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The board of directors is pleased to present the Group's interim report and condensed accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2008. The consolidated results, consolidated cash flow statement and consolidated statement of changes in equity of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2008, and the consolidated balance sheet of the Group as at 30 June 2008, all of which are unaudited and condensed, along with selected explanatory notes, are set out on pages 12 to 26 of this report.

Business Review

The Group's net profit attributable to shareholders for the first six months of 2008 was HK\$213.8 million which is 26.0% higher than the results of the corresponding period of 2007. Earnings per share for the first six-month period of 2008 amounted to HK26.7 cents (2007: HK21.2 cents). Excluding the effect of property revaluation and the related deferred taxation for the six months period ended 2008 and 2007, the profit after taxation for the first half of 2008 was 60.2% better than the corresponding period of last year.

Rental income from investment properties for the half-year ended 30 June 2008 amounted to HK\$55.1 million, up 8.0% from HK\$51.1 million for the corresponding period of last year. During the period under review, the Group's core properties recorded steady increase in rental yields and occupancy rates.

The first half of 2008 was considered by many as a challenging period for the economy of Hong Kong as a whole and the Group shared the same view.

The sub-prime crisis originated in the United States of America rather than being subdued, widened to affect not only home loan financiers there but many financial institutions worldwide having exposure to financial products related to the U.S. sub-prime mortgages. The credit crunch in the U.S. and Europe, stock market collapse in Vietnam, coupled with the austere financial measures adopted by the Mainland authority posed a stern market environment for virtually all businesses worldwide. Inflation pressure reached a very alarming level as oil price hit record highs consecutively during the first half of 2008.

Against all these difficulties, Hong Kong was fortunate to be able to weather the market storms. The SAR Government's prudent public administration, particularly in the management of its public finance to ensure a strong stable public reserve and to afford a business environment with low tax and low cost of funding were the major attributes in successfully tackling the global financial crisis. Like some of the fortunate few, the Group's business was not affected by the market volatility in the first half of 2008 in any great magnitude as the core of our long term investment consists mainly of prime rental properties which consistently enjoy high percentage of occupancy. The Group ascribed such satisfactory result to favourable locations of our properties and provision of quality inhouse professional management and marketing service to our tenants.

Business Review (continued)

At time of market adjustment, many see it as a good opportunity to invest and to commit in the prime area and in good quality properties where it would otherwise have been difficult to enter during boom time. Currently, the Group's property portfolio is over 97% leased and such high percentage of occupancy is predicted to continue in the remainder of the year.

The Group's investment property portfolio was independently valued at the end of the period resulting in a revaluation surplus of HK\$121.3 million. The revaluation surplus and the corresponding deferred tax arising from the revaluation of the Group's investment properties were reported in the income statement.

The Group's share of profit after taxation from the associated company, The Cross-Harbour (Holdings) Limited ("Cross-Harbour"), for the period was HK\$71.4 million (2007: HK\$45.3 million), an increase of 57.6% from last period. Cross-Harbour is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and it is engaged in investment and management of tunnels, motoring schools and highway and tunnel toll system.

Prospects

The Group is cautiously optimistic about the economic performance of the Hong Kong SAR in the coming years. Most of our key economic fundamentals remain sound and the market sentiment will continually be supported by strong domestic consumption, large influx of tourists and low unemployment condition.

It is however anticipated that global credit market will remain tight hence affecting the performance of the financial and banking sectors. Similar situation will likely happen to property market although high-end residential sector will least be affected owing to scarcity in supply. Rising cost in doing business in Hong Kong caused by inflation will be inevitable, but performance of companies in general may not be severely affected as escalating costs of operation may likely be offset by relatively low interest and low tax business environment.

Looking ahead, it is expected that Hong Kong will benefit further by implementing its closer co-operation with its neighbouring cities in the Pearl River Delta to form a new financial hub for the whole of China. This new partnership relationship with our once competing cities will have far-reaching positive effect on Hong Kong and will surely strengthen our infrastructure and business linkage with the cities in the Pearl River Delta thereby bringing about more promising economic growth to the entire area.

