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# COMPANY INFORMATION

## Board of Directors

Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent *Chairman*  
Mr. Wong Man Kit *Honorary Chairman*  
Ms. Ng Sui Chun  
Mr. Chan Man Chun *Chief Executive Officer*  
Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May  
Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen\*  
Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy\*  
Mr. Kwong Ki Chi\*

\* *Independent Non-Executive Directors*

## Authorised Representatives

Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent  
Mr. Chan Man Chun

## Audit Committee

Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen  
Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy  
Mr. Kwong Ki Chi

## Company Secretary

Ms. Wong Ka Yan

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## Principal Bankers

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Corporation Limited  
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## Auditors

Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited  
Certified Public Accountants



# CORPORATE PROFILE

AMS Public Transport Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) are principally engaged in the operation of franchised public light bus (“PLB”), also commonly known as green minibus, transportation services in Hong Kong.

With over 42 years of experience in the local franchised PLB transportation sector, the Group is one of the leading franchised PLB operators in Hong Kong. Currently, the Group operates 70 franchised PLB routes with 363 PLBs and four residents’ bus routes with six public buses. The Group’s fleet is well-equipped with environmentally friendly PLBs and state-of-the-art facilities, in particular, the long-wheeled PLBs that offer luggage racks and spacious seats to give enhanced sitting comfort for passengers.

The Group is committed to passenger safety in all aspects of its operations. Since 2011, the Group has been awarded the ISO 9001:2008 quality management system certification for its computerised repair and maintenance centres, making it the only franchised PLB operator in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“Hong Kong”) to gain such a prestigious quality accreditation.



# FINANCIAL AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Highlights	Unit	2017	2016	Change
<b>Financial results</b>				
Revenue	HK\$'000	<b>377,663</b>	371,278	+1.7%
Profit for the year excluding deficit on revaluation of PLB licences and provision for impairment of public bus licences	HK\$'000	<b>33,696</b>	33,626	+0.2%
Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences	HK\$'000	<b>3,280</b>	2,100	+56.2%
Provision for impairment of public bus licences	HK\$'000	–	2,100	-100%
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company	HK\$'000	<b>30,416</b>	29,426	+3.4%
Basic earnings per share	HK cents	<b>11.31</b>	11.06	+2.3%
Proposed final dividend per ordinary share <sup>1</sup>	HK cents	<b>10.0</b>	10.0	–
Profit margin (profit attributable to equity holders/revenue)		<b>+8.1%</b>	+7.9%	
Return on equity (profit attributable to equity holders/shareholders' equity)		<b>+11.6%</b>	+11.6%	
<b>Financial position</b>				
Borrowings	HK\$'000	<b>175,727</b>	142,017	+23.7%
Shareholders' equity	HK\$'000	<b>261,944</b>	253,681	+3.3%
Liquidity ratio (current assets/current liabilities)	Times	<b>1.99</b>	2.29	
Gearing ratio (total liabilities/shareholders' equity)		<b>77.6%</b>	66.1%	



## FINANCIAL AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Operating Highlights	Unit	2017	2016	Change
<b>Number of PLBs in service as at year end</b>		<b>363</b>	354	+2.5%
<b>Number of public buses in service as at year end</b>		<b>6</b>	6	–
<b>Number of franchised PLB routes as at year end</b>		<b>70</b>	65	+7.7%
<b>Number of residents' bus routes as at year end</b>		<b>4</b>	4	–
<b>Number of passengers carried</b>	million	<b>58.1</b>	57.1	+1.8%
<b>Number of journeys traveled</b> — percentage of the journeys traveled surpassing the total number of scheduled journeys required by Transport Department	million	<b>4.33</b>	4.22	+2.6%
<b>Total mileage operated</b>	million kilometers	<b>42.2</b>	42.0	+0.5%
<b>Average fleet age as at year end</b>	years	<b>10.1</b>	11.5	-12.2%
<b>Average accident rate<sup>2</sup></b>	per million km	<b>3.4</b>	3.0	+13.3%

### Notes:

1. No interim dividend was declared for the years ended 31 March 2016 and 2017.
2. The figures refer to accidents involving injury or death.
3. pp stands for percentage point.



# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



**Wong Ling Sun, Vincent**  
Chairman

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), I am pleased to present to you the results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2017.

## Results for the Year

For the year ended 31 March 2017, the Group recorded a profit attributable to equity holders of HK\$30,416,000 (2016: HK\$29,426,000). The results for the year included a deficit on revaluation of Public Light Bus ("PLB") licences of HK\$3,280,000 (2016: HK\$2,100,000). Excluding this non-cash deficit and also the provision for impairment of public bus ("PB") licences amounting to HK\$2,100,000 recorded in last financial year, the profit of the Group for the year was HK\$33,696,000 (2016: HK\$33,626,000), roughly the same as last year.

## Dividends

Basic earnings per share for the year was HK11.31 cents (2016: HK11.06 cents). Having carefully considered the financial performance and the future cashflows of the Group under the current business environment, the Board recommended a final dividend of HK10.0 cents per ordinary share (2016: HK10.0 cents per ordinary share), totaling HK\$27,077,000 for the year ended 31 March 2017 (2016: HK\$27,077,000).

## Financial and Business Review

During the year under review, the Group continued to put tremendous effort in route re-organisations. The focus of the route re-organisations was mainly on meeting the growing demand in Tai Po District and providing feeder service to the MTR South Island Line (East) ("SIL"). The Group completed a series of route re-organisations involving 23 franchised PLB routes and two residents' bus routes. Five new PLB ancillary routes were launched and three of them were to provide feeder services to the SIL in Aberdeen, Stanley and Wong Chuk Hang areas. Therefore, as at 31 March 2017, the number of PLB routes operated by the Group increased by 5 to 70 (2016: 65). The number of PLBs operated by the Group also increased by 9 or 2.5% to 363 PLBs (2016: 354 PLBs) as at 31 March 2017.

The Group is committed to providing the public with reliable, safe and comfortable journeys. During the year, the Group deployed 57 new PLBs and 3 new PBs to replace the aged vehicles and hence the average fleet age was reduced to 10.1 years as at 31 March 2017 (2016: 11.5 years). In addition to increasing comfort of passengers, better mechanical reliability of the new vehicles also reduced the Repair and Maintenance ("R&M") costs. The Group would continue to upgrade the fleet to lower the average fleet age in the coming financial years.

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

With the expanded fleet size, increased number of short-haul feeder routes and better operational efficiency, the patronage of the Group for the year improved by 1.8%. Coupled with the fare increase in certain routes, the revenue for the year grew by HK\$6,385,000 or 1.7% to HK\$377,663,000 (2016: HK\$371,278,000).

On the cost side, while the other major operating costs remained stable as compared with last year, the surging labour costs drove the total operating costs up by HK\$6,623,000 or 2.0% to HK\$343,688,000. Since the industry-wide problem of labour shortage was still unresolved, the management closely monitored the labour market and increased the captains' pay to stabilise the manpower. The Group also increased the headcount of the frontline management team to cope with the new routes and the enlarged fleet size. As a result, the total staff costs of the Group increased by HK\$7,498,000 or 4.3% to HK\$182,347,000 (2016: HK\$174,849,000). The management anticipates that the labour costs would continue to be the major operating pressure to the Group.

### Prospects

The bill for increasing the maximum passenger seating capacity of minibuses from 16 to 19 has been passed by the legislative council on 28 June 2017. The new law will come into effect on 7 July 2017. The Group will upgrade some of its PLBs to 19 seated minibuses as soon as practicable. In the meantime, the Group plans to replace around 100 aged PLBs with new 19 seated minibuses before the end of 2019. The management expects to see the passengers benefiting from shortening the minibus waiting time, while the Group would be able to increase the revenue to alleviate the pressure from inflating operating costs.

Despite the expected increase of seating capacity, the management is cautious about the financial performance of the Group for the next year owing to the inflating operating costs, especially labour costs and fuel expenses. In order to maintain the quality and frequency of services, the Group has adjusted the captain's basic wages by 5.3% on weighted average in late April 2017 and may consider further pay rise if labour shortage persists. As for fuel costs, although the Group's average fuel prices for the year stood at a similar level as compared with last year, the Group observed a gradual rise in the fuel prices starting from March 2016 and up to the end of May 2017, the average price of diesel and

Liquefied Petroleum Gas ("LPG") adopted by the Group have increased by approximately 30% and 32% respectively. The management would continue to closely monitor the market conditions and negotiate with the suppliers for further concession. In addition to optimising operating costs, the Group will continue to submit fare rise applications to the Transport Department so as to enable itself to maintain its service frequency and quality to meet passengers' expectations.

The SIL, which extends the MTR Island Line service from Admiralty to South Horizons, commenced service on 28 December 2016. To seize the opportunities brought by the railway development, the Group launched three new ancillary routes and carried out certain route restructuring in the existing routes to meet the demand for feeder services. The Group also co-operates with the MTR to offer concessionary fares to passengers commuting from/to Ocean Park and Wong Chuk Hang MTR stations. While the SIL feeder services are fast and convenient enough to attract passengers, the patronage of other long-haul cross districts routes (with higher fares) decreased. Since it is in the initial stage of the new transport network in the Southern District, the local stakeholders and the Transport Department would take time to assess the road conditions and passenger flows. The management is confident that through on-going routes rationalisation which would re-allocate the resource to routes with growing demand, the negative impact of the SIL on the Group would be minimised. The management would closely monitor the future railway development in Hong Kong and formulate long-term strategies to diversify its business portfolio.

### Appreciation

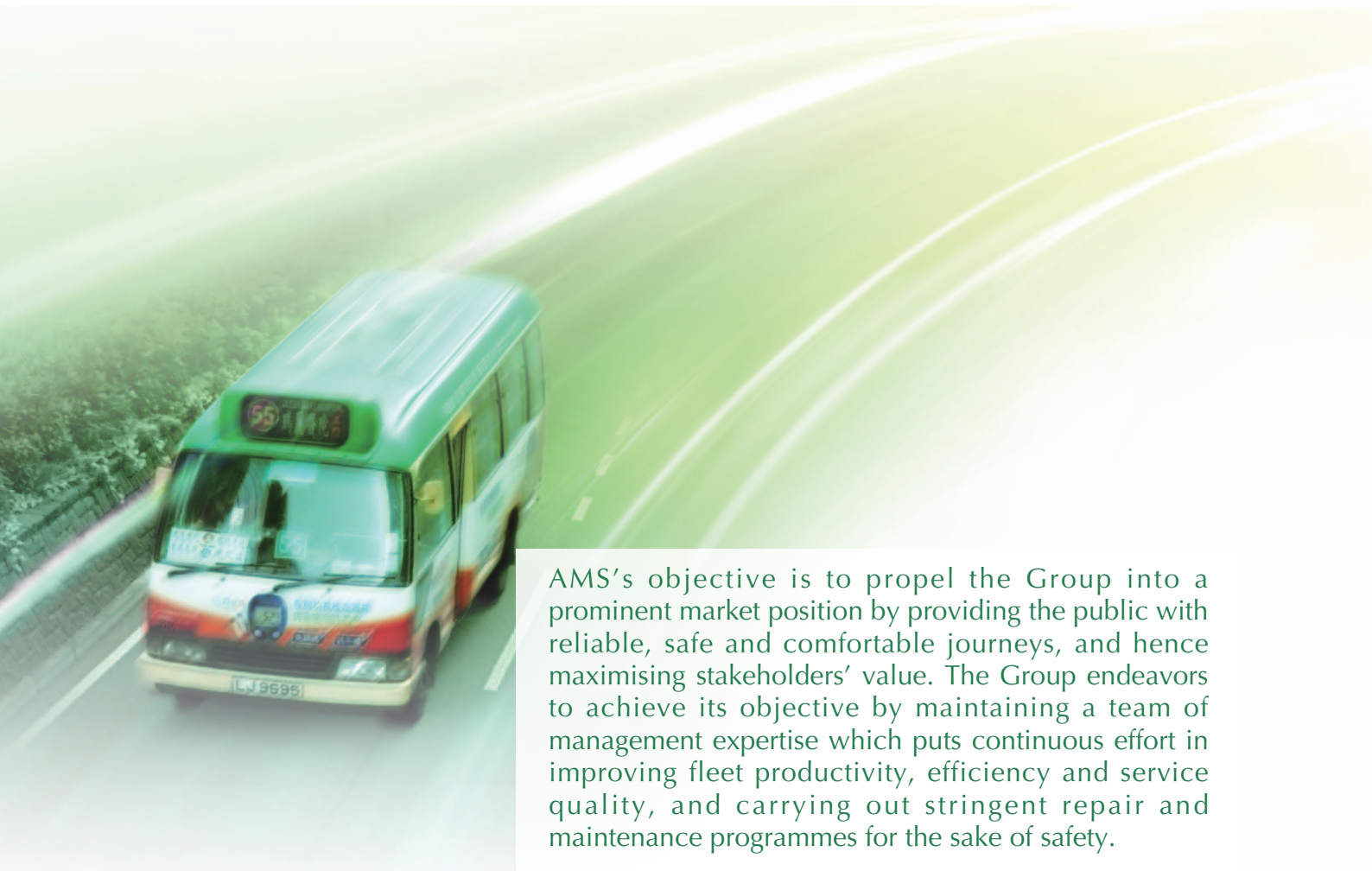
On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to express my greatest gratitude to our passengers, business partners, associates as well as our shareholders for their continuous support to and confidence in the Group. Lastly, my heartfelt appreciation must also be extended to my fellow Directors and our employees for their invaluable dedication to the Group in the past years.

**Wong Ling Sun, Vincent**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 29 June 2017





AMS's objective is to propel the Group into a prominent market position by providing the public with reliable, safe and comfortable journeys, and hence maximising stakeholders' value. The Group endeavors to achieve its objective by maintaining a team of management expertise which puts continuous effort in improving fleet productivity, efficiency and service quality, and carrying out stringent repair and maintenance programmes for the sake of safety.

## Review of Operation

- The franchised PLB service is the third most popular mode of public transport (in terms of number of passenger journeys) in Hong Kong. The role of franchised PLBs is to provide supplementary feeder service to railways and to serve areas where the use of high-capacity transport is not cost effective. As at 31 March 2017, the number of licensed green minibuses in Hong Kong increased by 76 or 2.4% to 3,286 (2016: 3,210). The patronage of the franchised PLB sector for the year increased by 6.8% to 599 million (2016: 561 million), representing around 12.9% of the total public transport patronage in Hong Kong (2016: 12.2%). The growth in patronage of the franchised PLB sector was mainly attributable to natural growth and the increase in short-haul feeder services routes following the opening of the MTR West Island Line, the MTR Kwun Tong Line extension and the SIL.
- During the year, the Group continued to use its best endeavors to meet passengers' demands and to improve its operational efficiency. The route re-organisations in the Western District of the Hong Kong Island were completed in last financial year and the management was pleased to see that some of the re-organised routes effectively minimised the negative impact brought by the MTR West Island Line. Therefore, the focus of the route re-organisations of the year was mainly on meeting the growing demand in Tai Po District and providing feeder service to the SIL. During the year, the Group completed a series of route re-organisations involving 23 franchised PLB routes and two residents' bus routes. Five new PLB ancillary routes were launched and three of them were to provide feeder services to the SIL in Aberdeen, Stanley and Wong Chuk Hang areas. Therefore, as at 31 March 2017, the number of PLB routes operated by the Group increased by 5 to 70 (2016: 65) and the number of PLBs operated by the Group also increased by 9 or 2.5% to 363 (2016: 354).

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

- During the year, there was no change in the number of routes and the fleet size of the residents' bus operations, which remained at 4 (2016: 4) and 6 (2016: 6) respectively as at 31 March 2017.
- With the expanded fleet size, increased number of short-haul feeder routes and better operational efficiency, the total mileage traveled by the Group for the year increased by 0.5% to around 42.2 million kilometers (2016: 42.0 million kilometers) and the patronage of the Group for the year slightly increased by 1.8% to around 58.1 million (2016: 57.1 million). On the other hand, the Group was granted approval to raise the fares in 13 routes at rates<sup>1</sup> ranging from 3.2% to 13.6% (2016: 21 routes at rates ranging from 4.5% to 9.4%). As a result, the revenue for the year grew by HK\$6,385,000 or 1.7% to HK\$377,663,000 (2016: HK\$371,278,000).
- The SIL commenced service on 28 December 2016. While the SIL feeder services are fast and convenient enough to attract the passengers, the patronage of other long-haul cross districts routes (with higher fares) decreased. Overall, a slight drop in the revenue was recorded but it did not bring significant impact to the financial performance of the reporting year. The Group will pro-actively reflect the latest road transport conditions to the Transport Department and propose re-organisations to the new ancillary routes to better re-allocate the resources to the routes with increasing demand. Since the public transport re-organisation in the Southern District is in its early stage, the management is confident that through continuous improvement in the route design and service frequency, the impact of the SIL on the Group's performance could be minimised.
- During the year, the Group deployed new LPG minibuses to replace aged minibuses. LPG minibuses which have zero emission of suspended particulates are more environmental-friendly choice of vehicles. Nevertheless, the operators need to face the problem of insufficient numbers of LPG filling stations in Hong Kong. Although the Group's current plan is to replace aged minibuses with LPG minibuses in the coming one and a half years, the management may consider deploying latest emission standard diesel minibuses in the future when the loss in business time owing to longer travelling distances and waiting time for LPG refilling become material.
- In order to facilitate the access of wheelchair users to PLBs, the Group is going to roll out a new lower-floor wheelchair accessible minibus for trial to hospital routes by the end of 2017. The management would review the operational effectiveness of the wheelchair-accessible minibus, including the feasibility of technical and R&M operation and passengers' feedback, and then communicate the trial results to the Transport Department.
- To support the Government's environmental protection policy and help to improve the air quality in Hong Kong, the Group deployed two new hybrid minibuses in late 2013 and mid 2015 respectively. However, the result of the 24-month trial revealed that the average fuel costs of the hybrid minibuses were slightly higher than that of diesel minibuses, and the average utilisation rate of the hybrid minibuses was significantly lower than diesel minibus (i.e. 70% for hybrid minibus vs 94% for diesel minibus) due to hybrid minibuses' unstable performance and need for frequent maintenance. Since the long downtime considerably hinders the operation, the Group has decided not to further deploy the same or similar model of hybrid minibuses in its current replacement plan. Nevertheless, the Group would continue to explore environmentally friendly and energy-saving vehicles which could meet its operational needs in the future.

### Upgrade of PLB Fleet

- For the sake of comfort of passengers and operational efficiency, the Group replaced 57 aged PLBs with brand new long-wheeled LPG PLBs during the year. Hence, the average fleet age was reduced to 10.1 years as at 31 March 2017 (31 March 2016: 11.5 years). The Group aims at further replacing around 100 aged PLBs before the end of 2019. The Group deployed 190 diesel minibuses (2016: 236), 172 LPG minibuses (2016: 116) and 1 hybrid minibuses (2016: 2) as at 31 March 2017.

