferred from equity to the income statement. A provision for impairment is made for available-for-sale equity investments when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below its cost or where other objective evidence of impairment exists. The determination of what is "significant" or "prolonged" requires judgement. In addition, the Group evaluates other factors, such as the share price volatility. Impairment losses on equity instruments classified as available for sale are not reversed through the income statement.

Impairment losses on debt instruments are reversed through the income statement, if the increase in fair value of the instrument can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in the income statement.



# Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised where:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired;
- the Group retains the rights to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; or
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

Where the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

# Financial liabilities at amortised cost (including interest-bearing loans and borrowings)

Financial liabilities including trade and other payables, interest-bearing loans and borrowings and an amount due to an associate are initially stated at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost. The related interest expense is recognised within "finance costs" in the income statement.

Gains and losses are recognised in the income statement when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

# Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantee contracts in the scope of HKAS 39 are accounted for as financial liabilities. A financial guarantee contract is recognised initially at its fair value less transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial guarantee contract, except when such contract is recognised at fair value through profit or loss. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group measures the financial guarantee contract at the higher of: (i) the amount determined in accordance with HKAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*; and (ii) the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised in accordance with HKAS 18 *Revenue*.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and a recognition of a new liability, and the difference between the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the income statement.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on the weighted average basis and, in the case of work in progress and finished goods, comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of overheads. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling prices less any estimated costs to be incurred to completion and disposal.



#### Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and have a short maturity of generally within three months when acquired, less bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

For the purpose of the balance sheets, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and at banks, including term deposits, which are not restricted as to use.

#### Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the income statement, or in equity if it relates to items that are recognised in the same or a different period directly in equity.

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities.

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except:

- where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carryforward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carryforward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- where the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition
  of an asset or liability and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or
  loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Conversely, previously unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each balance sheet date and are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.



**Income tax** (continued)

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

#### Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and when the revenue can be measured reliably, on the following bases:

- (a) from the sale of goods, when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer, provided that the Group maintains neither managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership, nor effective control over the goods sold;
- (b) interest income, on an accrual basis using the effective interest method by applying the rate that discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset:
- (c) rental income, on a time proportion basis over the lease terms; and
- (d) dividend income, when the shareholders' right to receive payment has been established.

#### **Share-based payment transactions**

The Company operates a share option scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. Employees (including directors) of the Group receive remuneration in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services as consideration for equity instruments.

No share options have been granted under the share option scheme since its adoption.

# Other employee benefits

Paid leave carried forward

The Group provides paid annual leave to its employees under their employment contracts on an annual basis. Under certain circumstances, such leave which remains untaken as at the balance sheet date is permitted to be carried forward and utilised by the respective employees in the following year. An accrual is made at the balance sheet date for the expected future cost of such paid leave earned during the year by the employees and carried forward.

#### Pension schemes

The Group operates a defined contribution Mandatory Provident Fund retirement benefits scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for those employees who are eligible to participate in the MPF Scheme. Contributions are made based on a percentage of the employees' basic salaries and are charged to the income statement as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the MPF Scheme. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The Group's employer contributions to the MPF Scheme vest fully with the employees when contributed into the MPF Scheme.

The employees of the Group's subsidiaries which operate in Mainland China are required to participate in a central pension scheme operated by the local municipal government. The subsidiaries are required to contribute a certain percentage of their covered payroll to the central pension scheme. The only obligation for the Group with respect to the central pension scheme is the associated required contributions under the central pension scheme, which are charged to the income statement in the year to which they relate.



#### **Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the income statement in the period in which they are incurred.

#### Dividends

Final dividends proposed by the directors are classified as a separate allocation of retained profits within the equity section of the balance sheet, until they have been approved by the shareholders in a general meeting. When these dividends have been approved by the shareholders and declared, they are recognised as a liability.

Interim dividends are simultaneously proposed and declared, because the Company's bye-laws grant the directors the authority to declare interim dividends. Consequently, interim dividends are recognised immediately as a liability when they are proposed and declared.

#### Foreign currencies

These financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency. Each entity in the Group determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency. Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded using the functional currency rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the income statement. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

The functional currencies of certain overseas subsidiaries and associates are currencies other than the Hong Kong dollar. As at the balance sheet date, the assets and liabilities of these entities are translated into the presentation currency of the Company at exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date and, their income statements are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year. The resulting exchange differences are included in the exchange fluctuation reserve.

For the purpose of the consolidated cash flow statement, the cash flows of overseas subsidiaries are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the cash flows. Frequently recurring cash flows of overseas subsidiaries which arise throughout the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year.

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Group's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the reporting date. However, uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets or liabilities affected in the future.

#### **Judgements**

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

The Group has entered into commercial property leases on its investment property portfolio. The Group has determined that it retains all the significant risks and rewards of the ownership of these properties which are leased out on operating leases.



#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES (continued)

Judgements (continued)

Classification between investment properties and owned-occupied properties

The Group determines whether a property qualifies as an investment property and has developed criteria in making that judgement. Investment property is a property held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both. Therefore, the Group considers whether a property generates cash flows largely independently of the other assets held by the Group.

Some properties comprise a portion that is held to earn rentals or for capital appreciation and another portion that is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. If these portions could be sold separately or leased out separately under a finance lease, the Group accounts for the portions separately. If the portion could not be sold separately, the property is an investment property only if an insignificant portion is held for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes.

# Impairment of assets

In determining whether an asset is impaired or the event previously causing the impairment no longer exists, the Group has to exercise judgement in the area of asset impairment, particularly in assessing: (1) whether an event has occurred that may affect the asset value or such event affecting the asset value has not been in existence; (2) whether the carrying value of an asset can be supported by the net present value of future cash flows which are estimated based upon the continued use of the asset or derecognition; and (3) the appropriate key assumptions to be applied in preparing cash flow projections including whether these cash flow projections are discounted using an appropriate rate. Changing the assumptions selected by management to determine the level of impairment, including the discount rates or the growth rate assumptions in the cash flow projections, could materially affect the net present value used in the impairment test.

# **Estimation uncertainty**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

# Impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Group determines whether property, plant and equipment are impaired where an indication of impairment exists. This requires an estimation of the value in use of the cash-generating units to which the property, plant and equipment are allocated. Estimating the value in use requires the Group to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the cash-generating unit and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows.

#### Provision for obsolete inventories

Management of the Group reviews the usage of the inventories at each balance sheet date, and makes provision for obsolete items where events or changes in circumstances show that the balances of inventories may not be realised or are no longer suitable for production use. In addition, physical count on all inventories is carried out on a periodical basis in order to determine whether provision needed to be made in respect of any obsolete inventories identified. The directors of the Company are satisfied that sufficient provision for obsolete inventories has been made in the consolidated financial statements.



#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES (continued)

**Estimation uncertainty** (continued)

Impairment of trade receivables

The policy for impairment of trade receivables of the Group is based on the evaluation of collectibility and aging analysis of accounts and on management's judgement at each balance sheet date whether there is any objective evidence that the trade receivables are impaired. A considerable amount of judgement is required in assessing the ultimate realisation of these receivables, including the current creditworthiness and the past collection history of each customer. If the financial conditions of customers of the Group were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

#### Deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses can be utilised. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies. The amount of unrecognised tax losses at 31 March 2008 was HK\$15,301,000 (2007: HK\$15,596,000). Further details are contained in note 30 to the financial statements.