Prospects (continued)

The Group considers that global market adjustment which we are experiencing now offers a good opportunity for business expansion at a more cost effective manner. The Group will step up its effort in the coming future to seek good investment projects with a view to enhancing corporate earning and profits for shareholders. Although the Mainland will continually be regarded as an attractive market owing to its sheer size and population, locally in Hong Kong and certain other emerging economies in the Asian Pacific region are beginning to offer unprecedented investment opportunities at time of market adjustment. When pursuing business expansion and diversification, the Group will still maintain its core property investment in Hong Kong which has been providing stable yield and cash flow in return for many years.

Financing and Liquidity

The Group's financial expenses for the period amounted to HK\$9.8 million, decreased by 43.9% from HK\$17.5 million as compared to the same period last year as average interest rate was significantly lower in the first half of 2008.

The gearing ratio, which is calculated as the ratio of net bank borrowings to shareholders' funds, was 16.6% (31 December 2007: 18.6%). As at 30 June 2008, the total bank borrowing has decreased to HK\$562.5 million from HK\$617.0 million at end of 2007. Certain investment properties with aggregate carrying value of HK\$2,428.0 million (31 December 2007: HK\$2,305.0 million) were pledged, together with assignment of rental income, to secure loan facilities. Term loan instalments repayable within one year amounted to HK\$57.2 million. Revolving bank loan with balance of HK\$170.0 million is repayable and renewable within one year.

The following is the maturing profile of the Group's bank borrowings as of 30 June 2008:

Within one year	40.4%
In the second year	10.2%
In the third to fifth years	49.4%
Total	100.0%

As at 30 June 2008, the Group's cash and cash equivalents was HK\$53.0 million. With cash, available banking facilities, and recurring rental income, the Group has sufficient resources to meet the foreseeable funding needs for working capital and capital expenditure.

Financing and Liquidity (continued)

As the Group's borrowings are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and its sources of income are primarily denominated in Hong Kong dollars, there is basically no exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

On 3 July 2007, the Company entered into a placing agreement (the "Agreement") with a placing agent, pursuant to which the placing agent conditionally agreed to place a maximum aggregate amount of HK\$300.0 million of zero coupon convertible notes (the "Notes") with maturity date of 31 July 2010 at the conversion price of HK\$1.9 per conversion share, on a best effort basis, to not less than six independent placees; each partial completion of the placing should not be less than HK\$50.0 million. If the conditions of the Agreement had not been fulfilled by the long stop date which was nine months from the date of signing of the Agreement (or such later date as agreed between the Company and the placing agent), the Agreement would terminate and neither the Company nor the placing agent would have any claims against each other. Due to market condition, no Notes had been placed and the Agreement lapsed at the end of 3 April 2008.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 June 2008, the Company has executed guarantees totaling HK\$1,193.1 million (31 December 2007: HK\$1,217.5 million), with respect to banking facilities made available to its subsidiaries, of which HK\$562.5 million were utilised (31 December 2007: HK\$617.0 million).

Staff

As at 30 June 2008, the Group had 37 members of staff. Staff remuneration is reviewed by the Group from time to time to ensure the terms of employment offered to our staff are competitive in the market. In addition to salaries, the Group provides staff benefits including medical insurance, life insurance, pension scheme and discretionary vocational tuition/training subsidies. Share options and bonuses are also available to employees of the Group at the discretion of the directors and depending upon the financial performance of the Group.

Interim Dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2008 (2007: Nil).

Disclosure of Interests

Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures

The register kept under section 352 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO") shows, as at 30 June 2008, the following interests of the directors in the shares of the Company or an associated corporation (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO):

(a) Interests in the Company

			Total no.	Approximate %
Name	Capacity	No. of shares	of shares	of shareholding
Cheung Chung Kiu	Interest of controlled corporation	273,000,000	273,000,000 ¹	34.14%
Wong Chi Keung	Beneficial owner	1,576,000	1,576,000	0.20%
Ng Kwok Fu	Beneficial owner	50,000		
	Interest of spouse	40,000	90,000	0.01%

(b) Interests in The Cross-Harbour (Holdings) Limited (associated corporation)

			Approximate %
Name	Capacity	No. of shares	of shareholding
Cheuna Chuna Kiu	Interest of controlled corporation	148.254.432 ²	41.94%

Disclosure of Interests

Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures (continued)

Notes:

