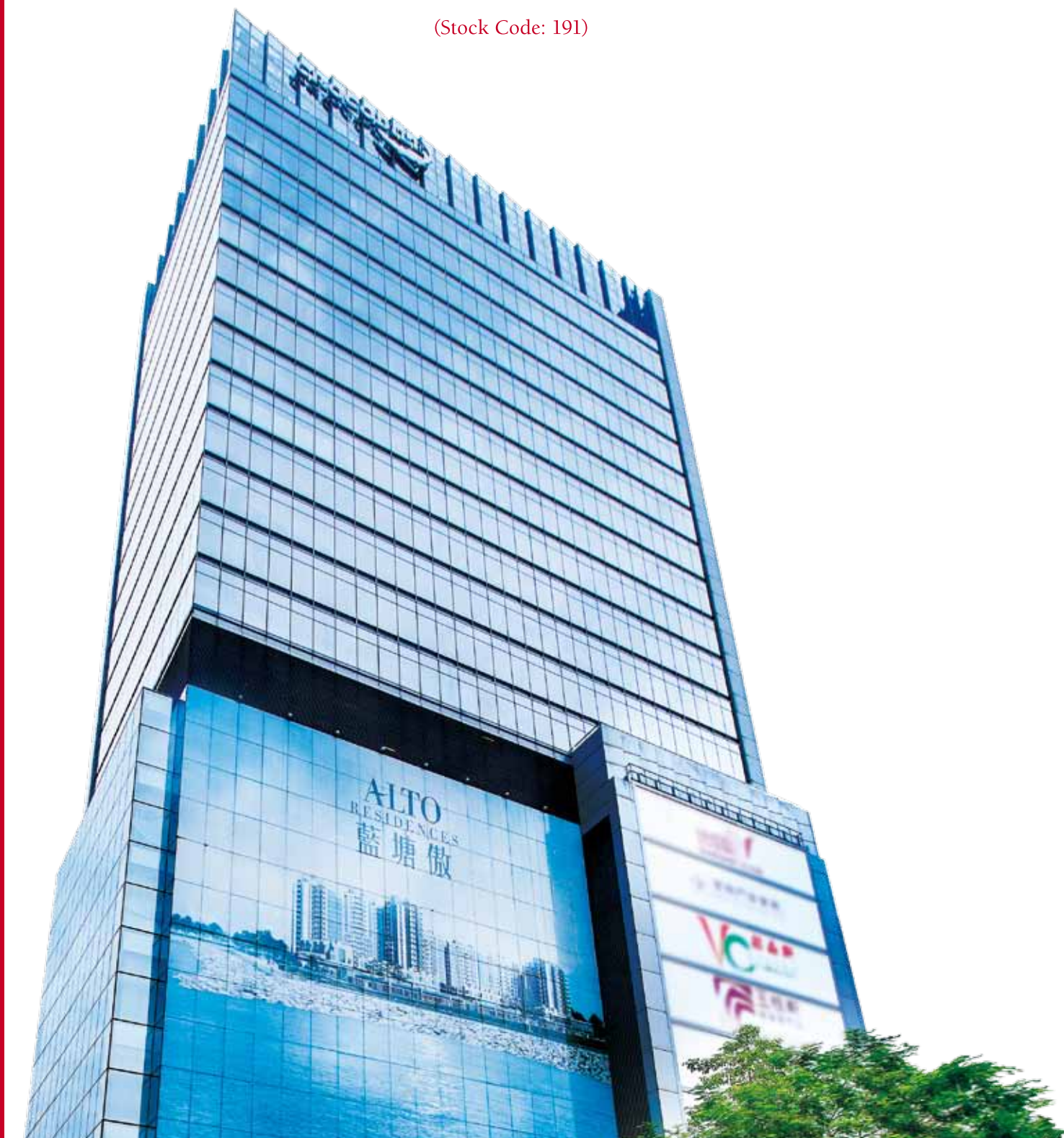




LAI SUN GARMENT

(Stock Code: 191)





Cover Photo

Crocodile Center, a commercial property located at Hoi Yuen Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

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Corporate Information

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Hong Kong

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Lam Bing Kwan

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Place of Listing

The Main Board of The Stock Exchange of
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Stock Code / Board Lot

191/1,000 Shares

American Depositary Receipt

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ADR to Ordinary Share Ratio:	1:20
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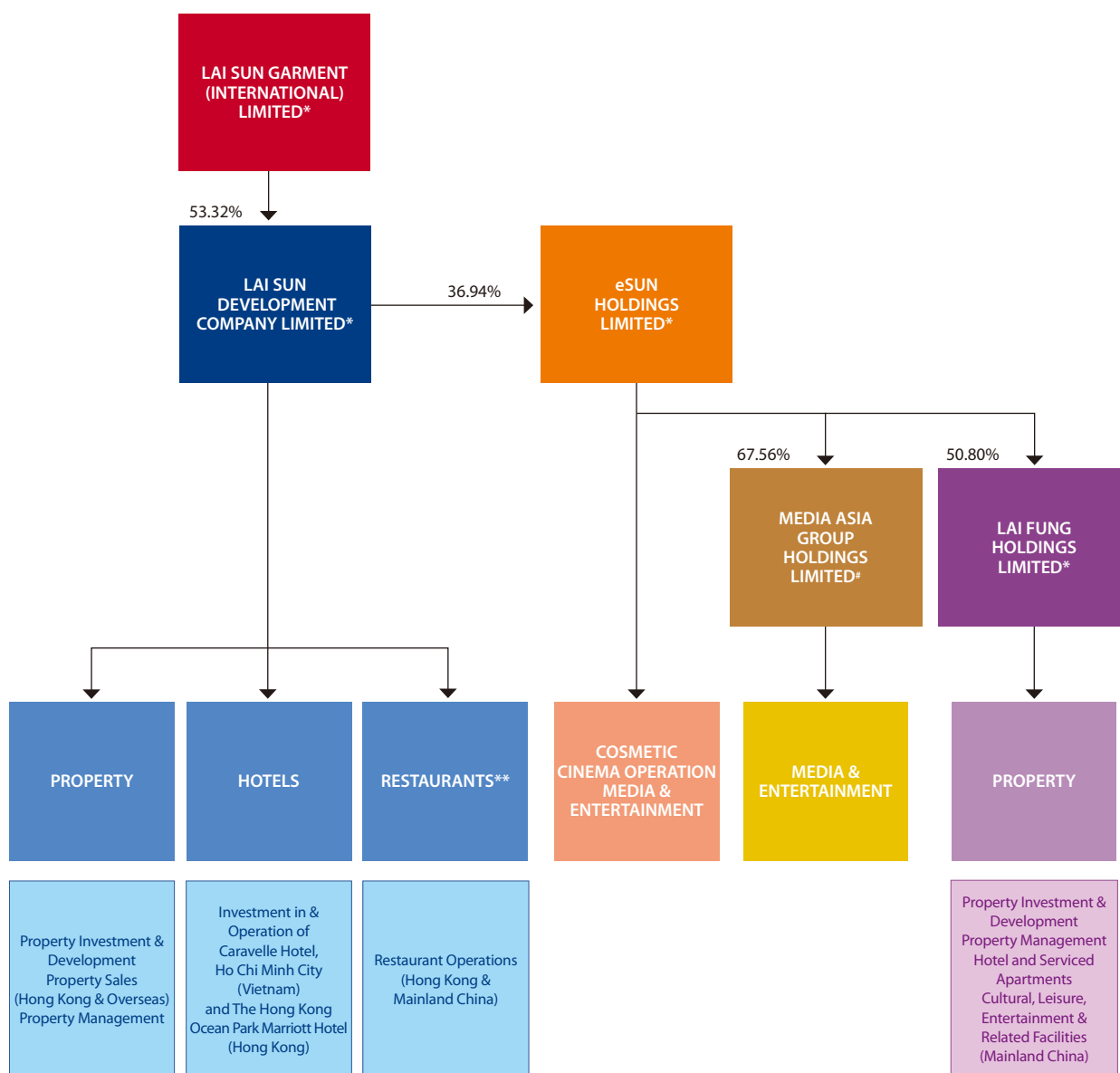
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Corporate Profile

The Lai Sun Group was founded in 1947 as a garment manufacturer and obtained its first listing on the Hong Kong stock exchange in late 1972. The Group has since evolved into a diversified conglomerate and its principal activities include property development and investment in Hong Kong, Mainland China and overseas as well as investment in and operation of hotels and restaurants and investment holding. Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and holds substantial interests in the listed companies of the Group.



* Listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

Listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

** Operated under various subsidiaries and associates

Corporate structure as at 19 October 2017

Chairman's Statement



DR. LAM KIN MING

CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to present the audited consolidated results of Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited (“**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively, “**Group**”) for the year ended 31 July 2017.

OVERVIEW OF FINAL RESULTS

For the year ended 31 July 2017, the Group recorded turnover of HK\$1,808.1 million (2016: HK\$1,972.1 million) and a gross profit of HK\$1,054.3 million (2016: HK\$1,084.5 million), representing a decrease of approximately 8.3% and 2.8%, respectively over last year. The decrease is primarily due to lower turnover from sale of properties during the year under review as compared to last year. Set out below is the turnover by segment:

	For the year ended 31 July			
	2017 (HK\$ million)	2016 (HK\$ million)	Difference (HK\$ million)	% change
Property Investment	792.5	806.5	-14.0	-1.7%
Property development and sales	89.2	468.7	-379.5	-81.0%
Restaurant operation	481.5	280.7	200.8	71.5%
Hotel operation and others	444.9	416.2	28.7	6.9%
Total	1,808.1	1,972.1	-164.0	-8.3%

OVERVIEW OF FINAL RESULTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 July 2017, net profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$1,456.7 million (2016: HK\$683.3 million), representing an increase of approximately 113.2% over last year. The increase during the year under review as compared to last year consists a mix of:

- (a) lower operating profit due to lower property sales;
- (b) a substantial increase in revaluation of the investment properties held by the Group, its joint ventures and associates;
- (c) loss on deemed disposal of LSD's interest in eSun Holdings Limited ("**eSun**") due to eSun Placing ("**eSun Placing**");
- (d) reversal of the provision for tax indemnity pursuant to the tax indemnity deed in connection with the listing of Lai Fung Holdings Limited ("**Lai Fung**") on the Stock Exchange in 1997; and
- (e) discount on LSD's acquisition of additional 2% interest in eSun.

Basic earnings per share was HK\$3.824 (Adjusted 2016: HK\$1.805).

Excluding the effect of property revaluations, net loss attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$100.3 million (2016: net profit of HK\$172.0 million). Net loss per share excluding the effect of property revaluations was HK\$0.263 (Adjusted 2016: net profit of HK\$0.454 per share).

Excluding the effect of property revaluations and non-recurring transactions during the year under review, net profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately HK\$135.8 million (2016: HK\$172.3 million). Net profit per share excluding the effect of property revaluations and non-recurring transactions during the year under review was HK\$0.357 (Adjusted 2016: HK\$0.455 per share).

Adjustments have been made to the weighted average number of issued shares of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2017 and 31 July 2016, respectively for the calculations of basic earnings per share and adjusted net profit/loss per share as above due to the Share Consolidation of the Company being effective on 15 August 2017 post year end.

Chairman's Statement

OVERVIEW OF FINAL RESULTS (CONTINUED)

Profit attributable to owners of the Company	For the year ended 31 July	
	2017 HK\$ million	2016 HK\$ million
Reported	1,456.7	683.3
Less: Adjustments in respect of revaluation gains of investment properties held by		
— the Company and subsidiaries	(994.5)	(96.6)
— associates and joint ventures	(562.5)	(414.7)
Net (loss)/profit after tax excluding revaluation gains of investment properties	(100.3)	172.0
Less: Adjustments in respect of non-recurring transactions		
— reversal of provision for tax indemnity	(88.0)	—
— loss on deemed disposal of interest in eSun	353.9	—
— discount on acquisition of additional interest in eSun	(88.2)	—
— employee share option benefits	58.4	0.3
Net profit after tax excluding revaluation gains of investment properties and non-recurring transactions	135.8	172.3

Equity attributable to owners of the Company as at 31 July 2017 amounted to HK\$18,037.4 million, up from HK\$16,453.3 million as at 31 July 2016. Net asset value per share attributable to owners of the Company increased by 8.7% to HK\$47.223 per share as at 31 July 2017 from HK\$43.429 per share (adjusted) as at 31 July 2016. Adjustments have been made to the total number of issued shares of the Company as at 31 July 2017 and 31 July 2016, respectively due to the Share Consolidation of the Company being effective on 15 August 2017 post year end.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Directors have resolved to recommend a final dividend of HK6.85 cents per share (2016: HK1.21 cents per share before the effect of the Share Consolidation or HK6.05 cents per share after the effect of the Share Consolidation), amounting to approximately HK\$26,165,000 for the financial year ended 31 July 2017 to shareholders of the Company (“Shareholders”) whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Friday, 22 December 2017 subject to the approval of Shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on Friday, 15 December 2017 (“AGM”).

No interim dividend was declared during the year (2016: Nil).

FINAL DIVIDEND (CONTINUED)

The Directors propose that shareholders be given the option to receive the final dividend in new shares in lieu of cash. The scrip dividend proposal is subject to: (1) the approval of the proposed final dividend at the AGM to be held on 15 December 2017; and (2) The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Stock Exchange**”) granting the listing of and permission to deal in the new shares to be issued pursuant to this proposal.

A circular containing details of the scrip dividend proposal will be despatched to shareholders together with the form of election for scrip dividend on or about Wednesday, 3 January 2018. It is expected that the final dividend warrants and share certificates for the scrip dividend will be despatched to Shareholders on or about Tuesday, 30 January 2018.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Major economies around the world continue to navigate in uncertain waters during the year under review. The capital markets has demonstrated resilience and robustness despite a precarious economic outlook, punctuated by global events such as elections in Europe, uncertainties surrounding the terms of Brexit, domestic terror events in the US and Europe, and geopolitical tensions in the Korean peninsula. Some of these events are likely to linger in the near future and cast a shadow on the outlook.

The property sector in Hong Kong as a whole has shown resilience and robustness after an extended period of softening. During the year under review, the slowdown in the luxury end of the retail market has been recovering due to improving visitor numbers. The office leasing market continues to stabilise due to tight supply and demand to consolidate office space in Central, but a slight softening of rent in areas outside the Central area was observed. The residential market was robust, underpinned by a lack of supply with record prices being achieved in recent land tenders, as well as a sustained period of low interest rates. The effect of the recent rate hike earlier this year has yet to be seen, however, interest rates remain low relative to recent history. Labour supply shortages in the construction industry continues to drive wage inflation and pose a challenge on the cost management side.

Chairman's Statement

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK (CONTINUED)

The management believes it is paramount to prepare the Group for the challenges and opportunities ahead. The Group completed a series of corporate activities as part of the new strategy to improve funding sources, execution capabilities and overall coordination with the wider Lai Sun Group since refocusing the strategy in 2012. Set out below are the projects the Group secured after the implementation of the new rental focused strategy:

Date	Secured Projects	Total Gross Floor Area ("GFA") (square feet)	Use	Expected Construction Completion Date
Hong Kong				
Development Properties				
November 2012	Alto Residences	573,154	Commercial/ Residential	Q1 2018
April 2014	93 Pau Chung Street	111,354	Commercial/ Residential	Q1 2018
May 2014	Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel ("Ocean Hotel")	366,000	Hotel	Q2 2018
September 2015	Sai Wan Ho Street Project	61,099	Residential	Q4 2019
May 2016	Novi	42,847	Commercial/ Residential	Q3 2019
London, United Kingdom				
Investment Properties				
April 2014	107 Leadenhall Street	146,606	Commercial/ Office	N/A
November 2014	100 Leadenhall Street	177,700	Office	N/A
December 2015	106 Leadenhall Street	19,922	Commercial/ Office	N/A

The Group as a whole performed steadily against this challenging environment. The rental portfolio comprises of approximately 1.4 million square feet attributable to the Group, of which about 1.1 million square feet is located in Hong Kong. Despite the softened economic sentiment and weakened retail activity, the Group's Hong Kong properties performed steadily at nearly full occupancy levels with most of the major lease renewals completed in the year under review.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK (CONTINUED)

The London properties weathered the uncertainties of Brexit well during the year under review if the currency translation effect of a depreciated Sterling was excluded. As at the date of this Annual Report, over 70% of the floor area of 106 Leadenhall Street in London has been leased out. This multi-tenanted property located adjacent to our other two wholly-owned properties, namely 100 and 107 Leadenhall Street, is expected to enhance and enlarge the Group's strategic property investment portfolio in the City of London. The Group has appointed DP9, one of the leading professional consultancies in planning, development and regeneration in the United Kingdom to advise on the redevelopment of the site comprising 100, 106 and 107 Leadenhall Street. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP has also been engaged as architect for this project. The Group is encouraged that the adjacent building situated at 122 Leadenhall Street, commonly known as the "The Cheesegrater" was sold for £1.135 billion in March 2017.

The Ocean Hotel, to be operated by the Marriott group, will provide a total of 471 rooms and approximately 366,000 square feet of attributable rental space to the existing rental portfolio attributable to the Group of approximately 1.8 million square feet. Its construction is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2018. In June 2017, LSD invested a total of HK\$159.6 million for an effective interest of 38.635% in a parcel of land in Phuket, Thailand for a resort hotel development and villas project. The hotel project consists of luxury resort villas that will be managed by an international hotel manager. This project is at the start of the development stage and the Group will provide material updates on this project as and when available.



Latest construction progress of Ocean Hotel

Chairman's Statement

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK (CONTINUED)

The Urban Renewal Authority project in Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, "93 Pau Chung Street" ("**93 Pau Chung Street**") and the joint venture project in Tseung Kwan O named "Alto Residences" ("**Alto Residences**") were launched for pre-sale in September 2016 and October 2016, respectively. The 93 Pau Chung Street project offers 209 flats in total, including studios, one and two-bedroom units. Up to 15 October 2017, the Group has pre-sold 197 units in 93 Pau Chung Street with saleable area of approximately 70,100 square feet at an average selling price of approximately HK\$16,100 per square foot. The Alto Residences project provides 605 flats, including 23 detached houses. Up to 15 October 2017, the Group has pre-sold 512 units in Alto Residences with saleable area of approximately 283,000 square feet at an average selling price of approximately HK\$15,200 per square foot. The Ki Lung Street project in Sham Shui Po, Kowloon, named "Novi", offering 138 flats in total was launched for pre-sale in July 2017. Up to 15 October 2017, the Group has pre-sold 134 units in Novi with saleable area of approximately 27,700 square feet at an average selling price of approximately HK\$18,700 per square foot. The Sai Wan Ho Street project from the Urban Renewal Authority in Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong is planned to provide about 144 residential units upon completion with a total GFA of 61,099 square feet.

The Group is encouraged by the sales of 93 Pau Chung Street, Alto Residences and Novi which will be recognised in coming financial years. The Group will continue to participate in government tenders to grow the pipeline.

In September 2016, LSD acquired an approximately 49.96% interest in Camper & Nicholson's International S.A. ("**CNI**"), a long established and internationally recognised brand for luxury yachts. LSD believed that the acquisition of CNI in partnership with Fincantieri S.p.A., one of the major shipbuilding companies in the world, will bolster its offering of high-end hospitality services.

The eSun Placing of 248,642,433 new shares of eSun, an associate of the Group, under its general mandate was completed on 9 February 2017, resulting in a dilution of LSD's interest in eSun from 41.92% to 34.94%. In February 2017, LSD acquired a 2% additional interest in eSun from public shareholders and LSD's interest in eSun increased from 34.94% to 36.94%.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK (CONTINUED)

The share consolidation on a 1-for-5 basis ("**Share Consolidation**") and change in board lot size from 5,000 shares to 1,000 shares announced by the Group on 27 April 2017 is effective from 15 August 2017. It is hoped that this will make investing in the shares of the Group more attractive to a broader range of investors, in particular to institutional investors whose house rules might otherwise prohibit or restrict trading in securities that are priced below a prescribed floor and thus help to further broaden the shareholder base of the Company.

Subsequent to the year end, the Company entered into a secondary block trade agreement with CLSA Limited on 16 August 2017 to sell up to 50,934,000 shares of LSD held by the Company at a placing price of HK\$13.05 per share ("**LSG Placing**"). The net proceeds of approximately HK\$656.0 million (after deduction of placing commission and other expenses of the LSG Placing) are intended to be applied for the repayment of the Company's debt obligations in the near term. The LSG Placing represents an opportunity to raise capital and enhanced the cash position and working capital of the Company. The LSG Placing has been completed and immediately after the completion of the LSG Placing, the number of the LSD's shares held by the Company decreased to 322,602,572 shares, representing approximately 53.32% of the issued share capital of the LSD. LSD remains as a subsidiary of the Company.

The Group's strong cash position of HK\$3,577.7 million of cash on hand and HK\$4,018.5 million of undrawn facilities with a net debt to equity ratio of 44.1% as at 31 July 2017 provides the Group with full confidence and the means to review opportunities more actively. The Group's gearing excluding the net debt of the London portfolio all of which have a positive carry net of financing costs is 35.5%. However, the Group will continue its prudent and flexible approach in growing the landbank and managing its financial position.

APPRECIATION

Looking back on this financial year, I would like to thank my Board colleagues, the senior management team, our partners and everyone who worked with us during the year for their loyalty, support and outstanding teamwork. I firmly believe that through the concerted efforts of our staff and with the support of all our stakeholders we will continue to grow the Group going forward in a prudent and sustainable manner.

Lam Kin Ming

Chairman

Hong Kong

19 October 2017

Financial Highlights

		Year ended 31 July 2017	Year ended 31 July 2016	%
Turnover	(HK\$M)	1,808.1	1,972.1	-8%
Gross profit	(HK\$M)	1,054.3	1,084.5	-3%
Gross profit margin	(%)	58%	55%	
Operating profit	(HK\$M)	2,037.1	773.3	163%
Operating profit margin	(%)	113%	39%	
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	(HK\$M)			
— as reported		1,456.7	683.3	113%
— adjusted (Note 1)		135.8	172.3	-21%
Net profit margin	(%)			
— as reported		81%	35%	
— adjusted		8%	9%	
Basic earnings per share (Note 2)	(HK\$)			
— as reported		3.824	1.805	112%
— adjusted		0.357	0.455	-22%
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	(HK\$M)	18,037.4	16,453.3	10%
Net borrowings	(HK\$M)	7,962.5	6,813.5	17%
Net asset value per share (Note 3)	(HK\$)	47.223	43.429	9%
Share price as at 31 July (Note 3)	(HK\$)	17.200	6.350	171%
Price earnings ratio	(times)			
— as reported		4.5	3.5	
— adjusted		48.2	14.0	
Market capitalisation as at 31 July	(HK\$M)	6,569.8	2,405.8	173%
Return on shareholders' equity	(%)			
— as reported		8%	4%	
— adjusted		1%	1%	
Dividend per share (Note 4)	(HK\$)	0.0685	0.0605	
Dividend yield	(%)	0.4%	1.0%	
Gearing — net debt to equity	(%)	44%	41%	
Interest cover (Note 5)	(times)			
— as reported		4.0	1.5	
— adjusted		0.4	0.4	
EBITDA (Note 6)/Interest expenses	(times)	1.8	1.6	
Current Ratio	(times)	1.0	2.7	
Discount to net asset value	(%)	64%	85%	

Note 1: excluding the effect of property revaluations and non-recurring transactions including reversal of provision for tax indemnity, loss on deemed disposal of interest in eSun, discount on acquisition of additional interest in eSun and employee share option benefits.

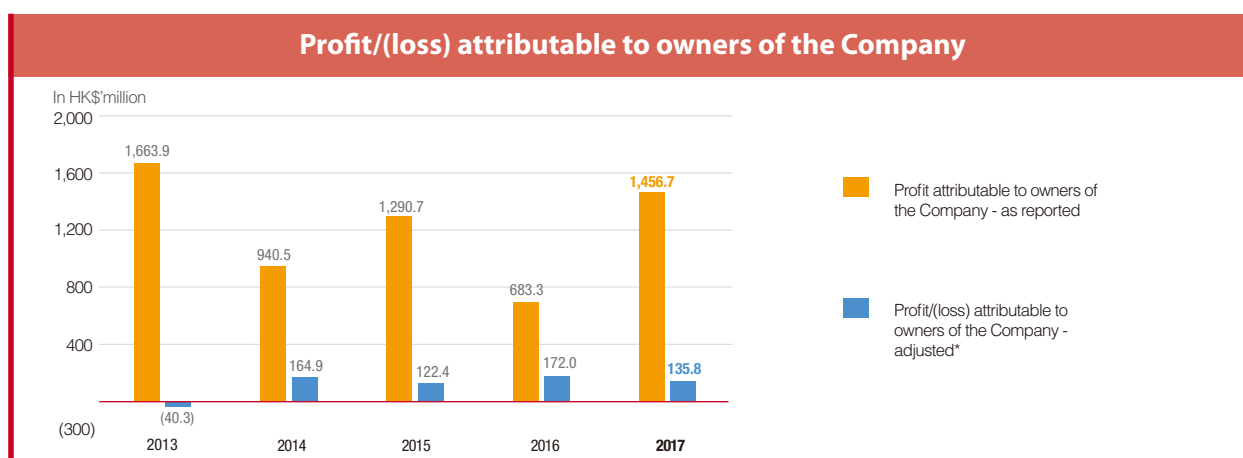
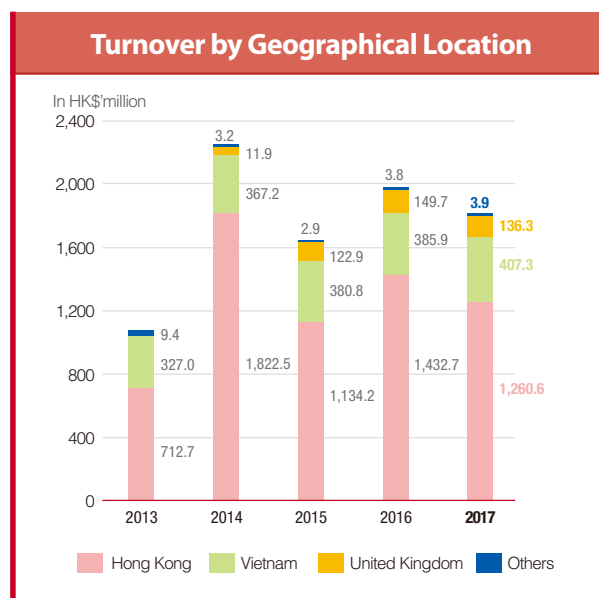
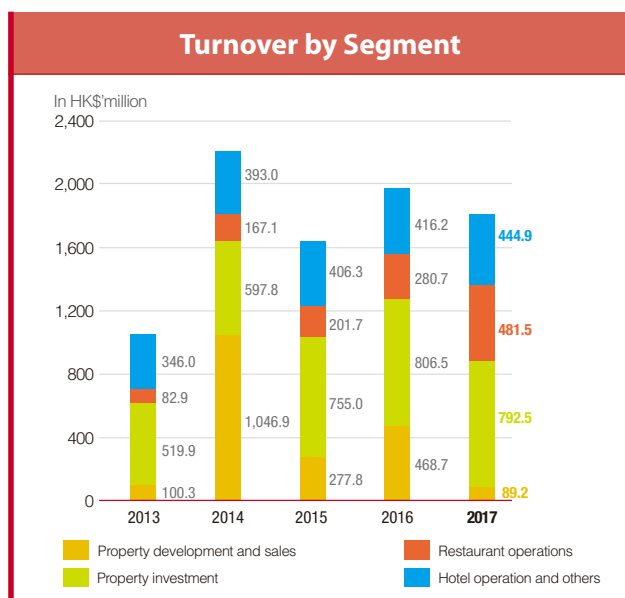
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Note 3: adjustments have been made to the total number of issued shares and stock price of the Company as at 31 July 2017 and 31 July 2016, respectively due to the Share Consolidation of the Company being effective on 15 August 2017 post year end.

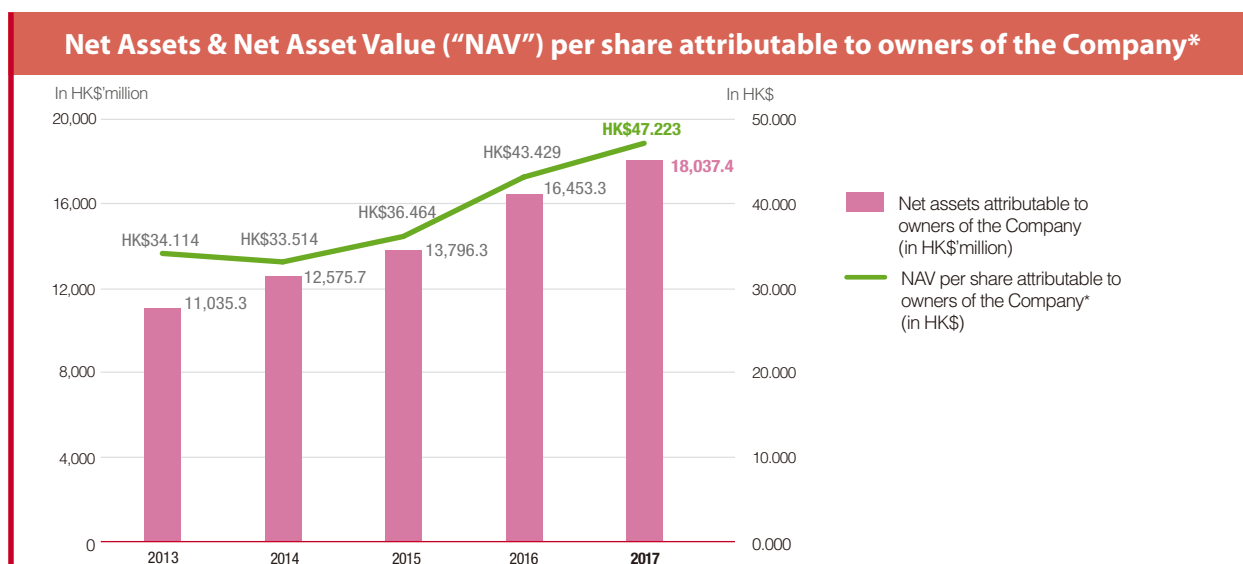
Note 4: adjusted to reflect the Share Consolidation being effective on 15 August 2017. Comparative figure has also been adjusted on the assumption that the Share Consolidation had been effective in the prior year.

Note 5: calculated as profit attributable to owners of the Company over cash interest expenses.

Note 6: EBITDA = Operating profit - Property revaluation gain/loss + Depreciation + Amortisation.



* excluding the effect of property revaluations and non-recurring transactions including reversal of provision for tax indemnity, loss on deemed disposal of interest in eSun and discount on acquisition of additional interest in eSun



* adjustments have been made to the number of issued shares of the Company as at year end due to the Share Consolidation of the Company being effective on 15 August 2017 post year end.

Management Discussion and Analysis

OVERVIEW

Despite the challenging operating environment during the year under review, the Group weathered the challenging conditions and delivered an encouraging set of results underpinned by the steady and growing recurrent rental income base from investment properties of the Group.

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

As at 31 July 2017, the Group maintained a property portfolio with attributable GFA of approximately 1.9 million square feet. Approximate attributable GFA (in '000 square feet) of the Group's major properties and number of car-parking spaces is as follows:

	Commercial/ Retail	Office	Industrial	Residential	Hotel	Total (excluding car-parking spaces & ancillary facilities) to the Group	No. of car-parking spaces attributable to the Group
Completed Properties Held for Rental ¹	422	696	199	—	—	1,317	670
Completed Hotel Properties	—	—	—	—	61	61	—
Properties Under Development ²	49	—	—	261	226	536	122
Completed Properties Held for Sale	17	—	—	4	—	21	6
Total GFA of major properties of the Group	488	696	199	265	287	1,935	798

1. Completed and rental generating properties
2. All properties under construction

The above table does not include GFA of properties held by Lai Fung Holdings Limited ("Lai Fung").

PROPERTY INVESTMENT

Rental Income

During the year under review, the Group's rental operations recorded a turnover of HK\$792.5 million (2016: HK\$806.5 million), representing a 1.7% decrease over last year. The decrease is primarily due to the lower contributions from London properties post Brexit in June 2016. The average Sterling exchange rate for the year under review depreciated by approximately 11.4% compared with last year. Excluding the effect of currency translation against a depreciating Sterling, the change in the turnover from London properties went from a decrease of 9.0% to an increase of 2.8%.



Cheung Sha Wan Plaza



Lai Sun Commercial Centre

PROPERTY INVESTMENT (CONTINUED)

Rental Income (continued)

The Group wholly owns five major investment properties in Hong Kong, namely Cheung Sha Wan Plaza, Causeway Bay Plaza 2, Lai Sun Commercial Centre, commercial podium of Crocodile Center and Por Yen Building. LSD's 50:50 joint venture with Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("**Henderson Land**") at 8 Observatory Road, Kowloon is now fully leased. This is recognised as a component of "Share of profits and losses of joint ventures" in the consolidated income statement.

Breakdown of rental turnover by major investment properties is as follows:

	For the year ended 31 July		%	Year end occupancy (%)
	2017	2016		
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	Change	
Hong Kong				
Cheung Sha Wan Plaza (including car-parking spaces)	302.1	302.6	-0.2	91.1
Causeway Bay Plaza 2 (including car-parking spaces)	181.4	178.0	1.9	98.8
Lai Sun Commercial Centre (including car-parking spaces)	54.6	59.8	-8.7	85.4
Crocodile Center (commercial podium)	88.6	87.0	1.8	100.0
Por Yen Building	14.7	14.1	4.3	90.6
Others	14.8	15.3	-3.3	N/A
Subtotal:	656.2	656.8	-0.1	
London, United Kingdom				
36 Queen Street	23.1	25.9	-10.8	100.0
107 Leadenhall Street	45.6	50.2	-9.2	100.0
100 Leadenhall Street	61.9	70.1	-11.7	100.0
106 Leadenhall Street	5.7	3.5	62.9	73.6
Subtotal:	136.3	149.7	-9.0	
Total:	792.5	806.5	-1.7	
Rental proceeds from joint venture projects				
Hong Kong				
CCB Tower [#] (50% basis)	122.4	113.7	7.7	100.0
8 Observatory Road ^{##} (50% basis)	55.0	30.0	83.3	100.0
Total:	177.4	143.7	23.5	

[#] CCB Tower is a joint venture project with China Construction Bank Corporation ("**CCB**") in which each of the Group and CCB has an effective 50% interest. For the year ended 31 July 2017, the rental proceeds recorded by the joint venture is HK\$244.8 million (2016: HK\$227.5 million).

^{##} 8 Observatory Road is a joint venture project with Henderson Land in which each of the Group and Henderson Land has an effective 50% interest. For the year ended 31 July 2017, the rental proceeds recorded by the joint venture is HK\$110.0 million (2016: HK\$60.0 million).

Management Discussion and Analysis

PROPERTY INVESTMENT (CONTINUED)

Rental Income (continued)

Breakdown of turnover by usage of our major rental properties is as follows:

	For the year ended 31 July 2017			For the year ended 31 July 2016		
	Group interest	Turnover (HK\$ million)	Total GFA (square feet)	Group interest	Turnover (HK\$ million)	Total GFA (square feet)
Hong Kong						
Cheung Sha Wan Plaza	61.74%			61.93%		
Commercial		159.7	233,807		163.2	233,807
Office		124.7	409,896		122.6	409,896
Car-parking spaces		17.7	N/A		16.8	N/A
Subtotal:		302.1	643,703		302.6	643,703
Causeway Bay Plaza 2	61.74%			61.93%		
Commercial		124.1	109,770		122.3	109,770
Office		52.3	96,268		50.9	96,268
Car-parking spaces		5.0	N/A		4.8	N/A
Subtotal:		181.4	206,038		178.0	206,038
Lai Sun Commercial Centre	61.74%			61.93%		
Commercial		27.5	95,063		34.8	95,063
Office		9.2	74,181		8.2	74,181
Car-parking spaces		17.9	N/A		16.8	N/A
Subtotal:		54.6	169,244		59.8	169,244
Crocodile Center	100%			100%		
Commercial		88.6	91,201		87.0	91,201
Por Yen Building	100%			100%		
Industrial		14.4	109,010		13.8	109,010
Car-parking spaces		0.3	N/A		0.3	N/A
Subtotal:		14.7	109,010		14.1	109,010
Others		14.8	108,810*		15.3	108,810*
Subtotal:		656.2	1,328,006*		656.8	1,328,006*
London, United Kingdom						
36 Queen Street	61.74%			61.93%		
Office		23.1	60,816		25.9	60,816
107 Leadenhall Street	61.74%			61.93%		
Commercial		4.6	48,149		6.0	48,149
Office		41.0	98,457		44.2	98,457
Subtotal:		45.6	146,606		50.2	146,606
100 Leadenhall Street	61.74%			61.93%		
Office		61.9	177,700		70.1	177,700
106 Leadenhall Street	61.74%			61.93%		
Commercial		1.2	4,404		0.6	4,404
Office		4.5	15,518		2.9	15,518
Subtotal:		5.7	19,922		3.5	19,922
Subtotal:		136.3	405,044		149.7	405,044
Total:		792.5	1,733,050*		806.5	1,733,050*
Joint Venture Projects						
Hong Kong						
CCB Tower† (50% basis)	30.87%			30.97%		
Office		121.9	114,555**		113.3	114,555**
Car-parking spaces		0.5	N/A		0.4	N/A
Subtotal:		122.4	114,555**		113.7	114,555**
8 Observatory Road## (50% basis)	30.87%			30.97%		
Commercial		44.4	45,312***		21.0	45,312***
Office		8.3	37,273***		7.1	37,273***
Car-parking spaces		2.3	N/A		1.9	N/A
Subtotal:		55.0	82,585***		30.0	82,585***
Total:		177.4	197,140		143.7	197,140

* Excluding 10% interest in AIA Central.

** Referring to GFA attributable to the Group. The total GFA of CCB Tower is 229,110 square feet.

*** Referring to GFA attributable to the Group. The total GFA of 8 Observatory Road is 165,170 square feet.

† CCB Tower is a joint venture project with CCB in which each of the Group and CCB has an effective 50% interest. For the year ended 31 July 2017, the rental proceeds recorded by the joint venture is HK\$244.8 million (2016: HK\$227.5 million).

8 Observatory Road is a joint venture project with Henderson Land in which each of the Group and Henderson Land has an effective 50% interest. For the year ended 31 July 2017, the rental proceeds recorded by the joint venture is HK\$110.0 million (2016: HK\$60.0 million).

PROPERTY INVESTMENT (CONTINUED)

Rental Income (continued)

Breakdown of rental turnover of London portfolio is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	% Change	2017 GBP'000	2016 GBP'000	% Change
36 Queen Street	23,119	25,862	-10.6	2,333	2,311	1.0
107 Leadenhall Street	45,581	50,192	-9.2	4,599	4,485	2.5
100 Leadenhall Street	61,938	70,129	-11.7	6,250	6,267	-0.3
106 Leadenhall Street	5,666	3,529	60.6	572	315	81.6
Total:	136,304	149,712	-9.0	13,754	13,378	2.8

Review of major investment properties

Hong Kong Properties

Cheung Sha Wan Plaza

The asset comprises of a 8-storey and a 7-storey office towers erected on top of a retail podium which was completed in 1989. It is located on top of the Lai Chi Kok MTR station with a total GFA of 643,703 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). The arcade is positioned to serve the local communities nearby with major banks and recognised restaurants chains as the key tenants.

Causeway Bay Plaza 2

The asset comprises of a 28-storey commercial/office building with car-parking facilities at basement levels which was completed in 1992. It is located at the heart of Causeway Bay with a total GFA of 206,038 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). Key tenants include a HSBC branch and commercial offices and major restaurants.

Lai Sun Commercial Centre

The asset comprises a 13-storey commercial/carpark complex completed in 1987. It is located near the Lai Chi Kok MTR station with a total GFA of 169,244 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces).

Crocodile Center

Crocodile Center is a 25-storey commercial/office building which was completed in 2009 and located near the Kwun Tong MTR station. The Group owns the commercial podium which has a total GFA of 91,201 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). Tenants dominated by local restaurant groups.