# Impairment of available-for-sale financial assets

The Group classifies certain assets as available-for-sale and recognises movements of their fair values in equity. When the fair value declines, management makes assumptions about the decline in value to determine whether there is an impairment that should be recognised in the income statement. At 31 March 2008, no impairment losses have been recognised for available-for-sale assets (2007: Nil). The carrying amount of available-for-sale assets was HK\$24,323,000 (2007: HK\$89,337,000).

# 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Segment information is presented on the Group's primary segment reporting basis, by geographical segment.

No further business segment information is presented as the Group is principally engaged in the manufacture and trading of eyewear products and the management considers that the Group operates in one single business segment.

Each of the Group's geographical segments, based on the location of customers (the destination of sales), represents a strategic business unit that offers products to customers located in a geographical area which is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of the other geographical segments. The Group's customer-based geographical segments are as follows:

- (a) the North America segment mainly represents the sale of eyewear products to customers located in the United States;
- (b) the Europe segment mainly represents the sale of eyewear products to customers located in Italy, the United Kingdom, Spain, France, Germany and Sweden;
- (c) the People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong) segment mainly represents the sale of eyewear products to agents located in Hong Kong, but also includes sales made to local retailers. The directors believe that the agents in Hong Kong export most of the Group's products to Europe and North America;
- (d) the Other Asian countries segment mainly represents the sale of eyewear products to customers located in Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Japan and India; and
- (e) the "Others" segment mainly represents the sale of eyewear products to customers located in Australia, South America and Africa.



# 4. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (continued)

# **Geographical segments**

The following tables present revenue, profit and certain asset, liability and expenditure information for the Group's geographical segments for the years ended 31 March 2008 and 2007.

	North <i>A</i> 2008	America 2007	Eui 2008	r <b>ope</b> 2007	Peop Republic (including F 2008	of China	Other cour	Asian ntries	Oth 2008	ers 2007	Conso 2008	lidated 2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue: Sales to external customers	169,038	157,041	342,296	358,937	25,219	36,016	8,052	12,939	7,178	7,534	551,783	572,467
Segment results	14,325	20,445	29,007	46,729	2,137	4,689	683	1,684	608	981	46,760	74,528
Interest and dividend income Unallocated corporate expenses Finance costs Share of profits and losses of:											2,037 (1,260) (1,797)	447 (2,894) (3,199)
Jointly-controlled entities Associates	-	-	-	-	452 9,352	1,005	- 890	- 477	-	-	452 10,242	1,482
Profit before tax Tax											56,434 (5,065)	70,364 (9,041)
Profit for the year											51,369	61,323
Segment assets Interests in associates Interests in jointly-controlled	45,759 -	31,321	76,743 -	121,501 -	428,511 16,209	474,858 6,857	1,750 2,946	3,047 2,056	118	1,035	552,881 19,155	631,762 8,913
entities Cash and cash equivalents Unallocated assets	-	-	-	-	3,070	-	757	-	-	-	3,827 76,082 	39,087 15
Total assets	_						_		_	_	651,945	679,777
Segment liabilities Bank loans Unallocated liabilities	1,745	346	9,342	7,883	84,974	76,948	1,668	3,168	32	-	97,761 5,000 10,265	88,345 64,541 17,355
Total liabilities	_				_	_			_	_	113,026	170,241
Other segment information: Capital expenditure Depreciation and amortisation Provision/(write-back of	-	- -	-	-	29,123 37,840	44,248 38,527	Ī	- -	-	- -	29,123 37,840	44,248 38,527
provision) for inventory obsolescence	-	=	-	=	2,104	(2,412)	-	-	-	-	2,104	(2,412)
Write-back of impairment of trade receivables	_	(1,198)	_	-	(4,909)	(227)	(328)	(274)	_	-	(5,237)	(1,699)
Changes in fair value of investment properties Write-back of provision for impairment of prepaid land	-	-	-	-	(1,287)	(919)	-	-	-	=	(1,287)	(919)
lease payments and buildings					(710)	(335)					(710)	(335)



# 5. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAIN

Revenue, which is also the Group's turnover, represents the invoiced value of goods sold to third parties, net of trade discounts and returns.

An analysis of revenue, other income and gain is as follows:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Revenue			
Sale of goods	551,783	572,467	
Other income			
Sale of scrap materials	6,998	1,741	
Bank interest income	2,026	436	
Gross rental income	208	190	
Dividend income from equity investments at			
fair value through profit or loss	11	11	
Others	1,373	837	
	10,616	3,215	
Gain			
Foreign exchange differences, net	543	99	
	11,159	3,314	



# 6. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Group		
		2008	2007
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost of inventories sold		454,942	446,230
Depreciation	13	36,667	37,365
Auditors' remuneration		1,425	1,278
Minimum lease payments under operating leases			
in respect of buildings		2,874	3,219
Employee benefit expense			
(excluding directors' remuneration, as set out in note 8):		100.610	110.007
Wages and salaries		133,613	118,007
Pension scheme contributions*		998	1,072
		134,611	119,079
Net rental income		(208)	(190)
Provision/(write-back of provision) for		•	,
inventory obsolescence		2,104	(2,412)
Foreign exchange differences, net		(543)	(99)
Other operating expenses/(income):			
Write-back of impairment of trade receivables	22	(5,237)	(1,699)
Gain on disposal of staff quarters		-	(4,118)
Gain on disposal of investment properties		_	(50)
Gain on disposal of items of property, plant		(4.40)	(0.00)
and equipment		(169)	(802)
Write-back of provision for impairment of prepaid land lease payments	15	(614)	(290)
Write-back of provision for impairment of buildings	13	(96)	(45)
Write-off of other receivables	13	2	10
Fair value gains, net:			
Equity investments at fair value through			
profit or loss – held for trading		(164)	(14)
Changes in fair value of investment properties	14	(1,287)	(919)
		(7,565)	(7,927)

<sup>\*</sup> At the balance sheet date, the Group had no forfeited pension scheme contributions available to reduce its contributions to the pension schemes in future years (2007: Nil).



#### 7. FINANCE COSTS

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Interest on bank loans wholly repayable within five years	1,793	3,160	
Interest on finance leases	4	39	
	1,797	3,199	

# 8. DIRECTORS' AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

Directors' remuneration

Directors' remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules and Section 161 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, is as follows:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Fees	300	300	
Other emoluments:			
Basic salaries and bonuses	2,498	2,474	
Housing benefit	1,506	1,506	
Pension scheme contributions	54	54	
	4,058	4,034	
	4,358	4,334	

Three (2007: three) directors occupied certain of the Group's properties rent free during the year. The estimated value of the accommodation provided for them was HK\$1,506,000 (2007: HK\$1,506,000) for the year ended 31 March 2008, which has been included in the amounts detailed above.

# (a) Independent non-executive directors

The fees paid to independent non-executive directors during the year were as follows:

	2008 HK\$′000	2007 HK\$'000
Poon Kwok Fai, Ronald	100	100
Wong Chung Mat, Ben	100	100
Tam Hok Lam, Tommy	100	100
	300	300

There were no other emoluments payable to the independent non-executive directors during the year (2007: Nil).