- Mr. Cheung Chung Kiu ("Mr. Cheung") was deemed to be interested in 273,000,000 shares in the Company by virtue of his indirect shareholding interest in Funrise Limited ("Funrise") which owned those shares. Funrise was a wholly owned subsidiary of Yugang International (B.V.I.) Limited ("Yugang BVI") which in turn was a wholly owned subsidiary of Yugang International Limited ("Yugang"). Mr. Cheung, Timmex Investment Limited (a company wholly owned by Mr. Cheung) and Chongqing Industrial Limited ("Chongqing Industrial") owned approximately 0.57%, 9.16% and 34.33% of the issued share capital of Yugang respectively. Chongqing Industrial was owned as to 35% by Mr. Cheung, as to 30% by Prize Winner Limited (a company owned by Mr. Cheung and his associates), as to 30% by Peking Palace Limited ("Peking Palace") and as to 5% by Miraculous Services Limited ("Miraculous Services"). Peking Palace and Miraculous Services were companies controlled by Palin Discretionary Trust, the objects of which included Mr. Cheung and his family.
- ² Honway Holdings Limited ("Honway", an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company) held 148,254,432 shares in The Cross-Harbour (Holdings) Limited ("Cross-Harbour"). Mr. Cheung was deemed to be interested in those shares by virtue of his deemed interest in the shares of the Company as described in note 1 above.
- ³ All the interests disclosed above represent long positions.

Save as disclosed herein, as at 30 June 2008, there was no interest recorded in the register kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company pursuant to the Code for Securities Transactions by Directors adopted by the Company on 1 January 2005.

Share Options

On 29 April 2005, the Company adopted a share option scheme (the "Scheme"), details of which are given in the Company's circular dated 13 April 2005.

During the period, no option lapsed and no option was granted, exercised or cancelled; nor was there any option outstanding under the Scheme at the beginning and at the end of the period.

Disclosure of Interests

Interests and Short Positions of Shareholders

As at 30 June 2008, so far as is known to the directors of the Company, the following persons, other than the directors, had, or were deemed to have, interests in the shares of the Company as recorded in the register kept under section 336 of the SFO:

Name	Capacity	No. of shares	Total no. of shares	Approximate % of shareholding
Palin Holdings Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	273,000,000	273,000,000 ¹	34.14%
Chongqing Industrial	Interest of controlled corporation	273,000,000	273,000,000¹	34.14%
Yugang	Interest of controlled corporation	273,000,000	273,000,000¹	34.14%
Yugang BVI	Interest of controlled corporation	273,000,000	273,000,000¹	34.14%
Funrise	Beneficial owner	273,000,000	273,000,000¹	34.14%

Notes:

Save as disclosed herein, there was no person known to the directors of the Company, who, as at 30 June 2008, had, or was deemed to have, any interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register kept under section 336 of the SFO, other than as disclosed on pages 7 and 8.

Each parcel of 273,000,000 shares represents the same shareholding interest of Funrise and is duplicated in Mr. Cheung's interest in the Company's shares as set out on pages 7 and 8.

² The interest of Funrise represents a long position.

Other Information

Code on Corporate Governance Practices

The Company endorses good corporate governance practices. Throughout the accounting period covered by the interim report, the Company has met the code provisions of the Code on Corporate Governance Practices (the "CG Code") in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

Model Code for Securities Transactions

The Company has adopted codes of conduct regarding securities transactions by directors and by relevant employees (within the meaning of the CG Code) on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules.

All directors have confirmed, following specific enquiries by the Company, that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code and the Company's code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions throughout the period.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Shares

During the period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any shares in the Company.

Other Information

Review by Audit Committee

The interim report has been reviewed by the audit committee. With management, the audit committee has reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Company and its subsidiaries and discussed internal control and financial reporting matters, including the review of the unaudited interim financial statements.

Appreciation

On behalf of the board, I wish to express our gratitude and sincere appreciation to the management and staff for their hard work and contributions.