Causeway Bay Plaza 2



8 Observatory Road

Management Discussion and Analysis

PROPERTY INVESTMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of major investment properties (continued)

Hong Kong Properties (continued)

Por Yen Building

The Por Yen Building, being a 14-storey industrial building with total GFA of 109,010 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces), is located at the hub of Cheung Sha Wan Business Area and is near to the Lai Chi Kok MTR station.

CCB Tower

LSD has a 50:50 interest with CCB in the joint redevelopment project of the former Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Central. This 27-storey office tower is a landmark property in Central featuring underground access to the Central MTR station. The property has a total GFA of 229,110 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). CCB Tower was completed in 2012 and added 114,555 square feet of attributable GFA to the rental portfolio of the Group. CCB Tower is now fully leased out with 18 floors of the office floors and 2 banking hall floors leased to CCB for its Hong Kong operations.

8 Observatory Road

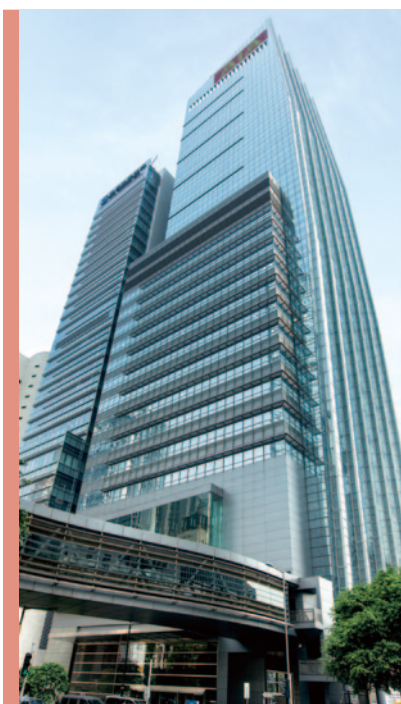
LSD has a 50:50 interest with Henderson Land in this joint development project at Observatory Road, Kowloon. The property is a 19-storey commercial building with a total GFA of 165,170 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). The property was completed in June 2015 and is now fully leased out.

AIA Central

LSD has 10% interest in AIA Central which is situated in the central business district of Hong Kong and commands spectacular views over Victoria Harbour, to Kowloon Peninsula to the north, and across Charter Garden and The Peak to the south. This 39-storey office tower provides prime office space with a total GFA of approximately 428,962 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces).



CCB Tower



AIA Central



36 Queen Street, London

PROPERTY INVESTMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of major investment properties (continued)

Overseas Properties

36 Queen Street, London EC4, United Kingdom

In February 2011, the Group acquired an office building in the City in central London located at 36 Queen Street. Completed in 1986, it comprises 60,816 square feet gross internal area of office accommodation extending over basement, ground and six upper floors. The building is currently fully leased out.

107 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom

In April 2014, the Group acquired a property located at the core of the insurance district in the City of London, surrounded by 30 St Mary Axe (commonly known as the Gherkin), Lloyd's of London and the Willis Building at 51 Lime Street. It is a freehold commercial property housing commercial, offices and retail space. The building comprises 146,606 square feet gross internal area of office accommodation extending over basement, ground, mezzanine and seven upper floors. The building is currently fully leased out.

100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom

Following the acquisition of 107 Leadenhall Street in April 2014, the Group announced the acquisition of 100 Leadenhall Street in November 2014 which was completed in January 2015. This property comprises a basement, a lower ground floor, ground floor and nine upper floors and provides 177,700 square feet gross internal area of commercial, offices and ancillary accommodation. The property is currently fully let to Chubb Market Company Limited (formerly known as "ACE Global Markets Limited").

106 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom

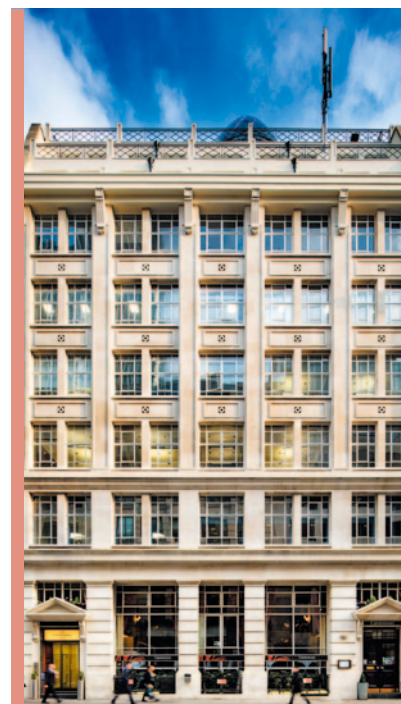
In December 2015, the Group acquired the property located adjacent to 100 and 107 Leadenhall Street, namely 106 Leadenhall Street, which is a multi-tenanted asset with approximately 19,922 square feet gross internal area of commercial and offices including ancillary space. Up to the date of this Annual Report, over 70% floor area of the property has been leased out.



100 Leadenhall Street, London



106 Leadenhall Street, London



107 Leadenhall Street, London

Management Discussion and Analysis

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

For the year ended 31 July 2017, recognised turnover from sales of properties was HK\$89.2 million (2016: HK\$468.7 million), contributed by the sale of one residential unit in 339 Tai Hang Road. The significant decrease was mainly due to fewer properties being available for sale during the year under review.

Review of major projects for sale

339 Tai Hang Road, Hong Kong

The Group wholly owns the development project located at 339 Tai Hang Road, Hong Kong. The development project is a luxury residential property with a total GFA of approximately 30,400 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces). The total development cost (including land cost and lease modification premium) is approximately HK\$670 million. Up to the date of this Annual Report, 8 out of 9 units of this project have been sold.

Ocean One, 6 Shung Shun Street, Yau Tong

The Group wholly owns this development project, namely "Ocean One" located at No. 6 Shung Shun Street, Yau Tong, Kowloon. This property is a residential-cum-commercial property with a total GFA of about 122,000 square feet (excluding car-parking spaces) or 124 residential units and 2 commercial units. All units have been sold other than 2 shops and 7 car-parking spaces.

Review of major projects under development

Ocean Hotel project

LSD was named the most preferred proponent by Ocean Park for the Ocean Hotel project in October 2013 and was officially awarded the project in May 2014. The Ocean Hotel, to be operated by the Marriott group, will provide a total of 471 rooms and add 366,000 square feet of attributable rental space to the existing rental portfolio of the Group of approximately 1.8 million square feet. The total development cost is estimated to be approximately HK\$4.4 billion. Construction is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2018.

Alto Residences

In November 2012, LSD successfully tendered for and secured a site located at Area 68A2, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories, through a 50% joint venture vehicle. The lot has an area of 229,338 square feet with a total GFA of 573,154 square feet split into 458,630 square feet for residential use and 114,524 square feet for commercial use. Construction is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2018.

This project providing 605 flats, including 23 detached houses was named "Alto Residences" and was launched for pre-sale in October 2016. Up to 15 October 2017, LSD has pre-sold 512 units in Alto Residences with saleable area of approximately 283,000 square feet at an average selling price of approximately HK\$15,200 per square foot.



Latest construction progress of Alto Residences

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of major projects under development (continued)

93 Pau Chung Street

In April 2014, LSD was successful in its bid for the development right to the San Shan Road/Pau Chung Street project from the Urban Renewal Authority in Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong. The lot has an area of 12,599 square feet with a total GFA of 111,354 square feet split into 94,486 square feet for residential use and 16,868 square feet for commercial use. The total development cost is estimated to be approximately HK\$1 billion and construction is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2018.

This project was named “93 Pau Chung Street” and launched for pre-sale in September 2016, offering 209 flats in total, including studios, one and two-bedroom units. Up to 15 October 2017, LSD has pre-sold 197 units in this project with saleable area of approximately 70,100 square feet at an average selling price of HK\$16,100 per square foot.



Latest construction progress of 93 Pau Chung Street

Novi

On 16 May 2016, LSD has completed the purchase of the remaining unit for the proposed development on Ki Lung Street in Sham Shui Po, Kowloon. The site comprises numbers 48-56 on Ki Lung Street and has a combined site area of 5,054 square feet. It is planned to be developed primarily into a commercial/residential development for sale with a total GFA of 42,847 square feet. The total development cost is expected to be approximately HK\$0.4 billion and construction is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2019.

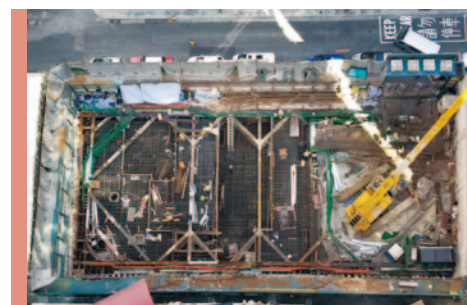


Latest construction progress of Novi

This project was named “Novi” and launched for pre-sale in July 2017, offering 138 flats in total, including studios, one and two-bedroom units. Up to 15 October 2017, LSD has pre-sold 134 units in this project with saleable area of approximately 27,700 square feet at an average selling price of HK\$18,700 per square foot.

Sai Wan Ho Street project

LSD was successful in September 2015 in its bid for the development rights to the Sai Wan Ho Street project from the Urban Renewal Authority in Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong. The project site covers an area of 7,642 square feet. Upon completion, it is planned to provide about 144 residential units with a total residential GFA of 61,099 square feet. The total development cost is estimated to be approximately HK\$0.9 billion and construction is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2019.



Latest construction progress of Sai Wan Ho Street project

Management Discussion and Analysis

RESTAURANT OPERATION

For the year ended 31 July 2017, the restaurant operation contributed HK\$481.5 million to the Group's turnover (2016: HK\$280.7 million), representing an increase of approximately 71.5% from last year. The turnover from the restaurants segment was primarily boosted by contributions from the newly opened restaurants, including China Tang Harbour City in Hong Kong, Howard's Gourmet in CCB Tower, Hong Kong, CIAK – All Day Italian in Cityplaza, Hong Kong, Operetta in Pacific Place, Hong Kong, Beefbar in Central, Hong Kong and Old Bazaar Kitchen in Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Up to the date of this Annual Report, the restaurant operation includes the Group's interests in 16 restaurants in Hong Kong and mainland China.

Cuisine	Restaurant	Location	Award
Western Cuisine	8½ Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Three Michelin stars (2012-2017)
	Otto e Mezzo BOMBANA Shanghai	Shanghai	Two Michelin stars (2017)
	Opera BOMBANA	Beijing	
	CIAK – In The Kitchen	Hong Kong	One Michelin star (2015-2017)
	CIAK – All Day Italian	Hong Kong	Michelin Bib Gourmand (2017)
	Beefbar	Hong Kong	One Michelin star (2017)
	Operetta	Hong Kong	
Chinese Cuisine	China Tang Landmark	Hong Kong	
	China Tang Harbour City	Hong Kong	
	Howard's Gourmet	Hong Kong	
	Chiu Tang Central	Hong Kong	
	Tang ²	Hong Kong	
	Old Bazaar Kitchen	Hong Kong	
Japanese Cuisine	Kaiseki Den by Saotome (formally known as "Wagyu Kaiseki Den")	Hong Kong	One Michelin star (2010-2017)
	Takumi by Daisuke Mori (formally known as "Wagyu Takumi")	Hong Kong	One Michelin star (2017)
	Sushi Masataka	Hong Kong	
	(formally known as "Rozan")		



CIAK – In The Kitchen



CIAK – All Day Italian

HOTEL OPERATION

Turnover from hotel operation was mainly derived from the Group's operation of the Caravelle Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. For the year ended 31 July 2017, the hotel operation contributed HK\$412.3 million to the Group's turnover (2016: HK\$391.7 million).

Caravelle Hotel is a leading international 5-star hotel in the centre of the business, shopping and entertainment district in Vietnam. It is an elegant 24-storey tower with a mixture of French colonial and traditional Vietnamese style and has 335 superbly appointed rooms, suites, exclusive Signature Floors, Signature Lounge and a specially equipped room for the disabled. Total GFA attributable to the Group is 60,738 square feet.

LSD was awarded the hotel tender at Ocean Park in May 2014 and the Ocean Hotel, to be operated by the Marriott group, will provide a total of 471 rooms upon its completion in 2018. The Group is optimistic about the prospects of the Ocean Hotel project given the strong popularity of Ocean Park, which is underpinned by robust growth in visitor numbers to Hong Kong coinciding with its expansion. In June 2017, LSD invested a total of HK\$159.6 million for an effective interest of 38.635% in a parcel of land in Phuket, Thailand for a resort hotel development and villas project. The hotel project consists of luxury resort villas that will be managed by an international hotel manager. This project is at the start of the development stage and the Group will provide material updates on this project as and when available.

The hotel operation has extensive experience in providing consultancy and management services to hotels in Mainland China, Hong Kong and other Asian countries. The division's key strategy going forward will continue to focus on providing management services, particularly to capture opportunities arising from the developments of Lai Fung in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Zhongshan and Hengqin. The hotel division manages Lai Fung's serviced apartments in Shanghai and Zhongshan under the "STARR" brand. STARR Resort Residence Zhongshan soft opened in August 2013 and comprises two 16-storey blocks with 90 fully furnished serviced apartment units located in the Palm Lifestyle complex in Zhongshan Western district at Cui Sha Road, opposite to the new Zhongshan traditional Chinese medical centre. STARR Hotel Shanghai soft opened in November 2013 and is a 17-storey hotel with 239 fully furnished and equipped hotel units with kitchenette located in the Mayflower Lifestyle complex right in the heart of the Zhabei inner ring road district, within walking distance to Lines 1, 3 and 4 of the Shanghai Metro Station with easy access to major motorways.



Takumi by Daisuke Mori



Kaiseki Den by Saotome



Old Bazaar Kitchen



Howard's Gourmet

Management Discussion and Analysis

INTEREST IN ASSOCIATES (eSun)

The placing of 248,642,433 new shares of eSun Holdings Limited (“eSun”) under its general mandate was completed on 9 February 2017, resulting in a dilution of the LSD’s interest in eSun from 41.92% to 34.94%. In February 2017, LSD acquired 2% additional interest in eSun from the public shareholders and LSD’s interest in eSun increased from 34.94% to 36.94%. As of the date of this Annual Report, the LSD’s interest in eSun is 36.94%.

During the year under review, share of profits of eSun amounting to HK\$191.0 million (2016: HK\$33.6 million). The increase is a mix of (a) lower operating profit due to lower recognised property sales from subsidiaries of Lai Fung; (b) increased profit contribution from the property sales of Lai Fung’s joint venture project; (c) tax indemnity amount received by Lai Fung from LSD pursuant to the Tax Indemnity Deed; and (d) gain on LSD’s disposal of eSun’s entire interest in 1,480,994 Series C Preferred shares in Pony Media Holdings Inc. in March 2017.

INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES

During the year ended 31 July 2017, contribution from joint ventures amounted to HK\$837.4 million (2016: HK\$770.5 million), representing an increase of 8.7%. This is primarily due to strong revaluation gains of CCB Tower and 8 Observatory Road being recognised during the year under review as compared to last year.

	For the year ended 31 July	
	2017 (HK\$ million)	2016 (HK\$ million)
Revaluation gains	752.9	682.4
Operating profits	84.5	88.1
Contribution from joint ventures	837.4	770.5

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 31 July 2017, cash and bank balances and undrawn facilities held by the Group amounted to HK\$3,577.7 million and HK\$4,018.5 million, respectively. Cash and bank balances and undrawn facility held by the Group excluding LSD as at 31 July 2017 were HK\$630.3 million and HK\$200.0 million, respectively.

The Group’s sources of funding comprise mainly internal funds generated from the Group’s business operations, loan facilities provided by banks, guaranteed notes issued to investors and rights issue.

As at 31 July 2017, the Group had bank borrowings of approximately HK\$7,675.2 million, guaranteed notes of approximately HK\$3,480.6 million, a note of HK\$195.0 million and a loan of HK\$31.7 million payable to the late Mr. Lim Por Yen (“Mr. Lim”), accrued interest of HK\$157.6 million in relation to the abovementioned note and loan payable to the late Mr. Lim. The gearing ratio, expressed as a percentage of the total outstanding net debt (being the total outstanding bank borrowings, guaranteed notes and note and loan and related accrued interest payable to the late Mr. Lim less the pledged and restricted and unpledged bank balances and time deposits) to consolidated net assets attributable to owners of the Company, was approximately 44.1%. Excluding the net debt of LSD, the gearing ratio was approximately 7.1%. The Group’s gearing excluding the net debt of the London portfolio all of which had a positive carry net of financing costs was approximately 35.5%. As at 31 July 2017, the maturity profile of the bank borrowings of HK\$7,675.2 million was spread over a period of less than 5 years with HK\$171.6 million repayable within 1 year, HK\$1,247.4 million repayable in the second year and HK\$6,256.2 million repayable in the third to fifth years. All the Group’s borrowings carried interest on a floating rate basis except for the United States dollar and Renminbi guaranteed notes issued in January 2013 and July 2014 and which has a fixed rate of 5.7% and 7.7% per annum, respectively.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

As at 31 July 2017, certain investment properties with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$18,838.9 million, certain property, plant and equipment with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$3,445.8 million, certain properties under development for sale of approximately HK\$810.0 million and certain bank balances and time deposits with banks of approximately HK\$401.0 million were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to and guaranteed notes issued by the Group and its joint venture. In addition, certain shares in subsidiaries held by the Group were also pledged to secure banking facilities granted to and guaranteed notes issued by the Group. Certain shares in joint ventures held by the Group were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to joint ventures of the Group. The Group's secured bank borrowings were also secured by floating charges over certain assets held by the Group.

The Group's major assets and liabilities and transactions were denominated in Hong Kong dollars and United States dollars. Considering that Hong Kong dollars are pegged against United States dollars, the Group believes that the corresponding exposure to exchange rate risk arising from United States dollars is nominal. In addition, the Group has investments in United Kingdom with the assets and liabilities denominated in Pounds Sterling. Majority of the investments were partly financed by bank borrowings denominated in Pounds Sterling in order to minimise the net foreign exchange exposure. Other than the abovementioned, the remaining monetary assets and liabilities of the Group were denominated in Renminbi and Vietnamese Dong which were also insignificant as compared with the Group's total assets and liabilities. During the year, no hedging instruments were employed to hedge for the foreign exchange exposure. The Group manages its foreign currency risk by closely reviewing the movement of the foreign currency rate and considers hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

On 13 September 2017, LSD issued guaranteed notes in an aggregate principal amount of US\$400 million ("LSD 2017 Notes"). The LSD 2017 Notes are guaranteed by LSD, have a maturity term of five years and bear a fixed interest rate of 4.6% per annum with interest payable semi-annually in arrears. The net proceeds from the offering of the LSD 2017 Notes were approximately US\$396 million and will be used for refinancing the LSD's existing guaranteed notes of US\$350 million and general corporate purposes.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Details of contingent liabilities of the Group at the end of the reporting period are set out in note 34 to the financial statements.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As at 31 July 2017, the Group employed a total of approximately 1,600 employees. The Group recognises the importance of maintaining a stable staff force in its continued success. Under the Group's existing policies, employee pay rates are maintained at competitive levels whilst promotion and salary increments are assessed on a performance-related basis. Discretionary bonuses are granted to employees based on their merit and in accordance with industry practice. Other benefits including share option scheme, mandatory provident fund scheme, free hospitalisation insurance plan, subsidised medical care and sponsorship for external education and training programmes are offered to eligible employees.

Summary of Financial Information

A summary of the results, assets, liabilities and non-controlling interests of the Group for the last five financial years is set out below.

RESULTS

	Year ended 31 July				
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
TURNOVER	1,808,083	1,972,089	1,640,834	2,204,756	1,049,050
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	2,365,698	1,306,111	2,366,238	1,762,154	3,120,738
Tax	(83,500)	(64,461)	(85,085)	(93,246)	(50,099)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	2,282,198	1,241,650	2,281,153	1,668,908	3,070,639
Attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	1,456,666	683,316	1,290,676	940,496	1,663,904
Non-controlling interests	825,532	558,334	990,477	728,412	1,406,735
	2,282,198	1,241,650	2,281,153	1,668,908	3,070,639

ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

	As at 31 July				
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2015 HK\$'000	2014 HK\$'000	2013 HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment	4,322,054	3,281,884	2,688,331	873,004	838,735
Prepaid land lease payments	19,873	20,901	21,928	22,955	23,982
Investment properties	19,245,714	17,713,376	17,730,080	14,895,795	12,775,296
Properties under development for sale	1,646,938	1,397,706	729,148	184,461	879,561
Goodwill	5,161	5,161	—	—	—
Interests in associates	3,628,138	3,721,584	3,977,122	3,881,846	3,415,620
Interests in joint ventures	7,224,183	6,754,353	5,937,793	6,018,543	5,688,887
Available-for-sale financial assets	1,717,665	1,512,037	1,339,150	1,232,466	1,198,321
Pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits (classified as non-current assets)	86,892	336,828	124,659	369,821	216,222
Deposits paid and other receivables	232,664	181,315	141,968	727,468	23,500
Current assets	4,330,922	3,511,221	2,936,154	3,535,545	4,149,862
TOTAL ASSETS	42,460,204	38,436,366	35,626,333	31,741,904	29,209,986
Current liabilities	(4,257,030)	(1,308,758)	(1,940,883)	(895,265)	(874,171)
Bank borrowings (classified as non-current liabilities)	(7,503,652)	(5,594,973)	(3,270,608)	(2,583,485)	(2,983,993)
Guaranteed notes (classified as non-current liabilities)	—	(3,461,817)	(3,500,015)	(3,496,144)	(2,695,474)
Other borrowing, note payable and interest payable	(384,293)	(372,969)	(361,619)	(350,282)	(338,944)
Deferred tax	(207,962)	(195,163)	(188,902)	(180,370)	(177,989)
Provision for tax indemnity	(344,251)	(980,638)	(980,638)	(980,638)	(865,923)
Long term deposits received and other payables	(902,034)	(109,678)	(91,002)	(92,046)	(87,480)
Deferred rental	(7,448)	(9,724)	(4,380)	(4,366)	—
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(13,606,670)	(12,033,720)	(10,338,047)	(8,582,596)	(8,023,974)
NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	(10,816,098)	(9,949,302)	(11,491,991)	(10,583,617)	(10,150,752)
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY	18,037,436	16,453,344	13,796,295	12,575,691	11,035,260

Particulars of Major Properties

COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR RENTAL

Property Name	Location	Group Interest	Tenure	Approximate Attributable Gross Floor Area (square feet)				No. of car-parking spaces attributable to the Group
				Commercial/Retail	Office	Industrial	Total (excluding carpark & ancillary facilities)	
Hong Kong properties								
Cheung Sha Wan Plaza	833 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong (New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5955)	61.74%	The property is held for a term expiring on 30 June 2047	144,352	253,070	—	397,422	219
Por Yen Building	478 Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong (New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2081)	100%	The property is held for a term which expired on 27 June 1997 and had been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	—	—	109,010	109,010	7
Causeway Bay Plaza 2	463-483 Lockhart Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (Section J and the Remaining Portions of Sections D,E,G,H,K,L,M and O, Subsection 4 of Section H and the Remaining Portion of Inland Lot No. 2833)	61.74%	The property is held for a term of 99 years commencing on 15 April 1929 and renewable for a further term of 99 years	67,772	59,436	—	127,208	35
Crocodile Center (commercial podium)	79 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Kwun Tong Inland Lot No. 692)	100%	The property is held for a term which expired on 27 June 1997 and had been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	91,201	—	—	91,201	—
Crocodile Center (car-parking spaces)	79 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Kwun Tong Inland Lot No. 692)	50%	The property is held for a term which expired on 27 June 1997 and had been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	—	—	—	—	27
Lai Sun Commercial Centre	680 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong (New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5984)	61.74%	The property is held for a term of which expired on 27 June 1997 and has been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	58,692	45,799	—	104,491	332

COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR RENTAL (CONTINUED)

Property Name	Location	Group Interest	Tenure	Approximate Attributable Gross Floor Area (square feet)				No. of car-parking spaces attributable to the Group
				Commercial/Retail	Office	Industrial	Total (excluding carpark & ancillary facilities)	
CCB Tower	3 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong (Inland Lot No. 8736)	30.87%	The property is held for a term commencing from 28 June 1989 and expiring on 30 June 2047	—	70,726	—	70,726	11
8 Observatory Road	2,4,6,8,10 and 12 Observatory Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong (Inland Lot No. 11231)	30.87%	The property is held for a term of 50 years commencing on 10 January 2014	27,975	23,013	—	50,988	18
Wyler Centre, Phase II (20/F and 27/F and car-parking spaces nos. 17, 18 and 59 on 2/F)	192-200 Tai Lin Pai Road, Kwai Chung, New Territories, Hong Kong	61.74%	The property is held for a term of which expired on 27 June 1997 and has been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	—	—	29,593	29,593	2
AIA Central	1 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong (Marine Lot No. 275, Section A and the Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 278)	6.17%	The property is held for a term of 999 years commencing from 9 September 1895 (for Marine Lot No. 275) and 999 years commencing from 12 October 1896 (for Marine Lot no. 278)	—	26,484	—	26,484	4
Por Mee Factory Building (Units A,B,C and D on 3/F)	500 Castle Peak Road, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong	100%	The property is held for a term which expired on 27 June 1997 and had been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	—	—	20,089	20,089	—
Forda Industrial Building (6/F and car-parking spaces nos. 10, 22 and 27 on G/F)	16 Wan Chau Road, Yuen Long, New Territories, Hong Kong	100%	The property is held for a term which expired on 27 June 1997 and had been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	—	—	19,301	19,301	3
Metropolitan Factory and Warehouse Building (Units A and B on 7/F and car-parking spaces nos. 11 and 12 on G/F)	30-32 Chai Wan Kok Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong	44.65%	The property is held for a term which expired on 27 June 1997 and had been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	—	—	5,077	5,077	1

Particulars of Major Properties

COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR RENTAL (CONTINUED)

Property Name	Location	Group Interest	Tenure	Approximate Attributable Gross Floor Area (square feet)				No. of car-parking spaces attributable to the Group
				Commercial/Retail	Office	Industrial	Total (excluding carpark & ancillary facilities)	
Victorious Factory Building (Unit B on 5/F)	33A-37A Tseuk Luk Street and 16-20 Sam Chuk Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon, Hong Kong	100%	The property is held for a term which expired on 27 June 1997 and had been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	—	—	5,828	5,828	—
Metropolitan Factory and Warehouse Building (Units A and B on 10/F and car-parking spaces nos. 1,2,13 and 14 on G/F)	30-32 Chai Wan Kok Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong	61.74%	The property is held for a term which expired on 27 June 1997 and had been extended upon expiry until 30 June 2047	—	—	7,020	7,020	2
Luen Fat Loong Factory Building (4/F)	19 Cheung Lee Street, Chai Wan, Hong Kong	61.74%	The property is held for a term of 75 years commencing on 4 November 1963 renewable for a further term of 75 years	—	—	2,649	2,649	—
Subtotal of Hong Kong properties held for rental:				389,992	478,528	198,567	1,067,087	661
Overseas properties								
107 Leadenhall Street London	107 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom	61.74%	The property is held freehold	29,727	60,787	—	90,514	—
100 Leadenhall Street London	100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom	61.74%	The property is held freehold	—	109,712	—	109,712	9
36 Queen Street London	36 Queen Street, London, EC4, United Kingdom	61.74%	The property is held freehold	—	37,548	—	37,548	—
106 Leadenhall Street London	106 Leadenhall Street, London EC3, United Kingdom	61.74%	The property is held freehold	2,719	9,581	—	12,300	—
Subtotal of overseas properties held for rental:				32,446	217,628	—	250,074	9
Total of completed properties held for rental:				422,438	696,156	198,567	1,317,161	670

COMPLETED HOTEL PROPERTY

Hotel Name	Location	Group Interest	Tenure	Approximate Attributable Gross Floor Area (square feet)	No. of car-parking spaces attributable to the Group
				Hotel	
Caravelle Hotel	19 Lam Son Square, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	16.06%	The property is held under a land use right due to expire on 8 October 2040	60,738	—

PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Location	Stage of construction	Group interest	Site Area (approximate square feet) (Note)	Expected completion date	Approximate Attributable Gross Floor Area (square feet)				No. of car-parking spaces attributable to the Group
					Commercial/Retail	Hotel	Residential	Total (excluding carpark & ancillary facilities)	
Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel, Hong Kong	Superstructure works in progress	61.74%	183,460	Q2 2018	—	225,968	—	225,968	10
Alto Residences Area 68A2, Tseung Kwan O, New Territories, Hong Kong	Superstructure works in progress	30.87%	229,338	Q1 2018	35,354	—	141,579	176,933	93
93 Pau Chung Street 20-32 San Shan Road and 93 Pau Chung Street, Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong	Superstructure works in progress	61.74%	12,599	Q1 2018	10,414	—	58,336	68,750	14
9-11 and 15 Sai Wan Ho Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong	Foundation works in progress	61.74%	7,642	Q4 2019	—	—	37,723	37,723	5
Novi 48-56 Ki Lung Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong	Foundation works in progress	61.74%	5,054	Q3 2019	3,206	—	23,248	26,454	—
Total of properties under development:					48,974	225,968	260,886	535,828	122

Note: On project basis

Particulars of Major Properties

COMPLETED PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE

Property Name	Location	Group interest	Approximate Attributable Gross Floor Area (square feet)			No. of car-parking spaces attributable to the Group
			Commercial/Retail	Residential	Total (excluding carpark & ancillary facilities)	
Ocean One	6 Shung Shun Street, Yau Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong	61.74%	16,859	—	16,859	4
339 Tai Hang Road	335-339 Tai Hang Road, Hong Kong	61.74%	—	3,987	3,987	2
Total of completed properties held for sale:			16,859	3,987	20,846	6

Environmental, Social and Governance Report

ABOUT THE REPORT

The Company is delighted to present its first Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) report which discloses the management approach, strategies and performance of the Company and its subsidiaries (together “Group”) in accordance to the Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide published by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“HKEx ESG Guide”). Unless otherwise specified, the report covers our ESG performance from 1 August 2016 to 31 July 2017.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In addition to utilising the regular communication channels during our daily operations, we have also engaged an independent consultant to conduct stakeholder engagement online surveys to understand stakeholders’ perspectives and priorities of ESG issues relevant to the business. ESG topics were prioritised in accordance to the materiality results from stakeholders’ perspectives and the importance of relevant ESG topics to business development.

MATERIALITY ANALYSIS

While we pay attention to all ESG issues which affects our businesses and stakeholders, we have identified the two most material issues in each sectors of our business which we have paid additional focus on. Materiality of these issues are identified through stakeholder engagement exercises, management reviews and industry analyses. Issues which are considered more material are indicated in the following table:

ESG Aspects		ESG Issues	Property	Food & Beverage and Hotel Business
Environmental		Emissions		
		Use of resources	✓	✓
		Environment and natural resources	✓	✓
Social	Employment and labour practices	Employment	✓	
		Health and safety		✓
		Development and training		
		Labour standards	✓	✓
	Operating practices	Supply chain management		
		Product responsibility	✓	✓
		Intellectual property		
		Anti-corruption	✓	✓
	Community	Community investment	✓	✓

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OUR GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FOR ESG MANAGEMENT

The scope of the following report is drafted with reference to the businesses relevant to our corporate structure. Due to the diversified nature of our businesses, separate management teams with expertise in the environmental, health and safety issues of each business sector will oversee the formulation of ESG policies and procedures and review relevant ESG risks for that business sector.

OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT APPROACH

We endeavour to minimise negative environmental impact in our business operations, and have therefore established environmental management policies to manage and control our output in emissions, waste management, energy usage and environmental impact. All relevant laws and regulations on environmental protection are observed and are important references for our environmental management strategies.

Environmental Management and Air Emissions

Air emissions may be generated in moderate amounts through some processes of our businesses. Where applicable, we take a proactive approach in managing our emissions through abatement procedures or by minimizing emissions at source. This approach is adopted at Group level and to all business sectors.

Policies and Initiatives in Property Businesses

During property development phases, emissions will be generated while properties are being constructed. To mitigate relevant emissions, the Company outlines agreements with contractors with reference terms to relevant local and national environmental requirements.

Various procedures are carried out at construction sites with the objective to mitigate emissions generated on site. For example, dust is a significant pollutant involved during construction. The Company requires contractors to implement dust abatement procedures in material handling and vehicle movement in order to minimize air quality impact. The use of ultra-low sulphur diesel (ULSD) is encouraged to reduce the emission of sulphur dioxide from construction work. Building materials with lower volatile organic compounds (VOCs) will be selected where feasible and all materials used will be within the limit stipulated in the Air Pollutions Control (Volatile Organic Compounds) Regulation.

New projects developed are designed and planned with reference to “BEAM Plus for New Buildings Version 1.2” and selected contractors will submit relevant Environmental Management Plan (EMP), where environmental risk and mitigation measurements are identified and addressed. Environmental issues of each development project such as air pollution, noise pollution, wastewater pollution and waste disposal will be considered in design stage and managed in construction stage. The EMP is designed to make reference to relevant regulations such as Cap 311 Air Pollution Control Ordinance, Cap 400 Noise Control Ordinance, Cap 358 Water Pollution Control Ordinance and Cap 354 Waste Disposal Ordinance.

OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT APPROACH (CONTINUED)

Waste Management

A waste management plan is in place as a means to manage and to minimize waste generated in our daily operations. For easier management and to facilitate recycling, we separate waste into different categories, depending on the nature of waste generated. Recycling is highly encouraged in our operations. Where applicable and feasible, recycling bins are located in our office areas, restaurants, and properties. Where feasible, we support the reuse of resources in our operations while unrecyclable waste will be managed by qualified waste management companies. Electronic waste or other hazardous waste will be managed as per local requirements.

Policies and Initiatives in Property Businesses

During the construction phase of each of our projects, we ensure that relevant waste management procedures are in place and are in compliance with relevant laws and regulations. For example, we request contractors to provide us with a written waste disposal plan and waste management procedures in order to clarify on management procedures of waste generated during the process. Waste materials commonly generated at our construction sites include general refuse, inert construction waste, non-inert construction waste, recyclable metals waste and chemical waste. We apply the 3R principle in our waste disposal plan to reduce, reuse and recycle materials through on-site sorting, while the rest of the construction waste disposed of by licensed contractors.

At our construction sites, if possible, inert waste (including but not limited to rock, soil, sand) would be sorted for further use as sub-base and excavated soil would be used for backfilling; Dry concrete would be sorted out for recycling into aggregates for concrete production, to reduce waste disposal. Wooden boards would be reused subject to the reusability of the wooden boards. Three-color recycling bin, if appropriate, would be available on site for other recyclable material and to be collected by recycle companies. The rest of the waste would be sent to landfill operated by the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department with a registered billing account or with the required waste disposal permit.

With regard to the management of chemical waste, all construction projects would be registered with the Environmental Protection Department as a chemical waste producer, as required by the Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulation. Mitigation measures are implemented to minimise the generation of chemical waste on site. Solid waste such as empty chemical cans and contaminated soil and liquid chemical wastes are handled properly in accordance with the Code of Practice on the packaging, labelling and storage of chemical wastes. Licensed chemical waste collectors and specialist contractors are employed to collect and dispose chemical waste at all work areas and storage areas.

Policies and Initiatives in Food & Beverage and Hotel Business

We seek to minimise food waste generated during food production processes through suitable stocking of perishable food products. In essence, we reduce food waste through conscious control at source. Food waste which are not recyclable will be managed by authorised contractors for disposal.

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OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT APPROACH (CONTINUED)

Resources Management and Conservation

We encourage all businesses to be conscious in the use and management of natural resources such as electricity, fuel and water sources etc. Conscious use of resources and recycling initiatives are generally supported within the Company and across all business sectors.

Policies and Initiatives in Property Business

In overall environmental management of our properties and the built environment, we seek to continuously monitor our energy and water consumption and will seek for conservation opportunities in our existing property portfolio. Monthly monitoring on energy and water consumption are carried out to manage the use of energy and to prevent water leakage. We also carry out energy saving asset enhancement projects where appropriate to achieve higher energy efficiency. Similarly, we would continually review the energy consumption performances of other leasing and investment properties and will seek to further reduce energy consumption and electricity consumption.

Co-existence with the Natural Environment

We strive to balance the development of our businesses and associated environmental impacts. By outlining a set of policies and guidelines to minimise adverse environmental impacts across all the business sectors of our Group, we seek to minimise our businesses' negative impact to the environment.

Policies and Initiatives in Property Business

We understand that our construction projects will to a certain extent impact natural resources and the surrounding environment. We will incorporate green building elements in our projects with reference to the "BEAM Plus for New Buildings Version 1.2", for all of our projects from design stage to demolition stage, to reduce the impact of our buildings to the surrounding environment. Besides requiring our contractors to submit the environmental management plan, actual performance on site will be reviewed against the environmental management plan to ensure that the planned mitigation measures are carried out.

Taking into consideration of all environmental related measures mentioned in the chapter above, one of our projects at 8 Observatory Road in Tsim Sha Tsui, has successfully achieved Final Silver rating in BEAM Plus New Building Version 1.1 scheme.

Policies and Initiatives in Food & Beverage and Hotel Business

The Company will seek to use responsible food sources for selected restaurant outlets. For example, the Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel project team has been exploring into options of using seafood which aligns with responsible food sourcing principles. We have entered into discussions with groups with relevant expertise in our early hotel operation planning stages to implement the procurement procedures for responsible food sourcing.

OVERALL APPROACH ON EMPLOYMENT

Employment

We are an equal opportunity employer and do not discriminate on the basis of personal characteristics. Across all business sectors, we comply with Cap 57 Employment Ordinance by the Labour Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and have outlined relevant terms and conditions of employment in our Staff Handbook. With the aim to promote a harmonious and respectful workplace, employees' rights and benefits, including compensation, termination, working hours, leave entitlement, medical benefits, MPF, prevention on sexual harassment and our expectations to employees' conduct and behaviour are also stipulated in our Staff Handbook.

Employees' benefits within the Company includes enrolment to medical scheme for permanent employees, in the event of needs for outpatient, hospitalisation and dental care. Employees who have worked with the Company for over twelve months of service is eligible to participate in a tuition scheme to receive subsidy and sponsorship for training and development. All employees will be enrolled into the MPF Scheme in accordance to the Mandatory Provident Fund Ordinance.

We have to ensure there are minimal risk of discriminate and harassment case in our workplace. As a demonstration of our commitment to the issue, we have established policy in accordance with the Cap 480 Sex Discrimination Ordinance to ensure that employees are aware of the issue. All complaints regarding harassment in the workplace will be addressed and will be handled in a confidential yet professional manner in order to protect the rights of the victim.

Health and Safety

We endeavour to minimise all health and safety related risks in our various business sectors and will ensure that all necessary safety precautionary arrangements are met. The management teams across various business sectors will continuously seek to manage and control the health and safety risks which our employees are exposed to during their work, while ensuring that all health and safety issues that are present at our premises are fully addressed and will not affect our customers, guests and patrons. We will continue to identify potential risks in our operations and will maintain zero tolerance to work-related incidents and fatalities.

Policies and Initiatives in Property Business

We are committed to eliminating the health and safety risks which may affect our employees. We are in compliance with relevant laws and regulations on occupational health and safety, and we seek to provide safe working conditions for our employees. New joiners in property management sector will receive health and safety training regarding safety measures in relation to personal safety and the use of equipment. We will also ensure that safety measures are implemented in all property projects and will continuously strive to increase employees' awareness on health and safety issue. We encourage our property managers to apply for relevant certifications such as OHSAS 18001:2007 Occupational Health and Safety Management.

It is our priority to safeguard the occupational health and safety standards at our construction sites. Selected contractors are required to submit on-site safety management plans and safety officers will be hired for each project to oversee health and safety issues. The safety officer is responsible for overseeing on-site occupational risks and organising safety training to new joiners. With the objective to oversee safety conditions on site and to fulfil our target of minimising work-related injuries and fatalities, bi-weekly meetings with safety officers and other related parties are held to identify safety issues in the project and to ensure that corrective and preventive measures are carried out accordingly.

Occupational health and safety within the built environment are equally important, hence we provide relevant trainings to our property management employees and increase their awareness on potential risks and associated safety measures. Property management safety handbooks are readily available for property management teams for residential or commercial building.