# 8. DIRECTORS' AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION (continued)

**Directors' remuneration** (continued)

(b) Executive directors and non-executive directors

	Basic salaries and bonuses HK\$'000	Housing benefit HK\$'000	Pension scheme contributions HK\$'000	Total remuneration HK\$'000
2008				
Executive directors:				
Hui Leung Wah	1,200	900	-	2,100
Poon Sui Hong	766	444	31	1,241
Leung Shu Sum	532	162	23	717
	2,498	1,506	54	4,058
2007				
Executive directors:				
Hui Leung Wah	1,200	900	_	2,100
Poon Sui Hong	747	444	31	1,222
Leung Shu Sum	527	162	23	712
	2,474	1,506	54	4,034

There were no fees and other emoluments payable to the non-executive directors during the year (2007: Nil).

There was no arrangement under which a director waived or agreed to waive any emoluments during the year.

# Highest paid employees' emoluments

The five highest paid individuals during the year included three (2007: three) directors, details of whose remuneration are disclosed above. Details of the remuneration of the two (2007: two) non-director, highest paid individuals for the year are set out below:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Basic salaries and bonuses	1,703	1,677	
Housing benefit	252	252	
Pension scheme contributions	67	67	
	2,022	1,996	



#### 8. DIRECTORS' AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION (continued)

**Highest paid employees' emoluments** (continued)

The number of non-director, highest paid individuals whose remuneration fell within the following bands is as follows:

	Number of non-director, highest paid individuals		
	2008	2007	
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	1	1	
HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	1	1	
	2	2	

One of the non-director, highest paid individuals occupied one of the Group's properties rent free during the year. The estimated value of the accommodation provided to him was HK\$252,000 (2007: HK\$252,000) for the year ended 31 March 2008, which has been included in the amounts detailed above.

# 9. TAX

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 17.5% (2007: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year. Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the jurisdiction in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Croup		
Group:		
Current – Hong Kong		
Charge for the year	4,133	8,151
Overprovision in prior years	(1,397)	(48)
Current – Elsewhere	3,199	938
Deferred (note 30)	(870)	<u> </u>
Total tax charge for the year	5,065	9,041



# **9.** TAX (continued)

A reconciliation of the tax expense applicable to profit before tax using the statutory rates for the jurisdictions in which the Company and the majority of its subsidiaries are domiciled to the tax expense at the effective tax rates is as follows:

	Hong Kong HK\$'000	Mainland China HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Group – 2008			
Profit before tax	47,692	8,742	56,434
Tax at the statutory tax rate	8,346	2,885	11,231
Lower tax rates for specific provinces	-	(964)	(964)
Adjustments in respect of current tax of previous periods	(1,397)	_	(1,397)
Profits and losses attributable to jointly-controlled	(1,337)		(1,357)
entities and associates	(1,872)	_	(1,872)
Results from offshore manufacturing			
operation not subject to tax	(2,696)	- (100)	(2,696)
Income not subject to tax  Expenses not deductible for tax	(1,436) 88	(198) 1,333	(1,634) 1,421
Tax losses utilised from previous periods	(377)	1,555	(377)
Estimated tax losses not recognised	325	139	464
Others	885	4	889
Tax charge at the Group's effective rate	1,866	3,199	5,065
Group – 2007			
Profit before tax	70,224	140	70,364
Tax at the statutory tax rate	12,289	46	12,335
Lower tax rates for specific provinces	_	(58)	(58)
Adjustments in respect of current tax of	(40)		(40)
previous periods Profits and losses attributable to associates	(48) (259)	_	(48) (259)
Results from offshore manufacturing	(237)		(23))
operation not subject to tax	(4,733)	-	(4,733)
Income not subject to tax	(1,205)	(844)	(2,049)
Expenses not deductible for tax	863	247	1,110
Tax losses utilised from previous periods Estimated tax losses not recognised	(9) 388	- 1,547	(9) 1,935
Others	817	- -	817
Tax charge at the Group's effective rate	8,103	938	9,041



#### 10. PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

The consolidated profit attributable to equity holders of the parent for the year ended 31 March 2008 includes a profit of HK\$21,144,000 (2007: HK\$45,884,000) which has been dealt with in the financial statements of the Company (note 33(b)).

# 11. DIVIDENDS

	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Interim – HK3.0 cents (2007: HK3.0 cents) per ordinary share	9,709	9,709
Proposed final – HK6.0 cents (2007: HK6.0 cents) per ordinary share	19,419	19,419
	29,128	29,128

The 2008 final dividend of HK6.0 cents per ordinary share has been proposed to be paid to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members on 29 August 2008 and is subject to the approval of the Company's shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

# 12. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

The calculation of basic earnings per share amount is based on the profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent for the year of HK\$48,001,000 (2007: HK\$61,008,000) and 323,649,123 (2007: 323,649,123) shares in issue.

The diluted earnings per share amounts have not been calculated for the current and prior years as no diluting events existed throughout these years.



# 13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Group

			Leasehold improve-	Plant and	Furniture, fixtures and office	Motor (	Construction	
	Note	Buildings HK\$'000	ments HK\$'000	machinery HK\$'000	equipment HK\$'000	vehicles HK\$'000	in progress HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
31 March 2008								
At 31 March 2007 and at 1 April 2007:								
Cost		129,057	56,394	251,885	35,564	11,273	3,725	487,898
Accumulated depreciation and impairment		(8,877)	(30,411)	(180,021)	(26,860)	(8,881)		(255,050)
Net carrying amount		120,180	25,983	71,864	8,704	2,392	3,725	232,848
At 1 April 2007, net of accumulated depreciation								
and impairment		120,180	25,983	71,864	8,704	2,392	3,725	232,848
Additions		372	3,657	15,184	3,023	2,770	4,117	29,123
Disposals Reversal of impairment	6	96	(216)	(103)	(283)		_	(602) 96
Depreciation provided during	0	(2,716)	(3,327)	(27,910)	(1,403)	(1,311)		(36,667)
the year Exchange realignment		3,091	498	554	136	33	450	4,762
At 31 March 2008, net of accumulated depreciation								
and impairment		121,023	26,595	59,589	10,177	3,884	8,292	229,560
At 31 March 2008:		422.702	60.207	267.540	27.600	42.240	0.202	F40 424
Cost Accumulated depreciation		132,703	60,307	267,510	37,600	13,219	8,292	519,631
and impairment		(11,680)	(33,712)	(207,921)	(27,423)	(9,335)		(290,071)
Net carrying amount		121,023	26,595	59,589	10,177	3,884	8,292	229,560



# 13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

**Group** (continued)

	Note	Buildings HK\$'000	Leasehold improve- ments HK\$'000	Plant and machinery HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Construction in progress HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
31 March 2007								
At 31 March 2006 and at 1 April 2006: Cost		119,710	51,767	227,110	32,699	10,268	2,900	444,454
Accumulated depreciation and impairment		(6,360)	(26,399)	(153,183)	(24,297)	(7,734)		(217,973)
Net carrying amount		113,350	25,368	73,927	8,402	2,534	2,900	226,481
At 1 April 2006, net of accumulated depreciation								
and impairment Additions		113,350 3,124	25,368 4,491	73,927	8,402 2,851	2,534 1,162	2,900	226,481 44,248
Disposals		3,124	4,491	26,439 (1,530)	(12)	(130)	6,181	(1,672)
Reversal of impairment	6	45	_	(1,550)	-	(130)	_	45
Depreciation provided during	ŭ	.5						.5
the year		(2,546)	(4,004)	(27,063)	(2,573)	(1,179)	_	(37,365)
Transfers		5,379	-	-	-	=	(5,379)	=
Exchange realignment		828	128	91	36	5	23	1,111
At 31 March 2007, net of accumulated depreciation								
and impairment		120,180	25,983	71,864	8,704	2,392	3,725	232,848
At 31 March 2007:								
Cost		129,057	56,394	251,885	35,564	11,273	3,725	487,898
Accumulated depreciation and impairment		(8,877)	(30,411)	(180,021)	(26,860)	(8,881)		(255,050)
Net carrying amount		120,180	25,983	71,864	8,704	2,392	3,725	232,848

Further details of the leasehold land on which the above buildings were located are included in note 15 to the financial statements.