On behalf of the board

Wong Chi Keung

Managing Director

Hong Kong, 12 September 2008

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

For the six months ended 30 June 2008

		Una	udited
		Six months	ended 30 June
	Notes	2008	2007
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
REVENUE	2	60,609	56,487
Direct outgoings		(4,581)	(3,457)
		56,028	53,030
Other income		442	1,128
Administrative expenses		(9,525)	(8,517)
Finance costs		(9,822)	(17,495)
Changes in fair value of investment properties		121,303	120,368
Share of results of an associate		71,397	45,311
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	3	229,823	193,825
Tax	4	(16,043)	(24,097)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD		213,780	169,728
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		213,827	169,728
Minority interests		(47)	
		213,780	169,728
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY			
EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE COMPANY			
Basic	5	HK26.7 cents	HK21.2 cents

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

30 June 2008			
	Notes	30 June 2008 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i>	31 December 2007 (Audited) <i>HK\$'000</i>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS Property, plant and equipment Investment properties Interest in an associate Other investments	7 8	864 2,439,900 1,355,404 800	1,043 2,315,900 1,413,205 800
Total non-current assets		3,796,968	3,730,948
CURRENT ASSETS Properties held for sale Trade receivables Other receivables, deposits and prepayments Cash and bank balances	9	1,136 855 8,720 52,985	1,136 18,529 7,204 61,247
Total current assets		63,696	88,116
CURRENT LIABILITIES Trade payables Other payables and accrued expenses Bank loans, secured Tax payable	10 11	1,680 56,417 227,200 2,286	1,398 63,825 253,100 563
Total current liabilities		287,583	318,886
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(223,887)	(230,770)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,573,081	3,500,178
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Bank loans, secured Deferred tax liabilities	11	335,300 163,073	363,900 148,856
Total non-current liabilities		498,373	512,756
Net assets		3,074,708	2,987,422
EQUITY Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company Issued share capital Reserves Proposed final dividend	12	79,956 2,994,793 —	79,956 2,883,479 23,987
Minority interests		3,074,749 (41)	2,987,422
Total equity		3,074,708	2,987,422

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six months ended 30 June 2008 – Unaudited

Attributable to equity holders of the Company

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						Investment						
	Issued	Share	Capital			revaluation			Proposed			
	share	premium	redemption	Capital	Contributed	reserve of	Other	Retained	final		Minority	Total
	capital	account	reserve	reserve	surplus	an associate	reserves	profits	dividend	Total	interests	equity
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 January 2008	79,956	95,738	1,350	1,800	1,321,935	120,550	651	1,341,455	23,987	2,987,422	_	2,987,422
2007 final dividend												
declared and paid	-	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	(23,987)	(23,987)	_	(23,987)
Share of changes in fair value												
of available-for-sale securities												
of an associate	_	_	_	_	_	(102,740)	_	-	_	(102,740)	_	(102,740)
Share of changes in fair value of												
other financial instruments of												
an associate	_	_	_	_	_	_	227	_	_	227	_	227
Capital contribution from												
minority shareholders	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	6	6
Profit for the period	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	213,827	_	213,827	(47)	213,780
At 30 June 2008	79,956	95,738*	1,350*	1,800*	1,321,935*	17,810*	878*	1,555,282*		3,074,749	(41)	3,074,708
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At 1 January 2007	79,956	95,738	1,350	1,800	1,321,935	69,454	3,052	1,036,879	23,987	2,634,151	_	2,634,151
2006 final dividend												
declared and paid	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(23,987)	(23,987)	_	(23,987)
Share of changes in fair value of												
available-for-sale securities of												
an associate	_	_	_	_	_	24,303	_	_	_	24,303	_	24,303
Share of changes in fair value of												
other financial instruments of												
an associate	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,066	_	_	1,066	_	1,066
Profit for the period	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	169,728	_	169,728	_	169,728
At 30 June 2007	79,956	95,738	1,350	1,800	1,321,935	93,757	4,118	1,206,607		2,805,261		2,805,261

^{*} These reserve accounts comprise the consolidated reserves of HK\$2,994,793,000 (31 December 2007: HK\$2,883,479,000) in the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the six months ended 30 June 2008

	Unaudited	
	Six months en	nded 30 June
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	45,969	18,221
Net cash inflow from investing activities	24,256	17,096
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(78,487)	(48,487)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(8,262)	(13,170)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	61,247	42,954
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	52,985	29,784
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and bank balances	52,985	29,784

1 Basis of Preparation and Accounting Policies

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") No. 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. These condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

The basis of preparation and accounting policies used in the preparation of these interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the Group's audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007, except in relation to the following new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, HKASs and Interpretations) that affect the Group and are adopted for the first time for the current period's financial statements which are set out as below.