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OVERALL APPROACH ON EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

Development and Training

Our employees are important assets for our growth, hence the Company designs and arranges numerous internal and external development programs to meet the needs of our operational development and employee career development. Regardless of business sector, employees with over twelve months of services with the Company will be entitled to apply for our tuition scheme, where sponsorship of the tuition fee will be granted for further training and development course suitable for the employees' position and scope of work. We seek to enhance employee training with subsidised courses and to assist them in achieving professional and personal goals.

Policies and Initiatives in Property Business

Our property management employees regularly receive training such as on-board training, health and safety training, customer service training and skill-based training targeted for the needs of their specific positions. To strive for continuous improvement in customer services, we would provide additional tailored training to employees to ensure they all have capabilities to provide high quality service.

As a way to retain our talents, we provide career development opportunities such as offering various recognised certificate courses and external training workshop for our employees. Different levels of employees, from the front line employees to our property manager, would have the opportunities to attend trainings on property safety management, building laws, English communication, customer service skill, and computing skill etc. Through these trainings, employees can enhance their occupational skills and management skills for future career growth. They can also take this chance to share their experiences with each other and with the external lecturer for further knowledge exchange.

In order to encourage young graduates and new talents to join us, we have a 14-month Management Trainee Program every year. This is a tailor-made program for graduates who are interested in the property industry, and is designed to facilitate hands-on experience in property development and management. We provide on-the-job training, management and professional training workshop, action learning projects and provide opportunities for Hong Kong management trainees to visit our PRC property portfolios. Job rotation opportunities will be available during the training period, and trainees will eventually be assigned to one department to further their career after the 14-month management traineeship.

Labour Standards

We consider it imperative that we safeguard the rights of our employees. Improper use of labour in the form of child labour and forced labour is strictly prohibited in all business sectors. We ensure full compliance to relevant regulations and refer to the Cap 57B Employment of Children Regulations. We have equally stringent requirements for our contractors, and they are required to observe and comply with the same regulations.

OVERALL APPROACH ON EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

Employee Welfare

With employees as our valued assets, we strive to enhance employee relations through provision of staff benefits and caring for their wellbeing. We regularly organise activities to reinforce our relationship with our employees and encourage a work-life balanced lifestyle. For example, we organise “Lunch Talk” sessions for our staff on a monthly basis, providing talks on various topics, for example, knowledge on occupational safety, health talks, and numerous interest classes.

We also organise large-scale annual events for our employees, including Group Annual Dinner Party and Group One-Day Leisure Tour for employees with their family or friends. In general, these activities were well-received by our employees and we believe that our employees will benefit from the activities, which are also great opportunities for team-building and bonding with other colleagues.

OVERALL APPROACH ON MANAGING OPERATING PRACTICES

Supply Chain Management

Policies and Initiatives in Property Business

We value the importance of openness and fairness in our tendering process and other supply chain related issues. We have formulated a clear tendering process outlining required number of quotations for construction projects of different scales.

Environmental and safety issues of our contractors are issues that we take responsibility in through outlining standards and requirements to contractors which are in line with local regulations. During the tendering process, environmental and safety measures of potential contractors are elements will be taken into consideration as part of our selection criteria. All contractors will be required to submit an environmental management plan and safety management plan upon selection.

During the construction, we require our contractors to follow the environmental control plan to eliminate pollution and waste to surrounding and to follow the mitigation measurement in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the project. Our management team will hold on-site meeting with site management and licensed third party consultants, including resident engineering, clerk of works and building services inspector etc., to ensure the quality of work and the health and safety standards of the project.

Data Protection and Privacy

We are dedicated to protect our clients’ privacy rights. To ensure compliance to Cap 486 Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, we are committed to protecting the privacy rights of our clients. Whenever copies of personal data are to be collected, a Personal Information Collection Statement is provided to the data provider on or before personal particulars are collected, to ensure that the use of data are done so with consent.

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OVERALL APPROACH ON MANAGING OPERATING PRACTICES (CONTINUED)

Data Protection and Privacy (continued)

Policies and Initiatives in Property Business

We have clear written procedures on the handling of personal data received during the property sales and management process. For example, at the point where there is a need for the collection of data such as client's personal data, a Personal Data Collection Statement will be provided to the data provider to ensure that purposes of data collection are understood. Such data and sales records, and other information which are obtained during the sales process are kept in our internal system. Only management level will be granted with access right to such information, while general staff need approval from the management level for client's information. During the property sales and marketing process, general staff can only access the information of its own clients and the collected information. All information collected would be kept as confidential and only for the purpose of the agreed sales. Measures are in place to ensure that client data would not be misused for other marketing purposes.

Policies and Initiatives in Food & Beverage and Hotel Business

We endeavour to deliver high quality services to our guests without jeopardising the security of any guest information. Therefore, while we take note of certain guest preferences and information to ensure a smooth service delivery process, we have also established guidelines and procedures in the handling of customers' data collected in our hotel service process, including Information Protection & Cyber Security Policy, Information Protection Awareness Guide and Payment Card Industry (PCI) Compliance. These guidelines are reiterated during staff training sessions and are conducted to ensure the safe handling of the customers' personal information.

Responsible and Ethical Practices

Policies and Initiatives in Property Business

We comply with the Cap 621 Residential Properties (First-Hand Sales) Ordinance in the marketing material for our property projects and will take necessary measure to prevent the use of misleading information for our customers. Our marketing materials such as sales brochures, price lists, show flats, advertisements, and sales arrangements are reviewed by both external and internal solicitors, to minimise the possibilities of misrepresentation in our marketing materials.

Policies and Initiatives in Food & Beverage and Hotel Business

Food safety is fundamental in our hotel and catering operations. We adhere to the Hygiene Manager and Hygiene Supervisor Scheme by Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), and have deployed managerial staff as hygiene managers and supervisors. Food handlers are supervised on proper food preparation processes and daily inspection of food hygiene conditions are conducted. We also have regular internal control to monitor the quality of our food sold to our customers. Apart from internal control, we also control our food quality by solely purchasing food from authorised suppliers so that we can trace the source of our food supplies. Through both internal and external control, we can seek to offer quality food to all customers.

OVERALL APPROACH ON MANAGING OPERATING PRACTICES (CONTINUED)

Service Excellence

Policies and Initiatives in Property Business

We are committed to providing high quality of experience to our customers in our property management operation. We regularly send out questionnaire to our customers to understand their opinion and satisfaction rate to our service, including customer service, security service, environment and greening, and construction management.

We strive to provide excellent services to our clients. Standard complaint handling guidelines and procedures are provided to our property management employees to standardise their responses and to equip them with the ability to handle customers' and tenants' complaint. We also emphasize the importance of ensuring that complaints are followed through and thoroughly communicated with our customers. All cases are documented and recorded for continuous improvement purposes.

Policies and Initiatives in Food & Beverage and Hotel Business

The nature of customers' complaints in hotel and restaurant delivery services, usually happens during the service delivery process. Therefore, early detection of signs of potential complaints and the timeliness of our responses to such complaints are crucial. All restaurant and hotel managerial staff are equipped to identify and manage complaints during service delivery. The Company's management policies requires daily incident reports to the head office to ensure that all issues are duly followed up.

The complaint handling procedures of the upcoming Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel will be similar to the aforementioned complaint handling procedures. In addition, online platforms will be available for our customers to voice their opinion after their experience. Comments are responded to within 24 hours to ensure timely responses to customers.

Intellectual Property Rights

We respect and protect intellectual property rights and ensure that appropriate security measures and confidentiality agreements are observed. Across all business segments and within the Group, we ensure that agreements on collaborations with third parties are reviewed by our legal team to minimise opportunities for infringement.

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OVERALL APPROACH ON MANAGING OPERATING PRACTICES (CONTINUED)

Integrity and Discipline

Integrity, fairness and discipline are our core values. We expect high level of ethics and integrity from our employees and we request strict adherence to rules and procedures in accordance with Cap 201 Prevention of Bribery Ordinance. We make it a priority to ensure that no cases of fraud or corruption are present in any of our business segments.

In order to steer clear from potential risks for corruption, we provide employees with clear definition of “advantages” which needs to be declared and outline clear procedures for our employees to handle any presents or gifts involved in the business. Anyone in violation of our policy and procedures would be penalised, while those who violate relevant government ordinances would be subject to legal consequences.

We have a whistleblowing procedure as a monitoring process to maintain integrity and discipline within all levels of our company. People who discover any inappropriate act or violation of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance are encouraged to report to our management level for immediate investigation into the case.

OVERALL APPROACH ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We value the concept of giving back to the society and seek to utilise resources within our business to give back to the society. We focus on helping with local employment, youth education and providing assistance to the disabled.

For example, during festive seasons we purchase festive food products from social enterprises for our employees, such as Caritas Hong Kong – La Vie Bakery and Fair Taste mooncakes. The purchase of products from local social enterprises are our efforts in supporting employment opportunities for women and to encourage the utilisation of local neighbourhood craftsmanship.

To provide learning opportunities for the youth, we have joint hands with the Hong Kong Coalition of Professional Services and Yuen Long Secondary School Heads Association to provide internship programs for secondary school students in Yuen Long district. Through the provision of a two-week internship opportunity within our business operations to Form 5 students, we aim to provide them with a taste of a professional working environment, to empower students to plan for their career.

In addition, we have been long-term supporters to Orbis through annual donations to support their work for the blind and visually impaired. We render our support to Orbis as a gesture to show our commitment to helping more people with receiving basic eye health care services and relevant education.

Policies and Initiatives in Food & Beverage and Hotel Business

Where feasible, we seek to participate in food donation projects organised by local charitable organisations. Food products with lower food hygiene risks such as bakery products, will be donated to the needy through the charitable organisation.

APPENDIX: HKEx ESG GUIDE CONTENT INDEX

Subject Areas, Aspects, and General Disclosure		Sections
A. Environmental		
Aspect A1: Emissions	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Information on:</p> <p>(a) the policies; and</p> <p>(b) compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to air and greenhouse gas emissions, discharges into water and land, and generation of hazardous and non-hazardous waste.</p>	Environmental Management and Air Emissions ; Waste Management
Aspect A2: Use of Resources	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Policies on the efficient use of resources, including energy, water and other raw materials.</p>	Resources Management and Conservation
Aspect A3: Environment and Natural Resources	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Policies on minimising the issuer's significant impact on the environment and natural resources.</p>	Co-existence with the Natural Environment
B. Social		
Employment and Labour Practices		
Aspect B1: Employment	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Information on:</p> <p>(a) the policies; and</p> <p>(b) compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to compensation, termination and dismissal, recruitment and promotion, working hours, rest periods, equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination, and other benefits and welfare.</p>	Employment
Aspect B2: Health and Safety	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Information on:</p> <p>(a) the policies; and</p> <p>(b) compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to providing a safe working environment and protecting employees from occupational hazards.</p>	Health and Safety
Aspect B3: Development and Training	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Policies on improving employees' knowledge and skills for discharging duties at work. Description of training activities.</p>	Development and Training

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B. Social		
Employment and Labour Practices		
Aspect B4: Labour Standards	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Information on:</p> <p>Compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to preventing child and forced labour.</p>	Labour Standards
Operating Practices		
Aspect B5: Supply Chain Management	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Policies on managing environmental and social risks of the supply chain.</p>	Supply Chain Management
Aspect B6: Product Responsibility	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Information on:</p> <p>(a) the policies; and</p> <p>(b) compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to health and safety, advertising, labelling and privacy matters relating to products and services provided and methods of redress.</p>	Data Protection and Privacy; Responsible and Ethical Practices; Service Excellence; Intellectual Property Rights
Aspect B7: Anti-corruption	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Information on:</p> <p>(a) the policies; and</p> <p>(b) compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the issuer relating to bribery, extortion, fraud and money laundering.</p>	Integrity and Discipline
Community		
Aspect B8: Community Investment	<p>General Disclosure</p> <p>Community engagement to understand the needs of the communities where the issuer operates and to ensure its activities take into consideration the communities' interests.</p>	Overall Approach on Community Development

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The Company is committed to achieving and maintaining high standards of corporate governance and has established policies and procedures for compliance with the principles and code provisions set out from time to time in the Corporate Governance Code (“**CG Code**”) contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Stock Exchange**” and “**Listing Rules**”, respectively).

(I) CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the CG Code throughout the year ended 31 July 2017 save for the deviations from code provisions A.4.1 and A.5.1 of the CG Code.

Under code provision A.4.1, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term and should be subject to re-election.

None of the existing non-executive directors (“**NEDs**”, including the independent non-executive directors (“**INEDs**”)) of the Company is appointed for a specific term. However, all directors of the Company (“**Directors**”) are subject to the retirement provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company (“**Articles of Association**”), which require that the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation once every three years since their last election by shareholders of the Company (“**Shareholders**”) and the retiring Directors are eligible for re-election. In addition, any person appointed by the Board of Directors (“**Board**”) as an additional Director (including a NED) will hold office only until the next annual general meeting of the Company (“**AGM**”) and will then be eligible for re-election. Further, in line with the relevant code provision of the CG Code, each of the Directors appointed to fill a casual vacancy would/will be subject to election by the Shareholders at the first general meeting after his/her appointment. In view of these, the Board considers that such requirements are sufficient to meet the underlying objective of the said code provision A.4.1 and, therefore, does not intend to take any remedial steps in this regard.

Under code provision A.5.1, a nomination committee comprising a majority of independent non-executive directors should be established and chaired by the chairman of the board or an independent non-executive director.

The Company has not established a nomination committee whose functions are assumed by the full Board. Potential new Directors will be recruited based on their knowledge, skills, experience and expertise and the requirements of the Company at the relevant time and candidates for the INEDs must meet the independence criterion. The process of identifying and selecting appropriate candidates for consideration and approval by the Board has been, and will continue to be, carried out by the executive Directors (“**EDs**”). As the above selection and nomination policies and procedures have already been in place and the other duties of the nomination committee as set out in the CG Code have long been performed by the full Board effectively, the Board does not consider it necessary to establish a nomination committee at the current stage.

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(2) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(2.1) Responsibilities and delegation

The Board oversees the overall management of the Company's business and affairs. The Board's primary duty is to ensure the viability of the Company and to ascertain that it is managed in the best interests of its Shareholders as a whole while taking into account the interests of other stakeholders.

The Board has established specific committees with written terms of reference to assist it in the efficient implementation of its functions, namely the Executive Committee, the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee. Specific responsibilities have been delegated to the above committees.

The Board has delegated the day-to-day management of the Company's business to the management and the Executive Committee, and focuses its attention on matters affecting the Company's long term objectives and plans for achieving these objectives, the Group's overall business and commercial strategy as well as overall policies and guidelines.

From April 2012 onwards, all Directors have been provided, on a monthly basis, with the Group's management information updates, giving a balanced and understandable assessment of the Group's performance, position, recent developments and prospects in sufficient detail to keep them abreast of the Group's affairs and facilitate them to discharge their duties under the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules.

(2) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

(2.2) Composition of the Board

The Board currently comprises nine members, of whom six are EDs, and the remaining three are INEDs, in compliance with the minimum number of INEDs required under Rule 3.10(1) (i.e. at least 3 INEDs) and the Rule 3.10A (i.e. INEDs representing at least one-third of the Board) of the Listing Rules. The Directors who served the Board during the year ended 31 July 2017 (“Year”) and up to the date of this Report are named as follows:

Executive Directors

Lam Kin Ming (*Chairman*)

Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, GBS (*Deputy Chairman*)

Chew Fook Aun (*Deputy Chairman*)

Lam Hau Yin, Lester

(also alternate Director to U Po Chu)

Lam Kin Hong, Matthew

U Po Chu

Independent Non-executive Directors

Chow Bing Chiu

Lam Bing Kwan

Leung Shu Yin, William

The brief biographical particulars of the existing Directors are set out in the section headed “Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management” of this Annual Report on pages 62 to 66.

Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, a deputy chairman and an ED, is the son of Madam U Po Chu, an ED, the younger brother of Dr. Lam Kin Ming, the Chairman of the Board and an ED, the elder brother of Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew, an ED, and the father of Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester, an ED.

Save as aforesaid and as disclosed in the “Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management” section of this Annual Report, none of the Directors has any financial, business, family or other material/relevant relationships with one another.

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(2) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

(2.3) Attendance record at Board meetings

The Board had held six meetings during the Year. The attendance record of individual Directors at the Board meetings held during the Year is set out below:

Directors	Number of meetings attended/ Number of meetings held
Executive Directors	
Lam Kin Ming	4/6
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, GBS	6/6
Chew Fook Aun	6/6
Lam Kin Hong, Matthew	6/6
Lam Hau Yin, Lester (also alternate Director to U Po Chu)	6/6
U Po Chu	5/6
Independent Non-executive Directors	
Chow Bing Chiu	6/6
Lam Bing Kwan	6/6
Leung Shu Yin, William	6/6

(2.4) INEDs

The Company has complied with the requirements under Rules 3.10(1) and 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules. The former Rule requires that every board of directors of a listed issuer must include at least three INEDs and the latter Rule requires that at least one of the INEDs must have appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise. The Company has received from each of the INEDs an annual confirmation in writing of his independence for the Year and all INEDs also meet the guidelines for assessment of their independence as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Further, up to the date of this Report, the Board has not been aware of the occurrence of any events which would cause it to believe that their independence has been impaired.

(2) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

(2.4) INEDs (continued)

Mr. Leung Shu Yin, William (“**Mr. Leung**”), an INED, will retire at the forthcoming AGM and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election. Mr. William Leung has served on the Board for more than 15 years since 25 July 2002. Being a long-serving Director, Mr. William Leung has developed an in-depth understanding of the Company’s operations and business, and has expressed objective views and given independent guidance to the Company over the years. There is no empirical evidence that the long service of Mr. William Leung would impair his independent judgement. The Board is satisfied that Mr. William Leung will continue to have the required character and experience to fulfill the role of INEDs and considers that the re-election of Mr. William Leung as an INED at the forthcoming AGM is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

(2.5) Directors’ and Officers’ Liabilities Insurance

The Company has arranged appropriate directors’ and officers’ liabilities insurance coverage for the Directors and officers of the Company.

(3) DIRECTORS’ INDUCTION AND CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On appointment to the Board, each Director receives a comprehensive induction package covering business operations, policy and procedures of the Company as well as the general, statutory and regulatory obligations of being a Director to ensure that he/she is sufficiently aware of his/her responsibilities under the Listing Rules and other relevant regulatory requirements.

The Directors are regularly briefed on the amendments to or updates on the relevant laws, rules and regulations. In addition, the Company has been encouraging the Directors and senior executives to enroll in a wide range of professional development courses and seminars relating to the Listing Rules, Companies Ordinance/Act and corporate governance practices organised by professional bodies, independent auditors and/or law firms in Hong Kong so that they can continuously update and further improve their relevant knowledge and skills.

From time to time, Directors are provided with written training materials to develop and refresh their professional skills; the Group’s legal and the company secretarial departments also organise and arrange seminars on the latest development of applicable laws, rules and regulations for the Directors to assist them in discharging their duties. During the Year, the Company arranged for the INEDs to attend a seminar organised by the independent auditors of the Company (“**Independent Auditors**”).

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(3) DIRECTORS' INDUCTION AND CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

According to the records maintained by the Company, the current Directors received the following training with an emphasis on the roles, functions and duties of a director of a listed company in compliance with the requirement of the CG Code on continuous professional development during the Year:

Directors	Corporate Governance/ Updates on Laws, Rules & Regulations		Accounting/ Financial/Management or Other Professional Skills	
	Read Materials	Attend Seminars/ Briefings	Read Materials	Attend Seminars/ Briefings
Executive Directors				
Lam Kin Ming	✓	✓	✓	—
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, GBS	✓	✓	✓	—
Chew Fook Aun	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lam Hau Yin, Lester <i>(also alternate Director to U Po Chu)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lam Kin Hong, Matthew	✓	✓	✓	✓
U Po Chu	✓	✓	✓	—
Independent Non-executive Directors				
Chow Bing Chiu	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lam Bing Kwan	✓	✓	✓	✓
Leung Shu Yin, William	✓	✓	✓	✓

(4) BOARD COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee comprising members appointed by the Board amongst the EDs was established on 18 November 2005 with written terms of reference to assist the Board in monitoring the ongoing management of the Company's business and in implementing the Company's objectives in accordance with the strategy and policies approved by the Board. The Board has also delegated its authority to the following Committees to assist it in the implementation of its functions:

(4.1) Remuneration Committee

The Board established a Remuneration Committee on 18 November 2005 which currently comprises four members, including three INEDs, namely Messrs. Lam Bing Kwan (Chairman), Chow Bing Chiu and Leung Shu Yin, William, and an ED, Mr. Chew Fook Aun.

On 29 March 2012, the Board adopted a set of the revised terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee, which has included changes in line with the CG Code's new requirements effective from 1 April 2012. The Remuneration Committee has adopted the operation model where it performs an advisory role to the Board, with the Board retaining the final authority to approve the remuneration packages of the Directors and senior management. The revised terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee setting out its authority, duties and responsibilities are available on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

(a) Duties of the Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee has been charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Board, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and/or Chief Executive Officer, on an appropriate policy and framework for all aspects of remuneration of all Directors and senior management, including but not limited to Directors' fees, salaries, allowances, bonuses, share options, benefits in kind and pension rights, to ensure that the level of remuneration offered by the Company is competitive and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate personnel of the required quality to manage the Company successfully.

(b) Work performed by the Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee held three meetings during the Year to discuss remuneration-related matters, the payment of discretionary bonus to EDs, review of remuneration packages of EDs and INEDs and grant of share options to certain EDs. No Directors was involved in deciding his own remuneration and share options at the meeting of the Remuneration Committee.

(c) Attendance record at the Remuneration Committee meetings

The attendance record of committee members at these Remuneration Committee meetings held during the Year is set out below:

Committee Members	Number of meetings attended/ Number of meetings held
Executive Director	
Chew Fook Aun	3/3
Independent Non-executive Directors	
Chow Bing Chiu	3/3
Lam Bing Kwan	3/3
Leung Shu Yin, William	3/3

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(4) BOARD COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

(4.2) Audit Committee

The Board established an Audit Committee on 23 March 2000 which currently comprises three INEDs, namely Messrs. Leung Shu Yin, William (Chairman), Chow Bing Chiu and Lam Bing Kwan.

The Company has complied with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules, which requires that at least one of the members of the Audit Committee (which must comprise a minimum of three members and must be chaired by an INED) is an INED who possesses appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise.

(a) Duties of the Audit Committee (including corporate governance functions)

While recognising corporate governance is the collective responsibility of all of its members, the Board has delegated the corporate governance functions to the members of the Audit Committee who are considered to be better positioned to provide an objective and independent guidance on governance-related matters.

On 29 March 2012, the Board formalised the governance-related policies and procedures, established on the foundations of accountability, transparency, fairness and integrity and adopted by the Group for years, into a set of corporate governance policy ("**CG Policy**"). The terms of reference of the Audit Committee were revised in line with the CG Policy and had incorporated the new corporate governance-related functions required under the CG Code effective from 1 April 2012.

In compliance with the Stock Exchange's implementation of the revised Listing Rules relating to the risk management and internal controls for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, the terms of reference of the Audit Committee were revised by the Board on 23 March 2016. The revised terms of reference setting out the Audit Committee's authority, duties and responsibilities are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

During the Year, an independent external risk advisory firm ("**Independent Advisor**") had been retained to conduct certain internal control reviews of the Group. The relevant reports from the Independent Advisor were presented to and reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Board.

Apart from performing the corporate governance functions, the Audit Committee is principally responsible for the monitoring of the integrity of periodical financial statements of the Company, the review of significant financial reporting judgments contained in them before submission to the Board for approval, and the review and monitoring of the auditors' independence and objectivity as well as the effectiveness of the audit process.

The Audit Committee is also responsible to oversight the Company's internal control and risk management systems.

(4) BOARD COMMITTEES (CONTINUED)

(4.2) Audit Committee (continued)

(b) Work performed by the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee held three meetings during the Year. It has reviewed the audited results of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2016, the unaudited interim results of the Company for the six months ended 31 January 2017 and other matters related to the financial and accounting policies and practices of the Company as well as the nature and scope of the audit for the Year. Further, it has reviewed the Group's internal audit plan and the budget for the ensuing year and put forward relevant recommendations to the Board.

On 18 October 2017, the Audit Committee reviewed the draft audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as well as the accounting principles and policies for the Year with the Company's management in the presence of the representatives of the Independent Auditors of the Company. It also reviewed this Corporate Governance Report and the internal control review report of the Company prepared by the Independent Advisor.

(c) Attendance record at the Audit Committee meetings

The attendance record of committee members at these Audit Committee meetings held during the Year is set out below:

Committee Members	Number of meetings attended/ Number of meetings held
Independent Non-executive Directors	
Leung Shu Yin, William	3/3
Chow Bing Chiu	3/3
Lam Bing Kwan	3/3

(5) CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The CG Code provides that the roles of the chairman and the chief executive should be separated and performed by different individuals.

During the Year and up to the date of this Report, Dr. Lam Kin Ming was the Chairman of the Company while Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter and Mr. Chew Fook Aun were both the Deputy Chairman of the Company and Mr. Yip Chai Tuck was the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The segregation ensures a clear distinction between the Chairman's responsibilities to manage the Board and the Chief Executive Officer's responsibilities to manage the Company's business. The division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer is defined.

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(6) NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

As explained in Paragraph (1) above, none of the existing NEDs (including the INEDs) was appointed for a specific term.

(7) NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

As explained in Paragraph (1) above, the Company does not establish a nomination committee. The policies (including the board diversity policy) and procedures for the selection and nomination of Directors, and arrangements for the performance of other duties of the nomination committee have also been disclosed therein.

(8) BOARD DIVERSITY POLICY

The Company has adopted a board diversity policy ("**Policy**") in July 2013 which sets out the approach to achieve and maintain diversity on the Board in order to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.

The Company recognizes Board diversity will strengthen the Company's strategic objectives in driving business results; enhancing good corporate governance and reputation; and attracting and retaining talent for the Board.

Board diversity ensures the Board has the appropriate balance and level of skills, experience and perspectives required to support the execution of its business strategies. The Company seeks to achieve Board diversity through the consideration of a number of factors, including professional qualifications and experience, cultural and educational background, race and ethnicity, gender, age and length of service. The Company will also take into consideration factors based on its own business model and specific needs from time to time in determining the optimum composition of the Board.

On recommendation from the EDs, the Board will set measurable objectives to implement the Policy and review such objectives from time to time to ensure their appropriateness and ascertain the progress made towards achieving those objectives. The EDs will review the Policy, as appropriate, to ensure its continued effectiveness from time to time.

A copy of the Policy has been published on the Company's website for public information.

(9) SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS AND DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES

The Company has adopted a Code of Practice for Securities Transactions by Directors and Designated Employees ("**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 in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. The Company has made specific enquiry of all Directors and they have confirmed in writing their compliance with the required standard set out in the Securities Code during the Year.

(10) INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The fees in respect of audit and non-audit services provided to the Group by the Independent Auditors, Messrs. Ernst & Young, Certified Public Accountants, Hong Kong ("**Ernst & Young**") for the Year amounted to HK\$4,826,000 and HK\$3,003,300 respectively, of which the analysis is as follows. The non-audit services mainly consist of advisory, review, tax compliance service and other reporting services.

	Audit service HK\$	Non-audit service HK\$
The Company and its subsidiaries (excluding Lai Sun Development Company Limited (" LSD ") and its subsidiaries)	1,318,000	454,000
LSD and its subsidiaries	3,508,000	2,549,300
Total	4,826,000	3,003,300

(11) DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge that they are responsible for overseeing the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the financial performance and cash flows for such reporting period. In doing so, the Directors select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently and make accounting estimates that are appropriate in the circumstances. With the assistance of the accounting and finance staff, the Directors ensure that the financial statements of the Group are prepared in accordance with statutory requirements and appropriate financial reporting standards.

(12) INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY

The statement by the Independent Auditors about their reporting and auditing responsibilities for the financial statements is set out in the Independent Auditors' report contained in this Annual Report.

(13) RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The main features of the risk management and internal control systems are to provide a clear governance structure, policies and procedures, as well as reporting mechanism to facilitate the Group to manage its risks across business operations.

The Group has established a risk management framework, which consists of the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee and the Risk Management Taskforce. The Board of Directors determines the nature and extent of risks that shall be taken in achieving the Group's strategic objectives, and has the overall responsibility for monitoring the design, implementation and the overall effectiveness of risk management and internal control systems.

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(13) RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL (CONTINUED)

The Group has formulated and adopted Risk Management Policy in providing direction in identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks. At least on an annual basis, the Risk Management Taskforce identifies risks that would adversely affect the achievement of the Group's objectives, and assesses and prioritizes the identified risks according to a set of standard criteria. Risk mitigation plans and risk owners are then established for those risks considered to be significant.

In addition, the Group has engaged an independent professional advisor to assist the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee in ongoing monitoring of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group. The design and implementation of internal controls are to identify weakness for improvement. The independent professional advisor will report to the Audit Committee and Board of Directors for identified weakness and proposed recommendation on a timely basis to ensure prompt remediation actions are taken.

Risk management report and internal control report are submitted to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors at least once a year. The Board of Directors had performed annual review on the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems, including but not limited to the Group's ability to cope with its business transformation and changing external environment; the scope and quality of management's review on risk management and internal control systems; result of internal audit work; the extent and frequency of communication with the Board of Directors in relation to result of risk and internal control review; significant failures or weaknesses identified and their related implications; and status of compliance with the Listing Rules. The Board of Directors considers the Group's risk management and internal control systems are effective.

The risk management and internal control 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.

Procedures and internal controls for the handling and dissemination of inside information

The Group complies with requirements of Securities & Futures Ordinance ("SFO") and the Listing Rules. The Group discloses inside information to the public as soon as reasonably practicable unless the information falls within any of the Safe Harbours as provided in the SFO. Before the information is fully disclosed to the public, the Group ensures the information is kept strictly confidential. If the Group believes that the necessary degree of confidentiality cannot be maintained or that confidentiality may have been breached, the Group would immediately disclose the information to the public. The Group is committed to ensure that information contained in announcements are not false or misleading as to a material fact, or false or misleading through the omission of a material fact in view of presenting information in a clear and balanced way, which requires equal disclosure of both positive and negative facts.

(14) COMPANY SECRETARY

During the Year, the company secretary of the Company ("**Company Secretary**") has complied with the relevant training requirement under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

(15) SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

(15.1) Procedures for Shareholders to convene a general meeting

Pursuant to the Articles of Association and the Companies Ordinance, Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong ("**Companies Ordinance**"), registered Shareholders holding at least 5% of the of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders having the right of voting at general meetings of the Company ("**GM Requisitionists**") can deposit a written request to convene a general meeting at the registered office of the Company ("**Registered Office**"), which is presently situated at the 11th Floor, Lai Sun Commercial Centre, 680 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong for the attention of the Company Secretary.

The GM Requisitionists must state in their request(s) the general nature of the business to be dealt with at the general meeting and such request(s) must be authenticated by all the GM Requisitionists and may consist of several documents in like form.

The Company's share registrar ("**Share Registrar**") will verify the GM Requisitionists' particulars in the GM Requisitionists' request. Promptly after confirmation from the Share Registrar that the GM Requisitionists' request is in order, the Company Secretary will arrange with the Board to convene a general meeting by serving sufficient notice to all the registered Shareholders in accordance with all the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements. On the contrary, if the GM Requisitionists' request is verified not in order, the GM Requisitionists will be advised of the outcome and accordingly, a general meeting will not be convened as requested.

The GM Requisitionists, or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them, may themselves convene a general meeting if within twenty-one (21) days of the deposit of the GM Requisitionists' request, the Board does not proceed duly to convene a general meeting for a day not more than twenty-eight (28) days after the date on which the notice convening the general meeting is given, provided that any general meeting so convened is held within three (3) months from the date of the original GM Requisitionists' request. Any reasonable expenses incurred by the GM Requisitionists by reason of the Board's failure to duly convene a general meeting shall be repaid to the GM Requisitionists by the Company.

(15.2) Procedures for putting forward proposals at a general meeting

Pursuant to section 580 and 615 of the Companies Ordinance, either the Shareholders of the company representing at least 2.5% of the total voting rights of all the Shareholders who have a right to vote on the resolution at the general meeting, or at least 50 registered Shareholders who have a right to vote on the resolution at the general meeting, may request the Company in writing to give to the Shareholders entitled to receive notice of the general meeting of any resolution which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved at that meeting; and to circulate statements regarding resolutions proposed at general meeting.

The requisition (i) may be sent to the Company in hard copy form at the Registered Office stated in paragraph (15.1) above or in electronic form by email at lscmsec@laisun.com; (ii) must identify the resolution of which notice is to be given; (iii) must be authenticated by the person or persons making it; and (iv)(a) in the case of requisition for the circulation of resolutions to be moved at general meeting, the requisition must be received by the Company not later than 6 weeks before the general meeting or (b) in the case of requisition for the circulation of statements regarding resolutions proposed at the general meeting, such requisition must be received by the Company not later than 7 days before the general meeting, or if later, the time at which notice is given of that meeting.

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(15) SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

(15.3) Procedures for proposing a person for election as a Director

As regards the procedures for proposing a person for election as a Director, please refer to the procedures made available under the Corporate Governance section (Shareholders' Right sub-section) of the Company's website at www.laisun.com.

(15.4) Procedures for directing Shareholders' enquiries to the Board

Shareholders may at any time send their enquiries and concerns to the Board in writing through the Company Secretary whose contact details are as follows:

11/F, Lai Sun Commercial Centre
680 Cheung Sha Wan Road
Kowloon, Hong Kong

Fax: (852) 2743 8459

Email: lscmsec@laisun.com

Shareholders may also make enquiries with the Board at the general meetings of the Company.

(16) COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS

(16.1) Shareholders Communication Policy

On 29 March 2012, the Board adopted a Shareholders' Communication Policy reflecting mostly the current practices of the Company for communication with its Shareholders. Such policy aims at providing the Shareholders and potential investors with ready and timely access to balanced and understandable information of the Company. However, it will be reviewed regularly to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with the prevailing regulatory and other requirements.

The Company has established a number of channels for maintaining an on-going dialogue with its Shareholders as follows:

- (i) corporate communications such as annual reports, interim reports and circulars issued in printed form and are available on the Stock Exchange's website at www.hkex.com.hk and the Company's website at www.laisun.com;
- (ii) financial highlights, press releases and results roadshows presentations are also posted on the Company's website;
- (iii) periodic announcements are made through the Stock Exchange and published on the respective websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company;
- (iv) corporate information and the Articles of Association of the Company are made available on the Company's website and the latter is also posted on the website of the Stock Exchange;

(16) COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS (CONTINUED)

(16.1) Shareholders Communication Policy (continued)

- (v) participate in roadshows and investors' conferences to meet Shareholders/investors, media and financial analysis;
- (vi) AGMs and/or general meetings provide a forum for the Shareholders to make comments and exchange views with the Directors and senior management; and
- (vii) the Share Registrar serve the Shareholders in respect of share registration, dividend payment, change of Shareholders' particulars and related matters.

(16.2) Attendance record at general meetings

During the Year, the Company held an AGM and the attendance record of individual Directors at this meeting is set out below:

Directors	Number of meetings attended/ Number of meetings held
Executive Directors	
Lam Kin Ming	1/1
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, GBS	0/1
Chew Fook Aun	1/1
Lam Kin Hong, Matthew	1/1
Lam Hau Yin, Lester <i>(also alternate Director to U Po Chu)</i>	0/1
U Po Chu	0/1
Independent Non-executive Directors	
Chow Bing Chiu	1/1
Lam Bing Kwan	1/1
Leung Shu Yin, William	1/1

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(16) COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS (CONTINUED)

(16.3) Details of the last general meeting

The last general meeting of the Company, being the AGM for 2016, was held at 12 noon on Friday, 16 December 2016 at Harbour View Rooms I & II, 3rd Floor, The Excelsior Hong Kong, 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong ("**2016 AGM**"). At the 2016 AGM, Shareholders approved by a vast majority of votes (i) the adoption of the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2016 and the reports of the directors and the independent auditors thereon; (ii) the declaration of a final dividend with a scrip dividend option; (iii) the re-election of Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter and Madam U Po Chu as EDs, the re-election of Mr. Chow Bing Chiu as an INED and the authorisation for the Board to fix the remuneration of the Directors; (iv) the re-appointment of Ernst & Young as the Independent Auditors for the Year and the authorisation for the Board to fix their remuneration; (v) the granting to the Directors a general mandate to buy back the shares of the Company ("**Shares**") not exceeding 10% of the aggregate number of the issued shares of the Company; (vi) the granting to the Directors a general mandate to issue, allot and deal with additional Shares of not exceeding 20% of the aggregate number of the issued shares; and (vii) the extension to the general mandate granted to the Directors to issue share of the Company by adding the number of bought back. The notice of the 2016 AGM and the poll results announcement in respect of the 2016 AGM were published on the websites of both the Stock Exchange and the Company on 16 November 2016 and 16 December 2016, respectively.

The Board resolved at its meeting held on 19 October 2017 that the AGM for 2017 be held on 15 December 2017 for Shareholders to (i) consider and adopt the audited financial statements and the reports of the directors and the independent auditors of the Company for the Year; (ii) declare a final dividend; (iii) re-elect the Directors who retire and have offered themselves for re-election; (iv) re-appoint Ernst & Young as the Independent Auditors for the ensuing year and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration; (v) grant to Directors a general mandate to issue and allot additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company; (vi) grant to Directors a general mandate to buy back the Company's Shares not exceeding 10% of the issued share capital of the Company and (vii) extend the general mandate granted to the Directors to issue Shares of the Company by adding the number of Shares bought back.

(17) INVESTOR RELATIONS

To ensure our investors have a better understanding of the Company, our management engages in a pro-active investor relations programme. Our EDs and Investor Relations Department communicate with research analysts and institutional investors on an on-going basis and meet with research analysts and the press after our results announcements, attend major investors' conferences and participate in international non-deal roadshows to communicate the Company's financial performance and global business strategy.

During the Year, the Company has met with a number of research analysts and investors, attended conferences as well as non-deal roadshows as follows:

Month	Event	Organizer	Location
October 2016	Post results non-deal roadshow	DBS	Hong Kong
November 2016	Post results non-deal roadshow	DBS	Singapore
November 2016	Post results non-deal roadshow	Daiwa	New York/ Philadelphia/ Los Angeles/ San Francisco
November 2016	Post results non-deal roadshow	Daiwa	London/ Amsterdam/ Zurich
March 2017	Post results non-deal roadshow	Daiwa	Hong Kong
March 2017	Post results non-deal roadshow	Daiwa	New York/ San Francisco
April 2017	Post results non-deal roadshow	DBS	Singapore
April 2017	Post results non-deal roadshow	BNP	London
June 2017	Post results non-deal roadshow	HSBC	Taipei

The Company is keen on promoting investor relations and enhancing communication with the Shareholders and potential investors. It welcomes suggestions from investors, stakeholders and the public who may contact the Investor Relations Department by phone on (852) 2853 6116 during normal business hours, by fax at (852) 2853 6651 or by e-mail at ir@laisun.com.

Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Each of the current executive directors of the Company ("**Executive Directors**") named below (except Madam U Po Chu and Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew) holds directorships in a number or certain of the subsidiaries of the Company and all of them hold directorships in all or certain of the Company's listed affiliates, namely Lai Sun Development Company Limited ("**LSD**"), eSun Holdings Limited ("**eSun**"), Lai Fung Holdings Limited ("**Lai Fung**") and Media Asia Group Holdings Limited ("**MAGH**"). The issued shares of LSD, eSun and Lai Fung are listed and traded on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("**Stock Exchange**") and MAGH's issued shares are listed and traded on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange. While Wisdoman Limited is the controlling shareholder of the Company, the Company is the ultimate controlling shareholder of LSD which is the controlling shareholder of eSun. Further, eSun is the ultimate holding company of Lai Fung and MAGH.

Dr. Lam Kin Ming, aged 80, is the Chairman of the Company and a member of the Executive Committee of the Company. He has been an Executive Director since October 1987 and has extensive experience in property development and investment and has been involved in the management of garment business since 1958. He is also the deputy chairman and an executive director of Lai Fung, a non-executive director of LSD and the chairman, the chief executive officer and an executive director of Crocodile Garments Limited ("**CGL**"). The issued shares of CGL are listed and traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Save as disclosed above, Dr. Lam does not hold other directorship in the last three years in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas. He received an honorary doctoral degree from the International American University in the United States of America in 2009 and was admitted as Honorary Doctorate of Management of the Lincoln University in the United States of America in February 2014.