<sup>1</sup> The rates refer to the increment in full fares of the routes.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## Financial Review

### Consolidated results for the year

For the year ended 31 March 2017, the Group recorded a profit attributable to equity holders of HK\$30,416,000 (2016: HK\$29,426,000). The details of the consolidated results are presented below:

	2017	2016	Increase/(Decrease)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	In %
Revenue	<b>377,663</b>	371,278	6,385	+1.7%
Other revenue	<b>8,603</b>	8,213	390	+4.7%
Other net income	<b>536</b>	910	(374)	-41.1%
Direct costs	<b>(303,844)</b>	(299,015)	4,829	+1.6%
Administrative and other operating expenses	<b>(39,844)</b>	(38,050)	1,794	+4.7%
Finance costs	<b>(3,099)</b>	(2,967)	132	+4.4%
Income tax expense	<b>(6,319)</b>	(6,743)	(424)	-6.3%
Profit for the year before deficit on revaluation of PLB licences and provision for impairment of public bus licences	<b>33,696</b>	33,626	70	+0.2%
Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences	<b>(3,280)</b>	(2,100)	1,180	+56.2%
Provision for impairment of public bus licences	<b>–</b>	(2,100)	(2,100)	-100%
Profit for the year for the year	<b>30,416</b>	29,426	990	+3.4%

- The Group was granted approval to raise the fares of 13 routes at rates ranging from 3.2% to 13.6% during the year (2016: 21 routes at rates ranging from 4.5% to 9.4%). Coupled with the patronage growth of 1.8%, the revenue for the year increased by HK\$6,385,000 or 1.7% to HK\$377,663,000 (2016: HK\$371,278,000).
- During the year, the advertising income of the Group decreased by HK\$1,353,000 or 25.4% to HK\$3,978,000 (2016: HK\$5,331,000) due to the termination of a licensing agreement for broadcasting multimedia television inside its PLB compartments since February 2016. On the other hand, the Group received ex-gratia payments totaling HK\$1,848,000 from the Government upon the disposal of pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles during the year (2016: Nil). As a result, the other revenue of the Group increased by HK\$390,000 or 4.7% to HK\$8,603,000 (2016: HK\$8,213,000).
- Direct costs for the year was HK\$303,844,000 (2016: HK\$299,015,000), representing an increase of HK\$4,829,000 or 1.6% as compared with that for last year. The major direct costs of the Group were captains' costs, PLB rental expenses, fuel costs and R&M costs, which altogether made up around 94.3% of the total direct costs (2016: 94.3%) for the year ended 31 March 2017. The changes on these major costs are as follows:
  - Captains' costs: The industry-wide labour shortage problem was not improved during the year. In order to attract and retain captains, the management adjusted captains' pay by three batches at an average rate of 4% each time during the year. The total labour costs of captains increased by HK\$5,599,000 or 4.2% to HK\$138,323,000 (2016: HK\$132,724,000) as compared with last year;

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

- PLB rental expenses: Since the Group purchased a PLB licence and the corresponding minibus from a former lessor during the year, the number of leased PLBs reduced by one to 297 as at 31 March 2017 (2016: 298). Its effect to the PLB rental expenses was offset by the increased use of brand-new leased PLBs with higher hiring rates. As a result, the PLB rental expenses slightly increased by HK\$187,000 or 0.2% to HK\$75,355,000 (2016: HK\$75,168,000);
- Fuel costs: The average diesel unit price for the year slightly increased by 0.8% while the average unit price of LPG went down by 0.6% as compared with last year. Combining the effect of the 1.3% increase in average fleet size and increased use of LPG minibuses during the year, the fuel costs for the year slightly increased by HK\$141,000 or 0.3% to HK\$41,982,000 (2016: HK\$41,841,000); and
- R&M costs: The Group deployed 57 new PLBs and 3 new PBs to replace the aged vehicles during the year and hence the average fleet age was reduced to 10.1 years as at 31 March 2017 (2016: 11.5 years). In addition to promoting comfort of passengers by using new vehicles, better mechanical reliability of the new vehicles also reduced the R&M costs by 3.7% or HK\$1,182,000 to HK\$30,954,000 (2016: HK\$32,136,000).
- The administrative and other operating expenses increased by HK\$1,794,000 or 4.7% to HK\$39,844,000 (2016: HK\$38,050,000), which was primarily due to the surging staff costs. Apart from payrise, the Group also increased the headcount of the operations team to manage the enlarged service scale during the year. Therefore, the administrative staff costs increased by approximately HK\$2,420,000 or 8.6% to HK\$30,532,000 (2016: HK\$28,112,000). Its effect was partially offset by the absence of the share-based compensation expense of HK\$1,316,000 recognised for the grant of share options to administrative staff members in last year.
- The finance costs of the Group for the year increased by HK\$132,000 or 4.4% to HK\$3,099,000 (2016: HK\$2,967,000) owing to the increase in average bank loans balances as a result of financing the purchase of PLB licences and PLBs. The average borrowing interest rate of the Group for the year was 2.09% (2016: 2.08%), at a level similar to last year.
- During the year, income tax expense decreased by HK\$424,000 or 6.3% to HK\$6,319,000 (2016: HK\$6,743,000). Excluding the non-deductible effect of deficit on revaluation of PLB licences and the non-taxable effect on the excess of sales proceeds on disposal of pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles (including ex-gratia payments received from the Government) over the capital expenditure incurred on the vehicles being disposed of, the effective tax rate for the year was 16.1% (2016: 16.7%). The Hong Kong profits tax rate applicable to the Group during the year was 16.5% (2016: 16.5%).
- For the purpose of meeting the passenger demand in Tai Po District and providing feeder service to the SIL, the Group enlarged the fleet by acquiring ten PLB licences with ten corresponding PLBs at a total consideration of HK\$51,030,000 during the year. To finance the above acquisition, the Group carried out a series of refinancing arrangement with the banks. The net amount of borrowings incepted from the refinancing arrangement was HK\$43,061,000.
- There was no material change in the market value of PLB licences as at 31 March 2017 compared with last year end. As compared with the 1.1% decrease in last year, the fair value of a PLB licence was slightly reduced by 1.5% to HK\$5,100,000 as at 31 March 2017 (2016: HK\$5,180,000). The deficit on revaluation of PLB licences charged to the Group's consolidated income statement hence was up by HK\$1,180,000 or 56.2% to HK\$3,280,000 (2016: HK\$2,100,000). Since the Group acquired ten PLB licences during the year, the carrying amount of the PLB licences of the Group increased to HK\$336,600,000 as at 31 March 2017 (2016: HK\$290,080,000). Please also refer to note 16 to the financial statements for more information on the carrying amount of PLB licences.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

According to the applicable accounting standards, the PLB licences are revalued with reference to their market value at each reporting date. Nevertheless, instead of holding for investment purpose, all the PLB licences owned by the Group are for operational use. The accounting revaluation of the PLB licences should be considered separately because the volatility of their market value has no significant impact on the Group's core operation.

### Cash flow

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Net cash from operating activities	39,495	44,361
Net cash used in investing activities	(52,750)	(5,968)
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	9,338	(21,673)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3,917)	16,720

During the year, the net cash from operating activities decreased by HK\$4,866,000 or 11.0% to HK\$39,495,000, as a result of the increase in income tax payment. The net cash used in investing activities for the year was HK\$52,750,000, which HK\$46,130,000 was for purchasing PLB licences and the corresponding PLBs. The net cash from financing activities was HK\$9,338,000, which included the net proceeds of HK\$43,061,000 received from the banks for financing the purchase of PLB licences and PLBs, partially offset by the scheduled repayment of bank borrowings amounting to HK\$9,351,000 and the dividends payment to the equity holders of the Company in the sum of HK\$27,077,000. Please refer to the consolidated cash flow statement and note 33 to the financial statements contained in this annual report for further details.

### Capital structure, liquidity and financial resources

#### Liquidity and financial resources

The Group's operations are mainly financed by proceeds from its operations. The Group carefully assesses and monitors its liquidity to ensure that it has sufficient cash and standby bank facilities to meet its daily operational needs.

As at 31 March 2017, the Group's net current assets decreased by HK\$9,387,000 or 20.7% to HK\$35,904,000 (2016: HK\$45,291,000) and its current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) went down to 1.99 (2016: 2.29). The decrease in the balance of net current assets and current ratio was mainly attributable to:

- the decrease in bank balances and cash by HK\$3,917,000 or 5.9% to HK\$62,071,000 as at 31 March 2017 (2016: HK\$65,988,000) as explained in the "Cash flow" section above; and
- the decrease in trade and other receivables by HK\$5,313,000 or 37.2% to HK\$8,978,000 (2016: HK\$14,291,000), which was mainly due to the fact that a deposit amounting to HK\$4,900,000 paid in last year for acquiring a PLB licence was recognised as "PLB licence" in the balance sheet during the year.

As at 31 March 2017, the Group had bank balances and cash amounting to HK\$62,071,000 (2016: HK\$65,988,000). All of the bank balances and cash as at 31 March 2017 (2016: 99.8%) were denominated in Hong Kong dollars.

As at 31 March 2017, the Group had bank facilities totaling HK\$200,027,000 (2016: HK\$151,317,000), of which HK\$175,727,000 (2016: HK\$142,017,000) were utilised.

#### Borrowings

As at 31 March 2017, the balance of total borrowings of the Group increased by HK\$33,710,000 or 23.7% to HK\$175,727,000 (2016: HK\$142,017,000). This was a result of the inception of new borrowings totaling HK\$43,061,000 during the year for the purpose of acquiring PLB licences and PLBs, partially offset by the scheduled repayments amounting to HK\$9,351,000.

The maturity profiles of the borrowings are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Within one year	9,796	9,820
In the second year	9,991	10,025
In the third to fifth years	46,475	30,795
After the fifth year	109,465	91,377
	175,727	142,017

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The gearing ratio (total liabilities/shareholders' equity) as at 31 March 2017 increased to 77.6% (2016: 66.1%) due to the increase in the balance of borrowings by HK\$33,710,000 or 23.7% to HK\$175,727,000 (2016: HK\$142,017,000).

## Pledge of assets

The Group has pledged certain assets to secure the banking facilities obtained. Details of the pledged assets as at year end are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
PLB licences	224,400	238,280
Property, plant and equipment	4,987	3,715

## Capital expenditure and commitment

The total capital expenditure for the year was HK\$58,960,000 (2016: HK\$1,604,000), which was mainly for purchasing ten PLB licences and ten corresponding PLBs at a total consideration of HK\$51,030,000 and for purchasing seven new PLBs and three new PBs at total costs of HK\$6,980,000 for replacing the aged ones. As at 31 March 2017, the capital commitment was HK\$3,307,000 (2016: HK\$1,230,000) which was mainly for purchasing new PLBs.

## Credit risk management

The income of the franchised PLB operation of the Group is either received in cash or collected via Octopus Cards Limited and remitted to the Group on the next business day. Also, the Group does not provide guarantees to third parties which would expose the Group to credit risk. The Group is therefore not exposed to any significant credit risk.

## Foreign currency risk management

The Group is not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk as the majority of income and expenditures of its operating activities, monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong dollars.

## Interest rate risk management

The Group's interest rate risk arises primarily from its bank balances and borrowings. All borrowings as at 31 March 2017 were denominated in Hong Kong dollars and on a floating interest rate basis. The practice effectively eliminates the currency risk and the management is of the view that the Group is not subject to significant interest rate risk. Finance costs accounted for around 0.9% (2016: 0.9%) of the total costs of the Group for the reporting year. Any reasonably possible changes in the market interest rates would not bring significant impact to the Group.

## Fuel Price Risk

The Group is exposed to fuel price risk. The fluctuations in the fuel prices could be significant to the operations of the Group. However, having carefully evaluated the market conditions, the Group's internal resources and the possible outcomes of entering into hedging derivatives, the Board concluded that entering into hedging contracts might not necessarily be an effective tool to manage the fuel price risk. Therefore, the Group did not have any hedging policies over its anticipated fuel consumption during the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016. The management will continue to closely monitor the changes in market condition.

## Contingent liabilities

The Group did not have any material contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2016.

## Employees and remuneration policies

Since the minibus industry is labour intensive in nature, staff costs accounted for a substantial part of the total operating costs of the Group. Apart from the basic remuneration, double pay and/or discretionary bonus are granted to eligible employees taking into account the Group's performance and individual's contribution. Other benefits including share option scheme, retirement plan and training schemes are also provided to the staff members. Employee benefit expenses incurred for the year were HK\$182,347,000 (2016: HK\$174,849,000), representing 51.6% (2016: 50.4%) of the total costs (excluding the deficit on revaluation of PLB licences and the provision for impairment of PB licences). For the headcount of the Group, please refer to the Environmental, Social and Governance Report of this annual report.

## Events after the balance sheet date

The Group early repaid three borrowings totaling HK\$12,797,000 in April 2017, whose interest rate terms were less favourable compared with the new facilities obtained by the Group.

Subsequent to the balance sheet date and up to 29 June 2017, based on the valuation estimated by the directors, the average market price of a PLB licence further dropped to approximately HK\$4,660,000 compared with its fair value of HK\$5,100,000, as valued by Vigers, as at 31 March 2017. Therefore, the unaudited deficit on revaluation of PLB licences charged to the consolidated income statement and the PLB licences revaluation reserve for the period from 1 April 2017 to 29 June 2017 were approximately HK\$19,800,000 and HK\$9,240,000 respectively.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Group presents this Environmental, Social and Governance Report for the year ended 31 March 2017 ("Report") in accordance with Appendix 27 - Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") Reporting Guide ("ESG Reporting Guide") of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (the "Listing Rules"). This Report covers the Group's principal business of provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong.

The Board has overall responsibility for the Group's ESG strategy and reporting. The management is responsible for designing and maintaining an appropriate and effective ESG risk management and internal control systems of the Group.

This Report summarises the Group's key ESG performance in the following four areas that have significant impact and contributions to the sustainability of the principal business: i) Environmental protection; ii) Operating practices; iii) Employment practices and iv) Serving the community.

## Environmental Protection

The Group is dedicated to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable development for the betterment of our next generation.

Roadside vehicle emission is one of the major sources of air pollution in Hong Kong. As a road transport operator, the Group is aware of the impact of its operations to the environment and the public. Apart from monitoring its direct and indirect impact on the environment, the Group also strictly complies with the environmental protection policy of the Government. Below is the Group's approach to minimise the impact of its operations to the environment:

### Air and greenhouse gas emissions

- *Use of fuel and engine:* The Group relies on fuel filling stations in Hong Kong to supply fuel, mainly diesel and LPG, to the fleet. The diesel available in the fuel-filling stations is ultra low sulfur diesel. Compared with diesel, LPG is a cleaner fuel in terms of lesser emissions of greenhouse gas (i.e. carbon dioxides) and air pollutants, namely respirable suspended particulates (RSP), sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>). During the year, the Group deployed 57 new LPG minibuses to replace the aged diesel minibuses. As at 31 March 2017, the Group's fleet was made up of 172 LPG minibuses and 190 diesel minibuses, representing around 47.4% and 52.3% of the fleet respectively. The Group plans to further replace around 100 old diesel PLBs by new LPG minibuses in the coming one and a half years.

- *Regular maintenance:* The comprehensive maintenance programs of the Group keeps the engines at good condition which would maintain the effectiveness of the emissions systems of the minibuses. Also, the repairing technicians and frontline operational staff always stay alert to the emissions of the minibuses and send the minibuses to R&M centers for checking and repairing whenever suspected sub-standard of emissions is noted.
- *Improving operational efficiency:* The Group improves its operational efficiency by reviewing and revising the routes and services from time to time. Improving operational efficiency would reduce unnecessary consumption of fuel. To improve air quality, the captains are also required to strictly comply with the legal requirements of idling engine ban.

### Hazardous and non-hazardous wastes

- *Hazardous waste:* The hazardous waste arising from the R&M centers are waste batteries, spent oil filters and waste lubricant. The R&M centers have registered as chemical waste producers in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements in Hong Kong. The wastes are packaged, labelled and stored properly before disposal. They are collected by the licensed collectors and sent to the licensed chemical waste disposal site for disposal.
- *Non-hazardous waste:* Tyres are the major non-hazardous waste disposed by the Group. The scrapped tyres of the Group were collected by the agents for recycling into various products. The waste water produced in the R&M centers is filtered in the sand traps before being discharged into the public drainage system.

During the year, the Group was generally in compliance with the relevant rules of Air Pollution Control Ordinance, Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations and Waste Disposal Ordinance of Hong Kong in relation to gas emission and disposal of hazardous waste.

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Apart from the above operational practices, the Group also promotes a “Green” concept in the administrative office. Staff members are encouraged to minimise paper and electricity consumption, reuse and recycle used papers and used plastic cartridges in copying machines and printers. Green plants are also grown in different corners of the office to offer greenery environment to the staff.

ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS			
	unit	2017	2016
<b>GHG Emissions (CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent)</b>			
<b>Direct sources</b>			
Fleet	tonnes	<b>22,384</b>	22,332
<b>Indirect sources</b>			
Electricity	tonnes	<b>234</b>	234
Water	tonnes	<b>2</b>	2
Paper	tonnes	<b>11</b>	11
Total GHG emissions	tonnes	<b>22,631</b>	22,579

ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS			
	unit	2017	2016
<b>Average fleet size (PLB and public bus)</b>	vehicles	<b>364.6</b>	360.0
<b>Average GHG emissions per vehicle</b>	tonnes	<b>62.1</b>	62.7
<b>Resources Consumption</b>			
Diesel	Litre ('000)	<b>4,960</b>	5,701
LPG	Litre ('000)	<b>5,568</b>	4,381
Petrol	Litre ('000)	<b>28</b>	30
Electricity	MWh	<b>334</b>	334
Water	m <sup>3</sup>	<b>4,286</b>	4,047
Paper	kg	<b>2,373</b>	2,340

## Operating Practices

### Safety awareness

Safety of the passengers and employees is the primary concern of the Group. As a responsible public transport service provider, the management believes that safety is the cornerstone to business success. The Group is committed to providing safe, comfortable and reliable journeys to our passengers. The safety of its operations is enhanced by ways of continuous training and education, regular checks and comprehensive maintenance programmes.

The Group organised courses and seminars on road safety throughout the year, which helped to raise safety and risk awareness and improve work practices of our staff. Some of these courses and seminars were co-organised by the Group and the Traffic Division of the Hong Kong Police Force. To enforce safety guidelines and cultivate a professional and responsible driving attitude among captains, the Group has adopted stringent code of conduct and captains' guidelines, conducted spot checks and arranged inspection personnel disguised as passengers to make timely reports for any misbehaviour of the captains. The Group also checks the validity of the captains' driving licences half-yearly. Apart from monitoring captains' driving behavior, the Group also enhances the operational safety by carrying out regular checking of tyre tread, passengers' safety belts, fire extinguishers, speed display signs and limiters of the vehicles. These programmes were designed to minimise the occurrence of accidents as we are committed to maintaining a low accident rate. Tips to passengers are also posted at prominent locations inside the minibuses to remind the passengers of the safety on board.

The Group has implemented comprehensive maintenance programmes to ensure proper checks and maintenance of the vehicles. In order to ensure the quality and effectiveness of the repairing process, the Group has put great efforts into the computerisation of the repairing management system in recent years. The Group has been rewarded the ISO 9001:2008 quality management system certification for its dedication to enhance its R&M centers since January 2011, making the Group the only franchised PLB operator in Hong Kong having such a prestigious accreditation. The R&M centers of the Group also have registered under the Voluntary Registration Scheme for Vehicle Mechanics launched by the Government, under which the participating vehicle maintenance workshops should pledge to operate at a quality level not lower than that specified in the Practice Guidelines for Vehicle Maintenance Workshops in terms of the technical, environmental, safety, staff training, service and documentation requirements.



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The average accident rate was 3.4 per million km for the year ended 31 March 2017 (2016: 3.0 per million km). Apart from enhancing the new captains' safety awareness by strengthening their orientation training, the management also sought to lower the accident rate by strengthening the R&M programmes and increasing captains' pay during the year, in the hope that increasing the attractiveness of the captains' remuneration to retain quality captains.

During the year, the Group was strictly in compliance with the relevant rules of Road Traffic Ordinance of Hong Kong in relation to safety equipment, registration, licensing, construction and maintenance of vehicles.

## Supply chain management

The Group engages suppliers mainly for the leasing of PLBs and the procurement of fuel, vehicles parts and repairing services. The number of suppliers of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2017 was 64 (2016: 66). All suppliers engaged by the Group are located in Hong Kong.

The Group launched procurement guidelines in 2009 aiming to ensure that the products and services procured by the Group are carried out under the principle of fair competition and to improve the transparency and accountability of the Group's procurement process. Moreover, to ensure the service quality of the franchised PLBs operations, the Group selects only those suppliers with satisfactory record of products and service quality and on-time delivery. The suppliers are also required to ensure that the relevant laws and regulations in environmental protection in relation to the products and service provided are properly complied with.

## Anti-corruption

The Group recognises the importance of carrying out business activities with integrity and believes an effective anti-corruption mechanism is the key of the sustainability and long-term growth of the Group. The code of conduct and the procurement guidelines of the Group provide clear guidelines to the employees on how to conduct business in a fair, ethical and legal manner and to avoid corruption in any form (as defined by the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance of Hong Kong). The Group's code of conduct also requires the employees to avoid any conflict of interest (where personal interests conflict with the interests of the Group), to declare any conflict of interest and not to abuse their positions or powers in the Group to seek personal benefits. Gambling activities are strictly prohibited during the working hours and in any workplace. Employees are also not allowed to accept any loan from any person who has a business or business relationship with the Group, except the borrowings from licensed banks or financial institutions.

The Board has established a whistle blowing policy to provide reporting channels for the employees to report possible improper or corruptive practices encountered in their workplace. Reportable matters include but are not limited to breach of laws, rules and regulations, unlawful or inappropriate or fraudulent conduct involving internal control, accounting or financial matters, acts that endanger personal health and safety, and improper conduct or unethical conduct that may prejudice the reputation of the Group.

## Employment Practices

The minibus industry is labour-intensive in nature. The Group considers its employees as its greatest assets.

As at 31 March 2017, the Group had 1,284 employees in total (2016: 1,282). The Group recruits employees from the local labour market and adheres to the principle of open and fair competition. The recruitment criteria are based on individual merits, education background, skill and past experience of the candidates and their suitability to the job position. The Group has adopted a board diversity policy since 2013 and is committed to eliminating discrimination in employment against race, gender, age, religion, marital and family status. Employment of illegal workers, child labour and forced labour are strictly prohibited. Candidates are required to provide identity proof to ensure their age and their eligibility of working in Hong Kong.

The Group's remuneration policy is to offer sufficient remuneration to attract, retain and motivate staff of suitable calibre to contribute their talents to the business. The remuneration packages of the employees include basic salaries, double pay and bonuses, annual leave, travelling and housing allowance, which are determined with reference to a number of factors including employees' educational and professional background, experience, job duties and the remuneration of similar job in the industry. The level of remunerations is reviewed annually by reference to the market conditions and individual merits. The sick leave, maternity leave and paternity leave policy of the Group is based on the standard rules set out in the Employment Ordinance of Hong Kong. During the year, the Group was generally in compliance with the relevant labour laws in Hong Kong in respect of working hours, rest periods, mandatory provident funds contributions, benefits and welfare, anti-discrimination and minimum wages requirements.

The Company operates a share option scheme soon after its listing in 2004. The purpose of adopting the share option scheme was to provide the Company with a platform to offer rewards and incentives to eligible participants for their contribution to the Group and to encourage them to work towards enhancing the value of the Company and its shares for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

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The Group considers that staff development is important to improve the employees' abilities and safety consciousness. Therefore, the Group encourages employees to attend in-house or external training courses or seminars at the Group's expense. The topics of the trainings included directors' responsibilities, law and regulations update, professional development in accounting and insurance, occupational safety, driving behavior, information technology, anti-corruption and soft skills like time management etc.

The Group is committed to providing comfortable, convenient and safe transportation services in good faith, thus, the Group adopts a code of conduct which sets out the basic standards of conduct that all the staff of the Group must abide by. All employees of the Group, regardless of their positions and functions, are required to comply fully with the principles set out in this code of conduct. The Group also adopts a whistle blowing policy to encourage the employees to pay attention and come forward to report any suspicious misconduct or any defects in the operation of the Group to the Company. The Company endeavors to properly handle the employee's concerns in a fair and appropriate manner.

<b>WORKFORCE INDICATORS</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Number of Employees as at year end</b>		
Directors	8	8
Administrative staff	105	99
Captains	1,124	1,127
Technicians	47	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>1,282</b>
<b>By Gender (%)</b>		
Male	95.0	95.5
Female	5.0	4.5
<b>By Age Group (%)</b>		
Under 30	2.6	3.4
30 to 39	10.7	10.3
40 to 49	15.0	17.6
50 to 59	28.5	32.1
Over 60	43.2	36.6
<b>Staff Turnover Rate (%)</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>29.3</b>
<b>Staff fatality</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Number of Staff Training Hours</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>733</b>

## Serving the Community

The Group places great value on corporate citizenship and social responsibility. Over the years, the Group has sponsored various activities organised by different district groups and charities. In addition to financial assistance, the Group and its staff members have participated in various community services. The activities that the Group sponsored or participated through its employees included Southern District's Road Safety Campaign, Southern District Football Club, Southern District Tourism and Culture Festival and Walks for Millions organized by the Community Chest etc. During the year, the Group continued to be nominated by Aberdeen Kai-fong Welfare Association Social Service Centre and was awarded as a "Caring Company" by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service in recognition of its contributions to community involvement programmes.