In the prior year, the net book value of the Group's property, plant and equipment held under finance leases included in the total amount of motor vehicles amounted to HK\$880,000.

In the prior year, certain of the Group's buildings situated in Hong Kong of HK\$3,731,000 had been pledged to banks to secure the bank loans and general banking facilities granted to the Group (see note 28).

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#### 14. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Group		
	2008		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Carrying amount at 1 April	3,129	2,210	
Net profit from a fair value adjustment	1,287	919	
Carrying amount at 31 March	4,416	3,129	

At 31 March 2008, the investment properties were revalued at HK\$4,416,000 (2007: HK\$3,129,000) on an open market and existing use basis by Vigers Appraisal & Consulting Limited, an independent professionally qualified valuer. The investment properties are leased to third parties under operating leases, further summary details of which are included in note 36(a) to the financial statements.

The investment properties above, which held under medium term leases, are located in:

	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong Mainland China	3,450 966	2,350 779
	4,416	3,129

In the prior year, the Group's investment properties, which were situated in Hong Kong and were valued at HK\$2,350,000, had been pledged to a bank to secure the general banking facilities granted to the Group (see note 28).

# 15. PREPAID LAND LEASE PAYMENTS

		Group		
		2008	2007	
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Carrying amount at 1 April		47,136	47,854	
Recognised during the year		(1,173)	(1,162)	
Reversal of impairment loss during the year	6	614	290	
Exchange realignment	-	1,149	154	
Carrying amount at 31 March		47,726	47,136	
Current portion included in prepayments, deposits and other receivables	-	(1,173)	(1,162)	
Non-current portion		46,553	45,974	



# 15. PREPAID LAND LEASE PAYMENTS (continued)

The leasehold land included above is held under medium term leases and is situated in:

	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	31,723	31,937
Mainland China	16,003	15,199
	47,726	47,136

In the prior year, certain of the Group's leasehold land of HK\$11,125,000, which was situated in Hong Kong and held under medium term leases, had been pledged to banks to secure the bank loans and general banking facilities granted to the Group (see note 28).

# 16. GOODWILL

The amount of goodwill remaining in consolidated reserves, arising from the acquisition of subsidiaries prior to the adoption of SSAP 30, was HK\$152,000 at 1 April 2007 and 31 March 2008. The amount of goodwill is stated at cost less impairment of HK\$1,687,000 (2007: HK\$1,687,000) which arose prior to 1 January 2005.

# 17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company		
	2008		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Unlisted shares, at cost	147,173	147,173	
Loans to subsidiaries	344,676	324,997	
	491,849	472,170	
Loans from a subsidiary	(227,250)	(199,696)	
	264,599	272,474	

The loans to/from the subsidiaries included in the interests in subsidiaries above are unsecured, interest-free and not repayable within one year. In the opinion of the Company's directors, these loans are considered as quasi-equity loans to the subsidiaries.



# 17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries at 31 March 2008 are as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation/ registration	Place of operations	Nominal value of issued share capital/ paid-in capital	Percen of equ attribu to the Co Direct	uity table	Principal activities
Diamond Bright Industries Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$400	-	100	Investment holding
Dongguan Yick Yue Optical Limited**	People's Republic of China (the "PRC")***	Mainland China	HK\$16,715,000 (2007: HK\$15,005,000)	-	55	Manufacture of optical frames
Elegance Group Limited	British Virgin Islands	Hong Kong	Ordinary US\$80	100	-	Investment holding
Elegance Optical Investments Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$200 Non-voting deferred HK\$20,000,000*	-	100	Investment and property holding
Elegance Optical Manufactory Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$2	_	100	Trading and manufacture of optical frames
Fortune Optical Limited**	PRC***	Mainland China	HK\$32,636,600 (2007: HK\$27,236,600)	-	55	Trading and manufacture of optical frames
Glory (Hui's) Trading Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$200	-	100	Trading of optical frames in Hong Kong and South East Asia
Gold Strong Industrial Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$100	-	55	Investment holding and trading of optical frames
Grand Artic Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$10,000	-	76	Manufacture of optical cases
Grand River Investments Limited**	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$2	-	100	Property holding
Great Champ Asia Limited**	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$2	-	100	Investment holding



#### 17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries at 31 March 2008 are as follows: (continued)

Name	Place of incorporation/ registration	Place of operations	Nominal value of issued share capital/ paid-in capital	Percer of eq attribu to the Co Direct	uity table	Principal activities
Leader Up Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary	-	100	Dormant
·	3 3	3 3	HK\$10,000			
Million Wave Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$10,000	-	100	Property holding
Promisewell Company Limited	British Virgin Islands	Hong Kong	Ordinary US\$1	-	100	Intellectual property holding
Sandwalk Far East Limited**	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$1	-	100	Trading of leather products
Standard Sun International Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$10,000	-	100	Dormant
United Wish Company Limited	Hong Kong	Mainland China	Ordinary HK\$100	-	100	Dormant
Winston Technology Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$1	-	100	Investment holding
Yieldly (International) Investment Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Ordinary HK\$400	-	100	Investment holding
東莞精奇機械科技 有限公司**	PRC***	Mainland China	HK\$14,000,000 (2007: HK\$11,000,000)	-	100	Trading and manufacture of machinery
東莞豐誠貿易 有限公司**	PRC***	Mainland China	HK\$3,000,000 (2007: HK\$450,000)	-	100	Trading of optical frames

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected the results for the year or formed a substantial portion of the net assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

<sup>\*</sup> The first HK\$1,000,000,000,000 of the profits which the subsidiary may determine to distribute in any financial year must be distributed among the holders of ordinary shares where one half of the balance of the said profits is distributed among the holders of the non-voting deferred shares and the other half of such balance among the holders of ordinary shares. Moreover, the holders of the non-voting deferred shares have no other rights to dividends. The holders of the non-voting deferred shares have no right to attend or vote at general meetings, except for general meetings convened for the purpose of reducing the capital of the Company or altering their class rights. The non-voting deferred shares carry the right to receive one half of the balance of any surplus in a return of capital in a winding-up after the holders of the ordinary shares have received a total return of HK\$5,000,000,000.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Not audited by Ernst & Young Hong Kong or other member firm of the Ernst & Young global network.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Dongguan Yick Yue Optical Limited, Fortune Optical Limited, 東莞精奇機械科技有限公司 and 東莞豐誠貿易有限公司 are registered as wholly-foreign-owned enterprises under the PRC law.