Dr. Lam is the elder brother of Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (the Deputy Chairman, an Executive Director and the controlling shareholder of the Company), and Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew (an Executive Director of the Company), and an uncle of Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester (an Executive Director of the Company). Save as aforesaid, Dr. Lam does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Dr. Lam does not have a service contract with the Company. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, Dr. Lam will be subject to retirement from office as director by rotation once every three years if re-elected at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company ("**AGM**") and will also be eligible for re-election at future AGMs. Dr. Lam presently receives from the Company an annual remuneration of HK\$810,000 and an annual directors' fee of HK\$48,000 and other remuneration as well as discretionary bonus to be determined by the Board from time to time with reference to the results of the Company, his performance, duties and responsibilities as well as the prevailing market conditions. Dr. Lam also receives from LSD, a subsidiary of the Company, an annual director's fee of HK\$250,000 in acting as the non-executive director of LSD.

As at the date of this annual report, Dr. Lam is interested or deemed to be interested within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong ("**SFO**") in 1,001,652 shares in the Company, representing approximately 0.26% of the issued share capital of the Company. Save as aforesaid, Dr. Lam does not have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and/or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Please also refer to the Note at the end of this section of "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management".

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, aged 60, is the Deputy Chairman of the Company and a member of the Executive Committee of the Company. He has been an Executive Director since October 1987 and is a director of Wisdoman Limited (a controlling shareholder of the Company). Dr. Lam is also the chairman and an executive director of LSD and MAGH as well as an executive director of CGL, a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Dr. Lam was an executive director of eSun from 15 October 1996 to 13 February 2014. Dr. Lam was the chairman and an executive director of Lai Fung from 25 November 1993 to 31 October 2012. Dr. Lam has extensive experience in the property development and investment business, hospitality as well as media and entertainment business. Dr. Lam was conferred an Honorary Doctorate from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in June 2011. Dr. Lam received the Gold Bauhinia Star awarded from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“**HKSAR**”) on 1 July 2015.

Currently, Dr. Lam is the chairman of the Hong Kong Tourism Board and an ex officio member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council. He is also a member of the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (“**CPPCC**”) and the vice chairman of the Committee for Liaison with Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and Overseas Chinese. In addition, Dr. Lam is the chairman of Hong Kong Chamber of Films Limited, honorary chairman of Hong Kong Motion Picture Industry Association Limited, a director of The Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, a trustee of The Better Hong Kong Foundation, a member of Friends of Hong Kong Association Limited, a director of Hong Kong-Vietnam Chamber of Commerce Limited, a non-official member of the Lantau Development Advisory Committee, an honorary chairman of Federation of HK Jiangsu Community Organisations, the chairman of Hong Kong Cultural Development Research Institute Limited and the President of Hong Kong Association of Cultural Industries Limited. On 26 July 2017, Dr. Lam was re-appointed a member of Aviation Development and Three-runway System Advisory Committee for a term of two years from 1 August 2017 to 31 July 2019. On 31 August 2017, Dr. Lam was appointed a member of the Trade and Industry Advisory Board from 1 September 2017 to 31 December 2019.

Dr. Lam is the son of Madam U Po Chu (an Executive Director of the Company), the younger brother of Dr. Lam Kin Ming (the Chairman and an Executive Director of the Company), the elder brother of Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew (an Executive Director of the Company) and the father of Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester (an Executive Director of the Company).

Mr. Chew Fook Aun, aged 55, was appointed a Deputy Chairman and an Executive Director of the Company on 5 June 2012 and is presently a member of the Executive Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. He is also the deputy chairman and an executive director of LSD, an executive director of eSun and the chairman and an executive director of Lai Fung.

Mr. Chew has over 30 years of experience in accounting, auditing and finance in the United Kingdom (“**UK**”) and Hong Kong. He graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science of the University of London in the UK with a Bachelor of Science (Economics) Degree. Mr. Chew is a fellow member of both the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”) and The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. He was also a council member of the HKICPA and its vice president in 2010. Mr. Chew is currently a member of the Operations Review Committee of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (“**ICAC**”) and is appointed a member of the Barristers Disciplinary Tribunal Panel for a five-year term with effect from 1 September 2015. In addition, he was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors to the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited for a term of two years with effect from 1 April 2017. All are organisations established in Hong Kong. Mr. Chew was a member of the Corruption Prevention Advisory Committee of the ICAC from January 2009 to December 2014, a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform of the Companies Registry from February 2011 to January 2015 and a member of the Financial Reporting Council from December 2009 to November 2015. He also served as a member of the advisory committee of the Securities and Futures Commission from June 2007 to May 2013.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Prior to joining the Lai Sun Group, Mr. Chew was an executive director and the group chief financial officer of Esprit Holdings Limited (“**Esprit**”) from 1 February 2009 to 1 May 2012, an executive director and the chief financial officer of The Link Management Limited (now known as Link Asset Management Limited), acting as manager of The Link Real Estate Investment Trust (now known as Link Real Estate Investment Trust) (“**The Link REIT**”), from February 2007 to January 2009. He was also the chief financial officer of Kerry Properties Limited (“**Kerry Properties**”) from 1996 to 2004, a director of corporate finance for Kerry Holdings Limited from 1998 to 2004 and an executive director of Kyard Limited in charge of the property portfolio of a private family office from 2004 to 2007. The issued shares of Esprit and Kerry Properties and the issued units of The Link REIT are listed and traded on the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew, aged 49, was appointed an Executive Director in March 2001 and is a member of the Executive Committee and a legal adviser of the Company. He is also an executive deputy chairman and an executive director of Lai Fung and an executive director of CGL.

Mr. Lam graduated from the University College London in the United Kingdom with a Bachelor of Science Degree and underwent training as a lawyer with an international law firm, Reed Smith Richards Butler. Mr. Lam is the Co-founding Partner and Managing Partner of a Hong Kong law firm, Nixon Peabody CWL and he is a member of The Law Society of Hong Kong and The Law Society of England and Wales.

Mr. Lam has considerable experience in property development and corporate finance in Hong Kong and the Mainland China. He is the vice president cum chairman of the Hong Kong Real Property Federation Cum Yangtze River Delta Region and he is a standing committee member of the CPPCC in Shanghai.

Mr. Lam also serves as the honorary consul of Consulate of the Republic of Estonia in Hong Kong and is a Council Member of the Business Advisory Council of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

Mr. Lam is the younger brother of Dr. Lam Kin Ming (the Chairman and an Executive Director of the Company) and Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (the Deputy Chairman, an Executive Director and controlling shareholder of the Company) and an uncle of Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester (Executive Director of the Company).

Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester, aged 36, was appointed an Executive Director in May 2006 and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Company. He is also the alternate director to Madam U Po Chu in her capacity as an Executive Director of the Company. Mr. Lam is an executive director of LSD and eSun as well as an executive director and the chief executive officer of Lai Fung. He is also a director of Wisdoman Limited (a controlling shareholder of the Company).

Mr. Lam holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree from Northeastern University, Boston, the United States of America. He completed the Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA program in July 2016. He has acquired working experience since 1999 in various companies engaged in securities investment, hotel operations, environmental products, entertainment and property development and investment.

Mr. Lam is a son of Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (the Deputy Chairman, an Executive Director and the controlling shareholder of the Company), a grandson of Madam U Po Chu (an Executive Director of the Company) and a nephew of both Dr. Lam Kin Ming (the Chairman and an Executive Director of the Company) and Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew (an Executive Director of the Company).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Madam U Po Chu, aged 92, has been a Director since December 1990 and was a Non-executive Director until re-designated as an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 27 November 2012. She is also a non-executive director of LSD and eSun, as well as an executive director of Lai Fung. She is also a director of Wisdoman Limited (a controlling shareholder of the Company).

Madam U has over 55 years' experience in the garment manufacturing business and had been involved in the printing business in the mid-1960's. She started to expand the business to fabric bleaching and dyeing in the early 1970's and became involved in property development and investment in the late 1980's.

Madam U is the mother of Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (the Deputy Chairman, an Executive Director and the controlling shareholder of the Company) and the grandmother of Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester (an Executive Director of the Company).

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Chow Bing Chiu, aged 66, was appointed an Independent Non-executive Director in September 2004 and is a member of both the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Company. Mr. Chow is also an independent non-executive director of CGL. The issued shares of CGL are listed and traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Mr. Chow obtained his Bachelor of Law degree in 1980 and qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 1983. He is the senior partner of B.C. Chow & Co., Solicitors, in Hong Kong and a China-appointed Attesting Officer.

Mr. Lam Bing Kwan, aged 67, was appointed an Independent Non-executive Director in February 2011 and is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company. Mr. Lam is also an independent non-executive director of LSD, Lai Fung and eForce Holdings Limited, and a non-executive director of Sino-i Technology Limited and Nan Hai Corporation Limited. The issued shares of all the aforesaid companies are listed and traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. The Company is the ultimate controlling shareholder of LSD. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lam does not hold other directorship in the last three years in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

Mr. Lam graduated from the University of Oregon in the United States of America with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1974. He has substantial experience in property development and investment in China, having been actively involved in this industry since the mid-1980's. Mr. Lam has served on the boards of a number of listed companies in Hong Kong for over 10 years.

Mr. Lam does not have a service contract with the Company. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. Lam will be subject to retirement from office as director by rotation once every three years if re-elected at the AGM and will also be eligible for re-election at future AGMs. Mr. Lam presently receives from the Company an annual director's fee of HK\$300,000 and he also receives from LSD, a subsidiary of the Company, an annual director's fee of HK\$300,000 in acting as the independent non-executive director of LSD.

Save as his directorship disclosed above, Mr. Lam does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the date of this annual report, Mr. Lam does not have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and/or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Please also refer to the Note at the end of this section of "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management".

Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

Mr. Leung Shu Yin, William, aged 68, was appointed an Independent Non-executive Director in July 2002 and is the chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. Mr. Leung is also an independent non-executive director of LSD, CGL and Mainland Headwear Holdings Limited. The issued shares of all the aforesaid companies are listed and traded on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. The Company is the ultimate controlling shareholder of LSD. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Leung does not hold other directorship in the last three years in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas.

Mr. Leung is a certified public accountant, a member of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute and a fellow of both the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the United Kingdom and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Leung is a practising director of two certified public accountants' firms in Hong Kong.

Mr. Leung does not have a service contract with the Company. However, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. Leung will be subject to retirement from office as director by rotation once every three years if re-elected at the AGM and will also be eligible for re-election at future AGMs. Mr. Leung presently receives from the Company an annual director's fee of HK\$300,000 and he also receives from LSD, a subsidiary of the Company, an annual director's fee of HK\$300,000 in acting as the independent non-executive director of LSD.

Save as his directorship disclosed above, Mr. Leung does not have any relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the date of this annual report, Mr. Leung does not have any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and/or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Please also refer to the Note at the end of this section of "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management".

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Yip Chai Tuck, aged 43, has been appointed Chief Executive Officer in August 2013. He is also an executive director of eSun and MAGH. Mr. Yip has extensive experience in corporate advisory, business development and investment banking. Prior to joining the Lai Sun Group, he was a Managing Director and Head of Mergers and Acquisitions ("**M&A**") for China of Goldman Sachs. He also worked for PCCW Limited, a Hong Kong listed company, as Vice President of Ventures and M&A, responsible for strategic investments and M&A transactions.

Mr. Yip graduated from Macquarie University, Australia with a Bachelor of Economics (Accounting) and holds a Master degree in Applied Finance and Investments from the Financial Services Institute of Australia, where he is also a fellow member.

Note:

*Dr. Lam Kin Ming, Mr. Lam Bing Kwan and Mr. Leung Shu Yin, William ("**Retiring Directors**") will retire as directors at the forthcoming AGM. Being eligible, they offer themselves for re-election respectively thereat. For the purpose of each of the Retiring Directors' re-election thereat in accordance with the Articles of Association, save as disclosed above, there are no other matters which need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company, and there is no information which is discloseable pursuant to any of the requirements under Rule 13.51(2) of The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.*

Report of the Directors

The directors of the Company ("**Directors**") present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, "**Group**") for the year ended 31 July 2017 ("**Year**").

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

During the Year, the principal activities of the Group consisted of property development, property investment, investment in and operation of hotels and restaurants, and investment holding.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

Details of the consolidated profit of the Company for the Year and the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 31 July 2017 are set out in the financial statements and their accompanying notes on pages 98 to 197.

No interim dividend was paid or declared during the Year (2016: Nil).

The Directors have resolved to recommend a final dividend of HK\$0.0685 per share (2016: HK\$0.0121 per share before the effect of the Share Consolidation or HK\$0.0605 per share after the effect of the Share Consolidating), amounting to approximately HK\$26,165,000 (2016: HK\$22,921,000) for the financial year ended 31 July 2017 to shareholders of the Company ("**Shareholders**") whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Friday, 22 December 2017 subject to the approval of Shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on 15 December 2017 ("**AGM**").

The Directors propose that Shareholders be given the option to receive the final dividend in new shares in lieu of cash. The scrip dividend proposal is subject to: (1) the approval of the proposed final dividend at the AGM to be held on 15 December 2017; and (2) The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("**Stock Exchange**") granting the listing of and permission to deal in the new shares to be issued pursuant to the scrip dividend proposal.

A circular containing details of the scrip dividend proposal will be despatched to Shareholders together with the form of election for scrip dividend on or about Wednesday, 3 January 2018. It is expected that the final dividend warrants and share certificates for the scrip dividend will be despatched to Shareholders on or about Tuesday, 30 January 2018.

BUSINESS REVIEW

A review of the business of the Group during the Year, a discussion on the Group's future business development and possible risks and uncertainties that the Group may be facing are provided in the Chairman's Statement on pages 4 to 11 and Management Discussion and Analysis on pages 14 to 25 of this Annual Report.

The financial risk management objectives and policies of the Group are shown in note 38 to the financial statements.

An analysis of the Group's performance during the Year using financial key performance indicators is provided in the Chairman's Statement on pages 4 to 11 and Financial Highlights on pages 12 to 13 of this Annual Report.

Discussions on the Group's environmental policies, relationships with its key stakeholders and compliance with relevant laws and regulations which have a significant impact on the Group are contained in the Environmental, Social and Governance Report on pages 33 to 44 of this Annual Report.

Report of the Directors

DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

At 31 July 2017, the Company had reserves available for distribution to Shareholders amounted to approximately HK\$242,074,000.

SHARES ISSUED IN THE YEAR

Details of the ordinary shares issued by the Company in the Year are set out in note 30 to the financial statements. The ordinary shares issued during the Year were in lieu of cash dividends.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

Pursuant to the Company's Articles of Association, every Director shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all loss or liabilities (to the fullest extent permitted by the Companies Ordinance (Cap 622)) which he / she may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of his / her office or otherwise in relation thereto. The Company has arranged appropriate directors' and officer's liability insurance coverage for the Directors and officers of the Group.

DIRECTORS

The Directors who were in office during the Year and those as at the date of this Report are named as follows:

Executive Directors ("EDs")

Lam Kin Ming (*Chairman*)

Lam Kin Ngok, Peter GBS (*Deputy Chairman*)

Chew Fook Aun (*Deputy Chairman*)

Lam Hau Yin, Lester

(also alternate Director to U Po Chu)

Lam Kin Hong, Matthew

U Po Chu

Independent Non-executive Directors ("INEDs")

Chow Bing Chiu

Lam Bing Kwan

Leung Shu Yin, William

In accordance with Article 102 of the Company's Articles of Association and code provision A.4.2 of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange ("**Listing Rules**"), Dr. Lam Kin Ming, Mr. Lam Bing Kwan and Mr. Leung Shu Yin, William ("**Retiring Directors**"), respectively will retire by rotation at the forthcoming AGM. Being eligible, they offer themselves for re-election.

Details of the Retiring Directors proposed for re-election required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules are set out in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" of this Annual Report and the section headed "Directors' Interests" of this Report below.

All Retiring Directors have confirmed that there is no other information to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

DIRECTORS OF SUBSIDIARIES

During the year and up to the date of this Report, each of the Directors named above holds directorship in all or certain of the Company's subsidiaries. Other directors of Company's subsidiaries (including Lai Sun Development Company Limited ("LSD")) include Lui Siu Tsuen, Richard, Yip Chai Tuck, Lau Lawrence Tak Sun, Li Wah Chung, Allan, Poon Yui Man, Leung Sau Chung, Kenneth, Chan Ying Keung, Yuen Kam Sang, Danilo Nicoletti, Tse Kam Yiu, Lawrence, Alexander Wong, Ho Wing Yi, Poon Ching Fung, Jason, Tse See Fan, Paul, Lo Tai On, Koo Ching Fan, Nguyen Thi Xuan Dao, Tran Hung Viet, Pham Huy Binh and, Ang Hooi Yeong, Pauline.

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Brief biographical particulars of the existing Directors and senior management are set out on pages 62 to 66 of this Annual Report. Directors' other particulars are contained in this Report and elsewhere this Annual Report.

DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

None of the Directors proposed for re-election at the forthcoming AGM has an unexpired service contract with the Company and / or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries, which is not determinable by the employing company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The Directors' fees and other emoluments are supervised by the Remuneration Committee of the Company and determined by the Board with reference to Directors' duties, responsibilities and performance and the results of the Company as well as the prevailing market conditions. Details of the Directors' remuneration are set out in the note 9 to the financial statements.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS

Save as disclosed in note 5 to the financial statements headed "Related Party Transactions" and the section headed "Continuing Connected Transactions" of this Report below, no Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, in any contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company, its holding company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party during the Year.

CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER'S INTERESTS IN SIGNIFICANT CONTRACTS

Save as disclosed in note 5 to the financial statements headed "Related Party Transactions" and the section headed "Continuing Connected Transactions" of this Report below, at no time during the Year had the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and the controlling Shareholder (as defined by the Listing Rules) or any of its subsidiaries entered into any contract of significance or any contract of significance for the provision of services by the controlling Shareholder or any of its subsidiaries to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

Report of the Directors

CONTINUING CONNECTION TRANSACTIONS

Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Letting and/or Licensing of Premises

As announced by the Company on 31 July 2017, each member of the Lai Sun Group, namely Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited ("**LSG**"), Lai Sun Development Company Limited ("**LSD**"), eSun Holdings Limited ("**eSun**"), Lai Fung Holdings Limited ("**Lai Fung**") and Media Asia Group Holdings Limited ("**MAGHL**") entered into the memorandum of agreement on 24 May 2013 ("**Original Agreement**") to record the basis on which inter-group leases/licences ("**Transactions**") may be entered as continuing connected transactions ("**CCTs**") and the Original Agreement was renewed by the memorandum of agreement on 14 February 2014 ("**Renewal Agreement**").

Each member of the Lai Sun Group, namely LSG, LSD, eSun, Lai Fung and MAGHL entered into the memorandum of agreement on 31 July 2017 ("**Memorandum of Agreement**") for a period of three years commencing on 1 August 2017 and expiring on 31 July 2020 based on the same terms and conditions of the Renewal Agreement.

The Company is the ultimate holding company of the LSD, which in turn is the controlling shareholder of eSun. In addition, eSun is the ultimate holding company of Lai Fung and MAGH. Therefore, the Transactions contemplated under the Memorandum of Agreement constitute CCTs for each of LSD, eSun, Lai Fung and MAGHL.

LSG has not adopted any cap amounts for the Transactions and any such cap amounts, if adopted, will be announced.

LSG will comply with the requirement of annual review under the Listing Rules and will comply with the applicable requirements of the Listing Rules if any cap amounts (if adopted) is exceeded or, when the Memorandum of Agreement is renewed or, when there is a material change to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement.

During the Year, certain related party transactions constituted de minimis CCTs of the Company and are fully exempt from the reporting, annual review, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Therefore, Ernst & Young, Certified Public Accountants ("**Ernst & Young**"), the Company's independent auditors, has not been engaged to report on the Group's CCTs in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 "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 Listing Rules" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. No letter is issued by Ernst & Young containing its findings and conclusion in respect of the CCTs.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESSES

During the year and up to the date of this Annual Report, the following Directors are considered to have interests in businesses which compete or are likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group pursuant to the Listing Rules:

Dr. Lam Kin Ming, Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, Mr. Chew Fook Aun, Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew, Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester and Madam U Po Chu (together, "**Interested Directors**") held shareholding or other interests and/or directorships in companies / entities engaged in the businesses of property investment and development in Hong Kong and the Mainland China, including LSD and Crocodile Garments Limited.

Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter held shareholding or other interests and / or directorships in companies or entities engaged in the business of investment in and operation of restaurants in Hong Kong.

Dr. Lam Kin Ming held shareholding or other interests and / or directorships in companies or entities engaged in the production of pop concerts, music production and distribution and management of artistes.

The Directors do not consider the interests held by the Interested Directors to be competing in practice with the relevant business of the Group in view of:

1. different locations and different uses of the properties owned by the above companies and those of the Group; and
2. different target customers of the restaurant operations, the concerts and albums of the above companies and those of the Group.

In addition, the Board is independent from the boards of directors / governing committees of the aforesaid companies / entities and none of the Interested Directors can personally control the Board. Further, each of the Interested Directors is fully aware of, and has been discharging, his / her fiduciary duty to the Company and has acted and will continue to act in the best interest of the Company and its Shareholders as a whole. Therefore, the Group is capable of carrying on its businesses independently of, and at arm's length from, the businesses of such companies / entities.

DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed in the sections headed "Share Option Scheme" and "Directors' Interests" of this Report and note 31 headed "Share Option Schemes" to the financial statements, at no time during the Year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable a Director to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

Report of the Directors

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 11 December 2015, the shareholders of the Company approved the adoption of a new share option scheme ("**2015 Share Option Scheme**") which became effective on 23 December 2015 ("**Commencement Date**") and the termination of the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 22 December 2006 ("**2006 Share Option Scheme**"). Upon the termination of the 2006 Share Option Scheme, no further options can be granted thereunder but the subsisting options granted prior to the termination will continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the terms of the 2006 Share Option Scheme.

The purpose of the 2015 Share Option Scheme is to recognise the contribution or future contribution of the Eligible Participant (as defined in the 2015 Share Option Scheme) including any employee, any director, officer or consultant and any other group or classes of participants for their contribution to the Group by granting Options to them as incentives or rewards and to attract, retain or motivate Eligible Participants in line with the performance goals of the Relevant Companies (as defined in the 2015 Share Option Scheme) including any member of the Group or of an affiliated group with the Company. Unless otherwise cancelled or amended, the 2015 Share Option Scheme will remain in force for 10 years from the Commencement Date.

Pursuant to the terms of the 2015 Share Option Scheme and in compliance with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules, the total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the 2015 Share Option Scheme of the Company shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the Company's issued shares as at the date of adopting the 2015 Share Option Scheme.

As at 31 July 2017, share options comprising a total of 33,983,378 underlying Shares were outstanding granted under the 2006 Share Option Scheme, which represented approximately 1.78% of the Company's shares in issue as at 31 July 2017, and share options comprising a total of 58,957,052 underlying Shares were outstanding granted under the 2015 Share Option Scheme, which represented approximately 3.09% of the Company's shares in issue as at 31 July 2017. Following the completion of Share Consolidation of the Company on 15 August 2017, the above share options have been adjusted to 6,796,675 underlying shares and 11,791,409 underlying shares, respectively.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (CONTINUED)

The Company (continued)

Information on the movements of share options under the 2006 Share Option Scheme and the 2015 Share Option Scheme during the Year is set out below:

Name and Category of participants	Date of grant (Note 1)	Number of underlying Shares comprised in share options				As at 31 July 2017	Exercise period	Exercise price per share option HK\$ (Note 2)
		As at 1 August 2016	Grant during the Year	Exercise during the Year	Lapsed during the Year			
Directors								
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	18/01/2013	1,876,211 (Note 3)	—	—	—	1,876,211 (Note 4)	18/01/2013-17/01/2023	1.21 (Notes 3&4)
	19/06/2017	—	1,666,666	—	—	1,666,666 (Note 4)	19/06/2017-18/06/2027	3.00 (Note 4)
Chew Fook Aun	05/06/2012	8,012,111 (Note 3)	—	8,012,111 (Note 5)	—	—	05/06/2012-04/06/2022	0.501 (Notes 3&4)
	19/06/2017	—	19,096,022	—	—	19,096,022 (Note 4)	19/06/2017-18/06/2027	3.00 (Note 4)
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	18/01/2013	18,762,111 (Note 3)	—	—	—	18,762,111 (Note 4)	18/01/2013-17/01/2023	1.21 (Notes 3&4)
	19/06/2017	—	19,096,022	—	—	19,096,022 (Note 4)	19/06/2017-18/06/2027	3.00 (Note 4)
Total		28,650,433	39,858,710	8,012,111	—	60,497,032		
Other Employees								
In aggregate	18/01/2013	12,397,056 (Note 3)	—	232,000	—	12,165,056 (Note 4)	18/01/2013-17/01/2023	1.21 (Notes 3&4)
In aggregate	26/07/2013	580,000 (Note 3)	—	—	—	580,000 (Note 4)	26/07/2013-25/07/2023	1.28 (Notes 3&4)
In aggregate	21/01/2015	600,000	—	—	—	600,000 (Note 4)	21/01/2015-20/01/2025	1.05 (Notes 4)
In aggregate	28/07/2017	—	19,098,342 (Note 6)	—	—	19,098,342 (Note 4)	28/07/2017-27/07/2027	3.288 (Note 4)
Total		13,577,056	19,098,342	232,000	—	32,443,398		
Grand Total		42,227,489	58,957,052	8,244,111	—	92,940,430		

Report of the Directors

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (CONTINUED)

The Company (continued)

Notes:

- (1) The share options were vested on the date of grant.
- (2) The exercise price of the share options is subject to adjustment in the case of rights or bonus issues, or other specific changes in the Company's share capital.
- (3) On 7 February 2014, the exercise price of and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted in the following manner following the completion of rights issue of the Company:

Name and Category of participant	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before the rights issue	Exercise price per share options prior to the rights issue HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after the rights issue	Adjusted exercise price per share options after the rights issue HK\$
Directors				
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	1,617,423	1.41	1,876,211	1.21
Chew Fook Aun	16,174,234	0.582	18,762,111	0.501
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	16,174,234	1.41	18,762,111	1.21
Other employees , in aggregate	10,687,117	1.41	12,397,056	1.21
Other employees , in aggregate	500,000	1.49	580,000	1.28
Total	45,153,008		52,377,489	

- (4) On 15 August 2017, the exercise price of and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted in the following manner following the completion of Share Consolidation of the Company:

Name and Category of participant	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before the Share Consolidation	Exercise price per share options prior to the Share Consolidation HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after the Share Consolidation	Adjusted exercise price per share options after the Share Consolidation HK\$
Directors				
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	1,876,211	1.21	375,242	6.05
	1,666,666	3.00	333,333	15.00
Chew Fook Aun	19,096,022	3.00	3,819,204	15.00
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	18,762,111	1.21	3,752,422	6.05
	19,096,022	3.00	3,819,204	15.00
Other employees , in aggregate	12,165,056	1.21	2,433,011	6.05
Other employees , in aggregate	580,000	1.28	116,000	6.40
Other employees , in aggregate	600,000	1.05	120,000	5.25
Other employees , in aggregate	19,098,342 (Note 6)	3.288	3,819,668	16.44
Total	92,940,430		18,588,084	

- (5) A share option comprising a total of 8,012,111 underlying Shares in the Company had been exercised by Mr. Chew Fook Aun under the 2006 Share Option Scheme on 1 November 2016, thus, Mr. Chew Fook Aun has no outstanding share options under the 2006 share option scheme as at 31 July 2017.
- (6) Share option(s) comprising a total of 19,098,342 underlying Shares granted by the Company on 28 July 2017 were accepted by the grantee(s) subsequent to 31 July 2017.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (CONTINUED)

The Company (continued)

During the year ended 31 July 2017 and before the Share Consolidation, there were a total of 58,957,052 options granted to directors and eligible employees of the Company under the 2015 Share Option Scheme and 8,012,111 options were exercised by Mr. Chew Fook Aun on 1 November 2016 and 232,000 options were exercised by an eligible employee on 27 June 2017. Apart from those mentioned above, no share options had been granted, exercised, lapsed or cancelled in accordance with the terms of the 2006 Share Option Scheme and the 2015 Share Option Scheme during the Year.

As at the date of this Report and after the Share Consolidation, (i) maximum number of 6,796,675 shares of the Company are available for issue in relation to the underlying shares comprised in the subsisting option granted under the 2006 Share Option Scheme and remained outstanding, representing approximately 1.78% of the shares in issue as at the date of this Report; and (ii) further options to subscribe for a maximum of 14,252,449 shares could be granted under the 2015 Share Option Scheme, together with the 11,791,409 underlying shares comprised in the share options granted under the 2015 Share Option Scheme and remained outstanding as at the date of this Report, a total of 26,043,858 shares available for issue under the 2015 Share Options Scheme, representing approximately 6.82% of the shares in issue as at the date of this Report.

Further details of the 2006 Share Option Scheme and the 2015 Share Option Scheme are set out in note 31 to the financial statements.

LSD

At the annual general meeting of LSD held on 11 December 2015, the shareholders of LSD approved the adoption of a new share option scheme ("**LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme**") which effective on 23 December 2015 ("**Commencement Date**") and the termination of the share option scheme adopted by LSD on 22 December 2006 ("**LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme**"). Upon the termination of the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme, no further options can be granted thereunder but the subsisting options granted prior to the termination will continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the terms of the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme.

The purpose of the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme is to recognize the contribution or future contribution of the Eligible Participant (as defined in the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme) including any employee, any director, officer or consultant and any other group or classes of participants for their contribution to the Group by granting Options to them as incentives or rewards and to attract, retain or motivate Eligible Participants in line with the performance goals of the Relevant Companies (as defined in the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme) including any member of the Group or of an affiliated group with LSD. Unless otherwise cancelled or amended, the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme will remain force for 10 years from the Commencement Date.

Pursuant to the terms of the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme, the total number of LSD shares which may be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme shall not exceed 10% of the total number of LSD's issued shares as at the date of adopting the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme.

As at 31 July 2017, LSD has a total of 711,976,857 underlying shares comprised in the share options remained outstanding under LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme (representing approximately 2.35% of LSD's issued shares as at 31 July 2017) and 9,000,000 underlying shares comprised in the share options remained outstanding under LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme (representing 0.03% of LSD's issued shares as at 31 July 2017). Following the completion of share consolidation of LSD on 15 August 2017, the above share options have been adjusted to 14,239,534 underlying shares and 180,000 underlying shares respectively.

Report of the Directors

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (CONTINUED)

LSD (continued)

Information on the movements of the share options under LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme during the Year is set out below:

Name and category of participants	Date of grant of LSD Share Options (Note 1)	Number of underlying shares comprised in LSD Share Options				As at 31 July 2017	Exercise period of LSD Share Options	Exercise price per LSD Share Options (Note 2) HK\$
		As at 1 August 2016	Granted during the Year	Exercise during the Year	Lapsed during the Year			
Director								
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	18/01/2013	208,654,088 (Note 3)	—	—	—	208,654,088 (Note 4)	18/01/2013 to 17/01/2023	0.322 (Notes 3&4)
Chew Fook Aun	05/06/2012	208,654,089 (Note 3)	—	20,000,000	—	188,654,089 (Note 4)	05/06/2012 to 04/06/2022	0.107 (Notes 3&4)
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	18/01/2013	208,654,089 (Note 3)	—	—	—	208,654,089 (Note 4)	18/01/2013 to 17/01/2023	0.322 (Notes 3&4)
Lau Shu Yan, Julius	18/01/2013	104,327,044 (Note 3)	—	—	—	104,327,044 (Note 4)	18/01/2013 to 17/01/2023	0.322 (Notes 3&4)
Total		542,500,630	—	20,000,000	—	522,500,630		
Other employees, in aggregate	18/01/2013	184,276,227 (Note 3)	—	—	10,400,000	173,876,227 (Note 4)	18/01/2013 to 17/01/2023	0.322 (Notes 3&4)
Other employees, in aggregate	26/07/2013	4,160,000 (Note 3)	—	—	—	4,160,000 (Note 4)	26/07/2013 to 25/07/2023	0.225 (Notes 3&4)
Other employees, in aggregate	21/01/2015	11,440,000 (Note 3)	—	—	—	11,440,000 (Note 4)	21/01/2015 to 20/01/2025	0.167 (Notes 3&4)
Other employees, in aggregate	22/01/2016	12,000,000	—	6,000,000	—	6,000,000 (Note 4)	22/01/2016 to 21/01/2026	0.094 (Note 4)
Other employees, in aggregate	20/01/2017	—	3,000,000	—	—	3,000,000 (Note 4)	20/01/2017 to 19/01/2027	0.163 (Note 4)
Total		211,876,227	3,000,000	6,000,000	10,400,000	198,476,227		
Grand Total		754,376,857	3,000,000	26,000,000	10,400,000	720,976,857		

Note:

- (1) The share options were vested on the date of grant.
- (2) The exercise price of the share options is subject to adjustment in the case of rights or bonus issues, or other specific changes in LSD's share capital.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (CONTINUED)

LSD (continued)

Note: (continued)

- (3) On 17 February 2016, the exercise price of and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options of LSD granted under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme have been adjusted in the following manner upon the completion of the rights issue of LSD:

Name and Category of participant	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before the LSD rights issue	Exercise price per LSD Share Options prior to the LSD rights issue HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after the LSD rights issue	Adjusted exercise price per LSD Share Options after the LSD rights issue HK\$
Directors				
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	20,062,893	0.335	20,865,408	0.322
Chew Fook Aun	200,628,932	0.112	208,654,089	0.107
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	200,628,932	0.335	208,654,089	0.322
Lau Shu Yan, Julius	100,314,466	0.335	104,327,044	0.322
Other employees , in aggregate	177,188,680	0.335	184,276,227	0.322
Other employees , in aggregate	4,000,000	0.235	4,160,000	0.225
Other employees , in aggregate	11,000,000	0.174	11,440,000	0.167
Total	713,823,903		742,376,857	

- (4) On 15 August 2017, the exercise price of and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted in the following manner following the completion of share consolidation of LSD:

Name and Category of participant	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before LSD share consolidation	Exercise price per LSD share options prior to the LSD share consolidation HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after LSD share consolidation	Adjusted exercise price per LSD share options after LSD share consolidation HK\$
Directors				
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	20,865,408	0.322	417,308	16.100
Chew Fook Aun	188,654,089	0.107	3,773,081	5.350
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	208,654,089	0.322	4,173,081	16.100
Lau Shu Yan, Julius	104,327,044	0.322	2,086,540	16.100
Other employees , in aggregate	173,876,227	0.322	3,477,524	16.100
Other employees , in aggregate	4,160,000	0.225	83,200	11.250
Other employees , in aggregate	11,440,000	0.167	228,800	8.350
Other employees , in aggregate	6,000,000	0.094	120,000	4.700
Other employees , in aggregate	3,000,000	0.163	60,000	8.150
Total	720,976,857		14,419,534	

- (5) Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, a share option comprising a total of 60,000 underlying shares in LSD had been exercised by an eligible employee of LSD on 6 October 2017, thus, the total number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share option in LSD have been decreased from 14,419,534 to 14,359,534.

During the year ended 31 July 2017 and before LSD Share Consolidation, there were 3,000,000 options granted to eligible employees of LSD under the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme, 20,000,000 options were exercised by Mr. Chew Fook Aun on 13 December 2016, 6,000,000 options were exercised by eligible employees of LSD on 16 June 2017 and 29 June 2017, respectively, and 10,400,000 options were lapsed in March 2017. Apart from those mentioned above, no options were granted, exercised, lapsed or cancelled in accordance with the terms of LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme during the Year.

Report of the Directors

SHARE OPTION SCHEME (CONTINUED)

LSD (continued)

As at the date of this Report and after LSD Share Consolidation, (i) maximum number of 14,239,534 shares of LSD are available for issue in relation to the underlying shares comprised in the subsisting option granted under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and remained outstanding, representing approximately 2.35% of the shares in issue as at the date of this Report; and (ii) further options to subscribe for a maximum of 39,889,067 shares could be granted under the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme, together with the 120,000 underlying shares comprised in the share options granted under the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme and remained outstanding as the date of this Report, a total of 40,009,067 shares available for issue under the LSD 2015 Share Options Scheme, representing approximately 6.61% of the shares in issue as at the date of this Report.

Further details of the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme are set out in note 31 to the financial statements.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The following Directors and the chief executive of the Company who held office on 31 July 2017 and their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) were interested, or were deemed to be interested in the following interest or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong ("**SFO**")) on that date (a) as required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions if any, which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO ("**Register of Directors and Chief Executive**"); or (c) as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, pursuant to the Code of Practice for Securities Transactions by Directors and Designated Employees adopted by the Company ("**Securities Code**") or (d) as known by the Directors:

(a) The Company

Long positions in the ordinary shares of the Company ("**Shares**") and the underlying Shares

Name of Director	Capacity	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Other interests	Total interests	Approximate % of total interests to total issued Shares
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	Beneficial owner/ Owner of controlled corporation	239,286,305 (Note 9)	Nil	562,590,430 (Note 1)	3,542,877 (Notes 3,6&7)	805,419,612	42.17%
Lam Kin Ming	Beneficial owner	5,008,263 (Note 10)	Nil	Nil	Nil	5,008,263	0.26%
Chew Fook Aun	Beneficial owner	Nil	Nil	1,012,111 (Note 8)	19,096,022 (Notes 4,6&7)	20,108,133	1.05%
U Po Chu	Beneficial owner	4,127,625 (Note 11)	Nil	Nil	Nil	4,127,625	0.22%
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	Beneficial owner	61,088,946 (Note 12)	Nil	Nil	37,858,133 (Notes 5,6&7)	98,947,079	5.18%

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(a) The Company (continued)

Notes:

- (1) Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter was deemed to be interested in 562,590,430 Shares (representing approximately 29.46% of the Company's issued share capital) by virtue of his 100% interest in the issued share capital of Wisdoman Limited which directly owned 562,590,430 Shares in the Company.

On 15 August 2017, the Company implemented share consolidation on the basis that every five (5) issued shares in the share capital of the Company be consolidated into one (1) consolidated share in the share capital of the Company ("**Share Consolidation**"). Thereby, Wisdoman Limited's interests in the Company were changed from 562,590,430 shares to 112,518,086 shares (representing approximately 29.46% of the Company's issued share capital) following the completion of the Share Consolidation.

- (2) At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 11 December 2015, the shareholders of the Company approved the adoption of a new share option scheme ("**2015 Share Option Scheme**") and termination of the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 22 December 2006 ("**2006 Share Option Scheme**"). Upon the termination of the 2006 Share Option Scheme, no further options can be granted thereunder but the subsisting options granted prior to the termination will continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the terms of the 2006 Share Option Scheme.

- (3) A share option comprising a total of 1,617,423 underlying Shares in the Company had been granted to Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter under 2006 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$1.41 per Share on 18 January 2013 and is exercisable during the period from 18 January 2013 to 17 January 2023.

A share option comprising a total of 1,666,666 underlying Shares in the Company had been granted to Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter under 2015 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$3.00 per Share on 19 June 2017 and is exercisable during the period from 19 June 2017 to 18 June 2027.

- (4) A share option comprising a total of 16,174,234 underlying Shares in the Company had been granted to Mr. Chew Fook Aun under 2006 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.582 per Share on 5 June 2012 and is exercisable during the period from 5 June 2012 to 4 June 2022.

On 1 November 2016, a share option comprising a total of 8,012,111 underlying shares had been exercised by Mr. Chew Fook Aun under the 2006 Share Option Scheme. Thus, Mr. Chew does not hold any share options in the Company under the 2006 Share Option Scheme as at 31 July 2017.

A share option comprising a total of 19,096,022 underlying Shares in the Company had been granted to Mr. Chew Fook Aun under 2015 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$3.00 per Share on 19 June 2017 and is exercisable during the period from 19 June 2017 to 18 June 2027.