The Group also continues its support to the community through expanding the coverage of its GMB-GMB Interchange (GGI) schemes, offering fare concessions to passengers traveling on long journeys on specific routes and joining the Government's Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities. Our operation team maintains close communication with district and resident representatives and responds proactively to passenger needs.

During the year, the donation and sponsorship paid to the charities and other communities/district groups are as follows:

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>HK\$'000</b>	<b>HK\$'000</b>
Sponsorship	612	431
Donation	20	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>441</b>

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The Company is dedicated to ensuring that its business activities and other affairs are conducted in accordance with good corporate governance practices. The Board believes that good corporate governance practices facilitate effective management and healthy corporate culture, which are the keys to running a successful and sustainable business. In the opinion of the Board, a high standard of corporate governance and practices should emphasise sound risk management, internal controls, accountability and transparency, which will benefit the stakeholders and maximise shareholders values.

The Company is committed to devoting considerable effort to identify and formalise best practice of corporate governance. The Company has also set up corporate governance practices to meet all code provisions and some of the recommended best practices in Appendix 14 “Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report” (the “Code”) of the Listing Rules.

During the year, the Company has met all the code provisions of the Code. Also, the Board conducts evaluation of its performance annually and a whistle-blowing mechanism has been set up for employees to report possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters to the Audit Committee, both are the recommended best practices set out in the Code.

## The Board of Directors

### Composition of the Board

The Board is chaired by Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent (the “Chairman”). The Board comprises five Executive Directors and three Independent Non-Executive Directors. Four board committees, namely Executive Committee, Remuneration Committee, Audit Committee and Nomination Committee, are appointed by the Board to oversee different areas of the Group’s affairs. The respective responsibilities of the Board and the board committees are discussed in this report.

The Board sets the Group’s overall objectives and strategies, monitors and evaluates its operating and financial performance and reviews the corporate governance standard of the Company. It also decides on matters such as annual and interim results, material or connected transactions, director appointments or re-appointments, dividends and accounting policies. The Board has delegated the authority of and responsibility for implementing the Group’s business strategies and managing the daily operations of the Group’s businesses to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee comprises the five Executive Directors and is fully accountable to the Board.

All Independent Non-Executive Directors, whose designations as Independent Non-Executive Directors are identified in all corporate communications of the Company, bring a variety of experience and expertise to the Group and at least one of the three Independent Non-Executive Directors has appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise. The Independent Non-Executive Directors participate in Board meetings to bring an independent judgment on the issues arising in the meetings and monitor the Group’s performance in achieving the corporate goals and objectives. The Company maintains appropriate directors’ and officers’ liabilities insurance.

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The Directors and the membership of each of the board committees as at the date of this annual report are as follows:

<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Board Committee</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Nomination Committee</b>	<b>Remuneration Committee</b>
<b>Executive Directors</b>					
Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent		C			
Mr. Wong Man Kit		M			
Ms. Ng Sui Chun		M			
Mr. Chan Man Chun		M			
Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May		M			
<b>Independent Non-Executive Directors</b>					
Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen			M	M	C
Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy			M	C	M
Mr. Kwong Ki Chi			C	M	M

Notes: "C" means the chairman of the relevant board committee

"M" means a member of the relevant board committee

The Board members have no financial, business, family or other material/relevant relationships with each other save that (1) Ms. Ng Sui Chun is the spouse of Mr. Wong Man Kit; (2) Mr. Wong Man Kit and Ms. Ng Sui Chun are the parents of the Chairman and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May; and (3) the Chairman is the brother of Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May. When the Board considers any proposal or transaction in which a Director or any of his/her associate(s) has an interest, such Director declares his/her interest and is required to abstain from voting. If a Director has conflict of interests in a matter to be considered by the Board which the Board has determined to be material, the matter must be dealt with by a physical Board meeting rather than a written resolution.

Each of the Independent Non-Executive Directors has confirmed in writing his/her independence from the Company in accordance with the guidelines on director independence in the Listing Rules. On this basis, the Company considers all Independent Non-Executive Directors to be independent. All Directors disclosed to the Board on their first appointment their interests as director or otherwise in other public companies or organisations and other significant commitments. Such declarations of interests and the respective time commitment are updated semi-annually and reported to the Company when there is any significant change.

The Board reviews its composition regularly to ensure that it has the appropriate balance of expertise, skills, experience and diversity of perspectives to continue to effectively oversee the business of the Group. Given the composition of the Board and the skills, knowledge and expertise that each Director exercises in his/her deliberations, the Board believes that it is appropriately structured to provide sufficient checks and balances to protect the interests of the Group and the shareholders.

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All Directors are encouraged to participate in continuous professional development and the Company is responsible for the costs of such trainings. Directors are required to provide a record of the training they received to the Company annually. The participation by Directors in the continuous professional development with appropriate emphasis on duties of a Director of a listed company and corporate governance matters during the year ended 31 March 2017 is as follows:

	Reading regulatory updates, newspapers and journals	Attending seminars/conferences/forums*
<b>Executive Directors</b>		
Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent	√	√
Mr. Wong Man Kit	√	√
Ms. Ng Sui Chun	√	√
Mr. Chan Man Chun	√	√
Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May	√	√
<b>Independent Non-Executive Directors</b>		
Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen	√	√
Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy	√	√
Mr. Kwong Ki Chi	√	√

\* including physical attendance or by webcast

## Board Meetings

Regular Board meetings are held at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals and are scheduled in advance to facilitate the fullest possible attendance. Additional meetings may be called if necessary. The company secretary of the Company (the "Company Secretary") assists the Chairman in setting the agenda of Board meetings. Notices of regular Board meetings, including the proposed agenda, are sent to the Directors at least 14 days before the meeting date and each Director is invited to present any businesses that he/she wishes to discuss or propose at such meetings. Finalised agenda and Board papers are normally circulated to all Directors six days before the regular Board meetings to ensure timely access to relevant information. All Directors are supplied with adequate and sufficient information to enable them to make well-informed decisions and they are free to access the senior management of the Group to make further enquiries. The Chief Executive Officer (the "CEO") and the senior management are obligated to respond to the queries raised by the Directors in a timely manner.

The Board agrees to seek independent professional advice at the expense of the Company, upon reasonable request and approval of all Independent Non-Executive Directors. Draft and final versions of Board minutes are circulated to all Directors for their comments and records respectively. Final Board minutes are kept by the Company Secretary and are open for inspection by the Directors. The Company held four regular full Board meetings and four sets of written resolutions were passed during the financial year 2016/17.

The attendance of the regular full Board meetings during the year ended 31 March 2017 is as follows:

Executive Directors: Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent, Chairman (4/4), Mr. Wong Man Kit (4/4), Ms. Ng Sui Chun (4/4), Mr. Chan Man Chun, the CEO (4/4) and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May (4/4); Independent Non-Executive Directors: Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen (4/4), Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy (4/4) and Mr. Kwong Ki Chi (4/4).

## Board Committees

The Board delegates some of its duties and responsibilities to four board committees, namely, Executive Committee, Remuneration Committee, Audit Committee and Nomination Committee. Clear terms of reference have been established for each of the board committees which will be discussed below. The board committees report back to the Board on their decisions or recommendations.

The Directors are of the view that they have the overall and collective responsibilities in performing the corporate governance functions of the Group and opt not to delegate this function to any board committee. The major responsibilities of the Board concerning corporate governance are:

- setting up and reviewing the Group's policies and practices on corporate governance;
- reviewing and monitoring the training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management;
- reviewing and monitoring the Group's policies and practices in compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- setting up, reviewing and monitoring the code of conduct and compliance policies/guidelines applicable to employees and Directors; and
- reviewing the Group's compliance with the Code and disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report.

During the year ended 31 March 2017, in response to the new requirements in relation to risk management and internal controls under the Code, the Board reviewed and revised the terms of reference of the Executive Committee to align with the amendments of the Code which come into effect on 1 January 2016.

## Appointment and Re-Election of Directors

The Nomination Committee regularly reviews the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity considerations) of the Board to ensure its expertise and independence are maintained. A person may be appointed as a member of the Board at any time either by the shareholders in general meeting or by the Board upon recommendation by the Nomination Committee.

At each AGM, one-third of the Directors (or, if the number of Directors is not divisible by three, such number as is nearest to and less than one-third) must retire as Directors by rotation. All Directors are subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association ("Articles") and are eligible for re-election and re-appointment. A Director who is appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy must retire at the first AGM of the Company after his appointment. Such Director is eligible for election at that AGM, but is not taken into account when deciding which and how many Directors should retire by rotation at that AGM.

All Independent Non-Executive Directors are appointed on a term of not more than three years and are subject to re-election. For any Independent Non-Executive Director who has served on the Board for more than nine years, his/her further appointment will be subject to a separate resolution to be approved by the shareholders. The Company shall disclose the reasons in the annual report or the circular why it considers such Independent Non-Executive Director to be independent and should be re-elected.

There is a formal letter of appointment for each Director setting out the key terms and conditions of his/her appointment. Every newly appointed Director shall receive a comprehensive, formal and tailored induction on appointment. Subsequently, the Company Secretary would arrange briefing and/or professional development trainings to develop and refresh the Directors' knowledge and skills, as well as ensuring that the Directors have a proper understanding of the Company's operations and business and other regulatory requirements updates.

The procedures for shareholders to propose a person for election as a Director are available on the Company's website at <http://www.amspt.com/htdocs/investor/#cg>.

## Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

To ensure a balance of power and authority, the role of the Chairman is separated from that of the CEO. The current CEO is Mr. Chan Man Chun, who is also an Executive Director.

The posts of Chairman and CEO are distinct and separate. The division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the CEO is clearly established and set out in the Board Manual and summarised as follows:

The responsibilities of the Chairman include:

- chairing and leading the Board to ensure that it operates effectively;
- ensuring that adequate information about the Group's business, which must be accurate, clear, complete and reliable, is provided to the Board on a timely basis;
- ensuring that all Directors are properly briefed on issues arising at Board meetings;
- ensuring good corporate governance practices;
- monitoring the performance of the CEO and other Executive Directors;
- holding meetings with the Independent Non-Executive Directors without the presence of the Executive Directors; and
- ensuring appropriate steps are taken to provide effective communication with shareholders and that their views are communicated to the Board as a whole.

The responsibilities of the CEO include:

- being ultimately responsible for the Group's operations and management;
- supporting the Board by providing industrial and business expertise to the Board;
- proposing to the Board the direction, objectives, strategies and policies of the Group for its consideration and approval;

- selecting and leading the top management team towards the achievement of the Group's long term objectives, missions, strategies and goals approved by the Board; and
- procuring the management to provide the Board with financial and operational monthly updates giving a balanced and understandable assessment of the Group's performance, position and prospects in sufficient detail to enable the Board as a whole and each Director to discharge their duties.

## Delegation by the Board

### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is chaired by the Chairman and comprises the other four Executive Directors including the CEO. It meets monthly and is responsible to the Board for overseeing and setting the strategic direction of the Group.

The major responsibilities of the Executive Committee are:

- establishing strategic directions of the Group and submitting them to the Board for their approval;
- monitoring the execution of the Company's strategic plans as determined by the Board;
- monitoring the day to day operations and performance of the senior management;
- setting up sound risk management and internal control systems to manage the risks of the Group;
- assessing any business opportunities on diversification, expansion or acquisition; and
- approving any changes to the scope of authority delegated to the senior management.

The terms of reference of the Executive Committee have been amended during the year to clarify that one of the responsibilities of the Executive Committee is the set up of sound risk management and internal control systems for the Group. The terms of reference of the Executive Committee are available on the website of the Company.

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## Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee is chaired by an Independent Non-Executive Director, Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen, and comprises the other two Independent Non-Executive Directors, Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy and Mr. Kwong Ki Chi.

The major responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee are:

- making recommendations to the Board on the remuneration policy and structure for all Directors and senior management and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policy;
- reviewing and approving the management's remuneration proposals with reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives;
- making recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual Executive Directors and senior management;
- making recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of Independent Non-Executive Directors;
- considering salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities and employment conditions elsewhere in the Group;
- reviewing and approving compensation payable to Executive Directors and senior management for any loss or termination of office or appointment to ensure that it is consistent with relevant contractual terms and is otherwise fair and not excessive;
- reviewing and approving compensation arrangements relating to dismissal or removal of Directors for misconduct to ensure that they are consistent with relevant contractual terms and are otherwise reasonable and appropriate;
- ensuring that no Director or any of his/her associates is involved in deciding his/her own remuneration;

- making recommendation to the Board on appropriate means to administer remuneration programs of Directors and senior management; and
- reviewing any transaction between the Group and the Directors, or any interest associated with the Directors, to ensure the structure and the terms of the transactions comply with the rules and laws and are appropriately disclosed.

The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The Remuneration Committee is provided with sufficient resources to perform its duties and it can access independent professional advice at the expense of the Company if necessary. It is the practice of the Remuneration Committee to consult the Chairman and/or the CEO about their remuneration proposals for other Executive Directors. To avoid conflict of interests, no Director or any of his/her associates is involved in deciding his/her own remuneration.

During the year ended 31 March 2017, the Remuneration Committee held one meeting to perform the following work:

- reviewed the Company's policy and structure for the remuneration of Independent Non-Executive Directors;
- reviewed the remuneration packages and structures of all Executive Directors and the senior management;
- assessed the performance of Executive Directors and approved discretionary bonuses to some of the Executive Directors;
- reviewed the remuneration review procedures of the Group; and
- reviewed all transactions between the Group and the Directors.

The attendance of the meeting is as follows: Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen (1/1), Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy (1/1) and Mr. Kwong Ki Chi (1/1).



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In order to be able to attract and retain staff of suitable calibre, the Company recognises the importance of a fair and competitive remuneration policy. To ensure that the remuneration packages are appropriate and align with the Group's goals, objectives and performance, the Company has considered a number of factors such as salaries paid by comparable companies, job responsibilities, duties and scope, market conditions and practices, financial and non-financial performance, and desirability of performance-based remuneration, when formulating the remuneration policy.

The remuneration package of Executive Directors includes salary, bonus, pensions, medical and life insurance benefits and share options. The remuneration level is determined with reference to the expertise and experience possessed by each Executive Director and his/her performance. Except for the bonus payable to the CEO which is determined with reference to the Group's performance, bonuses to other Executive Directors are given on a discretionary basis and determined with reference to the corporate and individual performance. The remuneration of Independent Non-Executive Directors is determined by the Board in consideration of the experience, expertise and the responsibilities involved. Please refer to note 14 to the financial statements for the emolument details of each Director, the five highest paid employees and also the remuneration paid to members of senior management by band.

The Company adopted a new share option scheme on 30 August 2013 to provide the Company with a platform to offer rewards and incentives to eligible participants for their contribution to the Group and to encourage them to work towards enhancing the value of the Company and its shares for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. Please refer to pages 39 to 42 for the details of the share option schemes and the number of outstanding share options held by the Directors.

## Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible to the Board and consists of the three Independent Non-Executive Directors, Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen, Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy and Mr. Kwong Ki Chi.

The Audit Committee is chaired by Mr. Kwong Ki Chi. The Audit Committee reviews the completeness, accuracy and fairness of the Company's reports and financial statements and provides assurance to the Board that they comply with the adopted accounting standards, the Listing Rules and legal requirements. The Audit Committee also annually

reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control and risk management systems. It reviews the work done and the results of audits performed by the internal and external auditors, the relevant fees and terms, and the appropriate actions required on significant control weaknesses. It also considers the adequacy of resources, the qualifications and experience of staff in respect of the Group's accounting and financial reporting function, and their training programmes and budget. The Executive Directors and the external and internal auditors may also attend the Audit Committee meetings.

The terms of reference of Audit Committee are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The major responsibilities of the Audit Committee are:

- being primarily responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditors, and approving the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditors, and any questions of its resignation or dismissal;
- reviewing and monitoring the external auditors' independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards;
- developing and implementing policy on engaging external auditors to supply non-audit services;
- monitoring integrity of the Group's financial statements and annual report and accounts, interim report and reviewing significant financial reporting judgments contained therein;
- reviewing the Group's financial and accounting policies and practices, financial controls, internal control and risk management systems;
- discussing the risk management and internal control systems with management to ensure that management has performed its duty to have effective systems;
- ensuring co-ordination between the internal and external auditors, and ensuring that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the Group, and reviewing and monitoring its effectiveness; and

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- establishing a whistle-blowing mechanism for employees to raise concerns, in confidence, with the Audit Committee about possible improprieties in any matter related to the Group.

The Audit Committee held four meetings during the year ended 31 March 2017 to perform the following work:

- reviewed and approved the interim and final results and financial statements, announcements and reports of the Group;
- reviewed with the external auditors the significant financial reporting and accounting matters;
- approved the remuneration of the external auditors;
- reviewed the risk management and internal control review reports prepared by the internal auditors and discussed with management the reports' findings and recommendations on the Group's operations and corporate activities; and
- approved the next three-year internal audit plans and the appointment and remuneration of the internal auditors.

The attendance of the four meetings is as follows: Mr. Kwong Ki Chi (4/4), Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen (4/4) and Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy (4/4).

## Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee is chaired by an Independent Non-Executive Director, Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy, and comprises the other two Independent Non-Executive Directors, Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen and Mr. Kwong Ki Chi.

The Nomination Committee nominates and recommends to the Board candidates for filling vacancies in the Board. It also identifies and nominates qualified individuals, who are expected to have such expertise to make positive contribution to the performance of the Board, to be additional Directors or to fill Board vacancies as and when they arise. The major responsibilities of the Nomination Committee are:

- reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity considerations) of the Board at least annually and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy;

- identifying individuals suitably qualified to become Board members and selecting or making recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships;

- assessing the independence of Independent Non-Executive Directors;
- making recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-appointment of Directors and succession planning for Directors, in particular the Chairman and the CEO; and
- implementing and reviewing the Board diversity policy for the Board's consideration, and monitoring the progress on achieving the objectives of the Board diversity policy to ensure effective implementation.

The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee are available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

During the year ended 31 March 2017, the Nomination Committee held a meeting to perform the following work:

- reviewed the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity considerations) of the Board, and independence of the Independent Non-Executive Directors;
- considered and recommended the re-election of Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent and Mr. Chan Man Chun as the Executive Directors and Mr. Kwong Ki Chi as the Independent Non- Executive Director;
- reviewed the diversity policy of the Group; and
- discussed the succession planning for the Directors and the CEO.

The Company recognises and embraces the benefits of having a diverse Board to enhance the effectiveness and quality of its performance and to maintain the high standards of corporate governance. Therefore, the Board set up a Board diversity policy in August 2013 in order to set out the approach to achieve diversity on the Board.

The Board diversity policy is summarised as below:

- The Company believes that a truly diverse Board will include and make good use of differences in the talents, skills, regional and industry experience and other qualities of the members of the Board;
- All appointments of the members of the Board are made on merit, in the context of the talents, skills and experience the Board as a whole requires to be effective; and
- In reviewing and assessing the composition of the Board, the Nomination Committee (i) will consider the benefits of all aspects of diversity in order to maintain an appropriate range and balance of talents, skills and experience on the Board; and (ii) may discuss and recommend measurable objectives to the Board for achieving diversity on the Board when necessary.

The Nomination Committee reviewed the Board's composition from a diversity perspective in March 2017 and concluded that the Board had achieved a satisfactory level of diversity in terms of gender, age, skill, industry experience and professional qualifications of the Directors. Biographical details of the Directors as at the date of this annual report are set out on pages 32 to 33 of this annual report.

The attendance of the meeting held during the year is as follows: Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy (1/1), Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen (1/1) and Mr. Kwong Ki Chi (1/1).

## Delegation of Responsibilities to Management

The Board delegates the daily management and administration functions to the management, comprising the Executive Committee and the senior management team of the Group. The senior management team is responsible for executing the day to day business activities under the leadership and supervision of the Executive Committee, and assisting the Executive Committee to implement the approved strategic plans, goals and objectives and other responsibilities delegated by the Board to the Executive Committee.

## Company Secretary

All Directors should have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary. The Company Secretary reports to the Chairman on board governance matters, and plays an important role in supporting the Board by ensuring Board procedures are followed and facilitating good information flows and communications among Directors as well as Shareholders and management. The Company Secretary is also responsible for advising the Board through the Chairman on governance matters and should also facilitate induction and professional development of Directors. The Company Secretary completed more than 15 hours of relevant professional training during the year ended 31 March 2017.

## External Auditors

The external auditors are primarily responsible for the auditing and reporting of the annual financial statements. For the financial year ended 31 March 2017, the total remuneration paid or payable to the external auditors was HK\$758,000, being HK\$613,000 for audit and HK\$145,000 for tax related services.

## Directors' and External Auditors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements of the Company and of the Group. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2017, and of the Group's financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended. In preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, the members of the Board have made reasonable judgments and estimates, adopted appropriate accounting policies and, apart from those new or revised accounting policies as disclosed in the notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017, applied the policies consistently with the previous financial year.

The external auditors' responsibilities are clearly explained in the Independent Auditors' Report contained in this annual report. Please refer to pages 46 to 49 for details.