# 18. INTERESTS IN JOINTLY-CONTROLLED ENTITIES

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Share of net assets	1,677	_	
Advance to a jointly-controlled entity	2,150		
	3,827	_	

The advance to a jointly-controlled entity is unsecured, interest-free and not repayable within one year from the balance sheet date. The carrying amount of the balance approximates to its fair value.

Particulars of the jointly-controlled entities are as follows:

	Particulars	Place of	P	ercentage o	f	
Name	of issued shares held	incorporation/ registration	Ownership interest	Voting power	Profit sharing	Principal activities
Elegance Japan Co., Ltd.*	JPY20,000,000	Japan	50	50	50	Trading of eyewear products
廣州市佳視光學眼鏡 有限公司*	Registered capital of RMB1,000,000	PRC	45	45	45	Retailing and trading of optical frames

<sup>\*</sup> Not audited by Ernst & Young Hong Kong or other member firm of the Ernst & Young global network.

The jointly-controlled entities were newly incorporated during the year.

Both the above jointly-controlled entities have been accounted for using the equity method in these financial statements.



# 18. INTERESTS IN JOINTLY-CONTROLLED ENTITIES (continued)

The following table illustrates the summarised financial information of the Group's jointly-controlled entities:

	2008 HK\$'000
Share of the jointly-controlled entities' assets and liabilities: Current assets Non-current assets Current liabilities Non-current liabilities	4,552 124 (1,107) (1,892)
Net assets	1,677
Share of the jointly-controlled entities' results: Revenue	1,820
Expenses	(1,368)
Profit before tax Tax	452 
Profit after tax	452

# 19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

	Group	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Share of net assets	12,010	1,768
Advance to an associate	7,145	7,145
	19,155	8,913
Due from associates	10,120	7,722
Due to an associate	(4,600)	(4,600)
	24,675	12,035

The advance to an associate is unsecured, interest-free and not repayable within one year from the balance sheet date. The amounts due from and to associates included in the Group's current assets and liabilities of HK\$10,120,000 (2007: HK\$7,722,000) and HK\$4,600,000 (2007: HK\$4,600,000), respectively, are unsecured, interest-free and are repayable on demand. The carrying amounts of the balances with the associates approximate to their fair values.



# 19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (continued)

Particulars of the associates at 31 March 2008 are as follows:

Name	Particulars of issued shares held	Place of incorporation/ registration	Percentage of ownership interest attributable to the Group	Principal activities
Safint Optical Investments Limited*	Ordinary shares of HK\$1 each	Hong Kong	24.5	Trading of eyewear products
Safilo Eyewear Ltd.*	Registered capital of US\$700,000	PRC	24.5	Trading of eyewear products
Safilo Trading (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.*	Registered capital of US\$300,000	PRC	24.5	Distribution and sale of eyewear products
Optics 2000 & Optics Café Pte., Ltd.*	Ordinary shares of SG\$1 each	Singapore	35	Retailing of eyewear products

<sup>\*</sup> Not audited by Ernst & Young Hong Kong or other member firm of the Ernst & Young global network.

All the above associates have been accounted for using the equity method in these financial statements.

The Group's shareholdings in the associates are all held through a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

The following table illustrates the summarised financial information of the Group's associates extracted from their management accounts:

	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Assets	202,738	117,251
Liabilities	(158,019)	(112,750)
Revenues	218,391	114,956
Profit	40,218	6,050



# 20. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

	Group		
	2008		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Current			
Time deposit, at fair value	23,673	7,699	
Non-current			
Time deposits, at fair value	-	80,988	
Club debenture, at fair value	650	650	
	650	81,638	

During the year, the gross gain of the Group's available-for-sale financial assets recognised directly in equity amounted to HK\$5,030,000 (2007: HK\$5,052,000).

The time deposits have maturity date in July 2008. Full principal amount of HK\$23,400,000 (2007: HK\$93,444,000) will be repaid on maturity dates, subject to early repayment at the bank's option or the Group's request. The above time deposits were designated as available-for-sale financial assets on 1 April 2005. Interest income is charged at 4.25% (2007: 3% to 7%) times the number of calendar days in the relevant period during which the LIBOR is within a pre-determined range. The fair values of available-for-sale financial assets have been estimated using a valuation technique based on the prevailing market interest rate. The directors believe that the estimated fair values resulting from such valuation technique, which are recorded directly in the consolidated balance sheet, and the related changes in fair values, which are recorded directly in equity, are reasonable, and that they are the most appropriate values at the balance sheet date. The time deposits are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default.

# 21. INVENTORIES

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Raw materials	35,852	35,737	
Work in progress	38,233	38,736	
Finished goods	16,201	12,143	
	90,286	86,616	



# 22. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Trade and bills receivables	145,855	173,723	
Impairment	(8,387)	(13,665)	
	137,468	160,058	

Credit is offered to customers following a financial assessment by the Group with regard to their established payment records. The Group usually allows average credit periods ranging from 45 to 120 days (2007: 45 to 120 days) to its customers and seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables. Overdue balances are regularly reviewed by senior management and collections are followed up by accounting personnel. Trade and bills receivables are non-interest-bearing.

The following is an aged analysis of the trade and bills receivables (net of impairment of trade receivables) as at 31 March 2008 and 2007:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Current to 90 days	128,652	158,153	
91 to 180 days	4,353	677	
181 to 360 days	816	543	
	133,821	159,373	
Bills receivable	3,647	685	
Total	137,468	160,058	

The movements in the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
At 1 April	13,665	15,502	
Amount written off as uncollectible	(41)	(138)	
Impairment losses reversed (note 6)	(5,237)	(1,699)	
At 31 March	8,387	13,665	



#### 22. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES (continued)

Included in the above provision for impairment of trade receivables is a provision for individually impaired trade receivables of HK\$8,387,000 (2007: HK\$13,665,000) with aggregate carrying amounts of HK\$12,970,000 (2007: HK\$24,013,000). The individually impaired trade receivables relate to customers that were in financial difficulties and only a portion of the receivables is expected to be recovered. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over these balances.

The aged analysis of the trade receivables that are not considered to be impaired is as follows:

	Group	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Neither past due nor impaired	112,088	134,347
Less than one month past due	9,703	9,341
One to three months past due	10,508	15,150
Over three months past due	5,169	1,220
	137,468	160,058

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

Receivables that were past due but not impaired relate to a number of independent customers that have a good track record with the Group. Based on past experience, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that no provision for impairment is necessary in respect of these balances as there has not been a significant change in credit quality and the balances are still considered fully recoverable. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over these balances.

The trade receivables of the Group include trade balances due from the Safilo S.p.A group of companies of HK\$65,202,000 (2007: HK\$100,600,000) (note 38 (a)(i)) in aggregate, which are unsecured, interest-free and are repayable in accordance with normal trading terms of 120 days (2007: 120 days).

# 23. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Grou	p	Compa	any
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Prepayments	4,888	4,647	166	117
Deposits and other receivables	2,141	980		
	7,029	5,627	166	117

None of the above assets is either past due or impaired. The financial assets included in the above balances relate to receivables for which there is no recent history of default.