- (5) A share option comprising a total of 16,174,234 underlying Shares in the Company had been granted to Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester under 2006 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$1.41 per Share on 18 January 2013 and is exercisable during the period from 18 January 2013 to 17 January 2023.

A share option comprising a total of 19,096,022 underlying Shares in the Company had been granted to Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester under 2015 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$3.00 per Share on 19 June 2017 and is exercisable during the period from 19 June 2017 to 18 June 2027.

Report of the Directors

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(a) The Company (continued)

Notes: (continued)

- (6) On 7 February 2014, the exercise price of and the number of Shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted in the following manner following the completion of rights issue of the Company:

Name of Director	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before the rights issue	Exercise price per Share prior to the rights issue HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after the rights issue	Adjusted price per Share after the rights issue HK\$
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	1,617,423	1.41	1,876,211	1.21
Chew Fook Aun	16,174,234	0.582	18,762,111	0.501
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	16,174,234	1.41	18,762,111	1.21

- (7) On 15 August 2017, the exercise price and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted in the following manner following the completion of the Share Consolidation:

Name of Director	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before the Share Consolidation	Exercise price per share prior to the Share Consolidation HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after the Share Consolidation	Adjusted price per share after the Share Consolidation HK\$
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	1,876,211	1.21	375,242	6.05
	1,666,666	3.00	333,333	15.00
Chew Fook Aun	19,096,022	3.00	3,819,204	15.00
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	18,762,111	1.21	3,752,422	6.05
	19,096,022	3.00	3,819,204	15.00

- (8) Mr. Chew Fook Aun was deemed to be interested in 1,012,111 Shares (representing approximately 0.05% of the Company's issued share capital) by virtue of his 100% interest in the issued share capital of The Orchid Growers Association Limited which directly owned 1,012,111 Shares in the Company.

Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Mr. Chew Fook Aun's interests in the Company were changed from 1,012,111 Shares to 202,422 Shares (representing approximately 0.05% the issued share capital of the Company) following the completion of the Share Consolidation.

- (9) Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter's interests in the Company were changed from 239,286,305 Shares to 47,857,260 Shares following the completion of the Share Consolidation.
- (10) Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Dr. Lam Kin Ming's interests in the Company were changed from 5,008,263 Shares to 1,001,652 Shares following the completion of the Share Consolidation.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(a) The Company (continued)

Notes: (continued)

- (11) Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Madam U Po Chu's interests in the Company were changed from 4,127,625 Shares to 825,525 Shares following the completion of the Share Consolidation.
- (12) Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester's interests in the Company were changed from 61,088,946 Shares to 12,217,789 Shares following the completion of the Share Consolidation.

(b) Associated Corporations

- (i) Lai Sun Development Company Limited ("LSD") — a subsidiary of the Company

Long positions in the ordinary shares and the underlying shares in LSD

Name of Director	Capacity	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Other interests	Total interests	Approximate % of total interests to total issued shares
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	Beneficial owner/ Owner of controlled corporations	21,461,617 (Note 8)	Nil	18,676,828,782 (Note 1)	20,865,408 (Notes 3,6&7)	18,719,155,807	61.88%
Chew Fook Aun	Beneficial owner/ Owner of controlled corporations	Nil	Nil	20,000,000 (Note 9)	188,654,089 (Notes 4,6&7)	208,654,089	0.69%
U Po Chu (Note 11)	Beneficial owner	1,345,974 (Note 10)	Nil	Nil	Nil	1,345,974	0.01%
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	Beneficial owner	Nil	Nil	Nil	208,654,089 (Notes 5,6&7)	208,654,089	0.69%

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DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Associated Corporations (continued)

(i) Lai Sun Development Company Limited (“LSD”) — a subsidiary of the Company (continued)

Notes:

- (1) *The Company and two of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, namely Joy Mind Limited and Zimba International Limited, beneficially owned in aggregate 18,676,828,782 shares in LSD, representing approximately 61.74% of the issued share capital of LSD. As such, Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter was deemed to be interested in the same 18,676,828,782 shares in LSD (representing approximately 61.74% of LSD's issued share capital) by virtue of, in aggregate, his personal and deemed interests of approximately 42.17% in the issued share capital of the Company.*

On 15 August 2017, LSD implemented share consolidation on the basis that every fifty (50) issued shares in the share capital of LSD be consolidated into one (1) share in the share capital of LSD (“LSD Share Consolidation”). Thereby, the number of shares held in LSD by the Company were changed from 18,676,828,782 shares to 373,536,572 shares.

The placing of up to 50,934,000 LSD shares by the Company under the secondary block trade agreement dated 16 August 2017 was completed on 21 August 2017 (“Placing”). Thereby, the number of shares held in LSD by the Company decreased from 373,536,572 shares to 322,602,572 shares.

Out of 18,676,828,782 shares in LSD held by the Company, 208,513,987 shares (10,425,699,353 shares in LSD before the LSD Share Consolidation) were pledged as security by the Company pursuant to its 7.70% secured guaranteed notes due 2018 under a share charge dated 24 July 2014.

- (2) *A share option scheme was adopted by LSD on 22 December 2006 and commenced with effect from 29 December 2006 (“LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme”). The share options granted under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme remained valid and exercisable though the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme was terminated on 23 December 2015 when a new share option scheme became effective after adoption by the shareholders of LSD at its annual general meeting held on 11 December 2015.*
- (3) *A share option comprising a total of 20,062,893 underlying shares in LSD had been granted to Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.335 per share on 18 January 2013 and is exercisable during the period from 18 January 2013 to 17 January 2023.*
- (4) *A share option comprising a total of 200,628,932 underlying shares in LSD had been granted to Mr. Chew Fook Aun under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.112 per share on 5 June 2012 and is exercisable during the period from 5 June 2012 to 4 June 2022.*
- A share option comprising a total of 20,000,000 underlying shares in LSD had been exercised by Mr. Chew Fook Aun under LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme on 13 December 2016, thus, the total number of share options of Mr. Chew Fook Aun in LSD has been decreased to 188,654,089 underlying shares as of 31 July 2017.*
- (5) *A share option comprising a total of 200,628,932 underlying shares in LSD had been granted to Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.335 per share on 18 January 2013 and is exercisable during the period from 18 January 2013 to 17 January 2023.*

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Associated Corporations (continued)

(i) Lai Sun Development Company Limited (“LSD”) — a subsidiary of the Company (continued)

Notes: (continued)

- (6) On 17 February 2016, the exercise price of and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted in the following manner following the completion of the rights issue of LSD:

Name of Director	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before the LSD rights issue	Exercise price per share prior to the LSD rights issue HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after the LSD rights issue	Adjusted price per share after the LSD rights issue HK\$
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	20,062,893	0.335	20,865,408	0.322
Chew Fook Aun	200,628,932	0.112	208,654,089	0.107
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	200,628,932	0.335	208,654,089	0.322

- (7) On 15 August 2017, the exercise price and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted in the following manner following the completion of the LSD Share Consolidation:

Name of Director	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before the LSD Share Consolidation	Exercise price per share prior to the LSD Share Consolidation HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after the LSD Share Consolidation	Adjusted price per share after the LSD Share Consolidation HK\$
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	20,865,408	0.322	417,308	16.100
Chew Fook Aun	188,654,089	0.107	3,773,081	5.350
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	208,654,089	0.322	4,173,081	16.100

- (8) Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter's interests in LSD were changed from 21,461,617 shares to 429,232 shares following the completion of the LSD Share Consolidation.

- (9) Mr. Chew Fook Aun was deemed to be interested in 20,000,000 shares in LSD (representing approximately 0.07% of LSD's issued share capital) by virtue of his 100% interest in the issued share capital of The Orchid Growers Association Limited which directly owned 20,000,000 shares in LSD.

Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Mr. Chew Fook Aun's interests in LSD were changed from 20,000,000 shares to 400,000 shares following the completion of the LSD Share Consolidation.

- (10) Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Madam U Po Chu's interests in LSD were changed from 1,345,974 shares to 26,919 shares following the completion of the LSD Share Consolidation.

- (11) Madam U Po Chu is the widow of the late Mr. Lim Por Yen whose estate includes an interest of 3,957,190 shares in LSD (197,859,550 shares in LSD before the LSD Share Consolidation), representing approximately 0.65% of the issued share capital of LSD.

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DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Associated Corporations (continued)

(ii) eSun Holdings Limited (“eSun”) — an associate of LSD

Long positions in the ordinary shares of HK\$0.50 each and the underlying shares in eSun

Name of Director	Personal Capacity	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Other interests	Total interests	Approximate % of total interests to total issued shares
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (Note 6)	Beneficial owner/ Owner of controlled corporations	2,794,443	Nil	551,040,186 (Note 1)	1,243,212 (Note 3)	555,077,841	37.21%
Chew Fook Aun	Beneficial owner	Nil	Nil	Nil	6,216,060 (Note 4)	6,216,060	0.42%
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	Beneficial owner	2,794,443	Nil	Nil	12,432,121 (Note 5)	15,226,564	1.02%

Notes:

- (1) The Company was interested in 18,676,828,782 shares in LSD, representing approximately 61.74% of the issued share capital of LSD. Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, the Company's interests in LSD were changed from 18,676,828,782 to 322,602,572 (representing approximately 53.32% of the issued share capital of LSD) following the completion of the LSD Share Consolidation and the Placing. Transtrend Holdings Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of LSD, was interested in 551,040,186 shares in eSun, representing approximately 36.94% of the issued share capital of eSun. As such, Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter was deemed to be interested in the same 551,040,186 shares in eSun (representing approximately 36.94% of eSun's issued share capital) by virtue of, in aggregate, his personal and deemed interests of approximately 42.17% and 61.88% (53.46% following the completion of the LSD Share Consolidation and the Placing) in the issued share capital of the Company and LSD, respectively.
- (2) A share option scheme was adopted by eSun on 23 December 2005 and commenced with effect from 5 January 2006 (“eSun Old Share Option Scheme”). The share options granted under the eSun Old Share Option Scheme remained valid and exercisable though the eSun Old Share Option Scheme was terminated on 23 December 2015 when a new share option scheme became effective after adoption by the shareholders of eSun at its annual general meeting held on 11 December 2015.
- (3) A share option comprising a total of 1,243,212 underlying shares in eSun had been granted to Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter under the eSun Old Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$1.612 per share on 18 January 2013 and is exercisable during the period from 18 January 2013 to 17 January 2023.
- (4) A share option comprising a total of 6,216,060 underlying shares in eSun had been granted to Mr. Chew Fook Aun under the eSun Old Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.92 per share on 5 June 2012 and is exercisable during the period from 5 June 2012 to 4 June 2022.
- (5) A share option comprising a total of 12,432,121 underlying shares in eSun had been granted to Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester under the eSun Old Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$1.612 per share on 18 January 2013 and is exercisable during the period from 18 January 2013 to 17 January 2023.
- (6) Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter resigned as an executive director of eSun with effect from 14 February 2014.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Associated Corporations (continued)

(iii) Lai Fung Holdings Limited (“Lai Fung”) — a subsidiary of eSun

Long positions in the ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each and the underlying shares in Lai Fung

Name of Director	Capacity	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Other interests	Total interests	Approximate % of total interests to total issued shares
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (Note 9)	Beneficial owner/ Owner of controlled corporations	Nil	Nil	8,274,270,422 (Note 1)	16,095,912 (Notes 3&8)	8,290,366,334	50.91%
Chew Fook Aun	Beneficial Owner/ Owner of controlled corporations	Nil	Nil	30,000,000 (Note 7)	50,479,564 (Notes 4,6&8)	80,479,564	0.49%
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	Beneficial owner	Nil	Nil	Nil	160,959,129 (Notes 5&8)	160,959,129	0.99%

Notes:

(1) These interests in Lai Fung were the shares beneficially owned by Merit Worth Limited (4,385,231,724 shares) and Silver Glory Securities Limited (3,889,038,698 shares), the latter two companies being wholly-owned subsidiaries of eSun, representing approximately 50.81% of the issued share capital of Lai Fung. eSun is owned as to approximately 36.94% by LSD which in turn is owned as to approximately 61.74% (53.32% following the completion of the LSD Share Consolidation and the Placing) by the Company. As such, Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter was deemed to be interested in the same 8,274,270,422 shares in Lai Fung (representing approximately 50.81% of Lai Fung's issued share capital) by virtue of, in aggregate, his personal and deemed interests of approximately 37.21% in eSun.

On 15 August 2017, Lai Fung implemented the Share Consolidation on the basis that every fifty (50) issued shares in the share capital of Lai Fung were consolidated into one (1) consolidated share in the share capital of Lai Fung (“Lai Fung Share Consolidation”). The issued share capital of Lai Fung was decreased from 16,285,086,736 shares to 325,701,734 shares.

Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, eSun's interests in Lai Fung were changed from 8,274,270,422 shares to 165,485,406 shares, representing approximately 50.80% of the issued share capital of Lai Fung following the completion of the Lai Fung Share Consolidation. As such, Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter was deemed to be interested in the same 165,485,406 issued shares in Lai Fung.

(2) A share option scheme was adopted by Lai Fung on 21 August 2003 and commenced with effect from 28 August 2003 and remains in force for a period of 10 years (“Lai Fung Old Share Option Scheme”). A new share option scheme was adopted by Lai Fung on 18 December 2012 and commenced with effect from 20 December 2012 and remains in force for a period of 10 years (“Lai Fung New Share Option Scheme”).

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DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Associated Corporations (continued)

(iii) Lai Fung Holdings Limited (“Lai Fung”) — a subsidiary of eSun (continued)

Notes: (continued)

- (3) A share option comprising a total of 16,095,912 underlying shares in Lai Fung had been granted to Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter under the Lai Fung New Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.228 per share on 18 January 2013 and is exercisable during the period from 18 January 2013 to 17 January 2023.
- (4) A share option comprising a total of 80,479,564 underlying shares in Lai Fung had been granted to Mr. Chew Fook Aun under the Lai Fung Old Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.133 per share on 12 June 2012 and is exercisable during the period from 12 June 2012 to 11 June 2020.
- (5) A share option comprising a total of 160,959,129 underlying shares in Lai Fung had been granted to Mr. Lam Hau Yin, Lester under the Lai Fung New Share Option Scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.228 per share on 18 January 2013 and is exercisable during the period from 18 January 2013 to 17 January 2023.
- (6) A share option comprising a total of 10,000,000 underlying shares and a share option comprising a total of 20,000,000 underlying shares in Lai Fung had been exercised by Mr. Chew Fook Aun under Lai Fung Old Share Option Scheme on 1 November 2016 and 13 December 2016, respectively, thus, the total number of share option of Mr. Chew Fook Aun in Lai Fung has been decreased to 50,479,564 underlying shares as at 31 July 2017.
- (7) Mr. Chew Fook Aun was deemed to be interested in 30,000,000 shares in Lai Fung (representing approximately 0.18% of Lai Fung's issued share capital) by virtue of his 100% interest in the issued share capital of The Orchid Growers Association Limited which directly owned 30,000,000 shares in Lai Fung.

Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as the date of this Report, Mr. Chew Fook Aun's interests in Lai Fung were changed from 30,000,000 shares to 600,000 shares following the completion of the Lai Fung Share Consolidation.

- (8) On 15 August 2017, the exercise price and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted in the following manner following the completion of the share consolidation of Lai Fung (“Lai Fung Share Consolidation”):

Name of Director	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options before the Lai Fung share consolidation	Exercise price per share prior to the Lai Fung share consolidation HK\$	Adjusted number of underlying shares comprised in share options after the Lai Fung share consolidation	Adjusted price per share after the Lai Fung share consolidation HK\$
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	16,095,912	0.228	321,918	11.400
Chew Fook Aun	50,479,564	0.133	1,009,591	6.650
Lam Hau Yin, Lester	160,959,129	0.228	3,219,182	11.400

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Associated Corporations (continued)

- (iii) Lai Fung Holdings Limited (“Lai Fung”) — a subsidiary of eSun (continued)

Notes: (continued)

- (9) Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter stepped down as the chairman of the board of directors and an executive director of Lai Fung with effect from 1 November 2012.

Long positions in the 6.875% Senior Notes due 2018 issued by Lai Fung (“6.875% Senior Notes”)

Name of Director	Capacity	Nature of interests	Principal amount
Lam Kin Hong, Matthew	Owner of controlled corporations	Corporate (Note)	CNY23,600,000

Note:

The 6.875% Senior Notes are held by Tai Fu Holdings Limited, the entire issued share capital of which is beneficially owned by Mr. Lam Kin Hong, Matthew and his spouse.

- (iv) Media Asia Group Holdings Limited (“MAGH”) — a subsidiary of eSun

Long position in the ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each and underlying shares in MAGH

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of ordinary shares held	Number of underlying shares held	Total number of issued shares and underlying shares	Approximate % of total interests to total issued shares
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter	Owner of controlled corporations	1,443,156,837 (Note 1)	218,340,611 (Note 2)	1,661,497,448	77.78%

Notes:

- (1) As at 31 July 2017, these interests in MAGH represented the shares beneficially owned by Perfect Sky Holdings Limited (“Perfect Sky”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of eSun, representing approximately 67.56% of the issued share capital of MAGH. eSun is owned as to approximately 36.94% by LSD which in turn is owned as to approximately 61.74% (53.32% following the completion of the LSD Share Consolidation and the Placing) by the Company. As the Company is approximately 12.71% owned by Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter and approximately 29.46% owned by Wisdoman Limited which is in turn 100% beneficially owned by Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, he was deemed to be interested in the said 1,443,156,837 shares in MAGH.
- (2) By virtue of Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter’s interests through the controlled corporations described in Note (1) above, he was also deemed to be interested in the 218,340,611 underlying shares of MAGH comprised in the convertible notes issued to Perfect Sky by MAGH pursuant to a subscription agreement dated 17 April 2015.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 July 2017 none of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company and their respective associates was interested or was deemed to be interested in the long and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and/or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations, which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the SFO, recorded in the Register of Directors and Chief Executive, or notified under the Securities Code or otherwise known by the Directors.

Report of the Directors

INTERESTS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS AND OTHER PERSONS

As at 31 July 2017, so far as it is known by or otherwise notified by any Director or the chief executive of the Company, the particulars of the corporations or individuals (are being a Director) who had 5% or more interests in the following long positions in the Shares and underlying Shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO ("**Register of Shareholders**") or were entitled to exercise, or control the exercise of, 10% or more of the voting power at any general meeting of the Company ("**Voting Entitlements**") (i.e. within the meaning of substantial shareholders of the Listing Rules) were as follows:

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

Name	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of Shares	Approximate% of Shares in issue
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (Note 1)	Beneficial owner/ Owner of controlled corporation	Personal and corporate	805,419,612 (Note 2)	42.17%
Wisdoman Limited (Note 1)	Beneficial owner	Corporate	562,590,430 (Notes 1 & 2)	29.46%
Yu Cheuk Yi	Beneficial owner	Personal	535,112,580 (Note 3)	28.02%
Yu Siu Yuk	Beneficial Owner	Personal	535,112,580 (Note 3)	28.02%

Notes:

- (1) Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter, Director of the Company, is also director of Wisdoman Limited.
- (2) Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter was deemed to be interested in 562,590,430 Shares owned by Wisdoman Limited by virtue of his 100% interests in the issued share capital of Wisdoman Limited.

Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, Wisdoman Limited's interests in the Company were changed from 562,590,430 Shares to 112,518,086 Shares and Dr. Lam Kin Ngok, Peter's interests in the Company changed from 805,419,612 Shares to 161,083,921 Shares following the completion of the Share Consolidation.

- (3) Mr. Yu Cheuk Yi and Ms. Yu Siu Yuk were both taken to be interested in the same 535,112,580 Shares, which were held jointly by them. Subsequent to 31 July 2017 and as at the date of this Report, the shareholding interest of Mr. Yu Cheuk Yi and Ms. Yu Siu Yuk has increased to 110,838,516 Shares (representing approximately 29.02% of the issued share capital of the Company) according to shareholding shown in last individual Substantial Shareholder Notice (Form 1) filed for an event on 18 September 2017 following the completion of the Share Consolidation.

Save as disclosed above, the Directors are not aware of any other corporation or individual (other than a Director or the chief executive of the Company) who, as at 31 July 2017, had the Voting Entitlements or 5% or more interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company as recorded in the Register of Shareholders.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, INVESTMENT PROPERTIES AND PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR SALE

Details of the movements in the property, plant and equipment, investment properties and properties under development for sale of the Company and the Group during the Year are set out in notes 14, 16 and 17 to the financial statements, respectively. Further details of the Group's investment properties under development for sale are set out in the "Particulars of Major Properties" of this Annual Report.

PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Particulars of the Company's and LSD's principal subsidiaries as at 31 July 2017 are set out in note 40 to the financial statements.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

During the Year, the Group made charitable contributions totaling HK\$9,614,000.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the results, assets, liabilities and non-controlling interests of the Group for the last five financial years is set out in the "Summary of Financial Information" of this Annual Report on pages 26 and 27.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

During the Year, sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for less than 30% of the Group's total sales for the Year.

During the Year, purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 18% of the total purchase, while the largest supplier accounted for approximately 11% of the Group's total purchases.

None of the Directors or any of their close associates or any Shareholders, which to the best knowledge of the Directors, own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital, had any beneficial interest in the Group's five largest suppliers.

Report of the Directors

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

During the year ended 31 July 2017, the Company bought back a total of 770,000 ordinary shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("**Stock Exchange**") at an aggregate purchase price of approximately HK\$1,799,000 (excluding relevant trading costs directly attributable to share buy back), which was paid wholly out of retained profits. Such bought back shares were cancelled during the Year. Details of the ordinary shares bought back on the Stock Exchange during the Year are as follows:

Month of buy back	Number of ordinary shares bought back	Highest purchase price per share HK\$	Lowest purchase price per share HK\$	Aggregate purchase price (excluding trading costs) HK\$'000
May 2017	770,000	2.38	2.28	1,799
	770,000			1,799

As a result of the above share buy backs, the issued share capital of the Company was accordingly reduced by the aforesaid bought back ordinary shares which were cancelled during the Year. As at the date of this Annual Report, the number of issued ordinary shares of the Company is 381,966,848 shares (1,909,834,241 shares before Share Consolidation effective on 15 August 2017).

The Company was authorised at its Annual General Meetings to buy back its own ordinary shares not exceeding 10% of the total number of its issued shares as at the dates of resolutions being passed. The directors believe that the above share buy backs were exercised in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders and that such share buy backs would lead to an enhancement of the net assets value and/or earnings per share of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, during the year ended 31 July 2017, the Company did not redeem any of its shares listed and traded on the Stock Exchange nor did the Company or any of its subsidiaries purchase or sell any of such shares.

PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, at least 25% of the issued Shares were held by the public (i.e. the prescribed public float applicable to the Company under the Listing Rules) during the Year and up to the date of this Report.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Particulars of the Company's corporate governance practices are set out in the Corporate Governance Report of this Annual Report on pages 45 to 61.

INDEPENDENCE OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Company has received from each of the INEDs in writing an annual confirmation of his independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and the Company considers all the INEDs to be independent.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

For the year ended 31 July 2017, the Company has not entered into any equity-linked agreements, save for options granted under the section of Share Option Scheme set out in this Annual Report.

REVIEW BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit committee of the Company currently comprises three members, namely Messrs. Leung Shu Yin, William, Lam Bing Kwan and Chow Bing Chiu, all INEDs of the Company. The Audit Committee has reviewed with the management the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the Year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the Year have been audited by Ernst & Young, which will retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment at the forthcoming AGM. Having approved by the Board upon the Audit Committee's recommendation, a resolution for the re-appointment of Ernst & Young as independent auditors of the Company for the ensuing year will be put to the forthcoming AGM for Shareholders' approval.

On behalf of the Board

Chew Fook Aun

Executive Director and Deputy Chairman

Hong Kong
19 October 2017

Shareholders' Information

KEY DATES

Shareholders and investors are advised to note the following key dates of the Company and take appropriate action:

For Financial Year 2016/2017	
Annual results announcement	19 October 2017
Last time and date for lodging transfer documents with the share registrars (" Registrar ") to ascertain entitlement to attending and voting at the 2017 annual general meeting (" AGM ")	4:30 p.m. on 12 December 2017
2017 AGM	15 December 2017
Dividend ex-entitlement for shares	19 December 2017
Closure of register of members for final dividend entitlement	21 and 22 December 2017 (both dates inclusive)
Record date for entitlement to the proposed final dividend	22 December 2017
Latest time and date for lodging form of election for scrip dividend with Registrar	4:30 p.m. on 17 January 2018
Payment of final dividend	30 January 2018

For Financial Year 2017/2018	
Interim results announcement	on or before 31 March 2018
Annual results announcement	on or before 31 October 2018

ANNUAL REPORT

To ensure that all shareholders have equal and timely access to important corporate information, the Company makes extensive use of its website to deliver up-to-date information. This 2016-2017 Annual Report is printed in both English and Chinese and is available on the Company's website at www.laisun.com.

AGM

The AGM will be held on 15 December 2017. Details of the AGM are set out in the notice of the AGM which constitutes part of this Annual Report. Notice of the AGM and the proxy form are also available on the Company's website.

Independent Auditor's Report



To the members of Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited
(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) set out on pages 98 to 197, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 July 2017, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows 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 July 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 Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing (“**HKSAs**”) 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 judgement, 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. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report

KEY AUDIT MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<i>Impairment of construction in progress</i>	
<p>Construction in progress mainly represents a hotel project and is stated at cost less impairment losses, if any. The carrying amount of construction in progress recorded as property, plant and equipment as at 31 July 2017 was approximately HK\$3,469 million. Significant judgements and assumptions, including those related to cash flow projections, such as the forecast average daily room rate and occupancy rate, are required to assess whether a provision for impairment is required. To support management's impairment assessment, the Group engaged an external valuer to perform valuation on the construction in progress.</p> <p>Related disclosures for construction in progress are disclosed in note 14 to the consolidated financial statements.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, among others, involving our internal valuation specialists to assist us to evaluate the assumptions and methodologies used in the valuation. We also evaluated the objectivity, independence and competency of the valuer.</p>
<i>Estimation of fair values of investment properties</i>	
<p>Investment properties are stated at fair value. The carrying amount of investment properties as at 31 July 2017 was approximately HK\$19,246 million. Significant judgements and assumptions are required to determine the fair value of the investment properties. To support management's determination of the fair value, the Group engaged external valuers to perform valuations on the investment properties at the end of the reporting period.</p> <p>Related disclosures for investment properties are disclosed in note 16 to the consolidated financial statements.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, among others, involving our internal valuation specialists to assist us to evaluate the assumptions and methodologies used in the valuations. We also evaluated the objectivity, independence and competency of the valuers. We then assessed the Group's disclosures of investment properties.</p>

OTHER INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than 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 of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and 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 of the Company 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 of the Company either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors of the Company 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 an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, 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.

Independent Auditor's Report

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism 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.
- 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.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Law Fu Yuen, Patrick.

Ernst & Young

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

19 October 2017

Consolidated Income Statement

Year ended 31 July 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
TURNOVER	6	1,808,083	1,972,089
Cost of sales		(753,822)	(887,597)
Gross profit		1,054,261	1,084,492
Other revenue	6	83,398	102,753
Selling and marketing expenses		(31,489)	(26,491)
Administrative expenses		(377,418)	(287,694)
Other operating expenses	7(b)	(301,323)	(223,938)
Fair value gains on investment properties, net	16	1,467,213	124,167
Reversal of provision for tax indemnity	34(b)	142,451	—
PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	7(a)	2,037,093	773,289
Finance costs	8	(267,458)	(268,251)
Share of profits and losses of associates		188,949	30,604
Share of profits and losses of joint ventures		837,413	770,469
Loss on deemed disposal of interest in an associate	19(a)	(573,121)	—
Discount on acquisition of additional interest in an associate	19(a)	142,822	—
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		2,365,698	1,306,111
Tax	11	(83,500)	(64,461)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		2,282,198	1,241,650
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		1,456,666	683,316
Non-controlling interests		825,532	558,334
		2,282,198	1,241,650
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY	13		(Adjusted)
Basic		HK\$3.824	HK\$1.805
Diluted		HK\$3.785	HK\$1.800

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 July 2017

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	2,282,198	1,241,650
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(EXPENSE) TO BE RECLASSIFIED TO PROFIT OR LOSS IN SUBSEQUENT PERIODS:		
Changes in fair values of available-for-sale financial assets	202,804	137,370
Exchange realignments	9,692	(174,440)
Share of other comprehensive expense of associates	(54,877)	(244,302)
Share of other comprehensive income of a joint venture	908	—
Release of reserves upon deemed disposal of interest in an associate	49,192	—
Release of reserves upon disposal of associates	—	(31)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(EXPENSE) FOR THE YEAR	207,719	(281,403)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	2,489,917	960,247
Attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	1,583,555	545,441
Non-controlling interests	906,362	414,806
	2,489,917	960,247

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	14	4,322,054	3,281,884
Prepaid land lease payments	15	19,873	20,901
Investment properties	16	19,245,714	17,713,376
Properties under development for sale	17	1,646,938	1,397,706
Goodwill	18	5,161	5,161
Interests in associates	19(a)	3,628,138	3,721,584
Interests in joint ventures	19(b)	7,224,183	6,754,353
Available-for-sale financial assets	20	1,717,665	1,512,037
Pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits	21	86,892	336,828
Deposits paid and other receivables	22	232,664	181,315
Total non-current assets		38,129,282	34,925,145
CURRENT ASSETS			
Completed properties for sale	23	264,914	336,807
Inventories		31,327	25,899
Debtors, deposits paid and other receivables	24	543,893	178,420
Pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits	21	314,152	58,438
Cash and cash equivalents	21	3,176,636	2,911,657
Total current assets		4,330,922	3,511,221
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors, deposits received and accruals	25	477,301	478,160
Tax payable		127,541	139,889
Guaranteed notes	26	3,480,606	—
Bank borrowings	27	171,582	690,709
Total current liabilities		4,257,030	1,308,758
NET CURRENT ASSETS		73,892	2,202,463
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		38,203,174	37,127,608

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank borrowings	27	7,503,652	5,594,973
Guaranteed notes	26	—	3,461,817
Other borrowing, note payable and interest payable	28	384,293	372,969
Deferred tax	29	207,962	195,163
Provision for tax indemnity	34(b)	344,251	980,638
Long term deposits received and other payables		902,034	109,678
Deferred rental		7,448	9,724
Total non-current liabilities		9,349,640	10,724,962
		28,853,534	26,402,646
EQUITY			
Equity attributable to owners of the Company			
Share capital	30	1,198,360	1,179,703
Investment revaluation reserve		367,057	245,724
Share option reserve		70,925	14,286
Hedging reserve		1,210	5,707
Capital reduction reserve		6,973	6,973
Asset revaluation reserve		55,494	55,494
Other reserve		2,759,760	2,809,724
Statutory reserve		25,622	14,962
Exchange fluctuation reserve		(228,745)	(238,798)
Retained profits		13,780,780	12,359,569
Non-controlling interests		18,037,436	16,453,344
		10,816,098	9,949,302
		28,853,534	26,402,646

Lam Kin Ming
Director

Chew Fook Aun
Director

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 July 2017

	Attributable to owners of the Company											Non-controlling interests	Total
	Share capital	Investment revaluation reserve	Share option reserve	Hedging reserve	Capital reduction reserve	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserve	Statutory reserve	Exchange fluctuation reserve	Retained profits	Sub-total		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
At 1 August 2015	1,177,649	160,245	14,286	(527)	6,973	55,494	679,380	12,479	(9,210)	11,699,526	13,796,295	11,491,991	25,288,286
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	683,316	683,316	558,334	1,241,650
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the year:													
Change in fair values of available-for-sale financial assets	—	89,006	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89,006	48,364	137,370
Exchange realignments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(98,733)	—	(98,733)	(75,707)	(174,440)
Share of other comprehensive (expense)/income of associates	—	(3,527)	—	6,234	—	—	—	—	(130,836)	—	(128,129)	(116,173)	(244,302)
Release of reserves upon disposal of an associate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(19)	—	(19)	(12)	(31)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year	—	85,479	—	6,234	—	—	—	—	(229,588)	683,316	545,441	414,806	960,247
Final 2015 dividend declared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(20,809)	(20,809)	—	(20,809)
Subscription of shares of a subsidiary pursuant to a rights issue	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,156,327	—	—	—	2,156,327	(1,993,015)	163,312
Share of reserve movements of an associate	—	—	—	—	—	—	(15,309)	2,483	—	(2,464)	(15,290)	(11,169)	(26,459)
Recognition of share-based payments of a subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	461	461
Capital contribution from non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35,060	35,060
Shares issued in lieu of cash dividend (note 30(a))	2,054	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,054	—	2,054
Shares issued by a subsidiary in lieu of cash dividend	—	—	—	—	—	—	(8,236)	—	—	—	(8,236)	10,244	2,008
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(85,177)	(85,177)
Acquisition of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,273)	—	—	—	(1,273)	16,980	15,707
Acquisition of non-controlling interests (note 40(d))	—	—	—	—	—	—	(8,297)	—	—	—	(8,297)	(66,946)	(75,243)
Disposal of partial interest in a subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,132	—	—	—	7,132	136,067	143,199
At 31 July 2016	1,179,703	245,724	14,286	5,707	6,973	55,494	2,809,724	14,962	(238,798)	12,359,569	16,453,344	9,949,302	26,402,646

Attributable to owners of the Company

	Share capital	Investment revaluation reserve	Share option reserve	Hedging reserve	Capital reduction reserve	Asset revaluation reserve	Other reserve	Statutory reserve	Exchange fluctuation reserve	Retained profits	Sub-total	Non-controlling interests	Total
	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000
At 31 July 2016 and 1 August 2016	1,179,703	245,724	14,286	5,707	6,973	55,494	2,809,724	14,962	(238,798)	12,359,569	16,453,344	9,949,302	26,402,646
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,456,666	1,456,666	825,532	2,282,198
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the year:													
Change in fair values of available-for-sale financial assets	—	124,234	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	124,234	78,570	202,804
Exchange realignments	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5,894	—	5,894	3,798	9,692
Share of other comprehensive expense of associates	—	(1,521)	—	(4,269)	—	—	—	—	(28,387)	—	(34,177)	(20,700)	(54,877)
Share of other comprehensive income of a joint venture	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	561	—	561	347	908
Release of reserves upon deemed disposal of interest in an associate	—	(1,380)	—	(228)	—	—	—	—	31,985	—	30,377	18,815	49,192
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year	—	121,333	—	(4,497)	—	—	—	—	10,053	1,456,666	1,583,555	906,362	2,489,917
Final 2016 dividend declared	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(23,018)	(23,018)	—	(23,018)
Share of reserve movements of an associate	—	—	—	—	—	—	(10,685)	10,660	—	(10,638)	(10,663)	(6,555)	(17,218)
Recognition of share-based payments	—	—	58,274	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58,274	188	58,462
Capital contribution from non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	484	484
Shares issued in lieu of cash dividend (note 30(b))	12,727	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,727	—	12,727
Shares issued by a subsidiary in lieu of cash dividend	—	—	—	—	—	—	(29,005)	—	—	—	(29,005)	38,656	9,651
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(84,574)	(84,574)
Share options exercised (note 30(c))	5,930	—	(1,635)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,295	—	4,295
Share options exercised in a subsidiary (note 40(a))	—	—	—	—	—	—	(10,274)	—	—	—	(10,274)	12,979	2,705
Repayment to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(744)	(744)
Purchase of own shares (note 30(d))	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1,799)	(1,799)	—	(1,799)
At 31 July 2017	1,198,360	367,057	70,925	1,210	6,973	55,494	2,759,760	25,622	(228,745)	13,780,780	18,037,436	10,816,098	28,853,534

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 July 2017

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before tax		2,365,698	1,306,111
Adjustments for:			
Finance costs	8	267,458	268,251
Share of profits and losses of associates		(188,949)	(30,604)
Share of profits and losses of joint ventures		(837,413)	(770,469)
Loss on deemed disposal of interest in an associate		573,121	—
Discount on acquisition of additional interest in an associate		(142,822)	—
Fair value gains on investment properties, net		(1,467,213)	(124,167)
Reversal of provision for tax indemnity	34(b)	(142,451)	—
Depreciation	7(a)	87,387	72,498
Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments	7(a)	1,028	1,027
Loss on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment	7(a)	1,222	100
Gain on bargain purchase upon acquisition of a subsidiary	6	—	(3,128)
Gain on disposal of associates	6	—	(5,338)
Fair value loss on a listed equity investment at fair value through profit or loss		—	4,247
Interest income	6	(49,633)	(39,150)
Dividend income from unlisted available-for-sale financial assets	6	(23,240)	(36,215)
Employee share option benefits	7(a)	58,462	461
Write-back of provision for impairment of an associate		—	(804)
Foreign exchange differences, net		14,114	(43,628)
		516,769	599,192
Increase in properties under development for sale		(193,253)	(625,625)
Increase in other loan receivables		(19,412)	(21,910)
Decrease in completed properties for sale		71,893	331,547
Increase in inventories		(5,428)	(3,224)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors, deposits paid and other receivables		(407,943)	6,701
Increase in creditors, deposits received and accruals		790,822	51,206
		753,448	337,887
Cash generated from operations		753,448	337,887
Interest received		49,633	39,150
Interest paid on bank borrowings		(135,531)	(122,030)
Interest paid on guaranteed notes		(212,654)	(213,738)
Hong Kong profits tax paid		(51,381)	(71,665)
Overseas taxes paid		(31,354)	(23,827)
		372,161	(54,223)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities		372,161	(54,223)

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of items of property, plant and equipment		(1,017,764)	(541,084)
Additions to investment properties		(50,861)	(261,958)
Deposits paid for purchase of items of property, plant and equipment	22	(2,538)	(13,498)
Deposits paid for additions to investment properties	22	(2,104)	(6,831)
Acquisition of unlisted available-for-sale financial assets		(6,907)	(35,433)
Proceeds from disposal of an unlisted available-for-sale financial asset		4,918	—
Proceeds from disposal of items of property, plant and equipment		2,800	397
Acquisition of subsidiaries	43	—	33,248
Acquisition of additional interest in an associate		(25,426)	—
Acquisition of an associate		(159,555)	—
Advances to associates		(788)	(12,394)
Repayment from associates		4,940	2,893
Dividend received from an associate		700	—
Acquisition of a joint venture		(114,099)	—
Advances to joint ventures		(154,500)	(50,000)
Repayment from a joint venture		637,090	75
Dividends received from unlisted available-for-sale financial assets		23,240	36,215
(Increase)/decrease in pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits		(5,778)	28,529
Settlement of tax indemnity		(493,936)	—
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(1,360,568)	(819,841)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New bank borrowings raised		3,319,138	4,723,089
Repayment of bank borrowings		(1,967,844)	(2,711,476)
Bank financing charges		(19,580)	(129,272)
Net proceeds from rights issue of a subsidiary		—	163,312
Proceeds from subscription of a rights issue of a subsidiary by non-controlling interests		—	45,122
Capital contribution from non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries		484	35,060
Dividend paid		(10,291)	(18,755)
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries		(74,923)	(83,169)
Repayment to non-controlling shareholders of subsidiaries		(744)	—
Share options exercised		4,295	—
Share options exercised in a subsidiary		2,705	—
Purchase of own shares		(1,799)	—
Net cash flows from financing activities		1,251,441	2,023,911

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 July 2017

Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	263,034	1,149,847
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,911,657	1,769,498
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net	1,945	(7,688)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	3,176,636	2,911,657
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Non-pledged and non-restricted cash and bank balances	1,031,125	858,921
Non-pledged and non-restricted time deposits	2,145,511	2,052,736
	3,176,636	2,911,657

Notes to Financial Statements

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1. CORPORATE AND GROUP INFORMATION

Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited (the “**Company**”) is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong with its shares listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”). The registered office of the Company is located at 11th Floor, Lai Sun Commercial Centre, 680 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

During the year, the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “**Group**”) were involved in the following principal activities:

- property development for sale;
- property investment;
- investment in and operation of hotels;
- investment in and operation of restaurants; and
- investment holding.

Details of the principal subsidiaries are set out in note 40 to the financial statements.

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 July 2017. A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity), directly or indirectly, controlled by the Company. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give the Group the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee).

When the Company has, directly or indirectly, less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- (a) the contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee;
- (b) rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- (c) the Group’s voting rights and potential voting rights.