## Risk Management, Internal Control and Internal Audit

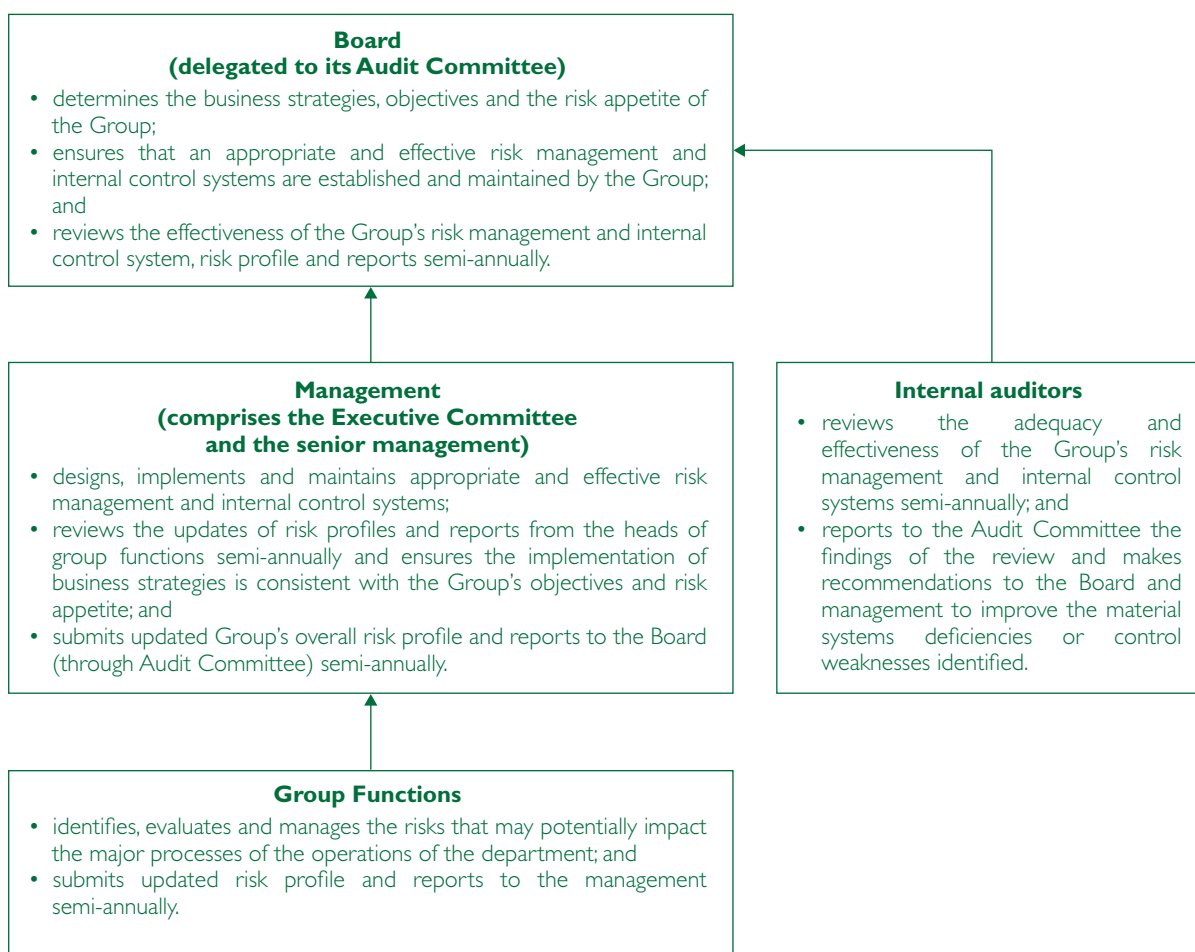
The Board has the overall responsibility in overseeing sound risk management and internal control systems and reviewing its effectiveness annually. Such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. For the year ended 31 March 2017, the Board confirms that it has through the Audit Committee conducted a review of the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems and considers the systems are effective and adequate. The Board also received a written confirmation from the CEO in which the management confirmed that the Group's risk management and internal control systems were effective and adequate throughout the year ending 31 March 2017.

### Risk Management

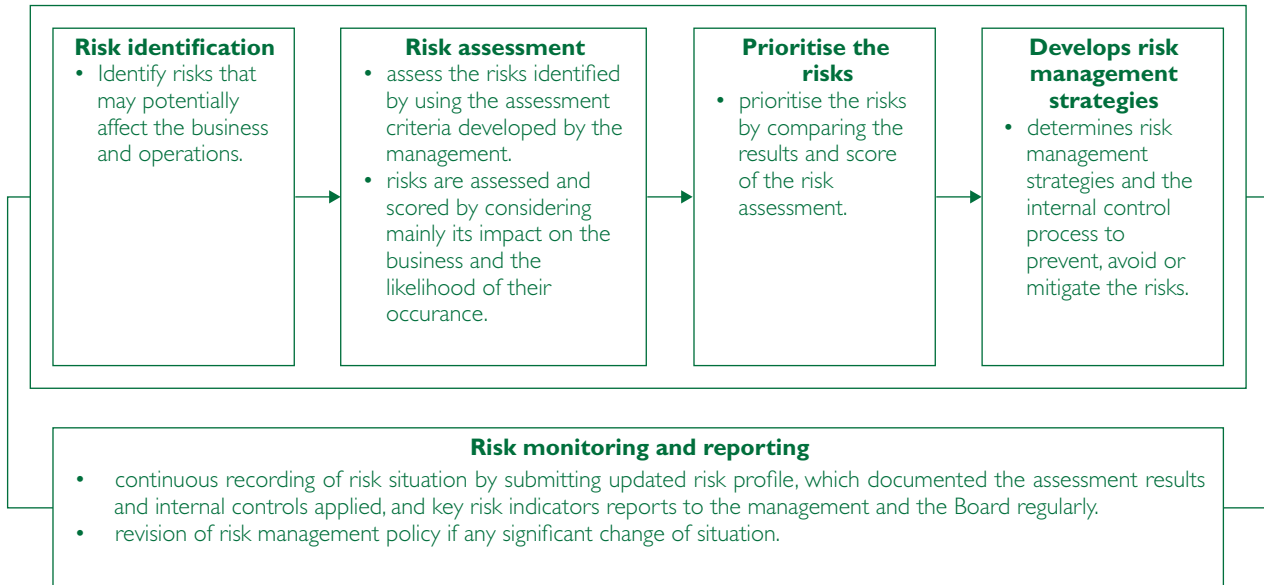
The purposes of setting up a risk management system for the Group, which are documented in the risk management policy, are as follows:

- to establish a comprehensive risk management framework, processes and culture, and to ensure the Group's management to fully understand the material risks of the Group's business and operations so that they could prevent, avoid or mitigate possible risks which may exist in the market, business and the operations; and
- to ensure that business decisions and operations of the Group's could meet the policies laid down by the Board so that the Group could maintain long-term growth and sustainable development.

The roles and responsibilities of the Board, the senior management, the group functions heads and the internal auditors in the Group risk management process are clearly defined in the Group's risk management policy. The ownership of each risk is clearly assigned to the group functions heads or other personnel in charge to enhance the accountability. The Group's risk governance structure and the main role and responsibilities of each level of the structure are summarised below:



Under the Group’s risk management policy, the process used to identify, evaluate and manage significant risk is as follows:



The Audit Committee is delegated by the Board with responsibilities to oversee the Group’s overall risk management system. During the year ended 31 March 2017, regarding the risk management system, the Audit Committee performed the following work:

- Reviewed the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management system design of the Group;
- Reviewed the updated risk assessment results and the risk profile of the Group and discussed how the Group should respond to the changes in the high risk factors;
- Reviewed the quarterly key risk indicators (“KRI”) reports submitted by the management; and
- Reviewed the result of risk management system review carried out by the internal auditors.

## Internal Control

The Group’s system of internal control includes a defined management structure with limits of authority, and is designed to help the Group achieve its business objectives, safeguard its assets against unauthorised use or disposal, ensure maintenance of proper accounting records for the provision of reliable financial information for internal use or for publication, and ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

The key elements in the internal control system of the Group are:

- clearly defined organisational structure and duties and responsibilities of each employee;
- written code of conduct providing guidelines to the employees on their personal conduct and the ethical requirements when carrying out business activities;
- internal policies and/or guidelines on inside information disclosure, connected transactions reporting and approval, directors’ securities transactions etc.;
- bi-annual compliance check on the Code carried out by the Company Secretary;
- a whistle-blowing mechanism for employees to raise concerns, in confidence, with the Audit Committee about possible improprieties related to the Group;

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- regular risk assessments are carried out by the senior management;
- stringent internal procedures on significant financial and business activities controls for minimising the operational risk;
- monthly financial and operational reporting system for measuring and monitoring the performance of the Group;
- monthly financial and operational summary reports for the Board to evaluate the financial performance of the Group;
- quarterly progress reports for the Board to monitor how the Group manages the areas that with higher level of business risks;
- bi-annual internal control review carried out by the outsourced internal auditors for monitoring the effectiveness of the controls;
- quarterly KRI reports submitted by the management to monitor the key risks of the business and
- annual Board performance evaluation for the Directors to review and evaluate the overall performance of the Board in the past year.

The Company is committed to complying with the disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules and Securities and Futures Ordinance (the “SFO”) to prevent inadvertent or selective disclosure of inside information. The Company, the Directors and its employees must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the relevant information is absolutely confidential before the publication of inside information.

The Company has adopted disclosure of inside information guidelines for the purpose of assisting the Directors and the employees to understand the principles and procedures in the handling of potential insider information of the Group. Employees are required to report to their functions heads and keep it confidential when they are aware of any information that is likely to have a material effect on the price of the shares of the Company. All such reports must be delivered to the CEO as soon as possible. The CEO must assess or seek legal advice on whether the reported information would constitute inside information. Where he considers appropriate, the CEO should report to the Chairman immediately and the Chairman should convene Board meeting to seek the Board’s approval on the dissemination of the inside information as soon as possible.

The Directors and employees in possession of the inside information are prohibited to deal in any securities of the Company until the inside information is formally disclosed in the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company. The Company should apply for trading halt or suspension of stock trading if they consider that the inside information has been leaked before a formal announcement is published.

## Internal Audit

The Group does not have an internal audit department. The internal audit function has been outsourced to professionals in accountancy, as selected by the Audit Committee. The internal auditors are independent of the Group and conduct internal audits on areas of concern identified by the Audit Committee annually. The term of the engagement of the internal auditors is fixed at three years in order to have a structured and comprehensive audit plan and achieve continuity. The internal auditors report to the Audit Committee directly and the members of the Audit Committee have free and direct access to the head of the internal auditor without reference to the Executive Directors or the management. The Board has overall responsibilities to maintain sound and effective risk management and internal control systems of the Group.

The internal auditors provides an independent review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems and the sufficiency of the compliance of corporate governance in accordance with the Code. A three-year audit plan framework, which is prepared based on risk assessment methodology and covers all material financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions, has been approved by the Audit Committee upon the engagement of the Internal auditors. Before commencing their fieldwork each year, the internal auditors submit a detailed audit plan to the Audit Committee for its discussion and approval. During the year, the risk management and internal control review covered the assessment of the effectiveness of the Group’s risk management and internal control systems by reference to a framework set by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (the “COSO Framework”), which consists of five inter- related components, namely (i) control (or operating) environment; (ii) risk assessment; (iii) control activities; (iv) information and communication; and (v) monitoring. The review also covered significant business processes and activities of the Group and follow-ups of the corrective measures of the weaknesses identified in previous reviews.

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Furthermore, in order to maintain the effectiveness of the financial reporting and compliance process, the risk management and internal control review also considered the adequacy of resources, staff qualification and experience, training programmes and budget of the Group's accounting and financial reporting function.

The internal audit also covered the review of internal controls on carrying out connected transactions during the year. Apart from the annual review on continuing connected transactions by external auditors, the internal auditors also assisted the Independent Non-Executive Directors to review the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control procedures to ensure that the connected transactions were conducted in accordance with the pricing policies or mechanism under the agreements.

Any identified control weaknesses are addressed in the risk management and internal control review reports (the "Review Reports"). Draft Review Reports are sent to the Executive Directors, the CEO and the senior management concerned for the management's comments and responses. The finalised Review Reports are submitted to the Board and the Audit Committee for their review twice per year. The Board and the internal auditors considers that the Group's material internal controls are adequate and effective and the Group has complied with the code provisions on risk management and internal control set out in the Code during the year 31 March 2017.

## Securities Transactions

The Company has adopted codes of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors and relevant employees (as defined in the Code) (the "Securities 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") contained in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. A copy of the Securities Code has been sent to each Director. The Securities Code is also applicable to the employees of the Group who are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information in relation to the Group.

Formal written notices are sent to the Directors and relevant employees as reminder that they must not deal in the securities and derivatives of the Company during the period of 30 days and 60 days immediately preceding the date of publication of the Company's half yearly results and annual results respectively and until after such results have been published.

Under the Securities Code, the Directors are required to notify the Chairman and receive a dated written clearance before dealing in the securities and derivatives of the Company and, in the case of the Chairman himself, he must notify the designated Director and receive a dated written clearance before any dealing. The clearance to deal is valid for not more than five business days from the day it is received.

Having made specific enquiries, all Directors have confirmed that they have met the required standard set out in the Securities Code and the Model Code throughout the financial year under review. Directors' interests as at 31 March 2017 in the shares in the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) are set out on pages 38 to 39 of this annual report.

## Investor Relations

### Shareholders' Communication Policy

The Company continues to enhance relationships and communication with its investors. A shareholders' communication policy has been set up in order to enable the Company to provide its shareholders and potential shareholders with equal and timely information of the Company (including financial results, important developments, strategic goals and plans, corporate governance and risk profile etc.) at any time effectively and to avoid selective disclosure. Detailed information about the Company's performance and activities has been provided in the annual reports and the interim reports which have been sent to shareholders. The Company maintains close communication with investors, analysts, fund managers and the media by way of individual interviews and meetings. The Group also responds to requests, information and queries from the investors in an informative and timely manner.

The Board also welcomes the views of shareholders on matters affecting the Group and encourages them to attend shareholders' meetings to communicate any concerns they might have with the Board or senior management directly. In order to promote effective communication, the Company maintains its website at [www.amspt.com](http://www.amspt.com) on which financial and other information relating to the Group and its businesses is disclosed.

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Shareholders, potential investors and analysts may enquire about information of the Company, ask questions or give comments to the Board by sending email to the Company (e-mail address: ir@amspt.com). The Company will answer reasonable questions raised by the shareholders and potential investors and analysts provided that there is no violation of the Company's disclosure of inside information guidelines. However, in order to avoid selective disclosure and disclosing inside information, the Company will only provide information that has been published by the Company.

## General Meetings

All Directors are invited to general meetings to develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders. For each substantially separate issue at a general meeting, a separate resolution is proposed by the chairman of that meeting.

The Chairman and the chairmen of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee, Nomination Committee and any other committees (as appropriate) attend the AGM and other relevant general meetings to answer questions raised by the shareholders. In their absence, the Chairman shall invite another member of the committees to attend. These persons will be available to answer questions at the AGM. The external auditors are also invited to the AGM to answer questions about the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditors' report, the accounting policies and auditor independence.

The attendance of the AGM held on 29 August 2016 is as follows:

Executive Directors: Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent, chairman of the AGM (1/1), Mr. Wong Man Kit (1/1), Ms. Ng Sui Chun (1/1), Mr. Chan Man Chun, the CEO (1/1) and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May (1/1); Independent Non-Executive Directors: Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen (1/1), Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy (1/1) and Mr. Kwong Ki Chi (1/1).

Convening General Meetings by Shareholders Shareholders may convene an EGM and make proposals for businesses to be transacted thereat in the following manner:

- (a) Any one or more shareholders holding at the date of deposit of the Requisition (as defined below) not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company (the "Eligible Shareholder(s)") shall at all times have the right, by written requisition (the "Requisition") sent to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong at 11-12/F, Abba Commercial Building, 223 Aberdeen Main Road, Aberdeen, Hong Kong, for the attention of the Board or the Company Secretary, to require an EGM to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in the Requisition.
- (b) The Requisition must state clearly the name(s) of the Eligible Shareholder(s) concerned, its/his/her/their shareholding in the Company as at the date of the Requisition, the reason for convening an EGM, the agenda proposed to be included and the details of the businesses proposed to be transacted at the EGM, signed by all the Eligible Shareholder(s) concerned.
- (c) The Requisition will be verified with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, and upon its confirmation that the Requisition is proper and in order, the Company Secretary will ask the Board to convene an EGM to be held within two months after the deposit of the Requisition by serving sufficient notice in accordance with the Articles and the applicable laws, rules and regulations (including without limitation the Listing Rules) to all registered shareholders. On the contrary, if the Requisition has been verified as not in order, the Eligible Shareholder(s) concerned will be advised of such outcome and accordingly, the Board will not call an EGM.
- (d) If within 21 days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such EGM, the Eligible Shareholder(s) concerned itself/himself/herself/themselves may convene such EGM in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the Eligible Shareholder(s) concerned as a result of such failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the Eligible Shareholder(s) concerned by the Company.

Note: There is no express provision allowing shareholders to make proposals (other than a proposal for election of a person as a Director) at any general meeting convened by the Board (not on requisition of Shareholders) under the Articles or the laws of the Cayman Islands.



# DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT PROFILE

## Executive Directors

**Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent**, MILT, aged 42, is the Chairman since 12 December 2014. Mr. Wong was appointed as Executive Director of the Company on 16 October 2004. Before that, he was a Non-Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Wong was appointed as the Vice Chairman of the Board on 23 June 2014. He is also the director of all subsidiaries of the Group. Mr. Wong is the son of Mr. Wong Man Kit and Ms. Ng Sui Chun, the brother of Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May and the nephew of Mr. Wong Man Chiu, who is the engineering manager of the Group. He also holds directorship in three substantial shareholders as defined under Part XV Disclosure of Interests of Securities and Futures Ordinance (“SFO”), namely Skyblue Group Limited (“Skyblue”), Metro Success Investment Limited (“Metro Success”) and JETSUN UT Company (PTC) Limited (“JETSUN”). Mr. Wong graduated from The University of Winnipeg with a bachelor of arts degree in economics. Prior to joining the Group in 2002, he worked for a large smart card system provider company in Hong Kong. Mr. Wong is a member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (“CILT”) in Hong Kong. Mr. Wong was an elected member of the Southern District Council from 2008 to 2015. As the Chairman, Mr. Wong is responsible for chairing and leading the Board in formulating the overall business strategies, monitoring the corporate development of the Group and maintaining good standard of corporate governance practices throughout the Group.

**Mr. Wong Man Kit, MH, FCILT**, aged 75, is one of the founders of the Group. He has been appointed as the honorary chairman since 12 December 2014. Before that, Mr. Wong was the Chairman. He is also the director of all subsidiaries of the Group. Mr. Wong has over 42 years’ experience in the operation of public transport business in Hong Kong and contributes his valuable knowledge in formulating corporate strategies of the Group. Mr. Wong is a fellow member of CILT in Hong Kong, the chairman of the Hong Kong Scheduled (GMB) Licensee Association and also a member of The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wong was an elected member of the Southern District Council from 1988 to 2007. Mr. Wong is currently the honorary president of The University of Hong Kong Foundation for Educational Development and Research. Mr. Wong has been granted the awards of “Medal of Honour” by the Hong Kong Government in 2000 and “Ten Outstanding Young Person Award” by The Hong Kong Junior Chamber of Commerce in the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Selection in 1981, both in recognition of his outstanding performance and contribution. Mr. Wong is the spouse of Ms. Ng Sui Chun, the father of Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May, all of them are the Executive Directors of the Company. Mr. Wong is also the brother of Mr. Wong Man Chiu. He also holds directorship in three substantial shareholders as defined under Part XV Disclosure of Interests of SFO, namely Skyblue, Metro Success and JETSUN.

**Ms. Ng Sui Chun**, aged 66, is the finance director of the Company and one of the founders of the Group. She also holds directorship in all subsidiaries of the Group. Ms. Ng has been actively involved in the management of the daily operations of the Group for over 41 years and is responsible for the implementation of corporate policies, particularly in the area of finance and administration of the Group. She also actively participates in charitable activities, including being the chairman of the Aberdeen Women Compassion Association, a committee member of the Association for the Elders of Aberdeen, a member of Zhongshan Overseas Women Association and a committee member of The Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Aberdeen District Committee. Ms. Ng is the wife of Mr. Wong Man Kit, the mother of Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May. She is also the sister-in-law of Mr. Wong Man Chiu. She also holds directorship in three substantial shareholders as defined under Part XV Disclosure of Interests of SFO, namely Skyblue, Metro Success and JETSUN.

**Mr. Chan Man Chun**, MBA, aged 53, is the CEO and Executive Director. Mr. Chan is actively involved in the overall business operations and is responsible for the formulation and implementation of the corporate strategies of the Group. He graduated from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and holds a master degree in business administration (MBA) from Brighton University. Mr. Chan is a spokesperson of the Hong Kong Scheduled (GMB) Licensee Association. He is also a member of the Secretary for Home Affairs Major Sports Events Committee, a chairman of the Southern Youth Programme Committee, the Southern District Football Club and the Southern District Recreation & Sports Association. He joined the Group in July 1989 and was appointed as CEO on 1 April 2005.

**Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May**, BBA (HRM), MA (TranspPol & Plan), MIHRM (HK), CMILT, aged 41, is the daughter of Mr. Wong Man Kit and Ms. Ng Sui Chun, the sister of Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent and the niece of Mr. Wong Man Chiu. She also holds directorship in three substantial shareholders as defined under Part XV Disclosure of Interests of SFO, namely Skyblue, Metro Success and JETSUN. She joined the Group in September 2003. Ms. Wong is the human resources and deputy finance director of the Company and is responsible for the human resources and financial management of the Group. Prior to joining the Group, Ms. Wong worked for a leading international airline company. She holds a master of arts degree in transport policy and planning from The University of Hong Kong and a bachelor of business administration degree (major in human resources management) from Simon Fraser University in Canada. She received a certificate of international division program in Japanese language and Asian studies in Waseda University in Japan. She has been a chartered member of CILT in Hong Kong and an ordinary member of the Hong Kong Institute of Human Resources Management since 2005. Ms. Wong was appointed as Executive Director on 30 September 2011. She also holds directorship in a subsidiary of the Group.

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## Independent Non-Executive Directors

**Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen**, CBE, BS, FHKIE, JP, aged 77, holds an honorary doctoral degree in engineering from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and an honorary doctoral degree in laws from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was formerly a Hong Kong deputy of The 9th & 10th National People's Congress, HKSAR, a member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council from 1978 to 1997, a senior member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council from 1988 to 1991 and a member of the Hong Kong Executive Council from 1985 to 1992. He is currently an independent non-executive director of ITE (Holdings) Limited, Playmates Holdings Limited and Wang On Group Limited, all of which are listed on the Stock Exchange. He was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director in March 2004.

**Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy**, B.Soc.Sc, M.Soc.Sc, PhD, BBS, FCILT, aged 67, is currently a deputy director of School of Professional and Continuing Education of The University of Hong Kong ("HKU SPACE") and an independent non-executive director of MTR Corporation Limited, a Main Board listed company on the Stock Exchange. She is also a council member of MTR Academy (HK) Company Limited. Dr. Chan is an honorary fellow of the CILT and the Global Advisor on Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) of CILT. Her current public service duties include serving as a member of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Institute for Public Administration, the chairperson of the Sustainable Agricultural Development Fund Advisory Committee, Board member of Hong Kong Research & Development Centre for Logistics and Supply Chain Management Enabling Technology Limited and an advisor to the Serco Group (HK) Limited. Before joining HKU SPACE, Dr. Chan was the Deputy Commissioner for Transport of the Hong Kong Government. She was also the international president of CILT, a member of the Social Welfare Advisory Committee and the Advisory Council on Environment of the Hong Kong Government.

Dr. Chan holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences degree, a Master of Social Sciences degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from The University of Hong Kong. She was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director in March 2010.

**Mr. Kwong Ki Chi**, GBS, JP, aged 66, is currently an independent non-executive director of another listed company, Giordano International Limited. He had served in the Hong Kong Government for 27 years and held positions principally in the economic and financial fields. Mr. Kwong was the Secretary for the Treasury from 1995 to 1998, with responsibility for the public finances, and Secretary for Information Technology and Broadcasting from 1998 to March 2000, with responsibility for information technology, telecommunications and broadcasting. He left the Hong Kong government in March 2000 to join the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited as executive director and chief executive and retired in April 2003. Since then, Mr. Kwong had served as managing director of Hsin Chong International Holdings Limited and Hongkong Sales (Int'l) Limited and as director of Macau Legend Development Limited. Besides, Mr. Kwong is a non-official Justice of the Peace in Hong Kong and has been awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star by the Hong Kong Government. Mr. Kwong graduated from The University of Hong Kong with a bachelor of science degree in physics and mathematics and was awarded a master of philosophy degree in economics and politics of development by the University of Cambridge, England. He was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director in March 2011.

## Senior Management

**Mr. Wong Man Chiu**, MSc, aged 54, has been the engineering manager of the Group since 1993. He also holds directorship in two subsidiaries of the Group. Mr. Wong is responsible for the management of the Group's repair and maintenance centres. He holds a master degree in computer science from the University of Manchester in England and a bachelor of engineering degree in mechanical engineering with vehicle option from the Hatfield Polytechnic in England. He also obtained a higher certificate in mechanical engineering from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Mr. Wong joined the Group in 1993 and is the brother of Mr. Wong Man Kit and brother-in-law of Ms. Ng Sui Chun.

**Ms. Wong Ka Yan**, HKICPA, LLB, aged 40, is the Company Secretary and financial controller of the Group. She joined the Group in January 2003 and is responsible for the financial control, accounting and company secretarial functions of the Group. She graduated from The Chinese University of Hong Kong with a bachelor degree in business administration (major in general finance) and also holds a bachelor degree in laws from the University of London. Ms. Wong is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"). Prior to joining the Group, she had worked in an international accounting firm in auditing. She was appointed as Company Secretary on 26 July 2005.

**Mr. Wong Yu Fung**, MILT, aged 39, is the operations manager of the Group and responsible for daily route operation management and route restructuring planning etc. He holds a bachelor degree in transport and logistics management from RMIT University and a higher diploma in transport studies from the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education. Mr. Wong joined the Group in June 2000.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors are pleased to present their report together with the audited financial statements of the Group to the shareholders for the year ended 31 March 2017.

## Principal Activities

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong.

## Results and Recommended Dividends

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2017 are set out in the consolidated income statement on page 50. The Directors recommend payment of a final dividend of HK10.0 cents per ordinary share (2016: HK10.0 cents per ordinary share) in respect of the year, to shareholders on the register of members on 7 September 2017. The expected payment date of the final dividend is 8 September 2017.

## Business Review

The Group's revenue is derived primarily from the provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong. The business review of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2017 as required by Schedule 5 to the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is contained in the "Chairman's Statement", "Management Discussion and Analysis", "Environmental, Social and Governance Report" and "Corporate Governance Report" sections of this annual report. Details about the Group's financial risk management are also set out in note 34 to the financial statements. This business review forms part of this Directors' Report.

## Reserves

Movements in the reserves of the Group and of the Company during the year ended 31 March 2017 are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity and note 28 to the financial statements respectively.

## Donations

Charitable donations made by the Group during the year ended 31 March 2017 amounted to HK\$20,000 (2016: HK\$10,000).

## Property, Plant and Equipment

Details of the movements in property, plant and equipment of the Group are set out in note 15 to the financial statements.

## Principal Subsidiaries

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries as at 31 March 2017 are set out in note 19 to the financial statements.

## Borrowings

The borrowings of the Group are shown in note 22 to the financial statements.

## Share Capital

Details of the movements in the share capital of the Company are set out in note 25 to the financial statements.

## Distributable Reserves

Distributable reserves of the Company as at 31 March 2017 amounted to HK\$287,999,000 (2016: HK\$308,848,000).

## Events After the balance sheet date

Details of the events after the balance sheet date are set out in note 36 to the financial statements.

## Five-Year Financial Summary

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 92.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## Directors

The Directors during the year ended 31 March 2017 and up to the date of this report are:

### Executive Directors:

Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent (*Chairman*)

Mr. Wong Man Kit (*Honorary Chairman*)

Ms. Ng Sui Chun

Mr. Chan Man Chun (*Chief Executive Officer*)

Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May

### Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen

Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy

Mr. Kwong Ki Chi

In accordance with Article 86(3) and 87(1) of the Articles, the Executive Directors Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent, Mr. Chan Man Chun, and the Independent Non-Executive Director Mr. Kwong Ki Chi, will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM. Mr. Kwong Ki Chi will complete his last 3-year appointment on the date of the AGM. If he is re-elected at the AGM, his appointment shall then continue for a period not more than three years and be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the subsequent AGMs in accordance with the Articles and the Listing Rules. As for the other two Independent Non-Executive Directors, Dr. Lee Peng Fai, Allen and Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy, they have been appointed for a period of not more than three years starting from the dates of AGM 2015 and AGM 2016 respectively.

Pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, the Company has received the annual confirmation of independence from each of the three Independent Non-Executive Directors and the Company considers the Independent Non-Executive Directors to be independent.

## Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management

Brief biographical details of the Directors and senior management are set out on pages 32 to 34.

## Directors' Service Contracts

All of the service contracts of the Executive Directors, except for Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May, cover an initial term of three years, and will continue thereafter until terminated by either party giving to the other not less than six months' prior written notice expiring not earlier than the date of expiry of the initial term. The service contract of Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May, the Executive Director, will continue until terminated by either party giving to the other not less than six months' prior written notice.

All Independent Non-Executive Directors are appointed on terms not more than three years and subject to re-election according to the Articles. None of the Directors who is proposed for re-election at the AGM has service contract with the Company which is not determinable within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

The remuneration of the Directors and the details of the five highest-paid individuals of the Company are set out in note 14 to the financial statements.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## Directors' Interests in Transactions, Arrangements or Contracts

For the year ended 31 March 2017, some of the Directors had interests in the following transactions, arrangements or contracts of significance with the Group:

1. Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent, Mr. Wong Man Kit, Ms. Ng Sui Chun and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May (together with their family members, collectively the "Wong Family"), all being Executive Directors, were indirectly interested in a minibuss leasing agreement dated 23 June 2014 entered into between Gurnard Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, as lessee and Maxson Transportation Limited ("Maxson"), Hong Kong & China Transportation Consultants Limited ("HKCT"), Glory Success Transportation Limited ("Glory Success"), Big Three Limited ("Big Three") and Hong Kong Metropolitan Bus Limited ("HKMB") as lessors. The lessors were beneficially owned and controlled by the controlling shareholders, the Wong Family. Please refer to the section "Connected Transactions" of this Directors' Report for details; and
2. Southern District Motor Service Centre Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a sale and purchase agreements during the year with Maxson, HKCT and Big Three (collectively referred as to "Vendors") to purchase minibuss scrap from the Vendors at a consideration of approximately HK\$629,000. The Vendors were beneficially owned and controlled by the controlling shareholders, the Wong Family.

Save for the above, no other transactions, arrangements or contracts that are significant in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its holding companies, subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party and in which a person who at any time during the year was a Director or his or her connected entity had, directly or indirectly, a material interest subsisted at any time during or as at the end of the year.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## Directors' Interests in Shares

Directors' interests and short positions in the shares and underlying shares in the Company and its associated corporations

As at 31 March 2017, the interests and short positions of the Directors in the shares, underlying shares and debentures in/of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of the Part XV of the SFO) which have been recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code, were as follows:

Long positions in the shares and the underlying shares in the Company

Name of Director	Capacity	Nature of interest	Number of ordinary shares held	Number of underlying shares held in respect of the share options (Note (c))	Total	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent (Notes a & b)	Beneficiary of a discretionary trust	Other	117,677,000	–	117,677,000	43.46%
	Beneficial owner	Personal	25,362,500	–	25,362,500	9.36%
	Spouse of Ms. Loo Natasha Christie	Family	352,000	–	352,000	0.13%
	Father of Mr. Wong Tin Yan, Chace	Family	2,000,000	–	2,000,000	0.74%
	Father of Mr. Wong Tin Yue, Noah	Family	2,000,000	–	2,000,000	0.74%
Mr. Wong Man Kit (Note a)	Founder of a discretionary trust	Other	117,677,000	–	117,677,000	43.46%
	Beneficial owner	Personal	23,256,000	–	23,256,000	8.59%
	Spouse of Ms. Ng Sui Chun	Family	12,981,300	–	12,981,300	4.79%
Ms. Ng Sui Chun (Note a)	Beneficiary of a discretionary trust	Other	117,677,000	–	117,677,000	43.46%
	Beneficial owner	Personal	12,981,300	–	12,981,300	4.79%
	Spouse of Mr. Wong Man Kit	Family	23,256,000	–	23,256,000	8.59%
Mr. Chan Man Chun	Beneficial owner	Personal	3,539,500	–	3,539,500	1.30%
	Spouse of Ms. Chan Lai Ling	Family	220,000	–	220,000	0.08%
Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May (Note a)	Beneficiary of a discretionary trust	Other	117,677,000	–	117,677,000	43.46%
	Beneficial owner	Personal	3,357,000	–	3,357,000	1.24%
Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen	Beneficial owner	Personal	330,000	558,000	888,000	0.33%
Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy	Beneficial owner	Personal	330,000	558,000	888,000	0.33%
Mr. Kwong Ki Chi	Beneficial owner	Personal	330,000	558,000	888,000	0.33%

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## Notes:

- (a) As at 31 March 2017, a total of 117,677,000 ordinary shares in the Company were held by Skyblue Group Limited ("Skyblue"), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Metro Success Investments Limited ("Metro Success"). Metro Success is a wholly owned subsidiary of JETSUN UT Company (PTC) Limited ("JETSUN"), which is the trustee of The JetSun Unit Trust, of which 9,999 units are owned by HSBC International Trustee Limited ("HSBCITL") as trustee of The JetSun Trust and the remaining one unit is owned by Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent. The entire issued share capital of JETSUN is owned by HSBCITL. Mr. Wong Man Kit is the settlor of The JetSun Trust, which is a discretionary trust and its discretionary objects include Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent, Ms. Ng Sui Chun and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May.
- (b) As at 31 March 2017, Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent held 2,000,000 and 2,000,000 ordinary shares in the Company as trustee for the benefit of his sons Mr. Wong Tin Yan, Chace (a minor) and Mr. Wong Tin Yue, Noah (a minor) respectively.
- (c) The share options granted by the Company are physically settled equity derivatives. Please refer to the section "Share Option Scheme" of this Directors' report for the details of the share options granted to the Directors.

Save as disclosed herein and other than certain shares in subsidiaries held as nominees by certain directors of the Group, as at 31 March 2017, none of the Directors and their associates have any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares and debentures in/of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of Part XV of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

## Management Contracts

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company were entered into or existed during the year ended 31 March 2017.

## Share Option Scheme

On 30 August 2013, the Company terminated the share option scheme adopted on 22 March 2004 (the "2004 Scheme") and adopted a new share option scheme (the "2013 scheme") on the same day to provide the Company with a platform to offer rewards and incentives to eligible participants for their contribution to the Group and to encourage them to work towards enhancing the value of the Company and its shares for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

### The 2004 Scheme

After the termination of the 2004 Scheme, no further options shall be offered under the 2004 Scheme but the provisions of the 2004 Scheme in all other respects shall remain in full force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any outstanding options granted thereunder prior to such termination. All outstanding options granted under the 2004 Scheme prior to its termination shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the terms of the 2004 Scheme.

### The 2013 Scheme

The terms of the 2013 Scheme are substantially similar to the 2004 Scheme. The details of the 2013 Scheme are summarised as follows:

- (a) **Purpose of the 2013 Scheme**  
The purpose of the 2013 Scheme is to enable the Group to grant options to selected participants as incentives for their contribution to the Group.



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### (b) Participants of the 2013 Scheme

Pursuant to the 2013 Scheme, the Directors may, at their absolute discretion, invite any person belonging to any of the following classes of participants, to take up options to subscribe for the shares:

- (i) any employee or proposed employee (whether full-time or part-time and including any Executive Director), consultant or adviser of or to the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any entity in which the Group holds an equity interest (the "Invested Entity");
- (ii) any non-executive director (including Independent Non-Executive Director) of the Company, any of its subsidiaries or any Invested Entity;
- (iii) any supplier of goods or services to any member of the Group or any Invested Entity;
- (iv) any customer of the Group or any Invested Entity;
- (v) any person or entity that provides research, development or other technological support to the Group or any Invested Entity; and
- (vi) any shareholder of any member of the Group or any Invested Entity or any holder of any securities issued by any member of the Group or any Invested Entity;

and for the purpose of the 2013 Scheme, the options may be granted to any company wholly owned by one or more persons belonging to any of the above classes of participants. The eligibility of the above classes of participants to the grant of options shall be determined by the Directors from time to time with reference to the relevant participants' contribution to the development and growth of the Group.

### (c) Total number of shares available for issue under the 2013 Scheme

The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options (excluding, for this purpose, options which have lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2013 Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Company) to be granted under the 2013 Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the shares in issue as at the date of approval of the 2013 Scheme by the shareholders of the Company (the "Scheme Mandate Limit"). The Company may seek approval of its shareholders in general meeting to refresh the Scheme Mandate Limit subject to requirements under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules provided that the total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the 2013 Scheme under the Scheme Mandate Limit as refreshed must not exceed 10% of the shares in issue as at the date of approval of the refreshed limit. The maximum number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the 2013 Scheme and any other share option scheme of the Group must not in aggregate exceed 30% of the issued share capital of the Company from time to time.

The Scheme Mandate Limit under the 2013 Scheme is up to 26,612,500 shares, representing 10% of the issued shares of the Company as at 30 August 2013, the date of approval of the 2013 Scheme. The total number of shares available for issue under the 2013 Scheme was 18,184,500, representing 6.7% of the issued shares of the Company as at 31 March 2017.

### (d) Maximum entitlement of each participant

Unless approved by the shareholders of the Company, the total number of shares issued or to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each participant of the 2013 Scheme (including both exercised and outstanding options) in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the shares in issue at the material time.

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- (e) **Time of exercise of options**

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the 2013 Scheme at any time during a period to be determined and notified by the Directors to each grantee of the 2013 Scheme, or in the absence of such determination, a period commencing on a day upon which the offer for grant of the option is accepted and ending on the earlier of either the date on which such option lapses under the relevant provisions of the 2013 Scheme or 10 years from the date of offer of the option, subject to the provisions on early termination set out in the 2013 Scheme.
- (f) **Minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised**

The Directors have the absolute discretion to fix the minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised.
- (g) **Payment on acceptance of option**

Pursuant to the 2013 Scheme, a nominal consideration of HK\$1.00 is payable on acceptance of the grant of an option.
- (h) **Basis of determining the subscription price**

The subscription price of a share in respect of any particular option granted under the 2013 Scheme shall be such price as the Directors in their absolute discretion may determine, save that such price must not be less than the highest of (i) the nominal value of the share, (ii) the average of the closing prices of the share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet for the five consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date of grant of the option; and (iii) the closing price of the share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant of the option (which must be a trading day).
- (i) **Remaining life of the 2013 Scheme**

The 2013 Scheme will continue to be in full force and effect until 29 August 2023 (i.e. 10 years from the date on which the 2013 Scheme was adopted) unless terminated earlier by the Company by resolution passed in general meeting. After expiration or termination (as the case may be), no further options shall be offered but options granted prior thereto shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the provisions of the 2013 Scheme.

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Details of the outstanding share options of the Company as at 31 March 2017 are as follows:

Name of grantees	Date of grant (note (a)) (d/m/y)	Number of share options granted	Period during which rights are exercisable (d/m/y)	Exercise price per share option (HK\$)	Outstanding as at 1 April 2016	Number of share options granted during the year	Number of share options exercised during the year	Number of share options lapsed during the year	Outstanding as at 31 March 2017
<b>Directors:</b>									
Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent	23/9/2015	860,000	23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.25	860,000	–	860,000	–	–
Mr. Wong Man Kit	23/9/2015	860,000	23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.25	860,000	–	860,000	–	–
Ms. Ng Sui Chun	23/9/2015	860,000	23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.25	860,000	–	860,000	–	–
Mr. Chan Man Chun	23/9/2015	860,000	23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.25	860,000	–	860,000	–	–
Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May	23/9/2015	860,000	23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.25	860,000	–	860,000	–	–
Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen	20/10/2011 23/9/2015	300,000 258,000	20/10/2011–19/10/2021 23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.60 1.25	300,000 258,000	– –	– –	– –	300,000 258,000
					558,000	–	–	–	558,000
Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy	20/10/2011 23/9/2015	300,000 258,000	20/10/2011–19/10/2021 23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.60 1.25	300,000 258,000	– –	– –	– –	300,000 258,000
					558,000	–	–	–	558,000
Mr. Kwong Ki Chi	20/10/2011 23/9/2015	300,000 258,000	20/10/2011–19/10/2021 23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.60 1.25	300,000 258,000	– –	– –	– –	300,000 258,000
					558,000	–	–	–	558,000
Total Directors					5,974,000	–	4,300,000	–	1,674,000
<b>Associate of Directors:</b>									
Mr. Wong Man Chiu (note (b))	20/10/2011 23/9/2015	300,000 258,000	20/10/2011–19/10/2021 23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.60 1.25	300,000 258,000	– –	– –	– –	300,000 258,000
					558,000	–	–	–	558,000
<b>Continue Contract Employees:</b>									
In aggregate	20/10/2011 23/9/2015	4,050,000 3,096,000	20/10/2011–19/10/2021 23/9/2015–22/9/2025	1.60 1.25	3,750,000 3,096,000	– –	– 343,000	– –	3,750,000 2,753,000
					6,846,000	–	343,000	–	6,503,000
Total all categories					13,378,000	–	4,643,000	–	8,735,000

## Notes:

- The share options granted on 20 October 2011 were granted under the 2004 Scheme while those granted on 23 September 2015 were granted under the 2013 Scheme.
- Mr. Wong Man Chiu, the engineering manager of the Group, is the brother and thus the associate of Mr. Wong Man Kit, the honorary chairman and Executive Director of the Company.
- The closing prices of each share immediately before the date of grant of 20 October 2011 and 23 September 2015 were HK\$1.60 and HK\$1.25 respectively.
- All outstanding share options were vested immediately on the date of grant.
- 43,000 share options and 4,600,000 share options were exercised on 8 July 2016 and 1 September 2016 respectively at exercise price of HK\$1.25 each share. The weighted average closing price of each share of the Company immediately before the dates on which the share options were exercised was HK\$1.45.
- For the accounting policy adopted for the share options, please refer to the note 2.17 of the financial statements of this annual report.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## Major Customers and Suppliers

The five largest customers of the Group accounted for less than 30% of the Group's total revenue for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The percentages of purchase for the year ended 31 March 2017 from the Group's major suppliers are as follows:

### Purchases

- the largest supplier: 8.4% (2016: 8.4%)
- the five largest suppliers combined: 31.0% (2016: 31.3%)

Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent, Mr. Wong Man Kit, Ms. Ng Sui Chun and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May, all being Executive Directors, are directors and beneficial shareholders of the Group's top three largest suppliers.

## Connected Transactions

Significant related party transactions entered into by the Company during the year ended 31 March 2017, constituting connected transactions under the Listing Rules which are required to be disclosed in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Continuing connected transactions:		
PLB hire charges paid to related companies	70,144	69,587
Administration fee income received from related companies	2,327	2,327

Pursuant to a minibus leasing agreement dated 23 June 2014, the PLB hire charges disclosed above, after deduction of administration fee income, payable to Maxson, HKCT, Big Three and HKMB (and also Glory Success for the year ended 31 March 2016), all of them are beneficially owned and controlled by the Wong Family (or were beneficially owned and controlled by the Wong Family at the material time only insofar Glory Success is concerned), constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company.

In accordance with Rule 14A.55 of the Listing Rules, the Independent Non-Executive Directors have reviewed, approved and confirmed that:

1. the foregoing continuing connected transactions were entered into:
  - (a) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group;
  - (b) on normal commercial terms or better; and
  - (c) according to the respective agreements governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company's shareholders as a whole.
2. the Group's internal control procedures were adequate and effective to ensure that the transactions were conducted in the manner set out in sub-paragraph 1 above; and
3. the aggregate amount for the year ended 31 March 2017 payable by the Company under the minibus leasing agreement dated 23 June 2014, after deduction of administration fee income received, did not exceed HK\$74,308,000, the annual cap in accordance with the ordinary resolution passed in AGM held on 28 August 2014.

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The Company's auditor was engaged to report on the Group's continuing connected transactions in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" and with reference to Practice Note 740 "Auditor's Letter on Continuing Connected Transactions under the HKICPA. The auditor has issued an unqualified letter containing its findings and conclusions in respect of the foregoing continuing connected transactions in accordance with Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules. A copy of the auditor's letter has been provided by the Company to the Stock Exchange.