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

HK(IFRIC)-Int 12 Service Concession Arrangements

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

Requirements and their Interaction

The Group considers that the adoption of the above-mentioned accounting standards does not have significant impact on the Group as at the date of the interim financial statements.

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued but are not yet effective and have not been early adopted:

HKFRS 2 Amendment Share-based Payment – Vesting Conditions and Cancellations¹

HKFRS 3 (Revised)

Business Combinations²

HKFRS 8

Operating Segments¹

HKAS 1 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements¹

HKAS 23 (Revised) Borrowing Costs¹

HKAS 27 (Revised) Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements²

HKAS 32 and HKAS 1 Puttable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation¹

Amendment

HK(IFRIC)-Int 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes³

HK(IFRIC)-Int 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate¹
HK(IFRIC)-Int 16 Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation⁴

- ¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009
- ² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2009
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2008
- ⁴ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 October 2008

The Company is not yet in a position to state whether these new and revised HKFRSs would have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

2 Segment Information

Revenue, which is also the Group's turnover, represents the aggregate of gross rental income received and receivable from investment properties and the income from property management and related services.

An analysis by principal activity and geographical area of operations of the Group's revenue and results are summarised as follows:

(a) Business segments

Unaudited				
Six months ended 30 June				

				Operation	
				of driver	
			Property	training centres	
			management	and tunnel	
	Property	Property	and related	operation and	
	investment	trading	services	management	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
2008					
Segment revenue	55,136	_	5,473	_	60,609
Segment results	164,299	(20)	3,969		168,248
Finance costs					(9,822)
Share of results of					
an associate	_	_	_	71,397	71,397
Profit before tax					229,823
Tax					(16,043)
Profit for the period					213,780

2 Segment Information (continued)

(a) Business segments (continued)

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Six months ended 30 June

				Operation	
				of driver	
			Property	training centres	
			management	and tunnel	
	Property	Property	and related	operation and	
	investment	trading	services	management	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
2007					
Segment revenue	51,066		5,421		56,487
Segment results	161,945	(5)	4,069		166,009
Finance costs					(17,495)
Share of results of					
an associate	_	_	_	45,311	45,311
Profit before tax					193,825
Tax					(24,097)
Profit for the period					169,728

There are no sales or other transactions between the business segments.

2 Segment Information (continued)

(b) Geographical segments

Unaudited

Six months ended 30 June

	Segment r	evenue	Segment	results
	2008	2008 2007		2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	60,609	56,487	168,298	166,057
Mainland China			(50)	(48)
	60,609	56,487	168,248	166,009

There are no sales between the geographical segments.

3 Profit Before Tax

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

	Unaudited	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Depreciation	197	269
Outgoings in respect of other properties	33	30
Staff costs (including executive directors' remuneration):		
Wages and salaries	4,970	4,318
Pension scheme contributions	202	146
	5,172	4,464
Interest expenses	9,293	16,981
Interest income	(281)	(620)

4 Tax

	Unaudited	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Current – Hong Kong	1,826	1,326
Deferred	14,217	22,771
Total tax charge for the period	16,043	24,097

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2007: 17.5%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the period.

5 Earnings Per Share Attributable to Ordinary Equity Holders of the Company

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the period ended 30 June 2008 is based on the profit for the period attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company of HK\$213,827,000 (2007: HK\$169,728,000) and the number of 799,557,415 (2007: 799,557,415) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The diluted earnings per share amount for the periods ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 have not been disclosed as no diluting events existed during the periods.

6 Dividend

The board of directors has resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2008 (2007: Nil).

7 Property, Plant and Equipment

	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net carrying amount at 1 January	1,043	1,490
Additions	18	68
Write-off	_	(73)
Depreciation provided during the period/year	(197)	(515)
Write-back of depreciation	_	73
Net carrying amount at 30 June/31 December	864	1,043

8 Investment Properties

	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Carrying amount at 1 January	2,315,900	2,125,050
Additions	2,697	2,958
Fair value adjustment	121,303	187,892
Carrying amount at 30 June/31 December	2,439,900	2,315,900

9 Trade Receivables

An aged analysis of the trade receivables at the balance sheet date, based on the invoice date and net of provisions, is as follows:

	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 - 30 days	348	2,721
31 - 60 days	51	544
Over 60 days	456	15,264
	855	18,529

The trade receivables include proceeds receivable from sale of properties which settlement is based on payment schedule of the corresponding sale and purchase agreement, and rental receivables and property management and related services receivables which are normally due on the first day of each month and due within a 30-day period, respectively. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade receivables relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk.