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2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

Basis of consolidation (continued)

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company, using consistent accounting policies. The results of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the parent of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control described above. A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises (i) the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary, (ii) the carrying amount of any non-controlling interest and (iii) the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity; and recognises (i) the fair value of the consideration received, (ii) the fair value of any investment retained and (iii) any resulting surplus or deficit in profit or loss. The Group's share of components previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss or retained profits, as appropriate, on the same basis as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

2.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

The Group has adopted the following new and revised standards for the first time for the current year's financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 10, HKFRS 12 and HKAS 28 (2011)	<i>Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 11 HKFRS 14	<i>Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations Regulatory Deferral Accounts</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1	<i>Disclosure Initiative</i>
Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 38	<i>Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation</i>
Amendments to HKAS 16 and HKAS 41	<i>Agriculture: Bearer Plants</i>
Amendments to HKAS 27 (2011)	<i>Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements</i>
<i>Annual Improvements 2012-2014 Cycle</i>	Amendments to a number of HKFRSs

The adoption of the above new and revised standards has had no significant financial effect on these financial statements.

2.3 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

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

Amendments to HKFRS 2	<i>Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions²</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 4	<i>Applying HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments with HKFRS 4 Insurance Contracts²</i>
HKFRS 9	<i>Financial Instruments²</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011)	<i>Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture⁴</i>
HKFRS 15	<i>Revenue from Contracts with Customers²</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 15	<i>Clarifications to HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers²</i>
HKFRS 16	<i>Leases³</i>
Amendments to HKAS 7	<i>Disclosure Initiative¹</i>
Amendments to HKAS 12	<i>Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses¹</i>
Amendments to HKAS 40	<i>Transfers of Investment Property²</i>
HK (IFRIC) Interpretation 22	<i>Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration²</i>
HK (IFRIC) Interpretation 23	<i>Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments³</i>
<i>Annual Improvements 2014-2016 Cycle</i>	Amendments to HKFRS 12 <i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities¹</i>
<i>Annual Improvements 2014-2016 Cycle</i>	Amendments to HKFRS 1 <i>First-time Adoption of HKFRSs²</i>
<i>Annual Improvements 2014-2016 Cycle</i>	Amendments to HKAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures²</i>

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

⁴ No mandatory effective date yet determined but available for adoption

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of these new and revised HKFRSs upon initial application. The Group is not yet in a position to state whether they would have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Investments in associates and joint ventures

An associate is an entity in which the Group has a long term interest of generally not less than 20% of the equity voting rights and over which it is in a position to exercise significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee, but is not control or joint control over those policies.

A joint venture is a type of joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint venture. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The Group's investments in associates and joint ventures are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at the Group's share of net assets under the equity method of accounting, less any impairment losses.

Adjustments are made to bring into line any dissimilar accounting policies that may exist.

The Group's share of the post-acquisition results and other comprehensive income of associates and joint ventures is included in the consolidated income statement and consolidated other comprehensive income, respectively. In addition, when there has been a change recognised directly in the equity of the associate or joint venture, the Group recognises its share of any changes, when applicable, in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its associates or joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the Group's investments in the associates or joint ventures, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the assets transferred. Goodwill arising from the acquisition of associates or joint ventures is included as part of the Group's investments in associates or joint ventures.

If an investment in an associate becomes an investment in a joint venture or vice versa, the retained interest is not remeasured. Instead, the investment continues to be accounted for under the equity method. In all other cases, upon loss of significant influence over the associate or joint control over the joint venture, the Group measures and recognises any retained investment at its fair value. Any difference between the carrying amount of the associate or joint venture upon loss of significant influence or joint control and the fair value of the retained investment and proceeds from disposal is recognised in profit or loss.

When an investment in an associate or a joint venture is classified as held for sale, it is accounted for in accordance with HKFRS 5 *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Business combinations and goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred is measured at the acquisition date fair value which is the sum of the acquisition date fair values of assets transferred by the Group, liabilities assumed by the Group to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether to measure the non-controlling interests in the acquiree that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of net assets in the event of liquidation at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All other components of non-controlling interests are measured at fair value. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts of the acquiree.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the previously held equity interest is remeasured at its acquisition date fair value and any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured and subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

Goodwill is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred, the amount recognised for non-controlling interests and any fair value of the Group's previously held equity interests in the acquiree over the identifiable net assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If the sum of this consideration and other items is lower than the fair value of the net assets acquired, the difference is, after reassessment, recognised in profit or loss as a gain on bargain purchase.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. The Group performs its annual impairment test of goodwill as at 31 July. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units, or groups of cash-generating units, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the Group are assigned to those units or groups of units.

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Business combinations and goodwill (continued)

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

Where goodwill has been allocated to a cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on the disposal. Goodwill disposed of in these circumstances is measured based on the relative value of the operation disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

Fair value measurement

The Group measures its investment properties and certain available-for-sale financial assets at the end of each reporting period. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 — based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 — based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is observable, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 — based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by reassessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of non-financial assets

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

An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. An impairment loss is charged to the income statement in the period in which it arises, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is accounted for in accordance with the relevant accounting policy for that revalued asset.

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

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Related parties

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 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;

or

- (b) the party is an entity where 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 of a parent, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary of the other entity);
 - (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); and
 - (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.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property, plant and equipment and depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, other than construction in progress, are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

Expenditure incurred after items of property, plant and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to the income statement in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where the recognition criteria are satisfied, the expenditure for a major inspection is capitalised in the carrying amount of the asset as a replacement. Where significant parts of property, plant and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Group recognises such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly.

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

Hotel properties	Over the remaining lease terms
Leasehold buildings	Over the remaining lease terms
Leasehold improvements	20% or over the lease terms, whichever is shorter
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	17% - 25%
Computers	20% - 33%
Motor vessels	25%

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of that item is allocated on a reasonable basis among the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Residual values, useful lives and the depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at least at each financial year end.

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

Construction in progress represents buildings under construction, which are stated at cost less any impairment losses, and are not depreciated. Cost comprises the direct costs of construction and capitalised borrowing costs on related borrowed funds during the period of construction. Construction in progress is reclassified to the appropriate category of property, plant and equipment when completed and ready for use.

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investment properties

Investment properties are interests in land and buildings (including the leasehold interest under an operating lease for a property which would otherwise meet the definition of an investment property) held to earn rental income and/or for capital appreciation, rather than for use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes; or for sale in the ordinary course of business. These include properties that are being constructed or developed for future use as investment properties. Such properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at fair value, which reflects market conditions at the end of the reporting period, unless they are still in the course of construction or development at the end of the reporting period and their fair value cannot be reliably determined at that time.

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

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

Operating leases

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

Prepaid land lease payments under operating leases are initially stated at cost and subsequently recognised on the straight-line basis over the lease terms.

Properties under development for sale

Properties under development for sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises the prepaid land lease payments or cost of land together with any other direct costs attributable to the development of the properties and other related expenses capitalised during the development period. Net realisable value is determined by the directors based on prevailing market prices on an individual property basis less estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in selling the property.

Once the construction or development of these properties is completed, these properties are reclassified to the appropriate categories of assets.

Completed properties for sale

Completed properties for sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all development expenditure, applicable borrowing costs and other direct costs attributable to such properties. Cost is determined by apportionment of the total land and building costs attributable to unsold properties. Net realisable value is determined by the directors based on prevailing market prices on an individual property basis less costs to be incurred in selling the property.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investments and other financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, and available-for-sale financial investments, as appropriate. When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value plus transaction costs that are attributable to the acquisition of the financial assets, except in the case of financial assets recorded at fair value through profit or loss.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, that is, the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial measurement, such assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method less any allowance for impairment. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and includes fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate amortisation is included in other revenue in the income statement. The loss arising from impairment is recognised in the income statement.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets in listed and unlisted equity investments and debt securities. Equity investments classified as available for sale are those which are neither classified as held for trading nor designated as at fair value through profit or loss. Debt securities in this category are those which are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or in response to changes in market conditions.

After initial recognition, available-for-sale financial assets are subsequently measured at fair value, with unrealised gains or losses recognised as other comprehensive income in the investment revaluation reserve until the investment is derecognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss is recognised in the income statement, or until the investment is determined to be impaired, when the cumulative gain or loss is reclassified from the investment revaluation reserve to the income statement. Interest and dividends earned whilst holding the available-for-sale financial assets are reported as interest income and dividend income, respectively and are recognised in the income statement as other revenue in accordance with the policies set out for "Revenue recognition" below.

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investments and other financial assets (continued)

Available-for-sale financial assets (continued)

When the fair value of unlisted equity investments cannot be reliably measured because (a) the variability in the range of reasonable fair value estimates is significant for that investment or (b) the probabilities of the various estimates within the range cannot be reasonably assessed and used in estimating fair value, such investments are stated at cost less any impairment losses.

The Group evaluates whether the ability and intention to sell its available-for-sale financial assets in the near term are still appropriate. When, in rare circumstances, the Group is unable to trade these financial assets due to inactive markets, the Group may elect to reclassify these financial assets if management has the ability and intention to hold the assets for the foreseeable future or until maturity.

For a financial asset reclassified from the available-for-sale category, the fair value carrying amount at the date of reclassification becomes its new amortised cost and any previous gain or loss on that asset that has been recognised in equity is amortised to profit or loss over the remaining life of the investment using the effective interest rate. Any difference between the new amortised cost and the maturity amount is also amortised over the remaining life of the asset using the effective interest rate. If the asset is subsequently determined to be impaired, then the amount recorded in equity is reclassified to the income statement.

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Group's consolidated statement of financial position) when:

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

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Derecognition of financial assets (continued)

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

Impairment of financial assets

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. An impairment exists if one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset have an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment may include indications that a debtor or a group of debtors is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation and observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

Financial assets carried at amortised cost

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the Group first assesses whether impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

The amount of any impairment loss identified 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 yet been incurred). The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition).

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the loss is recognised in the income statement. Interest income continues to be accrued on the reduced carrying amount using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. Loans and receivables together with any associated allowance are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a write-off is later recovered, the recovery is credited to the income statement.

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Assets carried at cost

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on an unquoted equity instrument that is not carried at fair value because its fair value cannot be reliably measured, 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 discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Impairment losses on these assets are not reversed.

Available-for-sale financial assets

For available-for-sale financial assets, the Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that an investment or a group of investments is impaired.

If an available-for-sale financial asset is impaired, an amount comprising the difference between its cost (net of any principal payment and amortisation) and its current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognised in the income statement, is removed from other comprehensive income and recognised in the income statement.

In the case of equity investments classified as available for sale, objective evidence would include a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of an investment below its cost. "Significant" is evaluated against the original cost of the investment and "prolonged" against the period in which the fair value has been below its original cost. Where there is evidence of impairment, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that investment previously recognised in the income statement – is removed from other comprehensive income and recognised in the income statement. Impairment losses on equity instruments classified as available for sale are not reversed through the income statement. Increases in their fair value after impairment are recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

The determination of what is "significant" or "prolonged" requires judgement. In making this judgement, the Group evaluates, among other factors, the duration or extent to which the fair value of an investment is less than its cost.

Financial liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial liabilities (continued)

Loans and borrowings

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost. Gains and losses are recognised in the income statement when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the effective interest rate amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate amortisation is included in finance costs in the income statement.

Financial guarantee contracts

Financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group are those contracts that require a payment to be made to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because the specified debtor fails to make a payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. A financial guarantee contract is recognised initially as a liability at its fair value, adjusted for transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issuance of the guarantee. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group measures the financial guarantee contract at the higher of: (i) the amount of the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period; and (ii) the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, cumulative amortisation.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

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

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost for food, beverages, cutlery, linen and supplies used in hotel and restaurant operations is determined on the first-in, first-out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling prices less any estimated costs to be incurred to completion and disposal.

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Cash and cash equivalents

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

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of financial position, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and at banks, including term deposits, and assets similar in nature to cash, which are not restricted as to use.

Provisions

A provision is recognised when a present obligation (legal or constructive) has arisen as a result of a past event and it is probable that a future outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, provided that a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

When the effect of discounting is material, the amount recognised for a provision is the present value at the end of the reporting period of the future expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation. The increase in the discounted present value amount arising from the passage of time is included in finance costs in the income statement.

A contingent liability recognised in a business combination is initially measured at its fair value. Subsequently, it is measured at the higher of (i) the amount that would be recognised in accordance with the general guidance for provisions above; and (ii) the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised in accordance with the guidance for revenue recognition.

Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period, taking into consideration interpretations and practices prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

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

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Income tax (continued)

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

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

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

- when the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

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

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

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets for investment properties that are measured using the fair value model in accordance with HKAS 40 *Investment Property*, the carrying amounts of such properties are presumed to be recovered through sale, unless the presumption is rebutted. The presumption is rebutted when the investment property is depreciable and is held within a business model of the Group whose business objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment property over time, rather than through sale. If the presumption is rebutted, deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets for such investment properties are measured in accordance with the above general principles set out in HKAS 12 (i.e., based on the expected manner as to how the properties will be recovered).

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue recognition

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

- (a) revenue from the sale of properties is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of properties are transferred to the purchasers, which refers to the time when the construction of relevant properties has been completed and the properties are ready for delivery to the purchasers pursuant to the sales agreements, and collectability of the related receivables is reasonably assured. Deposits and instalments received on properties sold prior to the date of revenue recognition are included in the statement of financial position as deposits received;
- (b) rental and building management fee income is recognised in the period in which the properties are let and on the straight-line basis over the lease terms;
- (c) service income from hotel and restaurant operations and the provision of other related services is recognised when such services have been provided to customers;
- (d) revenue from the sale of food and other operating items is recognised when the food and other operating items are sold to customers and the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the customers, provided that the Group maintains neither managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership, nor effective control over the food and other operating items sold;
- (e) interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method by applying the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset; and
- (f) dividend income is recognised when the shareholders' right to receive payment has been established.

Dividends

Final dividends are recognised as a liability when they are approved by the shareholders in a general meeting.

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

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, i.e., assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are capitalised as part of the cost of those assets. The capitalisation of such borrowing costs ceases when the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs capitalised. All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

Foreign currencies

These financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. Each entity in the Group determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency. Foreign currency transactions recorded by the entities in the Group are initially recorded using their respective functional currency rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency rates of exchange at the end of the reporting period. Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in the income statement.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was measured. The gain or loss arising on translation of a non-monetary item measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation difference on the item whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or income statement is also recognised in other comprehensive income or income statement, respectively).

The functional currencies of certain overseas subsidiaries and associates are currencies other than the Hong Kong dollar. As at the end of the reporting period, the assets and liabilities of these entities are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period and their income statements are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the weighted average exchange rates for the year.

The resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the exchange fluctuation reserve. On disposal of a foreign operation, the component of other comprehensive income relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the income statement.

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

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2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Employee benefits

Share-based payments

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

The cost of equity-settled transactions with employees for grants after 7 November 2002 is measured by reference to the fair value at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by using the Binomial Option Pricing Model, further details of which are given in note 31 to the financial statements.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised in employee benefit expense, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled. The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at the end of each reporting period until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The charge or credit to the income statement for a period represents the movement in the cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period.

Service and non-market performance conditions are not taken into account when determining the grant date fair value of awards, but the likelihood of the conditions being met is assessed as part of the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. Market performance conditions are reflected within the grant date fair value. Any other conditions attached to an award, but without an associated service requirement, are considered to be non-vesting conditions. Non-vesting conditions are reflected in the fair value of an award and lead to an immediate expensing of an award unless there are also service and/or performance conditions.

For awards that do not ultimately vest because non-market performance and/or service conditions have not been met, no expense is recognised. Where awards include a market or non-vesting condition, the transactions are treated as vesting irrespective of whether the market or non-vesting condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance and/or service conditions are satisfied.

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified, if the original terms of the award are met. In addition, an expense is recognised for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payments, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. This includes any award where non-vesting conditions within the control of either the Group or the employee are not met. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award, and is designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new awards are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of earnings per share.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Employee benefits (continued)

Paid leave carried forward

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

Retirement benefits

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

The employees of the Group’s subsidiaries which operate in Vietnam and the People’s Republic of China (the “**PRC**”) are required to participate in central pension schemes operated by the respective governments in Vietnam and the PRC. These subsidiaries are required to contribute a certain percentage of their payroll costs to the central pension schemes. The contributions are charged to the income statement as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the central pension schemes.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Group’s financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and their accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets or liabilities affected in the future.

Judgements

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

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES (CONTINUED)

Judgements (continued)

Impairment of assets

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

Impairment of construction in progress

Construction in progress is stated at cost less impairment losses, if any. In determining whether there is any indication of impairment, the Group has to exercise judgement, particularly in assessing the appropriate key assumptions to be applied in preparing cash flow projections. To support the impairment assessment, the Group engaged an external valuer to perform valuation on the construction in progress. Changing the assumptions selected by the valuer to determine whether there is any indication of impairment, including those related to cash flow projections, such as the forecast average daily room rate and occupancy rate, could materially affect the net present value used in the impairment test. The carrying amount of construction in progress recorded as property, plant and equipment as at 31 July 2017 was approximately HK\$3,469 million (2016: HK\$2,413 million).

Provision for tax indemnity

Provision for tax indemnity is recognised at its fair value upon acquisition of Lai Sun Development Company Limited (“LSD”) on 30 September 2010. The provision represents tax liability arising from disposal of certain property interests in the PRC pursuant to certain indemnity deeds entered into by LSD. Management’s judgement is required to determine (i) the estimated sales proceeds and outgoings; and (ii) the latest development plan and status of individual property development projects. Further details are included in note 34(b) to the financial statements.

Estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets within the next financial year, are described below.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES (CONTINUED)

Estimation uncertainty (continued)

Estimation of fair values of investment properties and available-for-sale financial assets

The best evidence of fair value is current prices in an active market for similar properties in the same location and condition and subject to similar leases and other contracts. In the absence of such information, management determines the amount within a range of reasonable fair value estimates. In making its judgement, management considers information from (i) independent valuations; (ii) current prices in an active market for properties of a different nature, condition or location by reference to available market information; (iii) recent prices of similar properties in less active markets, with adjustments to reflect any changes in economic conditions since the dates of transactions that occurred at those prices; and (iv) discounted cash flow projections, based on reliable estimates of future cash flows, derived from the terms of any existing lease and other contracts, and (where possible) from external evidence such as current market rates for similar properties in the same location and condition, and using discount rates that reflect current market assessments of the uncertainty in the amount and timing of cash flows. The carrying amount at fair value of investment properties as at 31 July 2017 was approximately HK\$19,246 million (2016: HK\$17,713 million) and that of an available-for-sale financial asset, of which the principal asset is an investment property, as at 31 July 2017 was approximately HK\$1,394 million (2016: HK\$1,205 million).

Estimation of total budgeted costs and costs to completion for properties under development for sale

The total budgeted costs for properties under development for sale comprise (i) prepaid land lease payments; (ii) construction costs; and (iii) any other direct costs attributable to the development of the properties. In estimating the total budgeted costs for properties under development for sale, management refers to information such as (i) current offers from contractors and suppliers, and (ii) professional estimation on construction and material costs.

Impairment of loans and receivables

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that a loan/receivable is impaired. To determine whether there is objective evidence of impairment, the Group considers factors such as the probability of insolvency or significant financial difficulties of the debtor and default or significant delay in payments. Where there is objective evidence of impairment, the amount and timing of future cash flows are estimated based on historical loss experience for assets with similar credit risk characteristics.

Useful lives and residual values of items of property, plant and equipment

In determining the useful lives and residual values of items of property, plant and equipment, the Group has to consider various factors, such as technical or commercial obsolescence arising from changes or improvements in production, expected usage of the asset, expected physical wear and tear, the care and maintenance of the asset, and legal or similar limits on the use of the asset. The estimation of the useful life of the asset is based on the experience of the Group with similar assets that are used in a similar way. Additional depreciation is made if the estimated useful lives and/or the residual values of items of property, plant and equipment are different from previous estimation. Useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each financial year end date based on changes in circumstances.

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4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

For management purposes, the Group has the following reportable segments:

- (a) the property development and sales segment engages in property development and sale of properties;
- (b) the property investment segment engages in the leasing of investment properties;
- (c) the hotel operation segment engages in the operation of and provision of consultancy services to hotels;
- (d) the restaurant operation segment engages in the operation of and provision of consultancy services to restaurants; and
- (e) the “others” segment mainly comprises the provision of property management services, leasing agency services, building services and luxury yachting business.

Management monitors the results of the Group’s operating segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on reportable segment results, which is a measure of adjusted profit before tax. The adjusted profit before tax is measured consistently with the Group’s profit before tax except that fair value gains on investment properties, interest income, finance costs, dividend income, share of profits and losses of associates, share of profits and losses of joint ventures, reversal of provision for tax indemnity, loss on deemed disposal of interest in an associate and discount on acquisition of additional interest in an associate are excluded from such measurement.

Segment assets mainly exclude interests in associates, interests in joint ventures, available-for-sale financial assets, pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits, and certain cash and cash equivalents.

Segment liabilities mainly exclude bank borrowings, guaranteed notes, other borrowing, note payable and interest payable, tax payable, deferred tax and provision for tax indemnity.

Intersegment sales are transacted with reference to the prevailing market prices.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Segment revenue and results

The following table presents revenue and results for the Group's reportable segments:

	Property development and sales		Property investment		Hotel operation		Restaurant operation		Others		Eliminations		Consolidated	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000	HKS'000
Segment revenue:														
Sales to external customers	89,245	468,691	792,549	806,488	412,343	391,683	481,529	280,664	32,417	24,563	—	—	1,808,083	1,972,089
Intersegment sales	—	—	22,474	19,123	90	360	97	—	26,697	25,749	(49,358)	(45,232)	—	—
Other revenue	4,813	3,997	2,310	1,085	280	15	426	8,525	11,120	8,409	—	—	18,949	22,031
Total	94,058	472,688	817,333	826,696	412,713	392,058	482,052	289,189	70,234	58,721	(49,358)	(45,232)	1,827,032	1,994,120
Segment results	(15,661)	91,516	646,542	664,217	62,911	68,387	(30,671)	(28,184)	(2,637)	2,756	—	—	660,484	798,692
Interest income from bank deposits — unallocated													30,970	23,122
Unallocated revenue													33,479	57,600
Fair value gains on investment properties, net	—	—	1,467,213	124,167	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,467,213	124,167
Unallocated expenses													(297,504)	(230,292)
Reversal of provision for tax indemnity													142,451	—
Profit from operating activities													2,037,093	773,289
Finance costs													(267,458)	(268,251)
Share of profits and losses of associates	33	666	11,290	13,972	—	—	(3,330)	(7,670)	—	—	—	—	7,993	6,968
Share of profits and losses of associates — unallocated													180,956	23,636
Share of profits and losses of joint ventures	(28,638)	(4,127)	859,570	774,596	—	—	—	—	6,481	—	—	—	837,413	770,469
Loss on deemed disposal of interest in an associate													(573,121)	—
Discount on acquisition of additional interest in an associate													142,822	—
Profit before tax													2,365,698	1,306,111
Tax													(83,500)	(64,461)
Profit for the year													2,282,198	1,241,650

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4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

The following table presents the total assets and liabilities and other segment information for the Group's reportable segments:

	Property development and sales		Property investment		Hotel operation		Restaurant operation		Others		Consolidated	
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Segment assets and liabilities												
Segment assets	2,321,573	1,781,215	19,456,032	17,876,931	4,261,731	3,263,406	601,724	641,751	242,782	152,583	26,883,842	23,715,886
Interests in associates	5,890	7,343	66,973	55,179	159,478	—	(9,078)	(1,061)	—	—	223,263	61,461
Interests in associates — unallocated											3,404,875	3,660,123
Interests in joint ventures	1,116,246	990,385	5,986,447	5,763,968	—	—	—	—	121,490	—	7,224,183	6,754,353
Unallocated assets											4,724,041	4,244,543
Total assets											42,460,204	38,436,366
Segment liabilities	777,431	62,467	229,379	221,181	279,216	195,510	43,158	47,472	9,932	6,163	1,339,116	532,793
Bank borrowings											7,675,234	6,285,682
Guaranteed notes											3,480,606	3,461,817
Other borrowing, note payable and interest payable											384,293	372,969
Other unallocated liabilities											727,421	1,380,459
Total liabilities											13,606,670	12,033,720
Other segment information												
Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments	—	—	—	—	1,028	1,027	—	—	—	—	1,028	1,027
Depreciation	—	225	254	227	25,861	24,991	47,469	34,106	217	95	73,801	59,644
Depreciation — unallocated											13,586	12,854
											87,387	72,498
Capital expenditure	—	—	57,842	261,960	1,075,824	565,472	48,257	96,217	3,019	155	1,184,942	923,804
Capital expenditure — unallocated											4,330	4,702
											1,189,272	928,506

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Geographical information

The following table presents revenue and assets by geographical location of the assets:

	Hong Kong		United Kingdom		Vietnam		Others		Consolidated	
	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Segment revenue										
Sales to external customers	1,260,606	1,432,704	136,304	149,713	407,257	385,903	3,916	3,769	1,808,083	1,972,089
Other revenue	18,317	21,626	493	391	81	—	58	14	18,949	22,031
Total	1,278,923	1,454,330	136,797	150,104	407,338	385,903	3,974	3,783	1,827,032	1,994,120
Segment assets										
Non-current assets	22,184,372	19,532,148	2,703,275	2,512,864	449,172	456,495	621	985	25,337,440	22,502,492
Current assets	1,146,885	834,721	72,756	30,247	323,208	345,692	3,553	2,734	1,546,402	1,213,394
Total	23,331,257	20,366,869	2,776,031	2,543,111	772,380	802,187	4,174	3,719	26,883,842	23,715,886

Information about major customers

For both the years ended 31 July 2017 and 31 July 2016, there was no revenue derived from a single customer which contributed more than 10% of the Group's revenue for the respective years.

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5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to the related party transactions and balances detailed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group entered into the following material transactions with related parties during the year:

(a) Transactions with related parties

		2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Rental income and building management fee received or receivable from eSun Holdings Limited ("eSun") and its subsidiaries (collectively the "eSun Group"), an associate	Note	13,080	11,966
Sharing of corporate salaries on a cost basis allocated to the eSun Group		46,693	46,129
Sharing of administrative expenses on a cost basis allocated to the eSun Group		5,383	6,130
Rental expenses and building management fees paid or payable to			
— an associate	Note	2,157	2,087
— the eSun Group	Note	64	69
Sharing of corporate salaries on a cost basis allocated from the eSun Group		7,944	6,980
Sharing of administrative expenses on a cost basis allocated from the eSun Group		1,333	1,563

Note: These transactions were entered into based on terms stated in the respective agreements or contracts and were charged on bases mutually agreed by the respective parties.

One of the above related party transactions also constitutes continuing connected transaction as defined in chapter 14A of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"). Since such transaction constitutes de minimis continuing connected transaction, it is fully exempt from independent shareholders' approval, annual review and relevant disclosure requirements.

(b) Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Short term employee benefits	43,302	43,740
Employee share option benefits	58,274	—
Post-employment benefits	126	126
Total compensation paid to key management personnel	101,702	43,866

Further details of directors' and chief executive officer's emoluments are included in note 9 to the financial statements.

6. TURNOVER AND OTHER REVENUE

Turnover comprises the proceeds from the sale of properties, rental income and building management fee, and income from hotel, restaurant and other operations.

An analysis of turnover and other revenue are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Turnover		
Sale of properties	89,245	468,691
Rental income and building management fee	792,549	806,488
Hotel, restaurant and other operations	926,289	696,910
	1,808,083	1,972,089
Other revenue		
Interest income from bank deposits	30,970	23,122
Other interest income	18,663	16,028
Dividend income from unlisted available-for-sale financial assets	23,240	36,215
Gain on disposal of associates	—	5,338
Gain on bargain purchase upon acquisition of a subsidiary (note 43)	—	3,128
Others	10,525	18,922
	83,398	102,753

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7. PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

(a) The Group's profit from operating activities is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Cost of inventories sold		169,622	111,809
Cost of completed properties sold		71,900	348,147
Depreciation [#]	14	87,387	72,498
Amortisation of prepaid land lease payments [*]	15	1,028	1,027
Staff costs (including directors' and chief executive officer's remuneration — note 9):			
Wages and salaries		389,061	311,864
Pension scheme contributions		11,434	8,362
Employee share option benefits		58,462	461
		458,957	320,687
Auditor's remuneration		4,997	4,826
Loss on disposal of items of property, plant and equipment [*]		1,222	100
Minimum lease payments under operating leases		58,025	36,776
Contingent rents		9,064	4,264
Total operating lease payments [^]		67,089	41,040
Minimum lease income under operating leases		(792,158)	(806,018)
Contingent rents		(391)	(470)
Total operating lease income		(792,549)	(806,488)
Less: Outgoings		115,560	108,260
Net rental income		(676,989)	(698,228)
Foreign exchange differences, net [*]		21,462	(4,675)

[#] Depreciation charge of approximately HK\$82,082,000 (2016: HK\$67,771,000) for property, plant and equipment is included in "other operating expenses" on the consolidated income statement.

[^] Operating lease payments of approximately HK\$61,979,000 (2016: HK\$35,903,000) are included in "other operating expenses" on the consolidated income statement.

^{*} These items are included in "other operating expenses" on the consolidated income statement.

(b) Other than those mentioned in note 7(a) above, "other operating expenses" also included service fee for operation of a club in the Group's hotel operation in Vietnam of approximately HK\$64,337,000 (2016: HK\$64,616,000).

8. FINANCE COSTS

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Interest on bank borrowings	133,860	122,585
Interest on guaranteed notes	220,732	222,899
Interest on other borrowing and note payable	11,324	11,350
Bank financing charges	57,838	45,447
	423,754	402,281
Less: Amount capitalised in a hotel development project (note 14)	(100,317)	(91,097)
Amount capitalised in properties under development for sale (note 17)	(55,979)	(42,933)
	267,458	268,251

Where funds have been borrowed generally and used for the purpose of obtaining qualifying assets, a capitalisation rate of 4.40% (2016: 4.40%) has been applied to the expenditure on the individual assets for the year ended 31 July 2017.

9. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REMUNERATION

Directors' and chief executive officer's remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules, section 383(1)(a), (b), (c) and (f) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation, is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Fees	2,192	2,067
Other emoluments:		
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	41,110	41,673
Employee share option benefits	58,274	—
Pension scheme contributions	126	126
	99,510	41,799
	101,702	43,866

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9. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REMUNERATION (CONTINUED)

The remuneration paid to executive directors, independent non-executive directors and chief executive officer during the year were as follows:

	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind HK\$'000	Employee share option benefits HK\$'000	Pension scheme contributions HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
2017					
Executive directors:					
Lam Kin Ming (note a)	298	810	—	—	1,108
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (note b)	48	17,523	2,449	36	20,056
Chew Fook Aun (note c)	—	9,934	27,716	36	37,686
Lam Hau Yin, Lester (also alternate to U Po Chu) (note d)	—	1,761	28,109	18	29,888
Lam Kin Hong, Matthew	48	384	—	18	450
U Po Chu (note a)	298	3,600	—	—	3,898
	692	34,012	58,274	108	93,086
Independent non-executive directors:					
Chow Bing Chiu	300	—	—	—	300
Lam Bing Kwan (note e)	600	—	—	—	600
Leung Shu Yin, William (note e)	600	—	—	—	600
	1,500	—	—	—	1,500
Chief executive officer:					
Yip Chai Tuck	—	7,098	—	18	7,116
	2,192	41,110	58,274	126	101,702

9. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REMUNERATION (CONTINUED)

	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind HK\$'000	Employee share option benefits HK\$'000	Pension scheme contributions HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
2016					
Executive directors:					
Lam Kin Ming (note a)	298	810	—	—	1,108
Lam Kin Ngok, Peter (note b)	48	19,276	—	36	19,360
Chew Fook Aun (note c)	—	9,197	—	36	9,233
Lam Hau Yin, Lester (also alternate to U Po Chu) (note d)	—	1,766	—	18	1,784
Lam Kin Hong, Matthew	48	384	—	18	450
U Po Chu (note a)	298	3,600	—	—	3,898
	692	35,033	—	108	35,833
Independent non-executive directors:					
Chow Bing Chiu	275	—	—	—	275
Lam Bing Kwan (note e)	550	—	—	—	550
Leung Shu Yin, William (note e)	550	—	—	—	550
	1,375	—	—	—	1,375
Chief executive officer:					
Yip Chai Tuck	—	6,640	—	18	6,658
	2,067	41,673	—	126	43,866

Notes:

- The amounts for each of these directors included fees paid by LSD of HK\$250,000 (2016: HK\$250,000).
- The amounts included salaries and pension scheme contributions paid by LSD of HK\$14,364,000 (2016: HK\$15,796,000).
- The amounts included salaries and pension scheme contributions paid by LSD of HK\$8,533,000 (2016: HK\$7,901,000).
- The amounts included salaries and pension scheme contributions paid by LSD of HK\$1,779,000 (2016: HK\$1,784,000).
- The amounts for each of these directors included fees paid by LSD of HK\$300,000 (2016: HK\$275,000).

There were no other emoluments payable to the independent non-executive directors during the year (2016: Nil).

There was no arrangement under which a director or the chief executive officer waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the year (2016: Nil).

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10. EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

The five highest paid employees during the year included three (2016: two) directors and the chief executive officer (2016: one), details of whose remuneration are set out in note 9 above. Details of the remuneration of the remaining one (2016: two) highest paid employee who is neither a director nor chief executive officer of the Company are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	4,851	8,839
Pension scheme contributions	216	228
	5,067	9,067

The number of non-director and non-chief executive highest paid employees whose remuneration fell within the following bands is as follows:

	Number of employees	
	2017	2016
HK\$4,000,001 to HK\$4,500,000	—	1
HK\$4,500,001 to HK\$5,000,000	—	1
HK\$5,000,001 to HK\$5,500,000	1	—
	1	2

11. TAX

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

Taxes on profits assessable elsewhere have been calculated at the rates of tax prevailing in the places in which the Group operates, based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Current tax		
Hong Kong	46,279	45,894
Overseas	21,630	26,724
	67,909	72,618
Deferred tax (note 29)	13,113	6,323
Prior years' underprovision/(overprovision)		
Hong Kong	612	(40)
Overseas	1,866	(14,440)
	2,478	(14,480)
Tax charge for the year	83,500	64,461

11. TAX (CONTINUED)

A reconciliation of the tax charge applicable to profit before tax at the statutory rate for the location in which the Company and the majority of its subsidiaries are domiciled to the tax charge at the effective tax rate is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Profit before tax	2,365,698	1,306,111
Less: Share of profits and losses of associates	(188,949)	(30,604)
Share of profits and losses of joint ventures	(837,413)	(770,469)
Profit before tax attributable to the Group	1,339,336	505,038
Tax at the statutory tax rate of 16.5% (2016: 16.5%)	220,990	83,331
Higher tax rate for other countries	9,605	2,239
Adjustments in respect of current tax of previous periods	2,478	(14,480)
Income not subject to tax	(234,540)	(64,313)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	67,033	50,285
Tax losses utilised from previous periods	(3,714)	(19,104)
Tax losses not recognised	21,648	26,503
Tax charge for the year	83,500	64,461

12. DIVIDEND

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Final dividend paid in respect of the year ended 31 July 2016 (2016: final dividend paid in respect of the year ended 31 July 2015)	23,018	20,809
Proposed final dividend – HK6.85 cents per ordinary share (2016: HK1.21 cents per ordinary share before the effect of the Share Consolidation (as defined in note 30(e)) or HK6.05 cents per ordinary share after the effect of the Share Consolidation)	26,165	22,921

The proposed final dividend for the year is subject to the approval of the Company's shareholders at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

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13. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO OWNERS OF THE COMPANY

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Earnings		
Earnings for the purpose of basic earnings per share	1,456,666	683,316
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares arising from adjustment to the share of profit of a subsidiary based on dilution of its earnings per share	(3,832)	(579)
Earnings for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	1,452,834	682,737
	'000	'000 (Adjusted)
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share	380,878	378,608
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares arising from share options	2,984	748
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings per share	383,862	379,356

The number of shares for the purpose of earnings per share were calculated to reflect the Share Consolidation (as defined in note 30(e)). Comparative figures have also been adjusted on the assumption that the Share Consolidation had been effective in the prior year.

14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

		Hotel	Leasehold	Leasehold	Furniture, fixtures and	Motor	Computers	Motor	Construction	Total
	Notes	properties	buildings	improvements	equipment	vehicles		vessels	in progress	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost:										
At 1 August 2015		487,581	343,714	89,569	64,002	16,457	7,980	36,563	1,857,654	2,903,520
Finance cost capitalised	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	91,097	91,097
Additions		—	—	45,891	35,238	686	2,879	1,885	463,826	550,405
Acquisition of subsidiaries	43	—	—	14,624	10,217	—	205	—	—	25,046
Disposals/write-off		—	—	(466)	(5,151)	(37)	(122)	—	—	(5,776)
At 31 July 2016 and 1 August 2016		487,581	343,714	149,618	104,306	17,106	10,942	38,448	2,412,577	3,564,292
Finance cost capitalised	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100,317	100,317
Additions		—	—	37,888	30,416	3,784	2,949	24	956,201	1,031,262
Disposals/write-off		—	—	(15,487)	(11,583)	(32)	(408)	—	—	(27,510)
At 31 July 2017		487,581	343,714	172,019	123,139	20,858	13,483	38,472	3,469,095	4,668,361
Accumulated depreciation:										
At 1 August 2015		77,310	28,643	40,997	29,746	8,754	5,036	24,703	—	215,189
Depreciation provided during the year	7(a)	15,995	7,362	25,043	15,530	2,585	1,706	4,277	—	72,498
Disposals/write-off		—	—	(465)	(4,777)	(1)	(36)	—	—	(5,279)
At 31 July 2016 and 1 August 2016		93,305	36,005	65,575	40,499	11,338	6,706	28,980	—	282,408
Depreciation provided during the year	7(a)	15,997	7,360	31,246	22,885	3,239	2,131	4,529	—	87,387
Disposals/write-off		—	—	(13,705)	(9,378)	(6)	(399)	—	—	(23,488)
At 31 July 2017		109,302	43,365	83,116	54,006	14,571	8,438	33,509	—	346,307
Net carrying amount:										
At 31 July 2017		378,279	300,349	88,903	69,133	6,287	5,045	4,963	3,469,095	4,322,054
At 31 July 2016		394,276	307,709	84,043	63,807	5,768	4,236	9,468	2,412,577	3,281,884

At 31 July 2017, the Group's certain leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, motor vehicles, computers and construction in progress of a hotel project, named "Hong Kong Ocean Park Marriott Hotel", with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$50,000 (2016: Nil), HK\$64,000 (2016: Nil), HK\$251,000 (2016: Nil), HK\$284,000 (2016: Nil) and HK\$3,445,160,000 (2016: HK\$2,390,355,000), respectively, were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group (note 27).

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15. PREPAID LAND LEASE PAYMENTS

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Cost:		
At beginning and end of year	26,894	26,894
Accumulated amortisation:		
At beginning of year	5,993	4,966
Amortisation provided for the year (note 7(a))	1,028	1,027
At end of year	7,021	5,993
Net carrying amount:		
At beginning of year	20,901	21,928
At end of year	19,873	20,901

16. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Carrying amount at beginning of year	17,713,376	17,730,080
Exchange realignment	7,433	(402,829)
Additions, at cost	57,692	261,958
Fair value gains, net	1,467,213	124,167
Carrying amount at end of year	19,245,714	17,713,376

Most of the investment properties of the Group are leased to third parties under operating leases, further summary details of which are included in note 35(a) to the financial statements.

Certain investment properties of the Group with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$18,838,924,000 (2016: HK\$17,329,746,000) were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group (note 27).

16. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

Valuation process

The directors of the Company have determined that all investment properties are completed properties held for rental, based on the nature, characteristics and risks of each property. The Group's investment properties were revalued on 31 July 2017 based on valuations performed by Savills Valuation and Professional Services Limited and Savills (UK) Limited, independent professionally qualified valuers, at HK\$16,570,790,000 (2016: HK\$15,250,630,000) and HK\$2,674,924,000 (2016: HK\$2,462,746,000), respectively. Each year, the Group's management decides to appoint which external valuer to be responsible for the external valuations of the Group's properties. Selection criteria include market knowledge, reputation, independence and whether professional standards are maintained. The Group's management has discussions with the valuer on the valuation assumptions and valuation results twice a year when the valuations are performed for interim and annual financial reporting.