### Substantial Shareholders

As at 31 March 2017, the following persons (other than the Directors) had interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

Name of shareholders		Number of Shares/underlying Shares held	Percentage to the total number of issued shares in the Company
HSBCITL	(Note a)	133,077,000	49.15%
JETSUN	(Note a)	117,677,000	43.46%
Metro Success	(Note a)	117,677,000	43.46%
Skyblue	(Note a)	117,677,000	43.46%
The Seven International Holdings (L) Limited ("SIHL")	(Note b)	14,850,000	5.48%
The Seven Capital Limited ("SCL")	(Note b)	14,850,000	5.48%

Notes:

- (a) As at 31 March 2017, a total of 117,677,000 shares were held by Skyblue, a wholly owned subsidiary of Metro Success, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of JETSUN. JETSUN is the trustee of The JetSun Unit Trust, of which 9,999 units are owned by HSBCITL as trustee of The JetSun Trust and the remaining 1 unit is owned by Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent. The entire issued share capital of JETSUN is owned by HSBCITL. Mr. Wong Man Kit is the settlor of The JetSun Trust and Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent, Ms. Ng Sui Chun and Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May, are the beneficiaries of The JetSun Trust.
- (b) As at 31 March 2017, a total of 14,850,000 shares were held by SCL, a wholly owned subsidiary of SIHL, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of HSBCITL.

All the interests disclosed above represent the long position in the shares.

Save as disclosed herein, the Company has not been notified of any other person (other than a Director and the CEO) having an interest or a short position in the shares and/or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO as at 31 March 2017.

### Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Company has adopted codes of conduct regarding securities transactions by Directors and relevant employees on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code contained in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules throughout the year ended 31 March 2017. Having made specific enquiries, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code regarding securities transactions by Directors throughout the financial year under review.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT

## Corporate Governance

The Company has complied with the provisions of the code as set out in Appendix 14 "Corporate Governance Code and Corporate Governance Report" of the Listing Rules (the "Code") for the year ended 31 March 2017. A report on the principal corporate governance practices adopted by the Company is set out on pages 18 to 31 of this Annual Report.

## Sufficiency of Public Float

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and to the best knowledge of the Directors, the Directors confirm that the Company has maintained sufficient public float as required by the Listing Rules as at the date of this annual report.

## Audit Committee

The Company has an Audit Committee which was established in accordance with the requirements of the Code under the Listing Rules and guidance published by the HKICPA. The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal control system of the Group. The Audit Committee comprises three Independent Non-Executive Directors and one of them possesses appropriate accounting or financial management expertise. An Audit Committee meeting was held on 29 June 2017 to review the Group's annual financial statements and annual results announcement, and to provide advice and recommendations to the Board.

## Pre-Emptive Rights

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Articles and there is no restriction against such rights under the laws of the Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to its existing shareholders.

## Permitted Indemnity

Subject to the applicable laws, every Director and other officers of the Company shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses may be incurred by him/her in the execution of his/her duties or in relation thereto pursuant to the Articles. Such provisions were in force during the course of the year ended 31 March 2017 and remained in force as of the date of this report. The Company has maintained appropriate directors and officers liability insurance in respect of relevant legal actions against the Directors.

## Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

During the year ended 31 March 2017, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

## Auditors

The accompanying financial statements have been audited by Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited. A resolution will be submitted in the AGM to re-appoint Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited as the auditors of the Company.

By Order of the Board

**Wong Ling Sun, Vincent**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 29 June 2017

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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**To the members of  
AMS Public Transport Holdings Limited**  
*(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

## Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of AMS Public Transport Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) set out on pages 50 to 91, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 March 2017, the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2017, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing (“HKSA”) issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA’s Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the “Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Key audit matters identified in our audit is summarised as follow:

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
<p><b>Valuation of PLB licences</b> <i>Refer to note 16 to the consolidated financial statements, the accounting policies in note 2.6 and the accounting estimates and judgement in note 4.</i></p> <p>Management has estimated the fair value of the Group's PLB licences to be HK\$336,600,000 as at 31 March 2017 with deficit on revaluation for the year ended 31 March 2017 recorded in the consolidated income statement and revaluation reserve of HK\$3,280,000 and HK\$880,000, respectively.</p> <p>The fair value of the Group's PLB licences were assessed by an external valuer based on independent valuations.</p> <p>We identified valuation of the Group's PLB licences as a key audit matter because of the significance of PLB licences to the consolidated financial statements and because the determination of the fair values involves significant judgement and estimation, particularly in selecting the appropriate valuation methodology and market selling prices.</p>	<p>Our procedures to assess the valuation of the Group's PLB licences included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— evaluating the competence, independence, and objectivity of the external valuer;</li><li>— assessing the valuation methodology adopted with reference to the average of recent market prices from different market dealers;</li><li>— checking, on a sample basis, the accuracy and relevance of the input data used; and</li><li>— discussing the valuations with management and the external valuer and assessing key assumptions adopted in the valuations, including those relating to market selling prices, by comparing them with historical data and available market data, taking into consideration the comparability and other local market factors.</li></ul>
<p><b>Goodwill impairment assessment – cash generating units of franchised PLB services</b> <i>Refer to note 18 to the consolidated financial statements, the accounting policies in note 2.8 and the accounting estimates and judgement in note 4.</i></p> <p>As at 31 March 2017, the Group has the net carrying amounts of goodwill of HK\$22,918,000 (2016: HK\$22,918,000), which were allocated to four cash generating units ("CGUs") of franchised PLB services according to their separate operating rights.</p> <p>The Company's management performed impairment assessment of the Groups' goodwill. The recoverable amount of each CGU was determined based on value-in-use calculations using future cash flow projections. Based on the results of the impairment assessment which involved significant management judgements and key assumptions, including growth rates and discount rates applied to the value-in-use calculations. The Company's management has concluded that there was no impairment of the goodwill for the year ended 31 March 2017.</p> <p>We identified the impairment test of goodwill as a key audit matter because it involved significant management judgement and estimation, and is based on assumptions that are affected by budgeted revenue and economic conditions.</p>	<p>Our procedures in relation to management's impairment assessment included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— assessing the valuation methodology adopted by the management and the reasonableness of key assumptions;</li><li>— checking the basis of preparing the cash flow forecasts taking into account the testing results on the accuracy of prior year cash flow forecasts and the historic evidence supporting underlying assumptions; and</li><li>— reconciling input data to supporting evidence, such as approved budgets and considering the reasonableness of these budgets.</li></ul>



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information in the annual report of the Company, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of the Directors for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are assisted by the Audit Committee in discharging their responsibilities for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue the auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Group's internal control.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

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## **Chiu Wing Ning**

Practising Certificate No.: P04920

Hong Kong, 29 June 2017

# CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Revenue	6	377,663	371,278
Direct costs		(303,844)	(299,015)
Gross profit		73,819	72,263
Other revenue	7	8,603	8,213
Other net income	7	536	910
Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences	16	(3,280)	(2,100)
Provision for impairment of public bus licences	17	–	(2,100)
Administrative expenses		(38,677)	(36,968)
Other operating expenses		(1,167)	(1,082)
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>39,834</b>	39,136
Finance costs	8	(3,099)	(2,967)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	9	<b>36,735</b>	36,169
Income tax expense	10	(6,319)	(6,743)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>30,416</b>	29,426
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of the Company			
— Basic (In HK cents)	12(a)	11.31	11.06
— Diluted (In HK cents)	12(b)	11.29	11.05

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Profit for the year		<b>30,416</b>	29,426
Other comprehensive expense			
Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to income statement			
— Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences	16	<b>(880)</b>	(1,260)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>29,536</b>	28,166

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2017

	Notes	As at 31 March 2017 HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2016 HK\$'000
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	15	22,721	16,707
PLB licences	16	336,600	290,080
Public bus licences	17	9,284	9,284
Goodwill	18	22,918	22,918
Deferred tax assets	29	1,494	2,085
		<b>393,017</b>	341,074
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	20	8,978	14,291
Tax recoverable		1,031	4
Bank balances and cash	21	62,071	65,988
		<b>72,080</b>	80,283
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	22	9,796	9,820
Trade and other payables	23	25,535	22,642
Tax payable		845	2,530
		<b>36,176</b>	34,992
Net current assets		<b>35,904</b>	45,291
Total assets less current liabilities		<b>428,921</b>	386,365
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	22	165,931	132,197
Deferred tax liabilities	29	1,046	487
		<b>166,977</b>	132,684
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>261,944</b>	253,681
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	25	27,077	26,613
Reserves		234,867	227,068
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>261,944</b>	253,681

**Wong Ling Sun, Vincent**  
Chairman

**Ng Sui Chun**  
Director

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 March 2017

	Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company						
	Share capital	Share Premium	PLB licences revaluation reserve	Share options reserve	Capital reserve	Retained profits	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
As at 1 April 2016	26,613	66,970	23,187	2,671	19,296	114,944	253,681
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	30,416	30,416
Other comprehensive expense:							
— Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences (note 16)	-	-	(880)	-	-	-	(880)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(880)	-	-	30,416	29,536
Exercise of share options	464	6,130	-	(790)	-	-	5,804
2016 final dividends (note 11)	-	-	-	-	-	(27,077)	(27,077)
Transaction with owners	464	6,130	-	(790)	-	(27,077)	(21,273)
<b>As at 31 March 2017</b>	<b>27,077</b>	<b>73,100</b>	<b>22,307</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>19,296</b>	<b>118,283</b>	<b>261,944</b>
As at 1 April 2015	26,613	66,970	24,447	1,238	19,296	98,824	237,388
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	29,426	29,426
Other comprehensive expense:							
— Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences (note 16)	-	-	(1,260)	-	-	-	(1,260)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(1,260)	-	-	29,426	28,166
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	1,433	-	-	1,433
2015 special dividends (note 11)	-	-	-	-	-	(13,306)	(13,306)
<b>As at 31 March 2016</b>	<b>26,613</b>	<b>66,970</b>	<b>23,187</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>19,296</b>	<b>114,944</b>	<b>253,681</b>

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	33	47,376	47,293
Income tax paid		(7,881)	(2,932)
Net cash from operating activities		39,495	44,361
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(8,280)	(1,604)
Purchase of PLB licences		(45,780)	–
Deposit for purchase of a PLB licence		–	(4,900)
Receipt of government subsidies for the disposal of property, plant and equipment		1,113	–
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		–	243
Net realised exchange loss		(8)	–
Interest received		205	293
Net cash used in investing activities		(52,750)	(5,968)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from new borrowing		102,250	4,100
Repayment of borrowings		(68,540)	(9,500)
Exercise of share options		5,804	–
Interest paid		(3,099)	(2,967)
Dividends paid		(27,077)	(13,306)
Net cash from/(used) in financing activities		9,338	(21,673)
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(3,917)</b>	<b>16,720</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>		<b>65,988</b>	<b>49,275</b>
<b>Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, on cash held</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>(7)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year, represented by bank balances and cash</b>	21	<b>62,071</b>	<b>65,988</b>

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2017

## 1. General Information

AMS Public Transport Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 18 March 2003 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap.22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The addresses of its registered office and principal place of business are disclosed in the Company Information section of the annual report. The shares of the Company have been listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) since 15 April 2004.

The Company is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of franchised public light bus (“PLB”) transportation services in Hong Kong.

These consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 were approved for issue by the board of directors on 29 June 2017.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These annual consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”). The term HKFRSs includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

The consolidated financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”).

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are summarised below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented unless otherwise stated. The adoption of new or amended HKFRSs and the impacts on the Group’s financial statements, if any, are disclosed in note 3.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for PLB licences which are stated at fair values. The measurement bases are fully described in the accounting policies below.

It should be noted that accounting estimates and assumptions are used in preparation of the consolidated financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management’s best knowledge and judgement of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in note 4.

### 2.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the “Group”) made up to 31 March each year.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are excluded from consolidation from the date that control ceases.

Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains and losses on transactions between group companies are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Where unrealised losses on intra-group asset sales are reversed on consolidation, the underlying asset is also tested for impairment from the Group’s perspective. Amounts reported in the financial statements of subsidiaries have been adjusted where necessary to ensure consistency with the accounting policies adopted by the Group.



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2017

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.3 Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. When assessing whether the Group has power, only substantive rights (held by the Group and other parties) are considered.

In consolidated financial statements, acquisition of subsidiaries (other than those under common control) is accounted for using the acquisition method. This involves the estimation of fair value of all identifiable assets and liabilities, including contingent liabilities of the subsidiary, at the acquisition date, regardless of whether or not they were recorded in the financial statements of the subsidiary prior to acquisition. On initial recognition, the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary are included in the consolidated balance sheet at their fair values.

In the Company's balance sheet, subsidiaries are carried at cost less any impairment losses unless the subsidiary is held for sale or included in a disposal group. Cost is adjusted to reflect changes in consideration arising from contingent consideration amendments. Cost also includes direct attributable costs of investment. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable at the balance sheet date. All dividends whether received out of the investee's pre or post acquisition profits are recognised in the Company's income statement.

### 2.4 Foreign currency translation

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars (HK\$), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

In the individual financial statements of the consolidated entities, foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency of the individual entity using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the balance sheet date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at that date. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the balance sheet date retranslation of monetary assets and liabilities are recognised in the income statement.

Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined and are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

### 2.5 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at acquisition cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of asset comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable cost of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method as follows:

Land	Over the remaining lease terms
Buildings	Not more than 50 years
Leasehold improvements	5 years and the lease term, whichever is the shorter
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 years
PLBs and public buses	10 years
Motor vehicles	10 years

The assets' residual values, depreciation method and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2017

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.5 Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

The gain or loss arising on retirement or disposal is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other costs, such as repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the accounting period in which they are incurred.

### 2.6 PLB licences

PLB licences, which represent freely-transferable licences to provide PLB transportation services in Hong Kong, are stated in the balance sheet at open market value to be assessed at least annually by the directors and/or independent qualified valuers, less accumulated impairment losses, if any. Changes arising on the revaluation of PLB licences are generally recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in PLB licences revaluation reserve, except that (i) when a deficit arises on revaluation, it will be charged to the income statement, if and to the extent that it exceeds the amount held in the reserve in respect of that same licence immediately prior to the revaluation; and (ii) when a surplus arises on revaluation, it will be credited to the income statement, if and to the extent that a deficit on revaluation in respect of that same licence had previously been charged to the income statement.

The directors consider that the PLB licences have indefinite useful lives. In addition, there is an open market for PLB licences and the Group does not foresee any indicators that the residual value of each licence will be less than its prevailing market price. Accordingly, PLB licences are not amortised. The useful life of PLB licence is subject to annual assessment to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support an indefinite useful life for such asset.

On disposal of PLB licences, the related portion of surpluses previously taken to the PLB licences revaluation reserve is transferred to retained profits and is shown as a movement in reserves.

### 2.7 Public bus licences

Public bus licences acquired by the Group are regarded to have indefinite useful lives and are stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

### 2.8 Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of (i) aggregate of the fair value of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and fair value of the Group's previously held equity interest in the acquiree; over (ii) the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition.

When (ii) is greater than (i), then this excess is recognised immediately in income statement as a gain on bargain purchase.

Goodwill is stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating unit and is tested annually for impairment.

On subsequent disposal of a subsidiary, the attributable amount of goodwill capitalised is included in the determination of the amount of gain or loss on disposal.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2017

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.9 Financial assets

The Group's financial assets include loans and receivables. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition depending on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired and where allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates this designation at every balance sheet date.

All financial assets are recognised when, and only when, the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. 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.

Derecognition of financial assets occurs when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments expire or are transferred and substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred.

At each balance sheet date, financial assets are reviewed to assess whether there is objective evidence of impairment. If any such evidence exists, impairment loss is determined and recognised based on the classification of the financial asset.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. 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 cost.

#### Impairment of financial assets

At each balance sheet date, financial assets other than at fair value through profit or loss are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence of impairment.

Objective evidence of impairment of individual financial assets includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Group about one or more of the following loss events:

- significant financial difficulty of the debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- it becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and
- significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor.

Loss events in respect of a group of financial assets include observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from the group of financial assets. Such observable data includes but not limited to adverse changes in the payment status of debtors in group and, national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the group.

If any such evidence exists, the impairment loss is measured and recognised as follows:

#### Financial 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 amount of the loss is recognised in the income statement of the period in which the impairment occurs.

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.9 Financial assets (Continued)

#### Financial assets carried at amortised cost (Continued)

If, in 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 to the extent that it does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset exceeding what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal is recognised in the income statement of the period in which the reversal occurs.

Impairment losses on financial assets other than trade receivables that are stated at amortised cost, are written off against the corresponding assets directly. Where the recovery of trade receivables is considered doubtful but not remote, the impairment losses for doubtful receivables are recorded using an allowance account. When the Group is satisfied that recovery of trade receivable is remote, the amount considered irrecoverable is written off against trade receivables directly and any amounts held in the allowance account in respect of that receivable are reversed. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously charged to the allowance account are reversed against the allowance account. Other changes in the allowance account and subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off directly are recognised in the income statement.

### 2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and in hand and short-term bank deposits.

### 2.11 Financial liabilities

The Group's financial liabilities include bank loans, trade and other payables.

Financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All interest related charges are recognised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy for borrowing costs. A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

Where 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 the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amount is recognised in the income statement.

#### Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

#### Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at their fair values and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

### 2.12 Leases

An arrangement, comprising a transaction or a series of transactions, is or contains a lease if the Group determines that the arrangement conveys a right to use a specific asset or assets for an agreed period of time in return for a payment or a series of payments. Such a determination is made based on evaluation of the substance of the arrangement and is regardless of whether the arrangement takes the legal form of a lease.

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.12 Leases (Continued)

#### (i) Operating lease charges as the lessee

Where the Group has a right to use of assets held under operating leases, payments made under the leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease terms except where an alternative basis is more representative of the time pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased assets. Lease incentives received are recognised in the income statement as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments made.

#### (ii) Assets leased out under operating leases as the lessor

Assets leased out under operating leases are measured and presented according to the nature of the assets. Initial direct costs in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised as an expense over the lease term on the same basis as the rental income.

Rental income receivable from operating leases is recognised in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the use of the leased asset. Lease incentives granted are recognised in income statement as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments receivable.

### 2.13 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Share capital is determined using the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Any transaction costs associated with the issuing of shares are deducted from share premium (net of any related income tax benefit) to the extent they are incremental costs directly attributable to the equity transaction.

### 2.14 Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for rendering of services and the use by others of the Group's assets yielding rental income and interest. Provided it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue and cost, if applicable, can be measured reliably, revenue is recognised as follows:

Services income is recognised upon provision of the franchised PLB and residents' bus services.

Administration fee income, advertising income, repair and maintenance service income and management fee income are recognised upon provision of the relevant services.

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

### 2.15 Government grant

Grants from the government are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Group will comply with all attached conditions. Government grants are deferred and recognised in income statement over the period necessary to match them with the costs that the grants are intended to compensate. Government grant relating to the purchase of property, plant and equipment is accounted for by deducting the grant in arriving at the carrying amount of the asset. The government grant is recognised as income over the life of the related asset by way of a reduced depreciation charge.

Government grants relating to income is presented in gross under "other revenue" in the consolidated income statement.

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.16 Impairment of non-financial assets

Property, plant and equipment, PLB licences, public bus licences, goodwill and interest in subsidiaries are subject to impairment testing.

Goodwill and other intangible assets with an indefinite useful life or those not yet available for use are tested for impairment at least annually, irrespective of whether there is any indication that they are impaired. All other assets are tested for impairment whenever there are indications that the asset's carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value, reflecting market conditions less costs of disposal, and value in use. 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 assessment of time value of money and the risk specific to the asset.

For the purposes of assessing impairment, where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent from those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit). As a result, some assets are tested individually for impairment and some are tested at cash-generating unit level. Goodwill in particular is allocated to those cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from synergies of the related business combination and represent the lowest level within the Group at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purpose and not be larger than an operating segment.

Impairment losses recognised for cash-generating units, to which goodwill has been allocated, are credited initially to the carrying amount of goodwill. Any remaining impairment loss is charged pro rata to the other assets in the cash generating unit, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less costs of disposal, or value in use, if determinable.

An impairment loss on goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods. In respect of other assets, an impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount and only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

### 2.17 Employee benefits

#### Retirement benefits

Retirement benefits to employees are provided through defined contribution plans.

The Group operates defined contribution Mandatory Provident Fund retirement benefits scheme (the "MPF Scheme") under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance since December 2000, for all of its employees who are eligible to participate in the MPF Scheme. Prior to that, the Group ran a defined contribution scheme which was registered under the Occupational Retirement Schemes Ordinance (the "ORSO Scheme") and ceased since the commencement of the MPF Scheme.

The Group, as employers, and the employees are each required to make regular mandatory contributions calculated at 5% of the employee's relevant income to the MPF scheme, subject to a cap of monthly relevant income of HK\$30,000. Contributions made by the Group are recognised as an expense in the income statement. The Group's obligations under these plans are limited to the fixed percentage contributions payable.

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.17 Employee benefits (Continued)

#### Short-term employee benefits

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

Non-accumulating compensated absences such as sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

#### Share-based compensation

The Group operates an equity-settled, share-based compensation plan for remuneration of its employees. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of share options is recognised as an expense, with a corresponding increase in the share options reserve in equity. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to vest. At each balance sheet date, the Group revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest. It recognises the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the income statement, and a corresponding adjustment to equity.

The proceeds received, net of any directly attributable transaction costs, are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium when the options are exercised.

### 2.18 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs incurred for the acquisition, construction or production of any qualifying asset are capitalized during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use. A qualifying asset is an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed when incurred.

### 2.19 Accounting for income taxes

Income tax comprises current tax and deferred tax.

Current income tax assets and/or liabilities comprise those obligations to, or claims from, fiscal authorities relating to the current or prior reporting period, that are unpaid at the balance sheet date. They are calculated according to the tax rates and tax laws applicable to the fiscal periods to which they relate, based on the taxable profit for the year. All changes to current tax assets or liabilities are recognised as a component of tax expense in the income statement.