10 Trade Payables

An aged analysis of the trade payables at the balance sheet date is as follows:

	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 - 30 days	1,189	1,367
31 - 60 days	_	31
Over 60 days	491	
	1,680	1,398

11 Bank Loans, Secured

Bank loans are repayable as follows:

	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	227,200	253,100
In the second year	57,200	57,200
In the third to fifth years, inclusive	278,100	306,700
	562,500	617,000
Amounts classified under current liabilities	(227,200)	(253,100)
Amounts classified under non-current liabilities	335,300	363,900

The bank loans are variable interest rate loans with interest rates based on the HIBOR plus the predetermined spread percentage. The effective interest rates for the period ended 30 June 2008 and the year ended 31 December 2007 were 3.18% and 5.38%, respectively.

The bank loans are denominated in Hong Kong dollars and secured by:

- (a) Mortgages on certain investment properties with an aggregate carrying value of HK\$2,428,000,000 (31 December 2007: HK\$2,305,000,000) and the assignment of rental income from certain properties. In addition, the Company has pledged all the issued shares of certain subsidiaries and subordinated its loans to certain subsidiaries in favour of the lenders of the above bank loans; and
- (b) corporate guarantees issued by the Company.

The carrying amounts of the Group's borrowings approximate to their fair values.

12 Share Capital Shares

	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Authorised:		
1,500,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each	150,000	150,000
Issued and fully paid:		
799,557,415 (31 December 2007: 799,557,415)		
ordinary shares of HK\$0.1 each	79,956	79,956

13 Operating Lease Arrangements

(a) As lessor

At the balance sheet date, the Group had total future minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases with its tenants falling due as follows:

30 June	31 December
2008	2007
(Unaudited)	(Audited)
HK\$'000	HK\$'000
110,108	97,251
106,972	72,102
217,080	169,353
	2008 (Unaudited) <i>HK\$'000</i> 110,108 106,972

13 Operating Lease Arrangements (continued)

(b) As lessee

At the balance sheet date, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	1,611	581
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	1,805	
	3,416	581

14 Commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group had capital commitments in respect of investment properties as follows:

	30 June	31 December
	2008	2007
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Contracted, but not provided for	2,453	2,057
Authorised, but not contracted for	20,136	23,761
	22,589	25,818

15 Contingent Liabilities

The Company has executed guarantees totaling HK\$1,193,076,000 (31 December 2007: HK\$1,217,509,000), with respect to banking facilities made available to its subsidiaries, of which HK\$562,500,000 were utilised as at 30 June 2008 (31 December 2007: HK\$617,000,000).

16 Related Party Transactions

(a) The Group had the following significant transactions with related parties during the period:

		Unaudited	
		Six months ended 30 June	
	Notes	2008	2007
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Rental charges paid to a related company	<i>(i)</i>	498	498
Administrative staff costs paid to a shareholder	(ii)	508	420

Notes:

- (i) A subsidiary of the Company, Y. T. Group Management Limited ("YTGML"), entered into a sub-lease agreement with Chongqing Industrial Limited, a controlling shareholder of Yugang International Limited ("Yugang"), a substantial shareholder of the Company, to lease office space. The rental charges were based on the floor area occupied by the Group and the market rental rate. The current sub-lease agreement commenced on 1 August 2005 and will expire on 31 July 2008.
- (ii) YTGML entered into an agreement with Yugang to share the cost of common administrative staff at a monthly charge which is determined based on actual cost of the staff.
- (b) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group:

	Unaudited	
	Six months ended 30 June	
	2008	2007
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Short term employee benefits	1,784	1,570
Post-employment benefits	89	79
Total compensation paid to key management personnel	1,873	1,649

17 Approval of the Interim Financial Statements

These unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 12 September 2008.