Valuation techniques

Fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

Fair value of investment properties is generally determined using the income capitalisation method and, wherever appropriate, by the direct comparison method. The income capitalisation method is based on the capitalisation of the net income and reversionary income potential by adopting appropriate capitalisation rates, which are derived from an analysis of sales transactions and valuers' interpretations of prevailing investor requirements or expectations. The prevailing market rents adopted in the valuation are determined with reference to recent lettings, within the subject properties and other comparable properties. The direct comparison method is based on comparing the property to be valued directly with other comparable properties, which have recently been transacted.

Information about fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

2017

Description	Valuation technique	Unobservable inputs	Range of unobservable inputs	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Completed properties held for rental	Income capitalisation method	Average monthly market rent per square foot	HK\$12 to HK\$346	The higher the market rent, the higher the fair value
		Capitalisation rate	3.0% to 5.2%	The higher the capitalisation rate, the lower the fair value

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16. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

Valuation process (continued)

Information about fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) (continued)

2016

Description	Valuation technique	Unobservable inputs	Range of unobservable inputs	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Completed properties held for rental	Income capitalisation method	Average monthly market rent per square foot	HK\$12 to HK\$350	The higher the market rent, the higher the fair value
		Capitalisation rate	3.4% to 5.4%	The higher the capitalisation rate, the lower the fair value

During the year, there were no transfers of fair value measurements between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfers into or out of Level 3 (2016: Nil).

17. PROPERTIES UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR SALE

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
At beginning of year, at cost	1,397,706	729,148
Additions	193,253	625,625
Interest and bank financing charges capitalised (note 8)	55,979	42,933
At end of year, at cost	1,646,938	1,397,706

As at 31 July 2017, certain of the Group's properties under development for sale with a total carrying amount of approximately HK\$809,955,000 (2016: HK\$634,624,000) were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group (note 27).

18. GOODWILL

	HK\$'000
Cost and net carrying amount:	
At 1 August 2015	—
Acquisition of subsidiaries (note 43)	5,161
At 31 July 2016, 1 August 2016 and 31 July 2017	5,161

Impairment testing of goodwill

Goodwill acquired through a business combination during the year ended 31 July 2016 had been allocated to cash-generating units (the “CGU”) from the Acquisition (as defined and disclosed in note 43), which are components of the restaurant operation segment, for impairment testing.

The acquired subsidiaries are a group of CGU which generate cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets.

The recoverable amount of the CGU has been determined based on a value-in-use calculation using cash flow projections based on financial budgets covering a three-year period (2016: three-year period) with a growth rate approved by senior management, which is based on management’s expectation for market development. The discount rate applied to the cash flow projections is 13% (2016: 15%).

Assumptions were used in the value-in-use calculation of the CGU for the years ended 31 July 2017 and 31 July 2016. The following describes each key assumption on which management has based its cash flow projections to undertake impairment testing of goodwill:

Budgeted profit — The basis used to determine the value assigned to the budgeted profit is the average profit achieved in the markets, adjusted for expected efficiency improvement, and expected market development.

Discount rate — The discount rate used is before tax and reflects specific risks relating to the relevant unit.

19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES

(a) Interests in associates

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Share of net assets	3,442,924	3,541,870
Amounts due from associates	267,754	354,960
Provision for impairment	(82,540)	(175,246)
	3,628,138	3,721,584
Market value of listed shares at the end of the reporting period	540,019	390,903

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(a) Interests in associates (continued)

The amounts due from associates are unsecured, interest-free, except for amounts due from associates of approximately HK\$14,915,000 (2016: HK\$13,837,000) to the Group as at 31 July 2017 which bear interest at the prevailing market rate, and are not expected to be repayable in the foreseeable future. In the opinion of the directors, these balances are considered as part of the Group's net investments in the associates.

During the year ended 31 July 2017, the Company invested in a parcel of land in Phuket, Thailand through the acquisition of an 38.64%-owned associate at a cost of approximately HK\$159,555,000, which will be engaged in a resort hotel development and villas project.

During the year ended 31 July 2017, the provision for impairment decreased by approximately HK\$92,706,000 mainly arising from striking off an associate. During the year ended 31 July 2016, the provision for impairment decreased by approximately HK\$3,452,000, which included a write-back of provision for impairment of approximately HK\$804,000 and exchange difference of approximately HK\$2,648,000.

The provision for impairment in respect of the amounts due from associates at the end of the reporting period was determined on the basis of the amounts recoverable from the associates with reference to the fair value of the underlying assets held by the associates.

Details of the principal associates are set out in note 41 to the financial statements.

The eSun Group

The financial year end date of the eSun Group, which is considered as a principal associate of the Group, is coterminous with that of the Group.

The eSun Group is accounted for using the equity method in these financial statements.

- (i) In June 2014, a wholly-owned subsidiary of eSun issued RMB650 million of 8.375% secured guaranteed notes which will mature in 2018. In relation to these notes, LSD entered into a keepwell and security shortfall support deed (the "**Keepwell Deed**") and a deed of equity interest purchase undertaking (the "**Undertaking Deed**") on 17 June 2014.

Pursuant to the Keepwell Deed and the Undertaking Deed, LSD shall, if the eSun Group defaults on the notes and the proceeds from disposal of the eSun Group's assets charged as security are insufficient to discharge the relevant amounts outstanding under the notes, use its best endeavours to as soon as reasonably practicable obtain all relevant approvals, including shareholders' approvals, to (i) provide sufficient funds to the eSun Group so as to satisfy the security shortfall amount, if any; (ii) invest or procure a subsidiary to invest in the eSun Group by way of an equity investment or advancement of shareholders' loan or a combination thereof; and (iii) purchase the equity interest held by the eSun Group as prescribed under the Undertaking Deed.

During the year ended 31 July 2016, the eSun Group repurchased and cancelled a total of RMB581 million in principal amount of the notes. The eSun Group also redeemed and cancelled a total of RMB69 million in principal amount of the outstanding notes. The Keepwell Deed and the Undertaking Deed were cancelled accordingly.

19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(a) Interests in associates (continued)

The eSun Group (continued)

- (ii) On 9 February 2017, eSun completed a share placement which resulted in a dilution in LSD's interest in eSun from 41.92% to 34.94%. LSD recorded a loss on deemed disposal of interest in eSun of approximately HK\$573,121,000 in the consolidated income statement and released reserves of approximately HK\$49,192,000 in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income from this transaction.

Subsequently, LSD acquired 2% additional interest in eSun from the public shareholders at a cost of approximately HK\$25,426,000 and LSD's interest in eSun increased from 34.94% to 36.94%. A discount on acquisition of approximately HK\$142,822,000 arose from this acquisition.

The following summarised financial information is extracted from the published consolidated financial statements of the eSun Group. The consolidated financial statements of the eSun Group are prepared in accordance with HKFRSs and comply with the Group's accounting policies.

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Current assets	5,973,510	7,407,402
Non-current assets	23,269,238	20,994,349
Total assets	29,242,748	28,401,751
Current liabilities	(4,968,225)	(3,175,552)
Non-current liabilities	(7,051,653)	(8,961,415)
Total liabilities	(12,019,878)	(12,136,967)
Equity attributable to owners of eSun	9,118,200	8,599,258
Non-controlling interests	8,104,670	7,665,526
Total equity	17,222,870	16,264,784

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(a) Interests in associates (continued)

The eSun Group (continued)

	Year ended 31 July 2017 HK\$'000	Year ended 31 July 2016 HK\$'000
Turnover	2,677,388	3,369,275
Other revenue (including other operating gains and share of profits and losses of associates)	322,736	205,069
Fair value gains on cross currency swaps	111,657	—
Fair value gains on investment properties	832,118	522,043
Share of profits and losses of joint ventures	313,866	79,623
Expenses	(3,724,487)	(3,863,004)
Tax indemnity	493,936	—
Profit for the year	1,027,214	313,006
Other comprehensive expense for the year	(193,230)	(1,104,025)
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year	833,984	(791,019)
Profit for the year attributable to owners of eSun	514,233	80,825
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the year attributable to owners of eSun	409,141	(502,306)

Reconciliation of the above summarised financial information of the eSun Group to the carrying amount of the interests in associates recognised in the consolidated financial statements is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Net assets attributable to owners of eSun	9,118,200	8,599,258
LSD's 36.94% (2016: 41.92%) interest in the eSun Group	3,368,263	3,604,809
Fair value adjustment	5,289	5,570
The Group's share of net assets/(liabilities) of the remaining associates not individually material	3,373,552	3,610,379
	69,372	(68,509)
The Group's share of net assets of associates	3,442,924	3,541,870
The Group's share of loss and total comprehensive expense of the remaining associates not individually material	(2,000)	(2,997)

19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(b) Interests in joint ventures

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Share of net assets	5,609,570	4,728,150
Goodwill on acquisition	71,000	—
Amounts due from joint ventures	1,543,613	2,026,203
	7,224,183	6,754,353

The amounts due from joint ventures are unsecured, interest-free and are not expected to be repayable in the foreseeable future. In the opinion of the directors, these balances are considered as part of the Group's net investments in the joint ventures.

Certain shares in joint ventures held by the Group were pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the joint ventures.

All the joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method in these financial statements. During the year, no dividend was declared by the joint ventures (2016: Nil).

Details of the principal joint ventures are set out in note 42 to the financial statements.

The summarised financial information below represents amounts shown in the financial statements of the respective joint ventures prepared in accordance with HKFRSs and complies with the Group's accounting policies.

Best Value International Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Best Value Group")

The Best Value Group, a 50%-owned joint venture of LSD, principally held a property for rental in Hong Kong. The property, "8 Observatory Road", is located at 8 Observatory Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong.

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(b) Interests in joint ventures (continued)

Best Value International Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Best Value Group") (continued)

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Current assets	157,582	81,882
Non-current assets	3,500,000	3,500,000
Total assets	3,657,582	3,581,882
Current liabilities	(63,676)	(59,218)
Non-current liabilities	(1,294,505)	(1,274,180)
Total liabilities	(1,358,181)	(1,333,398)
The above amounts of assets and liabilities include the following:		
Cash and cash equivalents	141,256	65,263
Non-current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables)	(1,287,228)	(1,274,180)
	Year ended 31 July 2017 HK\$'000	Year ended 31 July 2016 HK\$'000
Turnover	109,918	60,011
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	50,917	537,086
The above profit and total comprehensive income for the year include the following:		
Interest expense	(14,507)	—

19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(b) Interests in joint ventures (continued)

Best Value International Limited and its subsidiaries (the “Best Value Group”) (continued)

Reconciliation of the above summarised financial information of the Best Value Group to the carrying amount of the interest in the Best Value Group recognised in the consolidated financial statements is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Net assets of the Best Value Group	2,299,401	2,248,484
LSD's 50% ownership interest in the Best Value Group	1,149,701	1,124,242
Amount due from the Best Value Group	—	637,090
Carrying amount of the Group's interest in the Best Value Group	1,149,701	1,761,332

Diamond Path Limited and its subsidiaries (the “Diamond Path Group”)

The Diamond Path Group, a 50%-owned joint venture of LSD, was principally engaged in development of a residential/commercial project in Hong Kong. The project, “Alto Residences”, is located at Area 68A2, Tseung Kwan O, Hong Kong.

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Current assets	1,419,228	67,495
Non-current assets	4,904,369	3,706,770
Total assets	6,323,597	3,774,265
Current liabilities	(114,818)	(7,827)
Non-current liabilities	(6,276,469)	(3,776,851)
Total liabilities	(6,391,287)	(3,784,678)

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(b) Interests in joint ventures (continued)

Diamond Path Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Diamond Path Group") (continued)

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
The above amounts of assets and liabilities include the following:		
Cash and cash equivalents	42,700	54,654
Non-current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	(6,193,016)	(3,760,576)
Interest expense (capitalised as non-current assets)	50,949	50,427

	Year ended 31 July 2017 HK\$'000	Year ended 31 July 2016 HK\$'000
Turnover	2,888	—
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the year	(57,277)	(8,223)
The above loss and total comprehensive expense for the year include the following:		
Interest income	3,490	—

Reconciliation of the above summarised financial information of the Diamond Path Group to the carrying amount of the interest in the Diamond Path Group recognised in the consolidated financial statements is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Net liabilities of the Diamond Path Group	(67,690)	(10,413)
LSD's 50% ownership interest in the Diamond Path Group	(33,845)	(5,206)
Amount due from the Diamond Path Group	1,150,091	995,591
Carrying amount of the Group's interest in the Diamond Path Group	1,116,246	990,385

19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(b) Interests in joint ventures (continued)

Diamond String Limited ("Diamond String")

Diamond String, a 50%-owned joint venture of LSD, principally held a property for rental in Hong Kong. The property, "CCB Tower", is located at 3 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong.

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Current assets	214,368	197,885
Non-current assets	10,314,221	8,812,404
Total assets	10,528,589	9,010,289
Current liabilities	(762,682)	(221,314)
Non-current liabilities	(879,457)	(1,570,748)
Total liabilities	(1,642,139)	(1,792,062)
The above amounts of assets and liabilities include the following:		
Cash and cash equivalents	193,312	178,412
Non-current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	(787,043)	(1,484,318)
	Year ended 31 July 2017 HK\$'000	Year ended 31 July 2016 HK\$'000
Turnover	244,799	227,474
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	1,668,223	1,012,105
The above profit and total comprehensive income for the year include the following:		
Interest income	396	227
Interest expense	(23,518)	(25,388)

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES/INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

(b) Interests in joint ventures (continued)

Diamond String Limited ("Diamond String") (continued)

Reconciliation of the above summarised financial information of Diamond String to the carrying amount of the interest in Diamond String recognised in the consolidated financial statements is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Net assets of Diamond String	8,886,450	7,218,227
LSD's 50% ownership interest in Diamond String	4,443,225	3,609,114
Amount due from Diamond String	393,522	393,522
Carrying amount of the Group's interest in Diamond String	4,836,747	4,002,636

20. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Listed equity investments, at fair value	127,995	130,011
Unlisted equity investments, at fair value	1,565,494	1,361,016
Unlisted equity investments, at cost	49,384	46,218
Provision for impairment	(25,208)	(25,208)
	1,717,665	1,512,037

As at 31 July 2017, unlisted investments of the Group with a carrying amount of approximately HK\$24,176,000 (2016: HK\$13,252,000) were stated at cost less impairment because the directors are of the opinion that the variability in the range of reasonable fair value estimates is significant and the probabilities of the various estimates within the range cannot be reasonably assessed and used in estimating the fair value.

As at 31 July 2017, included in available-for-sale financial assets at fair value was an equity interest in Bayshore Development Group Limited ("**Bayshore**") of approximately HK\$1,394,371,000 (2016: HK\$1,204,693,000). The principal activity of Bayshore is property investment.

20. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Valuation techniques

Fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

Fair value of the equity interest in Bayshore has been estimated using the fair value of the investment property held by Bayshore, which is determined by the direct comparison method and the income capitalisation method detailed below.

The properties are valued by the direct comparison method on the assumption that each property can be sold in its existing state subject to existing tenancies or otherwise with the benefit of vacant possession and by referring to comparable sales transactions as available in the relevant markets. Comparison is based on prices realised on actual transactions or asking prices of comparable properties. Comparable properties with similar sizes, characters and locations are analysed, and carefully weighed against all respective advantages and disadvantages of each property in order to arrive at a fair comparison of value.

The properties are also valued by the income capitalisation approach taking into account the rents passing of the properties and the reversionary potential of the tenancies, and reconciling the two approaches, if applicable.

Information about fair value measurement using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)

2017

Valuation technique	Unobservable inputs		Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Income capitalisation method	Average monthly market rent per square foot	HK\$141	The higher the market rent, the higher the fair value
	Capitalisation rate	3.0%	The higher the capitalisation rate, the lower the fair value

2016

Valuation technique	Unobservable inputs		Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Income capitalisation method	Average monthly market rent per square foot	HK\$122	The higher the market rent, the higher the fair value
	Capitalisation rate	3.0%	The higher the capitalisation rate, the lower the fair value

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21. PLEDGED AND RESTRICTED BANK BALANCES AND TIME DEPOSITS AND CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Cash and bank balances	1,232,304	1,008,907
Time deposits	2,345,376	2,298,016
	3,577,680	3,306,923
Less: Non-current portion of pledged balances for bank borrowings		
Bank balances	(25,362)	(149,986)
Time deposits	(61,530)	(128,404)
Non-current portion of pledged and restricted balance for guaranteed notes:		
Time deposit (Note)	—	(58,438)
	(86,892)	(336,828)
Less: Current portion of pledged balances for bank borrowings		
Bank balances	(175,817)	—
Time deposits	(80,471)	—
Current portion of pledged and restricted balance for guaranteed notes:		
Time deposits (Note)	(57,864)	(58,438)
	(314,152)	(58,438)
Cash and cash equivalents	3,176,636	2,911,657

The conversion of Vietnamese Dong (“VND”)/Renminbi (“RMB”) denominated cash and bank balances and time deposits into foreign currencies and the remittance of such foreign currencies denominated balances out of Vietnam/the PRC are subject to the relevant rules and regulations of foreign exchange control promulgated by the respective government authorities concerned. As at 31 July 2017, such VND and RMB denominated cash and bank balances and time deposits of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$155,177,000 (2016: HK\$261,276,000) and approximately HK\$2,385,000 (2016: HK\$1,073,000), respectively.

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on bank deposit rates. Short term time deposits are spread over varying periods up to one month based on the estimated cash requirements of the Group, and earn interest at the respective short term time deposit rates. Bank balances and time deposits are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default.

21. PLEDGED AND RESTRICTED BANK BALANCES AND TIME DEPOSITS AND CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Note: On the issue date of the LSG Notes (as defined and disclosed in note 26(a)), the Group deposited an amount, being the amount of interest due in respect of the LSG Notes for the interest periods after the issue of the LSG Notes into an interest reserve account which would be charged for the benefit of the holders of the LSG Notes. The amount in the interest reserve account would be reduced by the interest payment on 24 January and 24 July of each year, commencing on 24 January 2015. As at 31 July 2017, an amount of approximately HK\$57,864,000 (2016: HK\$116,876,000) (approximately RMB49,913,000 (2016: RMB99,826,000)) of the Group's time deposits was deposited into the interest reserve account.

22. DEPOSITS PAID AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Rental and other deposits	35,592	19,025
Loan receivables:		
Variable-rate mortgage loan receivables	48,818	12,046
Fixed-rate other loan receivables	114,501	99,355
	163,319	111,401
Other receivables	29,111	30,560
Deposits paid:		
For purchase of items of property, plant and equipment	2,538	13,498
For additions to investment properties	2,104	6,831
	4,642	20,329
	232,664	181,315

23. COMPLETED PROPERTIES FOR SALE

The completed properties for sale were carried at cost at the end of the reporting period.

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24. DEBTORS, DEPOSITS PAID AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group maintains various credit policies for different business operations in accordance with business practices and market conditions in which the respective subsidiaries operate. Sales proceeds receivable from the sale of properties are settled in accordance with the terms of the respective contracts. Rent and related charges in respect of the leasing of properties are receivable from tenants, and are normally payable in advance with rental deposits received in accordance with the terms of the tenancy agreements. The settlements of hotel and restaurant charges are mainly by cash and credit cards, except for those corporate clients who maintain credit accounts with the respective subsidiaries, the settlement of which is in accordance with the respective agreements.

An ageing analysis of the trade debtors, based on the payment due date, as at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Trade debtors:		
Not yet due or less than 30 days past due	11,749	15,805
31 - 60 days past due	2,270	2,122
61 - 90 days past due	655	857
Over 90 days past due	6,792	3,881
	21,466	22,665
Other receivables	444,611	82,132
Deposits paid and prepayments	77,816	73,623
	543,893	178,420

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

25. CREDITORS, DEPOSITS RECEIVED AND ACCRUALS

An ageing analysis of the trade creditors, based on the payment due date, as at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Trade creditors:		
Not yet due or less than 30 days past due	20,592	20,207
31 - 60 days past due	2,119	2,128
61 - 90 days past due	950	1,079
Over 90 days past due	75	1,148
	23,736	24,562
Other payables and accruals	274,095	291,284
Deposits received and other provisions	179,470	162,314
	477,301	478,160

The trade creditors are non-interest-bearing and normally with one month credit period.

26. GUARANTEED NOTES

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
RMB650,000,000 7.7% guaranteed notes	a	749,376	752,590
US\$350,000,000 5.7% guaranteed notes	b	2,731,230	2,709,227
		3,480,606	3,461,817
Analysed into:			
Guaranteed notes repayable:			
Within one year		3,480,606	—
In the second year		—	3,461,817
		3,480,606	3,461,817

Notes:

- a. On 25 July 2014, Lai Sun Garment International Finance (2014) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued guaranteed notes in an aggregate principal amount of RMB650,000,000 (the "LSG Notes"). The LSG Notes are guaranteed by the Company, have a maturity term of four years and bear a fixed interest rate of 7.7% per annum with interest payable semi-annually in arrears.

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26. GUARANTEED NOTES (CONTINUED)

Notes: (continued)

a. (continued)

The net proceeds from the offering of the LSG Notes are approximately RMB635,000,000 and were used for general working capital purposes.

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Guaranteed notes	753,545	761,020
Issue expenses	(4,169)	(8,430)
	749,376	752,590
Fair value of the LSG Notes	770,974	771,644

The fair value was determined by reference to the closing price of the LSG Notes published by a leading global financial market data provider as at 31 July 2017 and 31 July 2016.

As at 31 July 2017, the LSG Notes were secured by the share charge over 10,426 million (2016: 10,426 million) ordinary shares of LSD held by the Group, the account charge on the interest reserve account (note 21) and the corporate guarantee provided by the Company for all amounts outstanding under the LSG Notes.

- b. On 18 January 2013, Lai Sun International Finance (2012) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of LSD, issued guaranteed notes in an aggregate principal amount of US\$350,000,000 (the "LSD Notes"). The LSD Notes are guaranteed by LSD, have a maturity term of five years and bear a fixed interest rate of 5.7% per annum with interest payable semi-annually in arrears.

The net proceeds from the offering of the LSD Notes were approximately US\$347,000,000 and were used for general corporate purposes.

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Guaranteed notes	2,733,150	2,715,300
Issue expenses	(1,920)	(6,073)
	2,731,230	2,709,227
Fair value of the LSD Notes	2,759,600	2,820,200

The fair value was determined by reference to the closing price of the LSD Notes published by a leading global financial market data provider as at 31 July 2017 and 31 July 2016.

27. BANK BORROWINGS

	Effective annual interest rate (%)	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Current			
Bank borrowings — secured	2.0 - 2.7 (2016: 1.9 - 3.0)	171,582	690,709
Non-current			
Bank borrowings — secured	2.0 - 2.7 (2016: 1.9 - 3.0)	7,503,652	5,594,973
		7,675,234	6,285,682
		2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Analysed into:			
Bank borrowings repayable:			
Within one year		171,582	690,709
In the second year		1,247,451	168,229
In the third to fifth years, inclusive		6,256,201	5,426,744
		7,675,234	6,285,682

Other than disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group's bank borrowings as at the end of the reporting period were secured, inter alia, by:

- (i) fixed charges over certain items of property, plant and equipment, certain investment properties and certain properties under development for sale of the Group with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$3,445,809,000 (2016: HK\$2,390,355,000) (note 14), HK\$18,838,924,000 (2016: HK\$17,329,746,000) (note 16) and HK\$809,955,000 (2016: HK\$634,624,000) (note 17), respectively;
- (ii) floating charges over all assets of certain subsidiaries of the Group with the aggregate carrying amounts of approximately HK\$12,248,769,000 (2016: HK\$10,233,147,000), of which the carrying amounts of the items of property, plant and equipment, investment properties and properties under development of approximately HK\$3,445,809,000 (2016: HK\$2,390,355,000), HK\$7,464,924,000 (2016: HK\$6,832,746,000) and HK\$809,955,000 (2016: HK\$634,624,000), respectively, are also included in note (i) above; and
- (iii) charges over the shares of certain subsidiaries held by the Group (note 40).

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28. OTHER BORROWING, NOTE PAYABLE AND INTEREST PAYABLE

	Notes	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Other borrowing — unsecured	a, c	31,745	31,745
Note payable	b, c	195,000	195,000
Interest payable		157,548	146,224
		384,293	372,969

Notes:

- Other borrowing as at 31 July 2017 was a loan of HK\$31,745,000 (2016: HK\$31,745,000) due to the late Mr. Lim Por Yen. Mr. Lim Por Yen, who passed away on 18 February 2005, was a former executive director and shareholder of the Company. A loan facility of HK\$100 million was granted by him in prior years, which bore interest at the best lending rate quoted by a designated bank in Hong Kong and was originally due for repayment on 30 November 2005. The effective interest rate is 5% (2016: 5%) per annum.
- Note payable represented a loan note payable to the late Mr. Lim Por Yen. According to the terms of the note payable, it was unsecured, bore interest at the best lending rate quoted by a designated bank in Hong Kong and was originally due for repayment on 30 April 2006. The effective interest rate is 5% (2016: 5%) per annum.
- On 31 July 2017, the executor of Mr. Lim Por Yen's estate, at the request of the Group, confirmed to the Group that no demand for settlement of the outstanding amount or the related interest would be made on or before 1 February 2019.

On 31 July 2016, the executor of Mr. Lim Por Yen's estate, at the request of the Group, confirmed to the Group that no demand for settlement of the outstanding amount or the related interest would be made on or before 1 February 2018.

29. DEFERRED TAX

The movements in deferred tax (liabilities)/assets during the year are as follows:

	Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$'000	Tax losses HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 August 2015	(189,973)	494	577	(188,902)
Deferred tax charged to the consolidated income statement during the year (note 11)	(5,963)	(226)	(134)	(6,323)
Acquisition of subsidiaries (note 43)	255	—	(193)	62
At 31 July 2016 and 1 August 2016	(195,681)	268	250	(195,163)
Deferred tax (charged)/credited to the consolidated income statement during the year (note 11)	(22,275)	9,068	94	(13,113)
Exchange realignment	314	—	—	314
At 31 July 2017	(217,642)	9,336	344	(207,962)

29. DEFERRED TAX (CONTINUED)

Apart from the tax losses for which deferred tax had been recognised above, the Group had estimated tax losses of approximately HK\$1.5 billion (2016: HK\$1.6 billion) that are available indefinitely for offsetting against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these losses as future taxable profits may not be available to utilise such losses in the foreseeable future.

At 31 July 2017, there was no significant unrecognised deferred tax liability (2016: Nil) for taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of certain of the Group's subsidiaries and associates as the Group has no liability to additional tax should such amounts be remitted.

30. SHARE CAPITAL

	2017		2016	
	Number of shares	Total amount HK\$'000	Number of shares	Total amount HK\$'000
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares	1,909,834,241	1,198,360	1,894,292,478	1,179,703

A summary of movements in the Company's share capital is as follows:

	Notes	Number of shares in issue	Total amount HK\$'000
At 1 August 2015		1,891,763,427	1,177,649
Shares issued in lieu of cash dividend	a	2,529,051	2,054
At 31 July 2016 and 1 August 2016		1,894,292,478	1,179,703
Shares issued in lieu of cash dividend	b	8,067,652	12,727
Share options exercised	c	8,244,111	5,930
Purchase of own shares	d	(770,000)	—
At 31 July 2017	e	1,909,834,241	1,198,360

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30. SHARE CAPITAL (CONTINUED)

Notes:

- a. On 11 December 2015, the Company's shareholders approved at the annual general meeting a final dividend of HK\$0.011 per share payable in cash with a scrip dividend alternative (the "**2015 Scrip Dividend Scheme**") for the year ended 31 July 2015 (the "**2015 Final Dividend**"). During the year ended 31 July 2016, 2,529,051 new shares were issued by the Company at a deemed price of HK\$0.812 per share, credited as fully paid, to shareholders of the Company who had elected to receive scrip shares in lieu of cash under the 2015 Scrip Dividend Scheme to settle HK\$2,054,000 of the 2015 Final Dividend. The remaining balance of the 2015 Final Dividend of HK\$18,755,000 was satisfied by cash.

Further details of the 2015 Scrip Dividend Scheme are set out in the Company's circular dated 30 December 2015.

- b. On 16 December 2016, the Company's shareholders approved at the annual general meeting a final dividend of HK\$0.0121 per share payable in cash with a scrip dividend alternative (the "**2016 Scrip Dividend Scheme**") for the year ended 31 July 2016 (the "**2016 Final Dividend**"). During the year ended 31 July 2017, 8,067,652 new shares were issued by the Company at a deemed price of HK\$1.5776 per share, credited as fully paid, to shareholders of the Company who had elected to receive scrip shares in lieu of cash under the 2016 Scrip Dividend Scheme to settle HK\$12,727,000 of the 2016 Final Dividend. The remaining balance of the 2016 Final Dividend of HK\$10,291,000 was satisfied by cash.

Further details of the 2016 Scrip Dividend Scheme are set out in the Company's circular dated 4 January 2017.

- c. During the year ended 31 July 2017, 8,012,111 ordinary shares were issued in respect of a share option exercised under the Company's share option scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.501 per share and a total cash consideration of HK\$4,014,000 was received. The share option reserve of HK\$1,565,000 was released to the share capital.

During the year ended 31 July 2017, 232,000 ordinary shares were issued in respect of a share option exercised under the Company's share option scheme at an exercise price of HK\$1.210 per share and a total cash consideration of HK\$281,000 was received. The share option reserve of HK\$70,000 was released to the share capital.

- d. During the year ended 31 July 2017, the Company purchased 770,000 of its shares on the Stock Exchange for a total consideration of HK\$1,799,000 which was paid wholly out of retained profits in accordance with section 257 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. The purchased shares were cancelled during the year ended 31 July 2017 and the total amount paid for the purchase of the shares of HK\$1,799,000 had been charged to retained profits of the Company during the year.

- e. With effect from 15 August 2017, every five issued shares are consolidated into one share in the share capital of the Company as approved by the shareholders of the Company in the General Meeting (the "**Share Consolidation**"). Further details of the Share Consolidation are set out in the Company's announcements dated 27 April 2017 and 18 July 2017, and the Company's circular dated 26 July 2017.

31. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES

Company

2006 Share Option Scheme

On 22 December 2006, the Company adopted a share option scheme (the “**2006 Share Option Scheme**”) for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants for their contribution or would-be contribution to the Group, to enable the Group to recruit and retain high-calibre employees and to attract human resources that are valuable to the Group. Eligible participants of the 2006 Share Option Scheme include the directors (including executive, non-executive and independent nonexecutive directors), employees of the Group, agents or consultants of the Group, and any employee of the shareholder or any member of the Group or any holder of any securities issued by any member of the Group. The 2006 Share Option Scheme became effective on 29 December 2006. Unless otherwise terminated or amended, the 2006 Share Option Scheme would remain in force for a period of 10 years from 29 December 2006. The 2006 Share Option Scheme was terminated upon the adoption of the 2015 Share Option Scheme (as defined below) on 11 December 2015.

The maximum number of the Company’s shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding share options granted and yet to be exercised under the 2006 Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company must not exceed 30% of the shares in issue at any time. The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the 2006 Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of adopting the 2006 Share Option Scheme, but the Company may seek approval of its shareholders in a general meeting to refresh the 10% limit under the 2006 Share Option Scheme.

The total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the share options granted and to be granted to each eligible participant except a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of the Company or any of their associates (including both exercised and outstanding options) in any 12-month period up to the date of grant must not exceed 1% of the Company’s shares in issue at the date of grant. Any further grant of share options in excess of this limit is subject to shareholders’ approval in a general meeting of the Company.

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

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted within 28 days from the date of offer to be accompanied by payment of a consideration of HK\$1 by the grantee. The exercise period of the share options granted is determinable by the directors of the Company save that such period must not be more than 10 years from the date of grant of the share options.

The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the directors of the Company, but must not be less than the highest of (i) the closing price of the Company’s shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant, which must be a trading day; and (ii) the average closing price of the Company’s shares as stated in the Stock Exchange’s daily quotations sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant.

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31. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

Company (continued)

2006 Share Option Scheme (continued)

Share options do not confer rights on the holders to dividends or to vote at general meetings of the Company.

2015 Share Option Scheme

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 11 December 2015, the shareholders of the Company approved the adoption of a new share option scheme (the “**2015 Share Option Scheme**”) which became effective on 23 December 2015 and the termination of the 2006 Share Option Scheme. Upon the termination of the 2006 Share Option Scheme, no further options can be granted thereunder but the subsisting options granted prior to the termination will continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the terms of the 2006 Share Option Scheme.

The purpose of the 2015 Share Option Scheme is designed to recognise the contribution or future contribution of the eligible participants to the Group by granting share options to them as incentives or rewards and to attract and motivate high-calibre eligible participants in line with the performance goals of the relevant entities. Eligible participants include but are not limited to the directors and any employee of the Group. Unless otherwise cancelled or amended, the 2015 Share Option Scheme will remain in force for 10 years from 23 December 2015.

The maximum number of shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all options to be granted under the 2015 Share Option Scheme (i) shall not exceed 10% of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of adopting the 2015 Share Option Scheme; (ii) shall not exceed 30% of the shares of the Company in issue from time to time; and (iii) to each eligible participant and within any 12-month period, is limited to 1% of the shares of the Company in issue at any time. Any further grant of share options in excess of the limits set out in (i) and (iii) is subject to the approval of shareholders of the Company in the respective general meetings.

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

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted within 30 days from the date of grant, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 in total by the grantee. The exercise period of the share options granted is determined by the directors of the Company, save that such period shall not be longer than 10 years from the date of grant of the share options.

The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the directors of the Company, which shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price of the Company's shares as stated in the daily quotation sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant of the share options; and (ii) the average closing price of the Company's shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant.

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

31. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

Company (continued)

Details of the movements of share options outstanding under the 2006 Share Option Scheme and the 2015 Share Option Scheme during the years are as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options	Weighted average exercise price per share* HK\$	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options	Weighted average exercise price per share* HK\$
Outstanding at beginning of year	42,227,489	1.074	42,227,489	1.074
Granted during the year	39,858,710	3.00	—	—
Exercised during the year	(8,244,111)	0.521	—	—
Outstanding at end of year	73,842,088	2.175	42,227,489	1.074

* The exercise price of the share options is subject to adjustment in case of rights or bonus issues, or other relevant changes in the Company's share capital.

The exercise price of the Company's share options granted on 19 June 2017 was HK\$3.00 per share. The closing price of the Company's shares immediately before 19 June 2017 was HK\$2.99 per share.

The fair value of the share options granted during the year was approximately HK\$58,274,000, of which the Group recognised the entire amount as an expense during the year.

The fair value of equity-settled share options granted during the year was estimated as at the date of acceptance of the share options using the Binomial Option Pricing Model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. The following table lists the inputs to the model used:

	2017
Dividend yield (%)	0.7756
Expected volatility (%)	46.5890 - 46.6300
Historical volatility (%)	46.5890 - 46.6300
Risk-free interest rate (%)	1.3943 - 1.5670
Expected life of options (years)	10
Closing share price (HK\$ per share)	3.16 - 3.18

The expected life of the options is not necessarily indicative of the exercise patterns that may occur. The expected volatility reflects the assumption that the historical volatility is indicative of future trends, which may also not necessarily be the actual outcome.

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31. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

Company (continued)

No other feature of the options granted was incorporated into the measurement of fair value.

The weighted average closing price of the Company's shares immediately before and at the dates of exercise of share options during the year was HK\$1.588 and HK\$1.654 per share, respectively.

Other than the grant and the exercise of the above share options, during the year, no options were granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed in accordance with the terms of the 2006 Share Option Scheme and the 2015 Share Option Scheme.

As at 31 July 2017, a total of 73,842,088 underlying shares (equivalent to 14,768,416 underlying shares after the Share Consolidation) comprised in share options were outstanding, of which 33,983,378 underlying shares (equivalent to 6,796,675 underlying shares after the Share Consolidation) relate to share options granted under the 2006 Share Option Scheme and 39,858,710 underlying shares (equivalent to 7,971,741 underlying shares after the Share Consolidation) relate to share options granted under the 2015 Share Option Scheme, represented approximately 1.78% and 2.09% of the Company's shares in issue, respectively, as at that date. As at the same date, the weighted average exercise price per outstanding underlying share comprised in share options was HK\$2.175 (equivalent to HK\$10.877 after the Share Consolidation).

Other than 73,842,088 underlying shares (equivalent to 14,768,416 underlying shares after the Share Consolidation) comprised in share options were outstanding as at 31 July 2017, 19,098,342 underlying shares (equivalent to 3,819,668 underlying shares after the Share Consolidation) comprised in share options were offered on 28 July 2017 and accepted subsequent to the end of the reporting period.

As at the date of approving these financial statements, a total of 18,588,084 underlying shares (after the Share Consolidation) comprised in share options were outstanding, of which 6,796,675 underlying shares (after the Share Consolidation) relate to share options granted under the 2006 Share Option Scheme and 11,791,409 underlying shares (after the Share Consolidation) relate to share options granted under the 2015 Share Option Scheme, represented approximately 1.78% and 3.09% of the Company's shares in issue, respectively, as at that date.

LSD

LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme

On 22 December 2006, LSD adopted a share option scheme (the "LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme") for the purpose of providing incentives or rewards to eligible participants for their contribution or would-be contribution to LSD, to enable LSD to recruit and retain high-calibre employees and to attract human resources that are valuable to LSD. Eligible participants of the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme include the directors (including executive, non-executive and independent non-executive directors), employees of LSD, agents or consultants of LSD, and employees of the shareholder or any member of LSD or any holder of any securities issued by any member of LSD. The LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme became effective on 29 December 2006. Unless otherwise terminated or amended, the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme would remain in force for 10 years from 29 December 2006. The LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme was terminated upon the adoption of the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme (as defined below) on 11 December 2015.

The maximum number of LSD's shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding share options granted and yet to be exercised under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of LSD must not exceed 30% of the LSD's total number of shares in issue from time to time. The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all share options to be granted under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of LSD shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of LSD in issue as at the date of adopting the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme unless LSD seeks the approval of its shareholders in a general meeting to refresh the 10% limit under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme.

31. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

LSD (continued)

LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme (continued)

The total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the share options granted to each eligible participant (including both exercised and outstanding options) in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of LSD's total number of shares in issue. Any further grant of share options representing in aggregate over 1% of the total number of LSD's shares in issue must be separately approved by the shareholders in general meetings of LSD.

Each grant of share options to a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of LSD, or to any of their respective associates, shall be subject to approval by the independent non-executive directors of LSD. Any grant of share options to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of LSD, or to any of their respective associates, representing in aggregate over 0.1% of the shares of LSD in issue or having an aggregate value (based on the closing price of LSD's shares at the date of grant) in excess of HK\$5 million, in the 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant must be approved by shareholders in general meetings of LSD.

The offer of a grant of share options shall be accepted within 28 days from the date of offer and acceptance shall be made with a remittance in favour of LSD of HK\$1 by way of consideration for the grant. The exercise period of the share options granted is determinable by the directors of LSD save that such period shall not be more than 10 years from the date of grant of the share options.

The exercise price of share options is determinable by the directors of LSD, but shall not be lower than the highest of (i) the closing price of LSD's shares as stated in the daily quotations sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant, which must be a trading day; and (ii) the average closing price of LSD's shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant.

Share options do not confer rights on the holders to dividends or to vote at general meetings of LSD.

LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme

On 11 December 2015, LSD adopted a new share option scheme (the "LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme") and terminated the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme. Subsisting options granted prior to the termination will continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the terms of the previous scheme. The purpose of the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme is to recognise the contribution or future contribution of the eligible participants to LSD by granting share options to them as incentives or rewards and to attract, retain and motivate high-calibre eligible participants in line with the performance goals of the relevant companies. Eligible participants include but are not limited to the directors and any employee of LSD. The LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme became effective on 23 December 2015. Unless otherwise cancelled or amended, the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme will remain in force for 10 years from 23 December 2015.