#### 24. EQUITY INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Listed equity investments in Hong Kong, at market value	78	451	

The above equity investments at 31 March 2007 and 2008 were classified as held for trading.

# 25. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Group		Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cash and bank balances	32,330	39,087	39	379
Time deposits	43,752			
Cash and cash equivalents	76,082	39,087	39	379

At the balance sheet date, the cash and bank balances of the Group denominated in Renminbi ("RMB") amounted to HK\$19,609,000 (2007: HK\$17,580,000). The RMB is not freely convertible into other currencies, however, under Mainland China's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for other currencies through banks authorised to conduct foreign exchange business.

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. Short term time deposits are made for varying periods of between one day and three months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group, and earn interest at the respective short term time deposit rates. The bank balances and deposits are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default. The carrying amounts of the cash and cash equivalents approximate to their fair values.



# **26. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES**

The following is an aged analysis of the trade and bills payables as at 31 March 2008 and 2007:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Current to 90 days	56,920	55,562	
91 to 180 days	3,066	145	
181 to 360 days	566	160	
Over 360 days	757	136	
Total	61,309	56,003	

The trade and bills payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled on 30-day terms.

# 27. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	Grou	Group		Company	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Other payables	19,693	12,474	33	53	
Accruals	12,159	15,042	148	310	
	31,852	27,516	181	363	

Other payables are non-interest-bearing and repayable on demand.



#### 28. INTEREST-BEARING BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

		2008			2007	
Group	Effective interest			Effective interest		
	rate (%)	Maturity	HK\$'000	rate (%)	Maturity	HK\$'000
<b>Current</b> Finance lease payables						
(note 29)	-	-	-	2.8 – 3.1 HIBOR+0.7 – HIBOR+1.1/	2007	226
Bank loans – secured	HIBOR+0.8	2008 – 2009	5,000	LIBOR+0.7	2007	59,541
			5,000			59,767
<b>Non-current</b> Bank loans – secured				HIBOR+0.8	2008 – 2009	5,000
Datik Ioatis – Secured	_	_		TIIDON+0.0	2000 – 2009	
			5,000			64,767
Analysed into:  Bank loans repayable:						
Within one year or on demand In the second year			5,000 -			59,541 5,000
			5,000			64,541
Other borrowings repayable:						
Within one year						226
			5,000			64,767

As at 31 March 2008, the secured bank loans of HK\$5,000,000 are denominated in Hong Kong dollars. In the prior year, except for the secured bank loans of HK\$2,465,000 which were denominated in United States dollars, all other borrowings were in Hong Kong dollars.

The banking facilities were secured by corporate guarantees in the amount of HK\$182,000,000 (2007: HK\$162,600,000) provided from the Company (note 35). In the prior year, the Group's buildings situated in Hong Kong with an aggregate net book value of HK\$3,731,000 (note 13), the investment properties situated in Hong Kong with an aggregate valued amount of HK\$2,350,000 (note 14) and leasehold land situated in Hong Kong with an aggregate net prepaid land lease payments of HK\$11,125,000 (note 15) were also pledged to secure the bank loans and general banking facilities granted to the Group at 31 March 2007.

The carrying amounts of the Group's borrowings approximate to their fair values. The fair values of interest-bearing bank and other borrowings have been calculated by discounting the expected future cash flows at prevailing interest rates.



## 29. FINANCE LEASE PAYABLES

The Group leased certain of its motor vehicles for its optical frames business. These leases were classified as finance leases and were settled during the year.

At 31 March 2007, the total future minimum lease payments under finance leases and their present values were as follows:

			Present	Present
			value of	value of
	Minimum	Minimum	minimum	minimum
	lease	lease	lease	lease
Group	payments	payments	payments	payments
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Amounts payable: Within one year and total minimum finance lease payments	-	230		226
Future finance charges		(4)		
Total net finance lease payables and portion classified as current liabilities (note 28)		226		

# **30. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES**

The movements in deferred tax liabilities during the year are as follows:

	allowance in excess of related depreciation HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
Group			
At 1 April 2006, 31 March 2007 and 1 April 2007 Deferred tax credited to the income statement	9,150	(1,165)	7,985
during the year (note 9)	(1,509)	639	(870)
At 31 March 2008	7,641	(526)	7,115



#### **30. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES** (continued)

At the balance sheet date, the Group had tax losses arising in Hong Kong of HK\$15,301,000 (2007: HK\$15,596,000) that are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these losses as they have arisen in subsidiaries that have been loss-making for some time and it is not considered probable that taxable profits will be available against which the tax losses can be utilised.

At 31 March 2008, there was no significant unrecognised deferred tax liability (2007: Nil) for taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of certain of the Group's subsidiaries, associates or jointly-controlled entities as the Group has no liability to additional tax should such amounts be remitted.

There are no income tax consequences attaching to the payment of dividends by the Company to its shareholders.

## 31. SHARE CAPITAL

	Company		
	2008 HK\$′000	2007 HK\$'000	
Authorised: 1,000,000,000 shares of HK\$0.10 each	100,000	100,000	
Issued and fully paid: 323,649,123 shares of HK\$0.10 each	32,365	32,365	

# 32. SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Scheme") for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. Eligible participants of the Scheme include the Company's directors, including independent non-executive directors, other employees of the Group, suppliers of goods or services to the Group, customers of the Group, the Company's shareholders and any minority shareholder in the Company's subsidiaries.

The share option scheme of the Company was approved by the shareholders at a special general meeting of the Company held on 16 May 2003 to comply with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the SEHK"). The Scheme became effective on 16 May 2003 and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for ten years from that date.

The maximum number of unexercised share options currently permitted to be granted under the Scheme is an amount equivalent, upon their exercise, to 10% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time. The maximum number of shares issuable under share options to each eligible participant in the Scheme within any 12-month period is limited to 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time. Any further grant of share options in excess of this limit is subject to shareholders' approval in a general meeting.



# 32. SHARE OPTION SCHEME (continued)

Share options granted to a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or to any of their associates, are subject to approval in advance by the independent non-executive directors. In addition, any share options granted to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of the Company, or to any of their associates, in excess of 0.1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time or with an aggregate value (based on the price of the Company's shares at the date of grant) in excess of HK\$5 million, within any 12-month period, are subject to shareholders' approval in advance in a general meeting.

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted within 28 days from the date of offer, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 in total by the grantee with no consideration being payable by the grantee. The exercise period of the share options granted is determinable by the directors, and commences after a certain vesting period and ends on a date which is not later than ten years from the date of offer of the share options or the expiry date of the Scheme, if earlier.

The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the directors, but may not be less than the higher of (i) the SEHK closing price of the Company's shares on the date of offer of the share options; and (ii) the average SEHK closing price of the Company's shares for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of offer.

Share options do not confer rights on the holders to dividends or to vote at shareholders' meetings.

No options have been granted since the approval of the Scheme on 16 May 2003.

# 33. RESERVES

## (a) Group

The amounts of the Group's reserves and the movements therein for the current and prior years are presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 29 of this annual report.