Deferred tax is calculated using the liability method on temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, tax losses available to be carried forward as well as other unused tax credits, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit, including existing taxable temporary differences, will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither taxable nor accounting profit or loss.

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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.19 Accounting for income taxes (Continued)

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax is calculated, without discounting, at tax rates that are expected to apply in the period the liability is settled or the asset realised, provided they are enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Changes in deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognised in the income statement, or in other comprehensive income or directly in equity if they relate to items that are charged or credited directly to other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities are presented in net if, and only if,

- (a) the Group has the legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts; and
- (b) intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Group presents deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities in net if, and only if,

- (a) the entity has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and
- (b) the deferred tax assets and the deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
  - (i) the same taxable entity; or
  - (ii) different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

### 2.20 Financial guarantee contracts

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer (or guarantor) to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument.

Where the Group issues a financial guarantee, the fair value of the guarantee is initially recognised as deferred income within trade and other payables. Where consideration is received or receivable for the issuance of the guarantee, the consideration is recognised in accordance with the Group's policies applicable to that category of asset. Where no such consideration is received or receivable, an immediate expense is recognised in income statement on initial recognition of any deferred income.

The amount of the guarantee initially recognised as deferred income is amortised in income statement over the term of the guarantee as income from financial guarantees issued. In addition, provisions are recognised if and when it becomes probable that the holder of the guarantee will call upon the Group under the guarantee and the amount of that claim on the Group is expected to exceed the current carrying amount i.e. the amount initially recognised less accumulated amortisation, where appropriate.



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## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### 2.21 Segment reporting

The Group identifies operating segments and prepares segment information based on the regular internal financial information reported to the executive directors for their decisions about resources allocation to the Group's business components and for their review of the performance of those components. The business components in the internal financial information reported to the executive directors are determined based on the Group's major service lines.

The only operating segment of the Group is the franchised PLB and residents' bus services.

### 2.22 Related parties

For the purposes of these consolidated financial statements, a party is considered to be related to the Group if:

- (a) the party is a person or a close member of that person's family and if that person:
  - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
  - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
  - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or of a parent of the Group.
- (b) the party is an entity and if any of the following conditions applies:
  - (i) the entity and the Group are members of the same group;
  - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member);
  - (iii) the entity and the Group are joint ventures of the same third party;
  - (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
  - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group;
  - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
  - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity); or
  - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the parent of the Group.

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity.

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## 3. Adoption of HKFRSs

In the current year, the Group has applied for the first time the following new amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, which are relevant to and effective for the Group's consolidated financial statements for the annual period beginning on 1 April 2016:

Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2012–2014 Cycle
Amendments to HKAS 1	Disclosure Initiative
Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 38	Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation
Amendments to HKAS 27	Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements

The adoption of the amended HKFRSs had no material impact on how the results and financial position for the current and prior periods have been prepared and presented.

The Group has not early adoption the following new and amended HKFRSs which have been issued and are relevant to the Group's financial statements but are not yet effective for the current accounting period:

Amendments to HKAS 7	Disclosure Initiative <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 12	Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses <sup>1</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 2	Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers <sup>2</sup>
Amendments to HKFRS 15	Clarifications to HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 16	Leases <sup>3</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 40	Transfers of Investment Property <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017

<sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

<sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments is expected to be in the period of initial application. Except for the adoption of HKFRS 9 "Financial Instruments", HKFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" and HKFRS 16 "Leases" of which the directors are assessing the impact on the results and financial position of the Group, the directors anticipate that the adoption of the other new and amended HKFRSs is unlikely to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

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## 4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the actual results. Estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

### Estimated impairment of goodwill

The Group tests annually whether goodwill has suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 2.16. The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units have been determined based on value in use calculations. These calculations require the use of estimates (note 18). As at 31 March 2017, the net carrying amount of goodwill is HK\$22,918,000 (2016: HK\$22,918,000). No impairment was provided for goodwill during the year ended 31 March 2017 (2016: nil).

### Estimated fair value of PLB licences

The PLB licences were revalued on an open market basis on 31 March 2017 by independent qualified valuers with reference to recent market-quoted prices. As described in note 16, the estimation of fair value also includes assumptions such as government policies for PLB businesses remained unchanged and continuous existence of an open market for PLB licences. The fair value of PLB licences was HK\$336,600,000 as at 31 March 2017 (2016: HK\$290,080,000).

### Estimated impairment of public bus licences

The Group tests annually whether public bus licences have suffered any impairment, in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 2.16. The recoverable amount of a public bus licence has been determined based on value in use calculations. These calculations require the use of estimates (note 17). As at 31 March 2017, the net carrying amount of public bus licences is HK\$9,284,000 (2016: HK\$9,284,000). No impairment was provided for public bus licences during the year ended 31 March 2017 (2016: HK\$2,100,000).

## 5. Segment Information

The only operating segment of the Group is the franchised PLB and residents' bus services. No separate analysis of the reportable segment results by operating segment is necessary.

Since the Group's revenue and non-current assets are attributed to Hong Kong, which is also the place of domicile as the Group only engages its business in Hong Kong, no geographical information is presented.

No individual customers contributed over 10% of the Group's revenue for the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016.

## 6. Revenue

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Services income	377,663	371,278

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## 7. Other Revenue and Other Net Income

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>Other revenue</b>		
Advertising income	3,978	5,331
Administration fee income	2,495	2,503
Government subsidies (note (i))	1,848	–
Interest income	205	293
Management fee income	60	70
Repair and maintenance service income	17	16
	<b>8,603</b>	8,213
<b>Other net income</b>		
Net (loss)/gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment (note 9)	(431)	44
Net exchange loss (note 9)	(8)	(7)
Sundry income	975	873
	<b>536</b>	910
	<b>9,139</b>	9,123

Note (i): During the year ended 31 March 2017, the Group was entitled to receive subsidies of HK\$1,848,000 under the HKSAR Government's Ex-gratia Payment Scheme ("EP Scheme") for the disposal of certain pre-Euro IV diesel commercial vehicles (the "Disposal"). The government grants to the Group were recognised as income in the consolidated income statement for the year of the Disposal and when the conditions under the EP Scheme were complied with.

## 8. Finance Costs

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Interest expenses on:		
— bank loans wholly repayable within five years	2	–
— bank loans not wholly repayable within five years	3,097	2,967
	<b>3,099</b>	2,967

## 9. Profit before Income Tax

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Profit before income tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Fuel cost in direct costs	41,982	41,841
Employee benefits expenses (including directors' emoluments) (note 13)	182,347	174,849
Operating lease rental in respect of		
— land and buildings	49	53
— PLBs	75,355	75,168
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,835	1,650
Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences (note 16)	3,280	2,100
Provision for impairment of public bus licences (note 17)	–	2,100
Auditor's remuneration	613	603
Net exchange loss (note 7)	8	7
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment (note 7)	431	(44)

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## 10. Income Tax Expense

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2016: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the year.

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Current tax		
— Hong Kong profits tax		
Current year charged to the consolidated income statement	5,363	5,185
Overprovision in prior years	(194)	(166)
	<b>5,169</b>	5,019
Deferred tax		
Current year charged to the consolidated income statement	1,150	1,724
<b>Total income tax expense</b>	<b>6,319</b>	6,743

Reconciliation between income tax expense and accounting profit at applicable tax rate:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Profit before income tax	36,735	36,169
Tax at Hong Kong profits tax rate of 16.5% (2016: 16.5%)	6,061	5,968
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	599	988
Tax effect of non-taxable revenue	(34)	(48)
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	1	1
Overprovision in prior years	(194)	(166)
Others	(114)	—
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<b>6,319</b>	6,743

## 11. Dividends

Dividends attributable to the year

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Proposed final dividend of HK10.0 cents (2016: HK10.0 cents) per ordinary share	27,077	27,077

The dividends proposed after the balance sheet date have not been recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date.

The final dividend paid for the year ended 31 March 2016 was HK\$27,077,000 of which HK\$464,000 was paid for shares issued for share options exercised after 31 March 2016.

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## 12. Earnings per Share

### (a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK\$30,416,000 (2016: HK\$29,426,000) and on the weighted average number of 268,815,000 (2016: 266,125,000) ordinary shares in issue during the year.

### (b) Diluted earnings per share

The calculation of diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year after adjusting for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

Details of calculation of diluted earnings per share for the years ended 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2016 are shown as follows:

	2017	2016
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company for the year (HK\$'000)	<b>30,416</b>	29,426
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year (in thousands)	<b>268,815</b>	266,125
Effect of dilutive potential shares on exercise of share options (in thousands)	<b>653</b>	185
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted earnings per share (in thousands)	<b>269,468</b>	266,310
Diluted earnings per share (HK cents)	<b>11.29</b>	11.05

## 13. Employee Benefits Expenses (Including Directors' Emoluments)

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Salaries and allowances	<b>175,937</b>	167,077
Contributions to defined contribution plans	<b>6,410</b>	6,339
Share-based compensation	<b>–</b>	1,433
	<b>182,347</b>	174,849

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## 14. Directors' Remuneration and Five Highest Paid Individuals

### (a) Directors' emoluments

Directors' emoluments, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules, section 383(1) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation, is as follows:

	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries, allowances, bonus and benefits in kind HK\$'000	Discretionary bonuses HK\$'000	Contributions to defined contribution plans HK\$'000	Share- based compensation HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2017</b>						
Mr. Wong Man Kit	720	409	100	-	-	1,229
Ms. Ng Sui Chun	600	50	100	-	-	750
Mr. Chan Man Chun (note (iii))	372	3,936	-	36	-	4,344
Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent	840	70	100	18	-	1,028
Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May	780	65	100	18	-	963
Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy	336	-	-	-	-	336
Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen	336	-	-	-	-	336
Mr. Kwong Ki Chi	336	-	-	-	-	336
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,320</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,322</b>
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2016</b>						
Mr. Wong Man Kit	655	398	100	-	146	1,299
Ms. Ng Sui Chun	517	43	100	13	146	819
Mr. Chan Man Chun (iii)	252	3,913	-	31	146	4,342
Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent	580	48	100	18	146	892
Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May	655	55	100	18	146	974
Dr. Chan Yuen Tak Fai, Dorothy	336	-	-	-	44	380
Dr. Lee Peng Fei, Allen	336	-	-	-	44	380
Mr. Kwong Ki Chi	336	-	-	-	44	380
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,667</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>9,466</b>

Notes:

- (i) None of the directors has waived the right to receive their emoluments for the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016.
- (ii) No emolument was paid by the Group to any directors as inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office during the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016.
- (iii) Mr. Chan Man Chun is also the chief executive of the Group.

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## 14. Directors' Remuneration and Five Highest Paid Individuals (Continued)

### (b) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include three (2016: three) directors whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis presented above. The emoluments payable to the remaining two (2016: two) individuals (one (2016: one) of them is the member of the senior management) during the year are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	2,004	1,759
Discretionary bonuses	328	318
Contributions to defined contribution plans	71	61
Share-based compensation	–	175
	<b>2,403</b>	2,313

The emoluments of these two (2016: two) individuals fell within the following bands:

	Number of individuals	
	2017	2016
<b>Emolument bands</b>		
Nil–HK\$1,000,000	–	1
HK\$1,000,001–HK\$1,500,000	2	1
	<b>2</b>	2

### (c) Emoluments of senior management

Other than the emoluments of the five highest paid individuals, which include one (2016: one) member of the senior management, disclosed in note 14(b), the emoluments of the remaining members of the senior management for the year fell within the following band:

	Number of individuals	
	2017	2016
<b>Emolument bands</b>		
Nil–HK\$1,000,000	2	2



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## 15. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Land and buildings HK\$'000	Leasehold improvements HK\$'000	Furniture, fixtures and equipment HK\$'000	PLBs and public buses HK\$'000	Motor vehicles HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>Cost</b>						
As at 1 April 2016	18,547	6,244	7,423	13,212	4,644	50,070
Additions	–	71	527	7,330	352	8,280
Disposals	–	–	(911)	(994)	(236)	(2,141)
<b>As at 31 March 2017</b>	<b>18,547</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>7,039</b>	<b>19,548</b>	<b>4,760</b>	<b>56,209</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
As at 1 April 2016	7,543	5,988	6,865	10,513	2,454	33,363
Charge for the year	489	77	287	626	356	1,835
Disposals	–	–	(911)	(580)	(219)	(1,710)
<b>As at 31 March 2017</b>	<b>8,032</b>	<b>6,065</b>	<b>6,241</b>	<b>10,559</b>	<b>2,591</b>	<b>33,488</b>
<b>Net book value</b>						
<b>As at 31 March 2017</b>	<b>10,515</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>8,989</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>22,721</b>
<b>Cost</b>						
As at 1 April 2015	18,547	5,993	7,338	13,212	4,066	49,156
Additions	–	251	295	–	1,058	1,604
Disposals	–	–	(210)	–	(480)	(690)
<b>As at 31 March 2016</b>	<b>18,547</b>	<b>6,244</b>	<b>7,423</b>	<b>13,212</b>	<b>4,644</b>	<b>50,070</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
As at 1 April 2015	7,054	5,926	6,727	10,046	2,451	32,204
Charge for the year	489	62	330	467	302	1,650
Disposals	–	–	(192)	–	(299)	(491)
<b>As at 31 March 2016</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>5,988</b>	<b>6,865</b>	<b>10,513</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>33,363</b>
<b>Net book value</b>						
<b>As at 31 March 2016</b>	<b>11,004</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>16,707</b>

The net book value of property, plant and equipment pledged as security for the Group's banking facilities (note 24) are as follows:

	Land and buildings HK\$'000	PLBs HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>At 31 March 2017</b>	<b>3,364</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>4,987</b>
At 31 March 2016	3,541	174	3,715

All of the Group's interests in land and buildings as at 31 March 2017 and 2016 were located in Hong Kong and were held on leases between 10 to 50 years.

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## 16. PLB Licences

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
At the beginning of the year	290,080	293,440
Addition	50,680	–
Deficit on revaluation charged to the consolidated income statement	(3,280)	(2,100)
Deficit on revaluation dealt with in revaluation reserve	(880)	(1,260)
At the end of the year	336,600	290,080

PLB licenses are regarded as having indefinite useful lives as there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which these assets are expected to generate net cash flows to the Group.

The carrying amount of PLB licences at the balance sheet date would have been HK\$314,293,000 (2016: HK\$266,893,000) had they been stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

At 31 March 2017, certain PLB licences with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$224,400,000 (2016: HK\$238,280,000) were pledged as security for the Group's banking facilities (note 24).

### (i) Fair value hierarchy

The following table presents the fair value of the Group's PLB licences measured at the end of the reporting period on a recurring basis, categorised into the three-level fair value hierarchy as defined in HKFRS 13, Fair Value Measurement. The level into which a fair value measurement is determined with reference to the observability and significance of the inputs used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1 valuations: Fair value measured by using only Level 1 inputs i.e. unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.
- Level 2 valuations: Fair value measured by using Level 2 inputs i.e. observable inputs which fail to meet Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available.
- Level 3 valuations: Fair value measured by using significant unobservable inputs.

	Level 1 HK\$'000	Level 2 HK\$'000	Level 3 HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<b>Recurring fair value measurement of PLB licences:</b>				
As at 31 March 2017	–	336,600	–	336,600
As at 31 March 2016	–	290,080	–	290,080

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## 16. PLB Licences (Continued)

### (i) Fair value hierarchy (Continued)

During the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2, or transfers into or out of Level 3. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period in which they occur.

At the balance sheet dates, the PLB licences were revalued by Vigers Appraisal & Consulting Limited ("Vigers"), the independent qualified valuer. The fair value of PLB licences was determined under the market approach with reference to the average of recent market-quoted prices from different market dealers. As they were observable inputs which failed to meet Level 1, and there were no significant unobservable inputs used, the measurement was under Level 2 valuation hierarchy. The key assumptions under such approach include the continuous existence of an open market for PLB licences and the status-quo of the trends, market conditions and government policies for PLB industry. Vigers made these assumptions based on past performance and expectations on the market development.

## 17. Public Bus Licences

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
At the beginning of the year	9,284	11,384
Provision for impairment	–	(2,100)
At the end of the year	9,284	9,284
At the end of the year		
Gross carrying amount	11,384	11,384
Accumulated impairment	(2,100)	(2,100)
Net carrying amount	9,284	9,284

Public bus licenses are regarded as having indefinite useful lives as there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which these assets are expected to generate net cash flows to the Group and are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

The recoverable amount of the public bus licences is determined on value in use basis. Value in use calculation uses cash flow projections based on financial budgets covering a 5-year period. Assuming that the government policies for the public bus industry remain unchanged, the management determines the key assumptions including budgeted revenue and operating costs based on past performance of the public bus licences, the general price inflation in Hong Kong and the management's expectation on market development. Cash flows beyond the five-year period are extrapolated using the estimated growth rate of 2% (2016: 2%) after consideration of the economic conditions of the market. The discount rate of 8% (2016: 8%) is pre-tax and derived by reference to the Capital Asset Pricing Model plus a risk premium reflecting specific risks related to the industry.

As at 31 March 2016, the carrying amounts of two public bus licences were HK\$7,600,000 and their recoverable amounts which represented their value in use were HK\$5,500,000. The aggregate impairment loss charged in respect of these public bus licences which their carrying amounts exceeded and their recoverable amounts was HK\$2,100,000 for the year ended 31 March 2016.

As at 31 March 2017, the recoverable amount of each public bus licence is higher than its carrying amount. No impairment was provided for public bus licences during the year.

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## 18. Goodwill

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
At the beginning of the year		
Gross carrying amount	82,056	82,056
Accumulated impairment	(59,138)	(59,138)
Net carrying amount	22,918	22,918
Net carrying amount at the beginning and at the end of the year	22,918	22,918
At the end of the year		
Gross carrying amount	82,056	82,056
Accumulated impairment	(59,138)	(59,138)
Net carrying amount	22,918	22,918

As at 31 March 2017 and 2016, the carrying amounts of goodwill, net of any impairment loss, were allocated to four cash generating units (“CGUs”) of franchised PLB services according to their separate operating rights.

The recoverable amounts of the CGUs are determined based on value in use basis (also known as “income approach”). Valuation by market approach is not appropriate as no other operator can operate the same franchised PLB route in the market. The value in use calculation uses cash flow projections based on the financial budget covering a five-year period. Assuming that the government policies for PLB industry remain unchanged, the management determines the key assumptions including budgeted revenues, fuel costs, staff costs and other operating costs based on past performance of the CGUs, the general price inflation in Hong Kong and the management’s expectation on market development. Cash flows beyond the five-year period are extrapolated using the estimated growth rate of 2% (2016: 2%) after consideration of the economic conditions of the market. The discount rate of 11% (2016: 12%) is pre-tax and derived by reference to the Capital Asset Pricing Model plus a risk premium reflecting specific risks relating to the industry and CGUs.

As at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2016, the recoverable amounts of the CGUs were higher than their carrying amounts, and hence the goodwill allocated to the CGUs was not regarded as impaired. Any reasonably possible changes in the key assumptions used in the value in use assessment model would not affect management’s view on impairment as at 31 March 2017 and 31 March 2016.

A summary of the allocation of goodwill to the CGUs is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Net carrying amount at the end of the year representing the operating right of franchised PLB service operated under:		
Central Maxicab Limited (note)	13,800	13,800
Others	9,118	9,118
	22,918	22,918

Note: Central Maxicab Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company which operates PLB routes 54 and 55, running between Central and Queen Mary Hospital.

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## 19. Interest in Subsidiaries

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries at 31 March 2017 are as follows:

Name of the company	Place of incorporation	Particulars of issued and fully paid ordinary share capital	Percentage of equity, effective interest and voting power held by the Company	Principal activities and place of operation
<b>Interest directly held:</b>				
Gurnard Holdings Limited	The British Virgin Islands	US\$10,000	100%	Investment holding in Hong Kong
<b>Interest indirectly held:</b>				
Aberdeen Maxicab Service Company Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$100	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services and hiring of PLBs in Hong Kong
Capital Star Holdings Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong
Central Maxicab Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1,600	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services and hiring of PLBs in Hong Kong
Fastlink Transportation Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$5	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong
Hong Kong Maxicab Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$11,000	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services and hiring of PLBs in Hong Kong
Kit Kee Transport Company Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$100	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong
Sunning Transportation Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong

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## 19. Interest in Subsidiaries (Continued)

Name of the company	Place of incorporation	Particulars of issued and fully paid ordinary share capital	Percentage of equity, effective interest and voting power held by the Company	Principal activities and place of operation
<b>Interest indirectly held:</b>				
Superlong Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong
Southern District Motor Service Centre Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$300,000	100%	Provision of repair and maintenance services for PLBs in Hong Kong
Tai Po (Fixed Route) Public Light Bus Co. Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$32,000	100%	Provision of franchised PLB transportation services in Hong Kong
Eastern International Transport Engineering Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$5	100%	Hiring of PLBs in Hong Kong
Global Win Transportation Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100%	Hiring of PLBs in Hong Kong

## 20. Trade and Other Receivables

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Trade receivables — gross	1,546	1,403
Less: provision for impairment	—	—
Trade receivables — net	1,546	1,403
Deposits (note)	974	5,609
Prepayments	2,194	3,433
Other receivables	4,264	3,846
	<b>8,978</b>	14,291

Note: As at 31 March 2016, the deposits included a sum of HK\$4,900,000 paid for the purchase of a PLB licence with its corresponding PLB.

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## 20. Trade and Other Receivables (Continued)

The directors consider that the fair values of the trade and other receivables are not materially different from their carrying amounts because these amounts have short maturity periods on their inception.

Majority of the Group's revenue is attributable to franchised PLB services income which is received in cash or collected via Octopus Cards Limited and remitted to the Group on the next business day after the day in which services are rendered. The Group normally grants a credit term ranging from 0 to 30 days to other trade debtors.

The ageing analysis of trade receivables, prepared in accordance with the invoice dates, is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
0 to 30 days	1,218	1,219
31 to 60 days	124	124
61 to 90 days	85	60
Over 90 days	119	–
	<b>1,546</b>	1,403

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviewed trade receivables for evidence of impairment on both individual and collective basis. Based on this assessment, no impairment was recognised for the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016.