The capital reserve of the Group represents (i) the difference between the nominal value of the shares of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the Group reorganisation on 8 February 1996, over the nominal value of the Company's shares issued in exchange therefor; and (ii) the premium arising on the subscription of shares of Elegance Group Limited ("EGL"), the then holding company of the Group's subsidiaries existing at that time, at an aggregate premium of HK\$22,000,000 which was credited to the capital reserve. Such Group reorganisation has resulted in EGL becoming a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.

Certain amounts of goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries in prior years remain eliminated against consolidated reserves as explained in note 16 to the financial statements.



#### **33. RESERVES** (continued)

(b) Company

		account	Contributed surplus	Retained profits	Proposed final dividend	Total
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2006		56,831	146,973	263	16,182	220,249
Profit for the year		_	-	45,884	-	45,884
2006 final dividend declared		_	-	_	(16,182)	(16,182)
2007 interim dividend paid	11	_	-	(9,709)	-	(9,709)
2007 final dividend proposed	11			(19,419)	19,419	
At 31 March and 1 April 2007		56,831*	146,973*	17,019*	19,419	240,242
Profit for the year		_	_	21,144	_	21,144
2007 final dividend declared		_	_	_	(19,419)	(19,419)
2008 interim dividend paid	11	_	-	(9,709)	-	(9,709)
2008 final dividend proposed	11			(19,419)	19,419	
At 31 March 2008		56,831*	146,973*	9,035*	19,419	232,258

The contributed surplus of the Company represents the difference between the consolidated net asset value of EGL on 8 February 1996, the day on which its entire issued share capital was acquired by the Company pursuant to the Group reorganisation referred to in note 33(a), and the nominal amount of the Company's shares issued in consideration for such acquisition. Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus of the Company is distributable to shareholders under certain circumstances.

## 34. NOTE TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

In the prior year, the Group made an accrual for value-added tax and business tax totalling HK\$3,820,000 in respect of the disposal of the land and buildings situated in the Mainland China as at 31 March 2007.

<sup>\*</sup> Comprise the Company's reserves of HK\$212,839,000 (2007: HK\$220,823,000) at the balance sheet date.



## 35. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At the balance sheet date, contingent liabilities not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	Company	
	2008	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Guarantees given for banking facilities granted to (note 28):		
– Wholly-owned subsidiaries	182,000	157,600
– Non-wholly-owned subsidiaries		5,000
	182,000	162,600

Details of the corporate guarantees given by the Company to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the non-wholly-owned subsidiaries are as follows:

	Corporate guarantees given by the Company	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000
Grand Artic Limited	-	2,000
Gold Strong Industrial Limited		3,000

In the prior year, these banking facilities were utilised by these subsidiaries to the extent of approximately HK\$575,000 as at the balance sheet date.

## **36. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS**

(a) As lessor

The Group leases one of its investment properties (note 14) under an operating lease arrangement, with the lease negotiated for a term of three months. The terms of the lease also require the tenant to pay security deposits and provide for periodic rent adjustments according to the then prevailing market conditions.

At 31 March 2008, the Group had total future minimum lease receivables under a non-cancellable operating lease with its tenant falling due as follows:

	G	Group	
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	
Within one year	27	22	



## **36. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS** (continued)

# (b) As lessee

The Group leases certain of its office premises under operating lease arrangements. Leases for office premises are negotiated for terms ranging from 1 to 50 years.

At 31 March 2008, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Within one year	2,628	2,448	
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	4,475	5,592	
After five years	48,315	44,093	
	55,418	52,133	

# **37. COMMITMENTS**

In addition to the operating lease commitments detailed in note 36(b) above, the Group had the following capital commitments at the balance sheet date:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Contracted, but not provided for:			
Land and buildings	1,246	1,587	
Equipment and machinery	935	526	
	2,181	2,113	

The Company had no significant commitments at the balance sheet date.



#### 38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the transactions set out elsewhere in these financial statements, the Group entered into the following material related party transactions during the year:

# (a) Transactions with the Safilo S.p.A. group of companies ("Safilo") Safilo S.p.A., a company incorporated in Italy and beneficially owns a 23.05% equity interest in the Company, entered into the following commercial agreements with the Company since 1997:

# (i) Supply Agreement

The Group committed to supply and the Safilo committed to purchase, for an initial period of three years, minimum quantities (subject to adjustment) of optical frames, sunglasses and related products. Subsequent to the initial three-year period, the Supply Agreement would continue subject to termination by either party by a notice period of six months.

The terms of sales offered to the Safilo are similar to the terms that the Group offers to other major customers.

During the year, the Group sold goods to the Safilo with an aggregate sales value amounting to HK\$232,053,000 (2007: HK\$271,991,000). In accordance with the terms of the Supply Agreement, the corresponding sales volume discount for the year amounted to HK\$3,687,000 (2007: HK\$2,664,000). A discount of HK\$2,646,000 (2007: HK\$6,696,000) was paid during the year and HK\$2,281,000 (2007: HK\$1,240,000) was accrued in the financial statements at the balance sheet date.

The aggregate trade receivable balance due from the Safilo at 31 March 2008 in respect of these sales amounted to HK\$65,202,000 (2007: HK\$100,600,000) (note 22).

# (ii) Shareholders' Agreement and Sub-licence Agreement

Pursuant to the terms of the shareholders' agreement entered into between the Group and Safilo Far East Limited ("SFEL") which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Safilo S.p.A and an independent third party, a joint venture company, Safint Optical Investments Limited ("Safint"), was established to manage and operate the manufacture and distribution of optical frames and sunglasses in the Mainland China.

A Sub-licence Agreement was entered into between Safint and the Group pursuant to which the Group was granted a non-exclusive licence by Safint to manufacture and distribute Safilo's branded products in the Mainland China.

During the year, the Group sold goods to Safint's group companies with an aggregate sales value amounting to HK\$1,126,000 (2007: HK\$6,116,000). The sales were carried out at prices mutually agreed between the parties.



#### **38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS** (continued)

## (b) Transactions with a group company

The Company granted corporate guarantees to banks in favour of a wholly-owned subsidiary and received therefrom an amount of HK\$1,620,000 (2007: Nil) for securing banking facilities for this company. Further details are set out in note 35 to the financial statements.

# (c) Transaction with a director of the Company

During the year, a director's quarter was rented by the Group from Mr. Hui Leung Wah, the chairman and managing director of the Company, for the use by Mr. Poon Siu Hong as a director's quarter. The annual rental amounting to HK\$444,000 for the year (2007: HK\$444,000) was mutually agreed by both parties based on market value and has been included in directors' remuneration in note 8 to the financial statements.

# (d) Outstanding balances with related parties

Details of the Group's balances with its jointly-controlled entities and associates as at the balance sheet date are included in notes 18 and 19, respectively, to the financial statements.

# (e) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Short term employee benefits	5,959	5,909
Post-employment benefits	121	121
Total compensation paid to key management personnel	6,080	6,030

Further details of directors' emoluments are included in note 8 to the financial statements.

The related party transactions as set out in (a) above also constitute connected transactions or continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.



# 39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments as at the balance sheet date are as follows:

2008 Group

Financial assets

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss-held for trading HK\$'000	Loans and receivables HK\$'000	Available- for-sale financial assets HK\$'000	Total HK\$′000
Advance to a jointly-controlled entity				
(note 18)	_	2,150	-	2,150
Advance to an associate (note 19)	_	7,145	_	7,145
Available-for-sale financial assets	_	-	24,323	24,323
Deposits paid for items of property,				
plant and equipment	_	3,048	_	3,048
Trade and bills receivables	_	137,468	_	137,468
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and		244		2444
other receivables (note 23)	_	2,141	_	2,141
Equity investments at fair value	78			78
through profit or loss	70	10 120	_	
Due from associates	_	10,120	_	10,120
Cash and cash equivalents		76,082		76,082
	78	238,154	24,323	262,555

Financial liabilities

	liabilities at amortised cost HK\$'000
Trade and bills payables	61,309
Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals (note 27)	19,693
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	5,000
Due to an associate	4,600
	90,602

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# **39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY** (continued)

2007	Group
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Financial assets

	Financial assets			
	at fair value		Available-	
	through profit or		for-sale	
	loss-held for	Loans and	financial	
	trading	receivables	assets	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Advance to an associate (note 19)	_	7,145	_	7,145
Available-for-sale financial assets	_	_	89,337	89,337
Trade and bills receivables	_	160,058	_	160,058
Financial assets included in prepayments, deposits and				
other receivables (note 23)	_	980	_	980
Equity investments at fair value				
through profit or loss	451	_	_	451
Due from associates	_	7,722	_	7,722
Cash and cash equivalents		39,087		39,087
	451	214,992	89,337	304,780

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities at amortised cost HK\$'000

Trade and bills payables	56,003
Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals (note 27)	12,474
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	64,767
Due to an associate	4,600

137,844

Financial assets

Company
Loans and receivables

2008	2007
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
344,676	324,997
39	379
344,715	325,376

Loans to subsidiaries (note 17)
Cash and cash equivalents



#### **39. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY** (continued)

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments as at the balance sheet date are as follows: (continued)

Financial liabilities

	Company Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
	2008 HK\$'000	2007 HK\$'000	
Loan from a subsidiary (note 17) Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals (note 27)	227,250	199,696 53	
	227,283	199,749	

## 40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise bank loans, finance leases, and cash and time deposits. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the Group's operations. The Group has various other financial assets and liabilities such as trade receivables and trade payables, which arise directly from its operations.

It is, and has been, throughout the year under review, the Group's policy that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below.

# Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's debt obligations and the time deposits with floating interest rates.

The Group does not hedge interest rate fluctuations. The Group's policy to manage its interest rate risk is to minimise its interest-bearing borrowings at floating rates.



**Interest rate risk** (continued)

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Group's profit before tax (through the impact on floating rate borrowings) and the Group's equity.

	Group				
		Increase/			
	Increase/	(decrease)	Increase/		
	(decrease) in	in profit	(decrease)		
	basis points	before tax	in equity		
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
2008					
Hong Kong dollar	3%	(957)	(957)		
United States dollar	3%	(640)	(640)		
Hong Kong dollar	(3%)	957	957		
United States dollar	(3%)	640	640		
2007					
Hong Kong dollar	3%	(1,688)	(1,688)		
United States dollar	3%	(273)	(273)		
Hong Kong dollar	(3%)	1,688	1,688		
United States dollar	(3%)	273	273		



## Foreign currency risk

The Group has transactional currency exposures. Such exposures arise from sales or purchases by operating units in currencies other than the units' functional currencies. Most of the Group's sales are denominated in United States dollars while expenditure incurred in the operations of manufacturing plants and capital expenditure are denominated in RMB. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management closely monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity at the balance sheet date to a reasonably possible change in the RMB exchange rate, with all other variables held constant, of the Group's profit before tax and the Group's equity (due to changes in the fair value of monetary assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign subsidiaries).

	Increase/ (decrease) in RMB rate %	Increase/ (decrease) in profit before tax HK\$'000	Increase/ (decrease) in equity HK\$'000
2008			
If Hong Kong dollar weakens against RMB If Hong Kong dollar strengthens against RMB	5% (5%)	1,291 (1,291)	1,481 (1,481)
2007			
If Hong Kong dollar weakens against RMB If Hong Kong dollar strengthens against RMB	5% (5%)	835 (835)	1,665 (1,665)

# Credit risk

The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis and the Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

The credit risk of the Group's other financial assets, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, available-for-sale financial assets, amounts due from associates and jointly-controlled entities and other receivables, arises from default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amounts of these instruments. The Company is also exposed to credit risk through the granting of financial guarantees, further details of which are disclosed in note 35 to the financial statements.

Since the Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties, there is no requirement for collateral. At the balance sheet date, the Group has certain concentrations of credit risk as 47% (2007: 63%) and 59% (2007: 70%) of the Group's trade receivables were due from the Group's largest customer and the five largest customers, respectively, within the Europe and North America segments.

Further quantitative data in respect of the Group's exposure to credit risk arising from trade and bills receivables are disclosed in note 22 to the financial statements.



Liquidity risk

The Group monitors its risk to a shortage of funds using a recurring liquidity planning tool. This tool considers the maturity of both its financial instruments and financial assets (e.g., trade receivables) and projected cash flows from operations.

The Group's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of bank loans and finance leases. The Group's policy is to minimise borrowings.

The maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities as at the balance sheet date, based on the contracted undiscounted payments, is as follows:

# Group

## 2008

	On demand HK\$′000	Less than 3 months HK\$'000	3 to less than 12 months HK\$'000	1 to 5 years HK\$'000	Total HK\$′000
Interest-bearing bank and					
other borrowings	_	1,250	3,750	_	5,000
Trade and bills payables	28,327	32,982	-	_	61,309
Other payables	19,693	-	-	-	19,693
Due to an associate	4,600				4,600
	52,620	34,232	3,750		90,602
2007					
		Less than	3 to less than	1 to 5	
	On demand	3 months	12 months	years	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest-bearing bank and					
other borrowings	-	56,134	3,637	5,000	64,771
Trade and bills payables	22,733	33,270	_	_	56,003
Other payables	12,474	-	-	_	12,474
Due to an associate	4,600				4,600
	39,807	89,404	3,637	5,000	137,848

The Company's other payables of HK\$33,000 (2007: HK\$53,000) as at the balance sheet date was repayable on demand.



## Capital management

The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and to maintain healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and maximise shareholder value.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the years ended 31 March 2008 and 2007.

The Group monitors capital using a gearing ratio, which is net debt divided by the capital plus net debt. Net debt includes interest-bearing bank and other borrowings, trade and bills payables, other payables and accruals and an amount due to an associate, less cash and cash equivalents. Capital represents total equity. The gearing ratios as at the balance sheet dates were as follows:

	Group		
	2008	2007	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	5,000	64,767	
Trade and bills payables	61,309	56,003	
Other payables and accruals (note 27)	31,852	27,516	
Due to an associate (note 19)	4,600	4,600	
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	(76,082)	(39,087)	
Net debt	26,679	113,799	
Capital	518,117	491,814	
Capital and net debt	544,796	605,613	
Gearing ratio	5%	19%	

# **41. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS**

As further explained in note 2.2 to the financial statements, due to the adoption of the new and revised HKFRSs during the current year, certain comparative amounts of the notes to the financial statements have been adjusted to conform with the current year's presentation and to show separately comparative amounts in respect of items disclosed for the first time in 2008.

# **42. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 18 July 2008.