The aging analysis of trade receivables that were past due at the balance sheet dates but not impaired based on due dates, is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Neither past due nor impaired	1,079	1,081
1 to 30 days past due	183	177
31 to 60 days past due	125	140
61 to 90 days past due	76	5
Over 90 days past due	83	–
	<b>467</b>	322
	<b>1,546</b>	1,403

Trade receivables that were neither past due nor impaired related to customers for whom there was no recent history of default.

Trade receivables that were past due but not impaired related to customers that have a good track record with the Group. Based on past credit history, management believes that no impairment allowance 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 over these balances.

Deposits and other receivables do not contain past due nor impaired assets.

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## 21. Bank Balances and Cash

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Cash at bank and in hand	30,969	22,433
Short-term bank deposits	31,102	43,555
	<b>62,071</b>	65,988

The effective interest rates on short-term bank deposits were in the range of 1.00% to 1.20% per annum (2016: 0.65% to 0.90%). These deposits have an average maturity of 18 days to 91 days (2016: 14 days to 75 days).

The directors consider that the fair value of the short-term bank deposits is not materially different from its carrying amount because of the short maturity period on its inception.

## 22. Borrowings

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
<b>Bank loans, secured</b>		
Current	9,796	9,820
Non-current	165,931	132,197
<b>Total borrowings</b>	<b>175,727</b>	142,017

The carrying values of borrowings are considered to be a reasonable approximation of fair values.

There were no outstanding overdraft as at 31 March 2017 and 2016.

As at 31 March 2017, the Group's bank loans were repayable as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Within one year	9,796	9,820
In the second year	9,991	10,025
In the third to fifth years	46,475	30,795
After the fifth year	109,465	91,377
	<b>175,727</b>	142,017
Less: Amounts shown under current liabilities	<b>(9,796)</b>	(9,820)
Amounts shown under non-current liabilities	<b>165,931</b>	132,197

The interest rates are principally on a floating rate basis and range from 1.54% to 2.40% per annum (2016: 1.62% to 2.40%).

The bank loans are secured by certain assets of the Group and guarantees provided by the Company (note 24).



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## 23. Trade and Other Payables

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Trade payables	4,534	3,611
Other payables and accruals	21,001	19,031
	<b>25,535</b>	22,642

The Group is granted by its suppliers credit periods ranging from 0 to 30 days. Based on the invoice dates, the ageing analysis of trade payables is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
0 to 30 days	4,534	3,611

All amounts are short-term and hence the carrying values of trade and other payables are considered to be a reasonable approximation of their fair value.

## 24. Banking Facilities

As at 31 March 2017, the Group had banking facilities totalling HK\$200,027,000 (2016: HK\$151,317,000) of which approximately HK\$175,727,000 (2016: HK\$142,017,000) were utilised. These facilities were secured by:

- (i) pledges of certain property, plant and equipment of the Group with net book value of HK\$4,987,000 (2016: HK\$3,715,000) (note 15);
- (ii) pledges of certain PLB licences with carrying amount of HK\$224,400,000 (2016: HK\$238,280,000) (note 16); and
- (iii) guarantees provided by the Company of HK\$228,030,000 (2016: HK\$208,443,000) (note 28).

## 25. Share Capital

	2017		2016	
	Number in thousand	HK\$'000	Number in thousand	HK\$'000
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each	1,000,000	100,000	1,000,000	100,000
Issued and fully paid:				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each				
At the beginning of the year	266,125	26,613	266,125	26,613
Exercise of share options	4,643	464	–	–
At the end of the year	<b>270,768</b>	<b>27,077</b>	266,125	26,613

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## 26. Share-Based Compensation

On 30 August 2013, the Company terminated the share option scheme adopted on 22 March 2004 (the "2004 Scheme") and adopted a new share option scheme (the "2013 Scheme") on the same date. Pursuant to the 2013 Scheme the eligible persons may be granted options to subscribe for shares of the Company upon and subject to a maximum number of shares available for issue thereunder, which is 26,612,500, representing 10% of the issued shares of the Company as at 30 August 2013, the date of approval of the 2013 Scheme. The subscription price determined by the board of directors will be at least the higher of (i) the closing price of the Company's shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the date of grant; (ii) the average closing price of the Company's shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant and (iii) the nominal value of the Company's shares. All share-based compensation will be settled in equity. The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options other than issuing the Company's ordinary shares.

Share options outstanding under the 2004 and the 2013 Scheme and the weighted average price for the reporting years are as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price HK\$	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price HK\$
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	13,378,000	1.38	4,950,000	1.60
Granted (note (i))	–	–	8,428,000	1.25
Exercised	(4,643,000)	1.25	–	1.25
Outstanding at the end of the year (note (ii))	8,735,000	1.45	13,378,000	1.38
Exercisable at the end of the year	8,735,000	1.45	13,378,000	1.38

Notes:

- (i) During the year ended 31 March 2016, a total of 8,428,000 share options was granted on 23 September 2015 and vested immediately. The Binomial Model was used to estimate the fair value of the share options. The variables and assumptions used in computing the fair value of the share options were based on the management's best estimate. Changes in subjective input assumptions could materially affect the fair value estimate.

The significant inputs into the model for the share options granted during the year ended 31 March 2016 are as follows:

Closing price of the share on the date of grant	HK\$1.25
Exercise price	HK\$1.25
Annual risk-free interest rate	1.802%
Expected annual dividend yield	6.98%
Expected option life	10 years
Expected annual volatility	23.74%

The underlying expected annual volatility was determined by reference to the historical data calculated based on the expected life of share options.

The Group recognised a total share-based compensation expense of HK\$1,433,000 for the year ended 31 March 2016, in regard of the share options granted by the Company during the year.

- (ii) The share options granted on 23 September 2015 were granted under the 2013 Scheme, while those granted on 20 October 2011 were granted under the 2004 Scheme.
- (iii) The closing prices of the share immediately before the date of grant of 20 October 2011 and 23 September 2015 were HK\$1.60 and HK\$1.25 respectively.
- (iv) All outstanding share options were vested immediately on the date of grant.
- (v) The weighted average remaining contractual life of the outstanding share options at the balance sheet date was 6.3 years (2016: 8.0 years).
- (vi) No share options were lapsed or cancelled during the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016.

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## 27. The balance sheet of the Company

	Notes	As at 31 March 2017 HK\$'000	As at 31 March 2016 HK\$'000
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Interest in subsidiaries	(note (i))	<b>99,322</b>	99,322
<b>Current assets</b>			
Amounts due from subsidiaries	(note (i))	<b>254,881</b>	253,408
Prepayments and other receivables		<b>204</b>	109
Tax recoverable		<b>26</b>	–
Bank balances and cash		<b>242</b>	161
		<b>255,353</b>	253,678
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Amounts due to subsidiaries		<b>36,661</b>	14,207
Other payables		<b>1,057</b>	661
		<b>37,718</b>	14,868
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>217,635</b>	238,810
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>316,957</b>	338,132
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	28	<b>27,077</b>	26,613
Reserves	28	<b>289,880</b>	311,519
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>316,957</b>	338,132

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Note (i):

The Company assessed the recoverability of the carrying value of the interest in subsidiaries and the amounts due from subsidiaries at the reporting dates. The directors are of the opinion that the recoverable amounts of the interest in subsidiaries and amounts due from subsidiaries were higher than its carrying amounts as at 31 March 2017 and 2016.

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## 28. The statement of changes in equity of the Company

	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Share options reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
As at 1 April 2016	26,613	66,970	96,678	2,671	145,200	338,132
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	98	98
Exercise of share options	464	6,130	–	(790)	–	5,804
2016 final dividends (note 11)	–	–	–	–	(27,077)	(27,077)
<b>As at 31 March 2017</b>	<b>27,077</b>	<b>73,100</b>	<b>96,678</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>118,221</b>	<b>316,957</b>
As at 1 April 2015	26,613	66,970	96,678	1,238	158,410	349,909
Profit for the year	–	–	–	–	96	96
2015 special dividends (note 11)	–	–	–	–	(13,306)	(13,306)
Share-based compensation	–	–	–	1,433	–	1,433
As at 31 March 2016	26,613	66,970	96,678	2,671	145,200	338,132

As at 31 March 2017, distributable reserves of the Company amounted to HK\$287,999,000 (2016: HK\$308,848,000).

Contributed surplus represents the difference between the book values of the underlying net assets of the subsidiaries and the nominal value of the Company's shares issued at the time of the reorganisation for listing of the Company's shares in the Stock Exchange in 2004.

### Financial Guarantee Contracts

As at 31 March 2017, the Company had executed corporate guarantees to secure general banking facilities granted to the subsidiaries which amounted to HK\$228,030,000 (2016: HK\$208,443,000). Under the guarantees, the Company would be liable to pay the banks if the banks are unable to recover the borrowings. At the balance sheet date, the outstanding balance of the borrowings was HK\$162,931,000 (2016: HK\$128,736,000) and this represents the Company's maximum exposure under the guarantee contracts. No provision for the Company's obligation under the financial guarantee contracts has been made as the directors consider that the fair value of these corporate guarantees are not significant and it is not probable that the repayment of borrowings would be in default.

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## 29. Deferred Tax

The movement during the year in the deferred tax liabilities/(assets) is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
At the beginning of the year	(1,598)	(3,322)
Charged to the consolidated income statement	1,150	1,724
At the end of the year	(448)	(1,598)

The movement in deferred tax liabilities/(assets) prior to offsetting of balances within the same taxation jurisdiction during the year is as follows:

	Accelerated depreciation allowance HK\$'000	Tax losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
As at 1 April 2016	751	(2,349)	(1,598)
Charged to the consolidated income statement	913	237	1,150
As at 31 March 2017	1,664	(2,112)	(448)
As at 1 April 2015	709	(4,031)	(3,322)
Charged to the consolidated income statement	42	1,682	1,724
As at 31 March 2016	751	(2,349)	(1,598)

Represented by:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Deferred tax assets	(1,494)	(2,085)
Deferred tax liabilities	1,046	487
	(448)	(1,598)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for tax losses carried forward to the extent that realisation of the related tax benefit through the future taxable profits is probable.

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## 30. Operating Lease Commitments

As lessee

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases payable by the Group are as follows:

	PLB rental	
	2017	2016
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	6,272	6,141

As lessor

The Group had future aggregate minimum lease receipts under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Advertising income	
	2017	2016
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	1,940	2,244
In the second to fifth years	–	88
	1,940	2,332

## 31. Capital Commitment

As at 31 March 2017, the Group had the following capital commitment:

	2017	2016
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Contracted but not provided for:		
— Property, plant and equipment	3,307	1,230

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## 32. Related Party Transactions

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, during the year, the Group had the following significant transactions with its related parties:

### (a) Key management compensation

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Short-term employee benefits	12,060	11,251
Post-employment benefits	126	133
Share-based compensation	–	1,082
	<b>12,186</b>	12,466

### (b) Related companies

Name of related companies	Nature of transactions	2017 HK'000	2016 HK'000
Glory Success Transportation Limited	PLB hire charges paid (note (i), (ii))	–	374
	Administration fee income received (note (i), (ii))	–	13
Hong Kong & China Transportation Consultants Limited	PLB hire charges paid (note (i), (ii))	22,623	22,330
	Administration fee income received (note (i), (ii))	746	746
	Purchase scrap salvage of PLB (note (i), (iii))	260	68
	Compensation for loss of PLBs paid (note (i), (iii))	–	20
Maxson Transportation Limited	PLB hire charges paid (note (i), (ii))	25,267	25,131
	Administration fee income received (note (i), (ii))	840	840
	Purchase scrap salvage of PLB (note (i), (iii))	180	102
Hong Kong Metropolitan Bus Limited	PLB hire charges paid (note (i), (ii))	338	553
	Administration fee income received (note (i), (ii))	12	17
	Purchase of a motor vehicle (note (i), (iii))	–	732
	Disposal of a motor vehicle (note (i), (iii))	–	225
Big Three Limited	PLB hire charges paid (note (i), (ii))	21,916	21,199
	Administration fee income received (note (i), (ii))	729	711
	Purchase scrap salvage of PLB (note (i), (iii))	189	29

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## 32. Related Party Transactions (Continued)

### (b) Related companies (Continued)

Notes:

- (i) All transactions were entered into between the Group and the related companies in which Mr. Wong Man Kit, Ms. Ng Sui Chun and Mr. Wong Ling Sun, Vincent, the directors of the Company, are the directors and major shareholders. Ms. Wong Wai Sum, May, a director of the Company, also has directorship and beneficial interest in some of these related companies.
- (ii) The related party transactions disclosed above also constitute continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Company has complied with the disclosure requirements in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.
- (iii) The related party transactions also constitute connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules but are exempted from the disclosure requirements in Chapter 14A.76(1) of the Listing Rules.
- (iv) The related party transactions were conducted in the Group's normal course of business and at mutually agreed prices and terms.

## 33. Cash Generated from Operations

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Profit before income tax	36,735	36,169
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,835	1,650
Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences	3,280	2,100
Provision for impairment of public bus licences	–	2,100
Share-based compensation	–	1,433
Interest income	(205)	(293)
Finance costs	3,099	2,967
Government subsidies	(1,848)	–
Net exchange loss	8	7
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	431	(44)
Operating profit before changes in working capital	43,335	46,089
Changes in working capital:		
Trade and other receivables	1,148	(380)
Trade and other payables	2,893	1,584
Cash generated from operations	47,376	47,293

## 34. Financial Risk Management and Fair Value Measurements

The Group actively and regularly reviews and manages its financial risk and takes actions to mitigate such risk.

The Group's financial instruments comprise trade and other receivables, bank balances and cash, borrowings and trade and other payables. The Group has not used any derivatives and other instruments for hedging purposes. During the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016, the Group also did not hold or issue any derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are foreign exchange risk, price risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. The Group adopts conservative strategies on its risk management and seeks to limit the Group's exposure to these risks to a minimum. The board of directors reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks.



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## 34. Financial Risk Management and Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

### 34.1 Categories of financial assets and liabilities

#### (i) Financial assets

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Loans and receivables:		
Trade and other receivables	6,475	5,858
Bank balances and cash	62,071	65,988
	<b>68,546</b>	71,846

#### (ii) Financial liabilities

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
At amortised cost:		
Borrowings	175,727	142,017
Trade and other payables	25,535	22,642
	<b>201,262</b>	164,659

### 34.2 Foreign exchange risk

Currency risk refers to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The management considers that the Group is not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk as the majority of transactions, monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in the functional currency of the relevant group entities. Accordingly, no foreign currency risk sensitivity analysis is presented.

### 34.3 Fuel price risk

The Group is exposed to fuel price risk. The fluctuations in the fuel prices could be significant to the operations of the Group. However, having carefully evaluated the market conditions, the Group's internal resources and the possible outcomes of entering into hedging derivatives, the Board concluded that entering into hedging contracts might not necessarily be an effective tool to manage the fuel price risk. Therefore, the Group did not have any hedging policies over its anticipated fuel consumption during the years ended 31 March 2017 and 2016. The management will continue to closely monitor the changes in market condition.

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## 34. Financial Risk Management and Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

### 34.4 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk relates to the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its obligations associated with its financial liabilities.

The Group's prudent policy is to regularly monitor its current and expected liquidity requirements, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and cash equivalents, as well as adequate undrawn committed banking facilities to meet its liquidity requirements in the short term and longer term.

Analysed below is the Group's remaining contractual maturities for its financial liabilities as at balance sheet date. When the creditor has a choice of when the liability is settled, the liability is included on the basis of the earliest date when the Group is required to pay. Where settlement of the liability is in instalments, each instalment is allocated to the earliest period in which the Group is committed to pay.

The contractual maturity analysis below is based on the undiscounted cash flows of the financial liabilities.

	Carrying amount HK\$'000	Total contractual undiscounted cash flow HK\$'000	Within 1 year or on demand HK\$'000	Between 1 and 2 years HK\$'000	Between 2 and 5 years HK\$'000	Over 5 years HK\$'000
<b>2017</b>						
Borrowings	175,727	209,190	13,181	13,181	54,307	128,521
Trade and other payables	25,535	25,535	25,535	-	-	-
	<b>201,262</b>	<b>234,725</b>	<b>38,716</b>	<b>13,181</b>	<b>54,307</b>	<b>128,521</b>
<b>2016</b>						
Borrowings	142,017	166,700	12,710	12,710	37,566	103,714
Trade and other payables	22,642	22,642	22,642	-	-	-
	164,659	189,342	35,352	12,710	37,566	103,714

As at 31 March 2017, the Group had undrawn facilities totalling HK\$24,300,000 (2016: HK\$9,300,000) which were the overdraft facilities granted by the banks.

The amounts included above for financial guarantee contracts are the maximum amounts the Company should settle under the arrangement for the full guaranteed amount if that amount is claimed by the counterparty to the guarantor. No provision has been made for the Company's obligation under the financial guarantee contract as explained in note 28.

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## 34. Financial Risk Management and Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

### 34.5 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk relates to the risk that the fair value or cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group's interest rate risk arises primarily from its bank balances and borrowings. As at 31 March 2017 and 2016, the Group's bank balances and bank borrowings were carried on floating rate basis and were denominated in Hong Kong dollars.

The change in interest rate will affect the net profit of the Group. As at 31 March 2017, it is estimated that if there was a decrease/increase of 1% (2016: 1%) in interest rate, with all other variables remaining constant, the Group's consolidated equity and profit after tax would have increased/decreased by approximately HK\$1,207,000 (2016: HK\$821,000). The 1% increase or decrease represents the reasonable possible change in interest rates over the period until the next annual balance sheet date. The sensitivity analysis was performed on the same basis for the year ended 31 March 2016.

The Group currently does not have an interest rate hedging policy. However, the management monitors the Group's interest rate exposure and will consider hedging significant interest exposure should the need arise.

### 34.6 Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that the counterparty to a financial instrument would fail to discharge its obligation under the terms of the financial instrument and cause a financial loss to the Group.

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk on recognised financial assets is limited to the carrying amount at the balance sheet date as summarised in note 34.1(i) above.

The credit risk for bank balances and deposits is considered negligible as the counterparties are reputable banks.

The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk because of its diverse customer base. The income receipt of the Group is on cash basis or collected via Octopus Cards Limited and remitted to the Group on the next business day after the day in which services are rendered, thus, the operation does not have any significant credit risk.

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## 35. Capital Management

The Group's capital management objectives are to ensure the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide an adequate return for shareholders by pricing services commensurate with the level of risks.

The Group actively and regularly reviews and manages its capital structure to maintain a balance between the higher shareholder returns that might be possible with higher level of borrowings and the advantages and security afforded by a sound capital position, and makes adjustments to the capital structure in light of changes in economic conditions.

The Group monitors capital structure on the basis of the net debt-to-equity ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debts (total interest-bearing debts net of cash and cash equivalents) over total equity.

The Group's capital management strategy is to maintain the net debt-to-equity ratio at a healthy capital level in order to support its businesses. The principal strategies adopted by the Group include, without limitation, reviewing future cash flow requirements and the ability to meet debt repayment schedules when they fall due, maintaining a reasonable level of available banking facilities and adjusting investment plans and financing plans, if necessary, to ensure the Group has a reasonable level of capital to support its business. The Group relies on internal resources and interest-bearing borrowings to finance the capital expenditures, which is the same as prior years.

The net debt-to-equity ratio of the Group at the balance sheet date is calculated as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Short term borrowings	9,796	9,820
Long term borrowings	165,931	132,197
	175,727	142,017
Bank balances and cash	(62,071)	(65,988)
Net debts	113,656	76,029
Total equity	261,944	253,681
Net debt-to-equity ratio	43%	30%

## 36. Events after the balance sheet date

After the balance sheet date, the Group early repaid three borrowings totalling HK\$12,797,000 in April 2017, whose interest rate terms were less favourable compared with the new facilities obtained by the Group.

Subsequent to the balance sheet date and up to 29 June 2017, based on the valuation estimated by the directors, the average market price of a PLB licence further dropped to approximately HK\$4,660,000 compared with its fair value of HK\$5,100,000, as valued by Vigers, as at 31 March 2017. Therefore, the unaudited deficit on revaluation of PLB licences charged to the consolidated income statement and the PLB licences revaluation reserve for the period from 1 April 2017 to 29 June 2017 were approximately HK\$19,800,000 and HK\$9,240,000 respectively.

# GROUP FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the audited financial statements of the Group for the respective years as hereunder stated.

## Results

	Year ended 31 March				
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Revenue	<b>377,663</b>	371,278	356,449	357,446	358,733
Direct costs	<b>(303,844)</b>	(299,015)	(310,287)	(320,512)	(326,250)
Gross profit	<b>73,819</b>	72,263	46,162	36,934	32,483
Other revenue	<b>8,603</b>	8,213	8,268	7,959	7,431
Other net income	<b>536</b>	910	559	404	1,265
Deficit on revaluation of PLB licences	<b>(3,280)</b>	(2,100)	(10,500)	(26,250)	(12,347)
Provision for impairment of public bus licences	<b>–</b>	(2,100)	–	–	–
Administrative expenses	<b>(38,677)</b>	(36,968)	(32,882)	(31,358)	(30,667)
Other operating expenses	<b>(1,167)</b>	(1,082)	(1,407)	(1,181)	(1,894)
Provision for impairment of goodwill	<b>–</b>	–	(27,151)	–	(31,987)
Operating profit/(loss)	<b>39,834</b>	39,136	(16,951)	(13,492)	(35,716)
Finance costs	<b>(3,099)</b>	(2,967)	(3,142)	(3,227)	(3,224)
Profit/(Loss) before income tax	<b>36,735</b>	36,169	(20,093)	(16,719)	(38,940)
Income tax expense	<b>(6,319)</b>	(6,743)	(2,809)	(1,425)	(623)
Profit/(Loss) attributable to equity holders of the Company	<b>30,416</b>	29,426	(22,902)	(18,144)	(39,563)

## Assets and Liabilities

	As at 31 March				
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Total assets	<b>465,097</b>	421,357	406,445	447,019	494,482
Total liabilities	<b>203,153</b>	167,676	169,057	177,768	178,031

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