The maximum number of shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all options to be granted under the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme (i) shall not exceed 10% of the shares of LSD in issue at the date of adopting the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme; (ii) shall not exceed 30% of the shares of LSD in issue from time to time; and (iii) to each eligible participant and within any 12-month period, is limited to 1% of the shares of LSD in issue at any time. Any further grant of share options in excess of the limits set out in (i) and (iii) is subject to the approval of shareholders of LSD and the shareholders of LSG (so long as LSD is a subsidiary of LSG under the Listing Rules) in the respective general meetings.

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31. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

LSD (continued)

LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme (continued)

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

The offer of a grant of share options may be accepted within 30 days from the date of grant, upon payment of a nominal consideration of HK\$1 in total by the grantee. The exercise period of the share options granted is determined by the directors of LSD, save that such period shall not be longer than 10 years from the date of grant of the share options.

The exercise price of the share options is determinable by the directors of LSD, which shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price of LSD's shares as stated in the daily quotation sheet of the Stock Exchange on the date of grant of the share options; and (ii) the average closing price of LSD's shares as stated in the daily quotations sheets of the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant.

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

Details of the movements of LSD's share options outstanding under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme during the years are as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options	Weighted average exercise price per share* HK\$	Number of underlying shares comprised in share options	Weighted average exercise price per share* HK\$
Outstanding at beginning of year	754,376,857	0.256	713,823,903	0.269
Granted during the year	3,000,000	0.163	15,000,000	0.094
Exercised during the year	(26,000,000)	0.104	—	—
Lapsed during the year	(10,400,000)	0.322	—	—
Cancelled during the year	—	—	(3,000,000)	0.094
Adjustment during the year (Note)	—	—	28,552,954	—
Outstanding at end of year	720,976,857	0.260	754,376,857	0.256

31. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

LSD (continued)

Note: On 17 February 2016, the exercise price of and the number of shares entitled to be subscribed for under the outstanding share options have been adjusted due to the rights issue of LSD.

* The exercise price of the share options is subject to adjustment in the case of rights or bonus issues, or other relevant changes in LSD's share capital.

The exercise price of LSD's share options granted on 20 January 2017 was HK\$0.163 per share. The closing price of LSD's shares immediately before 20 January 2017 was HK\$0.163 per share.

The exercise price of LSD's share options granted on 22 January 2016 was HK\$0.094 per share. The closing price of LSD's shares immediately before 22 January 2016 was HK\$0.091 per share.

The fair value of the share options granted during the year was approximately HK\$188,000 (2016: HK\$461,000), of which the Group recognised the entire amount as an expense during the year.

The fair value of equity-settled share options granted during the year was estimated as at the date of acceptance of the share options using the Binomial Option Pricing Model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. The following table lists the inputs to the model used:

	2017	2016
Dividend yield (%)	1.1950	1.7241
Expected volatility (%)	53.3310	51.1150
Historical volatility (%)	53.3310	51.1150
Risk-free interest rate (%)	1.7089	1.4675
Expected life of options (years)	10	10
Closing share price (HK\$ per share)	0.1730	0.1060

The expected life of the options is not necessarily indicative of the exercise patterns that may occur. The expected volatility reflects the assumption that the historical volatility is indicative of future trends, which may also not necessarily be the actual outcome.

No other feature of the options granted was incorporated into the measurement of fair value.

The weighted average closing price of LSD's shares immediately before and at the dates of exercise of share options during the year was HK\$0.176 and HK\$0.178 per share, respectively.

Other than the movements of the share options as detailed above, no options were granted, exercised, cancelled or lapsed in accordance with the terms of the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme.

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31. SHARE OPTION SCHEMES (CONTINUED)

LSD (continued)

As at 31 July 2017, a total of 720,976,857 underlying shares (equivalent to 14,419,534 underlying shares after considering the effect of the share consolidation of LSD (i.e. every fifty issued shares are consolidated into one share in the share capital of LSD as approved by the shareholders of LSD in the General Meeting with effect from 15 August 2017 (“**LSD Share Consolidation**”))) comprised in share options were outstanding, of which 711,976,857 underlying shares (equivalent to 14,239,534 underlying shares after the LSD Share Consolidation) relate to share options granted under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and 9,000,000 underlying shares (equivalent to 180,000 underlying shares after the LSD Share Consolidation) relate to share options granted under the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme, represented approximately 2.35% and 0.03% of LSD’s shares in issue, respectively, as at that date. As at the same date, the weighted average exercise price per outstanding underlying share comprised in share options was HK\$0.260 (equivalent to HK\$13 after the LSD Share Consolidation).

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, 60,000 underlying shares (after the LSD Share Consolidation) comprised in a share option was exercised.

At the date of approval of these financial statements, a total of 14,359,534 underlying shares (after the LSD Share Consolidation) comprised in share options were outstanding, of which 14,239,534 underlying shares (after the LSD Share Consolidation) relate to share options granted under the LSD 2006 Share Option Scheme and 120,000 underlying shares (after the LSD Share Consolidation) relate to share options granted under the LSD 2015 Share Option Scheme, represented approximately 2.35% and 0.02% of the LSD’s shares in issue, respectively, as at that date.

32. PARTLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES WITH MATERIAL NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

Details of the Group’s subsidiary that has material non-controlling interests are set out below.

	2017 HK\$’000	2016 HK\$’000
Percentage of equity interest held by non-controlling interests: LSD	61.74%	61.93%

Summarised consolidated financial information of LSD that has material non-controlling interests is set out below. The financial information below represents amounts after fair value adjustments and before intragroup eliminations.

	2017 HK\$’000	2016 HK\$’000
Current assets	3,704,363	2,894,396
Non-current assets	35,117,801	32,053,293
Total assets	38,822,164	34,947,689
Current liabilities	(3,459,879)	(719,579)
Non-current liabilities	(8,180,598)	(9,247,929)
Total liabilities	(11,640,477)	(9,967,508)
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	16,365,589	15,030,879
Non-controlling interests	10,816,098	9,949,302
Total equity	27,181,687	24,980,181

32. PARTLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARIES WITH MATERIAL NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

	Year ended 31 July 2017 HK\$'000	Year ended 31 July 2016 HK\$'000
Turnover	1,704,080	1,868,334
Cost of sales	(738,464)	(873,730)
Other revenue (including share of profits and losses of associates and joint ventures)	1,069,488	855,336
Fair value gains on investment properties, net	1,238,092	51,539
Expenses	(869,418)	(742,719)
Reversal of provision for tax indemnity	142,451	—
Loss on deemed disposal of interest in an associate	(573,121)	—
Discount on acquisition of additional interest in an associate	142,822	—
Profit for the year	2,115,930	1,158,760
Profit attributable to owners of the Company	1,290,398	600,426
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	825,532	558,334
Profit for the year	2,115,930	1,158,760
Other comprehensive income/(expense) attributable to owners of the Company	129,740	(144,137)
Other comprehensive income/(expense) attributable to non-controlling interests	80,830	(143,528)
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the year	210,570	(287,665)
Total comprehensive income attributable to owners of the Company	1,420,138	456,289
Total comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests	906,362	414,806
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,326,500	871,095
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	385,201	(22,223)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(1,417,948)	(878,844)
Net cash flows from financing activities	1,340,186	2,195,399
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	307,439	1,294,332

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33. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Group had the following commitments not provided for in the financial statements at the end of the reporting period:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Contracted, but not provided for		
Purchase of items of property, plant and equipment	6,691	7,550
Development and operation of a hotel project	1,187,063	2,124,016
Additions to investment properties	3,479	46,086
	1,197,233	2,177,652

34. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group also had the following contingent liabilities at the end of the reporting period:

- (a) Contingent liabilities not provided for in the financial statements:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Guarantees given to banks in connection with facilities granted to and utilised by joint ventures	1,092,000	897,000

- (b) Pursuant to an indemnity deed (the "**Lai Fung Tax Indemnity Deed**") dated 12 November 1997 entered into between LSD and Lai Fung Holdings Limited ("**Lai Fung**"), LSD has undertaken to indemnify Lai Fung in respect of certain potential PRC income tax and land appreciation tax ("**LAT**") payable or shared by Lai Fung in consequence of the disposal of certain property interests attributable to Lai Fung through its subsidiaries and its joint ventures as at 31 October 1997 (the "**Property Interests**"). These tax indemnities given by LSD apply in so far as such tax is applicable to the difference between (i) the value of the Property Interests in the valuation thereon by Chesterton Petty Limited (currently known as "Knight Frank Petty Limited"), independent professionally qualified valuers, as at 31 October 1997 (the "**Valuation**"); and (ii) the aggregate costs of such Property Interests incurred up to 31 October 1997, together with the amount of unpaid land costs, unpaid land premium and unpaid costs of resettlement, demolition and public utilities and other deductible costs in respect of the Property Interests. The Lai Fung Tax Indemnity Deed assumes that the Property Interests are disposed of at the values attributed to them in the Valuation, computed by reference to the rates and legislation governing PRC income tax and LAT prevailing at the time of the Valuation.

34. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(b) (continued)

The indemnities given by LSD do not cover (i) new properties acquired by Lai Fung subsequent to the listing of the shares of Lai Fung on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing"); (ii) any increase in the relevant tax which arises due to an increase in tax rates or changes to the legislation prevailing at the time of the Listing; and (iii) any claim to the extent that provision for deferred tax on the revaluation surplus has been made in the calculation of the adjusted net tangible asset value of Lai Fung as set out in Lai Fung's prospectus dated 18 November 1997.

During the year, LSD settled tax indemnity of approximately HK\$493,936,000 (2016: Nil) in relation to PRC income tax and LAT incurred and paid by Lai Fung. LSD also reversed an overprovision in prior years of approximately HK\$142,451,000 (2016: Nil) which was credited to the consolidated income statement. As at the end of the reporting period, the Group recorded an aggregate provision for tax indemnity of approximately HK\$344,251,000 (2016: HK\$980,638,000).

35. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) As lessor

The Group leases its investment properties (note 16) under operating lease arrangements, with leases negotiated for terms mainly ranging from one to five years. Certain leases in the United Kingdom are negotiated for terms up to twenty-five years. The terms of the leases generally also require the tenants to pay security deposits and provide for periodic rental adjustments according to the then prevailing market conditions. Certain leases include contingent rentals calculated with reference to the turnover of the tenants.

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had total future minimum lease receivables under non-cancellable operating leases with its tenants falling due as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Within one year	578,527	597,323
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	639,390	628,174
After five years	95,282	121,436
	1,313,199	1,346,933

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35. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) As lessee

The Group leases certain properties under operating lease arrangements. One of these leases has an original lease term of twelve years with an option to terminate the leases upon expiry of six years, nine years or twelve years. The remaining operating lease arrangements are with leases negotiated for terms ranging from one to six years.

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Within one year	82,864	71,415
In the second to fifth years, inclusive	224,881	119,097
After five years	70,555	5,835
	378,300	196,347

36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

Financial assets

	Loans and receivables HK\$'000	2017 Available- for-sale financial assets HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Loans and receivables HK\$'000	2016 Available- for-sale financial assets HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Available-for-sale financial assets	—	1,717,665	1,717,665	—	1,512,037	1,512,037
Long term loan and other receivables	192,430	—	192,430	141,961	—	141,961
Trade debtors and other receivables	466,077	—	466,077	104,797	—	104,797
Pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits	401,044	—	401,044	395,266	—	395,266
Cash and cash equivalents	3,176,636	—	3,176,636	2,911,657	—	2,911,657
	4,236,187	1,717,665	5,953,852	3,553,681	1,512,037	5,065,718

36. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY (CONTINUED)

Financial liabilities

	2017 Financial liabilities at amortised cost HK\$'000	2016 Financial liabilities at amortised cost HK\$'000
Trade creditors, other payables and accruals	297,831	315,846
Bank borrowings	7,675,234	6,285,682
Guaranteed notes	3,480,606	3,461,817
Other borrowing, note payable and interest payable	384,293	372,969
	11,837,964	10,436,314

37. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments for which fair value is disclosed

Except for the guaranteed notes with a fair value in aggregate of approximately HK\$3,530,574,000 (2016: HK\$3,591,844,000) as detailed in note 26, the directors consider the carrying amounts of all other financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost approximated to their fair values as at the end of the reporting period.

Financial instruments measured at fair value

	Level 1 HK\$'000	Level 2 HK\$'000	Level 3 HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
As at 31 July 2017				
Available-for-sale financial assets, at fair value (note 20)	127,995	171,123	1,394,371	1,693,489
As at 31 July 2016				
Available-for-sale financial assets, at fair value (note 20)	130,011	156,323	1,204,693	1,491,027

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37. FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The movements in fair value measurements in Level 3 during the year are as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Available-for-sale financial assets, at fair value		
At beginning of year	1,204,693	1,051,018
Total gains recognised in other comprehensive income	189,678	153,675
At end of year	1,394,371	1,204,693

38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The principal financial assets held by the Group comprise available-for-sale financial assets, pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits, and cash and cash equivalents. Management would, based on the Group's projected cash flow requirements, determine the types and levels of these financial instruments with a view to maintaining an appropriate level of funding for the Group's operations and to enhancing the returns generated from these financial instruments. The Group's principal financial liabilities comprise bank borrowings and guaranteed notes. The Group will procure various types and levels of such financial liabilities in order to maintain sufficient funding for the Group's daily operations and to cope with expenditures incurred for various properties under development for sale or investment projects. In addition, the Group has various other financial assets and liabilities such as long term loan receivables, other borrowing, note payable, interest payable, debtors and creditors which arise directly from its daily operations.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risks, foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The management of the Company meets periodically to analyse and formulate measures to manage the Group's exposure to these risks. Generally, the Group has adopted relatively conservative strategies on its risk management and the Group has not used any derivatives and other instruments for hedging purposes during the year. The Group does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. The directors review and determine policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised as follows:

(i) Fair value and cash flow interest rate risks

Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument fluctuates because of changes in market interest rates. Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group is exposed to both fair value and cash flow interest rate risks. The Group's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Group's pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits, cash and cash equivalents and bank borrowings with a floating interest rate.

At present, the Group does not intend to seek to hedge its exposure to interest rate fluctuations. However, the Group constantly reviews the economic situation and its interest rate risk profile, and will consider appropriate hedging measures in future as may be necessary.

38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(i) Fair value and cash flow interest rate risks (continued)

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant and before any impact on tax, of the Group's profit or loss (through the impact on variable-rate mortgage loan receivables, pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits, cash and cash equivalents, bank borrowings, other borrowing and note payable) and the Group's equity.

	Increase in interest rate (in percentage)	Decrease in profit and equity HK\$'000
2017	0.5	21,377
2016	0.5	15,967

(ii) Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument fluctuates because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Group's major assets and liabilities and transactions are principally denominated in HK\$ or US\$. As HK\$ is pegged against US\$, the Group does not expect any significant movements in the exchange rate in the foreseeable future.

The Group had made investments in the United Kingdom with the assets and liabilities denominated in Pounds Sterling. The investments were partly financed by bank borrowings denominated in Pounds Sterling in order to minimise the net foreign exchange exposure. Other than the abovementioned, the remaining monetary assets and liabilities of the Group were denominated in RMB and VND which were insignificant as compared with the Group's total assets and liabilities. No hedging instruments were employed to hedge the foreign exchange exposure.

(iii) Credit risk

The Group maintains various credit policies for different business operations as described in note 24. In addition, trade debtor balances are closely monitored on an ongoing basis and the Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

The credit risk of the financial assets, which comprise trade debtors and other receivables, pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits, cash and cash equivalents and available-for-sale financial assets, arises from default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amounts of these instruments.

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38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(iv) Liquidity risk

The Group's objective is to ensure adequate funds are available to meet commitments associated with its capital expenditure and financial liabilities. Cash flows are closely monitored on an ongoing basis.

The maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities as at the end of the reporting period, based on the contractual undiscounted payments, is as follows:

	2017			Total HK\$'000
	Less than 3 months or on demand HK\$'000	3 to 12 months HK\$'000	1 to 5 years HK\$'000	
Trade creditors, other payables and accruals	296,718	1,113	—	297,831
Bank borrowings	82,853	254,753	7,793,658	8,131,264
Guaranteed notes	—	3,615,715	—	3,615,715
Other borrowing, note payable and interest payable	—	—	395,630	395,630
Bank guarantee to joint ventures (note 34(a))	1,092,000	—	—	1,092,000
	1,471,571	3,871,581	8,189,288	13,532,440

	2016			Total HK\$'000
	Less than 3 months or on demand HK\$'000	3 to 12 months HK\$'000	1 to 5 years HK\$'000	
Trade creditors, other payables and accruals	314,816	1,030	—	315,846
Bank borrowings	70,611	210,756	6,565,934	6,847,301
Guaranteed notes	—	206,591	3,612,144	3,818,735
Other borrowing, note payable and interest payable	—	—	384,306	384,306
Bank guarantee to a joint venture (note 34(a))	897,000	—	—	897,000
	1,282,427	418,377	10,562,384	12,263,188

38. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(v) Capital management

The Group manages its capital structure to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue to operate as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the setting up and maintenance of an optimal debt and equity capital structure. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from that of the prior year.

The capital structure of the Group mainly consists of bank borrowings, guaranteed notes and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising share capital and reserves.

The directors of the Company review the capital structure regularly. They will take into consideration the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital prevailing in the market. Based on the recommendation of the directors, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through various types of equity fund raising exercises as well as maintenance of appropriate types and level of debt.

The Group monitors capital using, inter-alia, a gearing ratio which is net debt divided by equity attributable to owners of the Company. Net debt includes bank borrowings, guaranteed notes, other borrowing, note payable and interest payable less pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits, and cash and cash equivalents. The gearing ratio as at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Bank borrowings	7,675,234	6,285,682
Guaranteed notes	3,480,606	3,461,817
Other borrowing, note payable and interest payable	384,293	372,969
Less: Pledged and restricted bank balances and time deposits	(401,044)	(395,266)
Cash and cash equivalents	(3,176,636)	(2,911,657)
Net debt	7,962,453	6,813,545
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	18,037,436	16,453,344
Gearing ratio	44%	41%

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39. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

Information about the statement of financial position of the Company at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	294	321
Investment properties	668,200	605,500
Interests in subsidiaries	5,417,201	5,478,692
Interests in associates	2,276	2,373
Pledged bank balances and time deposits	1,879	17,905
Total non-current assets	6,089,850	6,104,791
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors, deposits paid and other receivables	11,490	2,646
Pledged bank balances and time deposits	16,591	—
Cash and cash equivalents	367,618	419,534
Total current assets	395,699	422,180
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors, deposits received and accruals	6,557	5,233
Bank borrowings	14,000	564,000
Total current liabilities	20,557	569,233
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	375,142	(147,053)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,464,992	5,957,738

39. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

	2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank borrowings	755,253	319,253
Other borrowing, note payable and interest payable	384,293	372,969
Long term rental deposits received	2,504	3,993
Total non-current liabilities	1,142,050	696,215
	5,322,942	5,261,523
EQUITY		
Share capital	1,198,360	1,179,703
Reserves (Note)	4,124,582	4,081,820
	5,322,942	5,261,523

Lam Kin Ming

Director

Chew Fook Aun

Director

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39. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (CONTINUED)

Note:

A summary of the Company's reserves is as follows:

	Asset revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Share option reserve HK\$'000	Capital reduction reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 August 2015	55,494	11,838	6,973	3,988,864	4,063,169
Final 2015 dividend declared	—	—	—	(20,809)	(20,809)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	—	—	—	39,460	39,460
At 31 July 2016 and 1 August 2016	55,494	11,838	6,973	4,007,515	4,081,820
Final 2016 dividend declared	—	—	—	(23,018)	(23,018)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	—	—	—	10,940	10,940
Recognition of share-based payments	—	58,274	—	—	58,274
Share options exercised (note 30(c))	—	(1,635)	—	—	(1,635)
Purchase of own shares (note 30(d))	—	—	—	(1,799)	(1,799)
At 31 July 2017	55,494	68,477	6,973	3,993,638	4,124,582

40. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries as at 31 July 2017 were as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation or registration and business	Issued ordinary/registered share capital	Class of shares held	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Notes	Principal activities
				Direct	Indirect		
Bushell Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property development and sales
Cape Nga Holding Company Limited	Thailand	THB1,225,000	Ordinary	—	30.25	b, e	Investment holding
Capital Court Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Hotel development and operation
Chains Caravelle Hotel Joint Venture Company Limited ("CCHJV")	Vietnam	US\$23,175,577	*	—	16.06	b, c	Hotel operation
Ever Dragon Properties Limited	British Virgin Islands/United Kingdom	US\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property investment
Frontier Dragon Limited	British Virgin Islands/United Kingdom	US\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property investment
Furama Hotel Enterprises Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$102,880,454	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Investment holding
Furama Hotels and Resorts International Limited	British Virgin Islands/Hong Kong	US\$1,000,000	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Provision of management services
Fusion Century Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$100	Ordinary	—	31.04	b	Restaurant operation
Gilroy Company Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property investment

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40. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

Name	Place of incorporation or registration and business	Issued ordinary/registered share capital	Class of shares held	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Notes	Principal activities
				Direct	Indirect		
Glynhill Hotels and Resorts (Vietnam) Pte Ltd	Singapore/ Vietnam	S\$2	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Provision of management and consultancy services to hotel owners
Glynhill Investments (Vietnam) Pte Ltd ("GIV")	Singapore	S\$2	Ordinary	—	31.49	b, c	Investment holding
Goldmay Development Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property development and sales
Greatful Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$100	Ordinary	—	41.39	b, d	Central kitchen and restaurant operation
Intercontinental Development and Services Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$300,000	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property investment
King Faithful Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$100	Ordinary	—	38.08	b, d	Restaurant operation
Kingright International Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Golf apparel retailing
Joy Mind Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	Ordinary	100.00	—		Investment holding
Kolot Property Services Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$780,002	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property management
LSD	Hong Kong	HK\$4,063,735,761	Ordinary	—	61.74	a	Property investment and investment holding
Lai Sun F&B Holding Company Limited ("LSF&B")	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	—	41.39	b, d	Investment holding

40. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

Name	Place of incorporation or registration and business	Issued ordinary/ registered share capital	Class of shares held	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Notes	Principal activities
				Direct	Indirect		
Lai Sun Dining Limited (formerly known as Lai Sun F&B Management Limited)	Hong Kong	HK\$1	Ordinary	—	41.39	b	Provision of management and consultancy services to restaurants
Lai Sun Garment International Finance (2014) Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	100.00	—		Treasury operation
Lai Sun International Finance (2012) Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Treasury operation
Lai Sun Real Estate Agency Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property management and real estate agency
Mazy Charm Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$4,200	Ordinary	—	38.08	b, d	Restaurant operation
Mazy Lamp Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$3,300	Ordinary	—	30.63	b, d	Restaurant operation
Megabull Limited	British Virgin Islands/United Kingdom	US\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property investment
Milirich Investment Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property development
Modern Charm Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	Ordinary	—	41.39	b, d	Restaurant operation
Oriental Style Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property development and sales

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40. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

Name	Place of incorporation or registration and business	Issued ordinary/registered share capital	Class of shares held	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Notes	Principal activities
				Direct	Indirect		
Peakflow Profits Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Investment holding
Porchester Assets Limited ("Porchester")	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$100	Ordinary	—	31.49	b, c	Investment holding
Prompt Result Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$100	Ordinary	—	35.59	b	Restaurant operation
Really Star Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$3,100	Ordinary	—	38.72	b, d	Restaurant operation
Rife World Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Provision of finance
Rolling Star Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Provision of finance
Royal Team Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	Ordinary	—	36.43	b, d	Restaurant operation
Silver Fusion Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$500,000	Ordinary	—	41.39	b	Restaurant operation
Skyway Century Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1,000,000	Ordinary	—	41.39	b	Restaurant operation
Speedy Result Limited	British Virgin Islands/ United Kingdom	US\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property investment
Top Winsome Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$300,000	Ordinary	—	36.84	b, d	Restaurant operation
Transformation International Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Investment holding

40. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

Name	Place of incorporation or registration and business	Issued ordinary/ registered share capital	Class of shares held	Percentage of equity attributable to the Company		Notes	Principal activities
				Direct	Indirect		
Transtrend Holdings Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$20	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Investment holding
Unipress Investments Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	Ordinary	—	100.00		Property investment
Winstead Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1	Ordinary	—	61.74	b	Property development
World Palace Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$1,300	Ordinary	—	35.35	b	Restaurant operation
Zimba International Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1	Ordinary	100.00	—		Investment holding

* This subsidiary has registered capital rather than issued share capital.

Notes:

- a. LSD is a limited liability company incorporated in Hong Kong with its shares listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

On 11 December 2015, LSD's shareholders approved at the annual general meeting a final dividend of HK\$0.0025 per share payable in cash with a scrip dividend alternative (the "**LSD 2015 Scrip Dividend Scheme**") for the year ended 31 July 2015 (the "**LSD 2015 Final Dividend**"). During the year ended 31 July 2016, 17,308,363 new shares were issued by LSD at a deemed price of HK\$0.116 per share, credited as fully paid, to shareholders of LSD who had elected to receive scrip shares in lieu of cash under the LSD 2015 Scrip Dividend Scheme to settle HK\$2,008,000 of the LSD 2015 Final Dividend. The remaining of the LSD 2015 Final Dividend of HK\$48,228,000 was satisfied by cash. Due to the above arrangement, the Group's interest in LSD was decreased from 51.88% to 51.84%.

Pursuant to the prospectus of LSD dated 18 January 2016, LSD proposed a rights issue of 10,047,266,781 shares on the basis of one rights share for every two existing shares of LSD at a subscription price of HK\$0.092 per share. The rights issue was subsequently completed on 5 February 2016 (the "**LSD Completion**"). The Company was the underwriter of the rights issue. In addition to the provisional allotment to the Company of 5,212,849,676 rights shares, the Company has underwritten 3,038,279,753 rights shares which resulted in a total subscription of approximately HK\$759 million. Following the LSD Completion, the Group's interest in LSD was increased from 51.84% to 61.93%.

During the year ended 31 July 2017, 20,000,000 ordinary shares were issued in respect of a share option exercised under LSD's share option scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.107 per share. Due to the above arrangement, the Group's interest in LSD was decreased from 61.93% to 61.89%.

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40. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

Notes: (continued)

a. (continued)

On 16 December 2016, LSD's shareholders approved at the annual general meeting a final dividend of HK\$0.0019 per share payable in cash with a scrip dividend alternative (the "**LSD 2016 Scrip Dividend Scheme**") for the year ended 31 July 2016 (the "**LSD 2016 Final Dividend**"). During the year ended 31 July 2017, 66,196,277 new shares were issued by LSD at a deemed price of HK\$0.1458 per share, credited as fully paid, to shareholders of LSD who had elected to receive scrip shares in lieu of cash under the LSD 2016 Scrip Dividend Scheme to settle HK\$9,651,000 of the LSD 2016 Final Dividend. The remaining of the LSD 2016 Final Dividend of HK\$47,689,000 was satisfied by cash. Due to the above arrangement, the Group's interest in LSD was decreased from 61.89% to 61.75%.

During the year ended 31 July 2017, 6,000,000 ordinary shares were issued in respect of a share option exercised under LSD's share option scheme at an exercise price of HK\$0.094 per share. As a result, the Group's interest in LSD was decreased from 61.75% to 61.74%.

b. These subsidiaries are held by LSD, in which the percentage of equity attributable to the Company is arrived at after considering the Company's ownership interest of 61.74% (2016: 61.93%) in LSD.

c. LSD owns a 51% (2016: 51%) equity interest in Porchester, which in turn, through GIV, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Porchester, owns a 51% (2016: 51%) interest in CCHJV. By virtue of the 51% (2016: 51%) equity interest in CCHJV held by LSD through the 51%-owned Porchester, an effective equity interest of 26.01% (2016: 26.01%) in CCHJV was held by LSD. Accordingly, the Company holds effective equity interest of 31.49% (2016: 31.58%) in Porchester and 16.06% (2016: 16.11%) in CCHJV.

d. On 30 June 2016, LSD acquired additional equity interests in the following subsidiaries (the "**Acquisition of Additional Interests**"):

Subsidiaries	Equity interest attributable to LSF&B prior to the Acquisition of Additional Interests	Acquired interests	Equity interest attributable to LSF&B upon the Acquisition of Additional Interests
Greatful Limited	55.00%	45.00%	100.00%
King Faithful Limited	62.00%	30.00%	92.00%
Mazy Charm Limited	51.00%	41.00%	92.00%
Mazy Lamp Limited	53.00%	21.00%	74.00%
Modern Charm Limited	70.00%	30.00%	100.00%
Really Star Limited	56.77%	36.77%	93.54%
Royal Team Limited	52.00%	36.00%	88.00%
Top Winsome Limited	54.00%	30.00%	84.00%

The consideration was satisfied by the allotment and issuance of 75,242,791 new shares at HK\$1 each of LSF&B, at a fair value of approximately HK\$68,471,000 (being 75,242,791 shares valued at HK\$0.91 each).

Pursuant to the above allotment and issuance of new shares of LSF&B and as set out in note 43, LSF&B became a 66.71%-owned subsidiary of LSD. On the same day, LSF&B completed a rights issue of 140,000,000 shares for HK\$1 each with total proceeds of HK\$140 million (the "**LSF&B Rights Issue**"). Following the completion of the LSF&B Rights Issue, LSD's interest in LSF&B was increased from 66.71% to 67.04%.

e. These subsidiaries were newly incorporated/acquired during the year.

40. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

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

Shares of certain subsidiaries held by the Group were also pledged to banks to secure banking facilities granted to the Group (note 27).

41. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATES

Particulars of the Group's principal associates as at 31 July 2017 were as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation or registration and business	Class of shares held	Percentage of ownership interest attributable to the Group	Notes
eSun	Bermuda/ Hong Kong	Ordinary	22.81	a
Lai Fung	Cayman Islands/ PRC	Ordinary	11.59	b
Media Asia Group Holdings Limited (" Media Asia ")	Incorporated in the Cayman Islands and continued in Bermuda/ Hong Kong	Ordinary	15.41	c

Notes:

- a. eSun is listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. LSD owns a 36.94% (2016: 41.92%) interest in eSun and the percentage of ownership interest attributable to the Group is arrived at after considering the Group's beneficial interest of 61.74% (2016: 61.93%) in LSD.

eSun and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in property development for sale and property investment for rental purposes; development and operation of and investment in cultural, leisure, entertainment and related facilities; development and operation of and investment in media, entertainment, music production and distribution; investment in and production and distribution of television programmes, films and video format products; cinema operation; sale of cosmetic products; and investment holding.

- b. Lai Fung is listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. As at 31 July 2017, eSun owns a 50.81% (2016: 51.08%) interest in Lai Fung.

Lai Fung and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in property development for sale, property investment for rental purposes, and development and operation of and investment in cultural, leisure, entertainment and related facilities.

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41. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATES (CONTINUED)

Notes: (continued)

- c. Media Asia is listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange. As at 31 July 2017, eSun owns a 67.56% (2016: 66.25%) interest in Media Asia.

Media Asia and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in film production and distribution; organisation, management and production of concerts and live performances; artiste management; production and distribution of television programs; music production and publishing; licensing of media contents; provision of consultancy services in planning and management of cultural, entertainment and live performance projects.

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

42. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL JOINT VENTURES

Particulars of the Group's principal joint ventures as at 31 July 2017 were as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation or registration and business	Class of shares held	Percentage of ownership interest attributable to the Group	Principal activities
Best Value Group	Hong Kong	Ordinary	30.87	Property development
Diamond Path Group	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	Ordinary	30.87	Property development
Diamond String Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	30.87	Property investment

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

43. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 30 June 2016, LSD acquired additional equity interests in three associates (the “**Acquisition**”), namely Fusion Century Limited, Prompt Result Limited and World Palace Limited (collectively the “**Acquired Subsidiaries**”) as follows:

Entities	Equity interest attributable to LSF&B prior to the Acquisition	Interest acquired	Equity interest attributable to LSF&B upon the Acquisition	Principal activities
Fusion Century Limited	45.00%	30.00%	75.00%	Restaurant operation
Prompt Result Limited	30.00%	56.00%	86.00%	Restaurant operation
World Palace Limited	30.00%	55.39%	85.39%	Restaurant operation

The consideration was satisfied by the allotment and issuance of 22,834,205 new shares of a subsidiary, LSF&B, at a fair value of approximately HK\$20,779,000 (being 22,834,205 shares valued at HK\$0.91 each).

Goodwill of approximately HK\$5,161,000 and gain on bargain purchase of HK\$3,128,000 were recognised upon the completion of the Acquisition. LSD considers that the Acquired Subsidiaries would add immediate scale to its food and beverage operation in Hong Kong. None of the goodwill recognised is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

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43. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

The fair values of identifiable assets and liabilities of the Acquired Subsidiaries as at the date of acquisition were as follows:

	Notes	HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment (note 14)		25,046
Interest in an associate		181
Deferred tax (note 29)		62
Inventories		9,971
Debtors, deposits paid and other receivables		10,069
Cash and cash equivalents		33,248
Creditors, deposits received and accruals		(10,348)
Tax payable		(561)
Non-controlling interests of the Acquired Subsidiaries	(i)	(3,630)
		64,038
Non-controlling interests	(i), (ii)	(14,133)
		49,905
Total identifiable net assets at fair value		49,905
Goodwill on acquisition (note 18)	(iii)	5,161
Gain on bargain purchase recognised on the consolidated income statement (note 6)		(3,128)
		51,938
Satisfied by:		
LSF&B consideration shares		20,779
Fair value of equity interests of the Acquired Subsidiaries prior to the Acquisition		31,159
		51,938

Notes:

- (i) The non-controlling interests acquired and arising from the Acquisition amounted to HK\$17,763,000.
- (ii) The non-controlling interests in the Acquired Subsidiaries recognised at the date of the acquisition were measured by reference to the respective proportionate shares of recognised amounts of net assets of the relevant Acquired Subsidiaries and amounted to HK\$14,133,000.
- (iii) The goodwill arising on the Acquisition is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred and the amount of non-controlling interests, over the net amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

43. ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES (CONTINUED)

The cash and cash equivalents acquired amounted to approximately HK\$33,248,000.

LSD incurred transaction costs of approximately HK\$140,000 for the Acquisition. These transaction costs have been expensed and are included in administrative expenses in the consolidated income statement.

Since the Acquisition, the Acquired Subsidiaries contributed approximately HK\$9,279,000 to the Group's revenue and loss of approximately HK\$179,000 to the Group's consolidated profit for the year ended 31 July 2016.

Had the Acquisition taken place at the beginning of the year ended 31 July 2016, the revenue and the profit for the year ended 31 July 2016 of the Group would have been approximately HK\$2,084,462,000 and approximately HK\$1,243,931,000, respectively.

44. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements,

- (a) On 13 September 2017, LSD Bonds (2017) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of LSD, issued guaranteed notes in an aggregate principal amount of US\$400 million (the "**LSD 2017 Notes**"). The LSD 2017 Notes are guaranteed by LSD, have a maturity term of five years and bear a fixed interest rate of 4.6% per annum with interest payable semi-annually in arrears.

The net proceeds from the offering of the LSD 2017 Notes were approximately US\$396 million and will be used for refinancing the LSD's existing guaranteed notes of US\$350 million and general corporate purposes.

- (b) On 21 August 2017, the Company placed 50,934,000 shares of LSD, representing 8.42% of the issued share capital of LSD, at the placing price of HK\$13.05 each to certain independent third parties (the "**Placing**"). The gross proceeds of the Placing were approximately HK\$664.7 million and were settled by cash. The net proceeds were approximately HK\$656 million and will be used for the forthcoming repayment of the debt obligation of the Group in the near term.

Due to the timing of the transaction, the Group is still assessing the impact on the Group's financial statements. Accordingly, certain disclosures in relation to the above transaction has not been presented.

45. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 19 October 2017.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**”) of the members (“**Members**”) of Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited (“**Company**”) will be held at Harbour View Rooms I & II, 3rd Floor, The Excelsior Hong Kong, 281 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong on Friday, 15 December 2017 at 12:00 noon for the following purposes:

1. To consider and adopt the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2017 (“**Year**”) and the reports of the directors and independent auditors of the Company thereon;
2. To declare a final dividend with a scrip dividend option;
3. To re-elect the retiring directors of the Company (“**Directors**”) and to authorise the board of Directors (“**Board**”) to fix the Directors’ remuneration;
4. To re-appoint Ernst and Young, Certified Public Accountants (“**Ernst & Young**”), as the independent auditors of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration; and
5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

Ordinary Resolution (A)

“THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company (“**Directors**”) during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to buy back shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Stock Exchange**”) or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange under the Code on Share Buy-backs for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws in Hong Kong and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate number of the shares of the Company to be bought back by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall not exceed 10% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this Resolution, “Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
 - (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company;
 - (ii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Members of the Company in general meeting; or
 - (iii) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law or the Articles of Association of the Company to be held.”

Ordinary Resolution (B)

“THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this Resolution, the exercise by the directors of the Company (“**Directors**”) during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to issue, allot and deal with additional shares in the Company, and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, debentures, notes and any securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are exchangeable or convertible into shares in the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds, debentures, notes and any securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are exchangeable or convertible into shares in the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of the shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution, otherwise than pursuant to:
 - (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or
 - (ii) an issue of shares in the Company upon the exercise of rights of subscription, exchange or conversion under the terms of any of the options (including warrants, bonds, debentures, notes and any securities which carry rights to subscribe for or are exchangeable or convertible into shares in the Company); or
 - (iii) an issue of shares in the Company as scrip dividends pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company from time to time; or
 - (iv) an issue of shares in the Company under any award or option scheme or similar arrangement for the grant or issue to eligible participants under such scheme or arrangement of shares in the Company or rights to acquire shares in the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

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(d) for the purposes of this Resolution,

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the Members of the Company in general meeting; or
- (iii) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law or the Articles of Association of the Company to be held; and

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares in the Company open for a period fixed by the Directors to the holders of shares whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares as at that date (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory applicable to the Company).”

Ordinary Resolution (C)

“THAT:

subject to the passing of the Ordinary Resolution (A) and Ordinary Resolution (B) set out in agenda item 5 contained in the notice convening this meeting, the general mandate granted to the directors of the Company (“**Directors**”) and for the time being in force to exercise the powers of the Company to allot shares and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of such number of shares of the Company which has been bought back by the Company since the granting of such general mandate pursuant to the exercise by the Directors of the powers of the Company to buy back such shares, provided that such number of shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution.”

By Order of the Board
Lai Sun Garment (International) Limited
Tse Pik Ha
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 16 November 2017

Registered Office:
11th Floor
Lai Sun Commercial Centre
680 Cheung Sha Wan Road
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Hong Kong

Notes:

- (1) A Member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM convened by the above notice ("**Notice**") or its adjourned meeting (as the case may be) is entitled to appoint one (or, if he/she/it holds two or more shares in the share capital of the Company ("**Shares**"), more than one) proxy to attend the AGM and, on a poll, vote on his/her/its behalf in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company ("**Articles of Association**"). A proxy need not be a Member.
- (2) A form of proxy for use at the AGM is sent to the Members with the Annual Report of the Company for the Year and is also available at the respective websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.
- (3) To be valid, a form of proxy, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority, must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Tricor Tengis Limited ("**Registrar**"), at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or its adjourned meeting (as the case may be) and in default, the form of proxy shall not be treated as valid. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude Members from attending in person and voting at the AGM or at its adjourned meeting (as the case may be) should they so wish. In such a case, the said form(s) of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

The contact phone number of the Registrar is (852) 2980 1333.

- (4) To ascertain the entitlements to attend and vote at the AGM, Members must lodge the relevant transfer document(s) and share certificate(s) at the office of the Registrar no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12 December 2017 for registration.
- (5) Where there are joint registered holders of any Shares, any one of such joint holders may attend and vote at the AGM or its adjourned meeting (as the case may be), either personally or by proxy, in respect of such Shares as if he/she/it was solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders are present at the AGM or its adjourned meeting (as the case may be), personally or by proxy, then one of such holders so present whose name stands first in the Register of Members of the Company in respect of such Shares shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- (6) The proposed final dividend of HK\$0.0685 per Share as recommended by the Board is subject to the approval of the Members at the AGM. The record date for the proposed final dividend is at the close of business on Friday, 22 December 2017. For determining the entitlement of the proposed final dividend, the Register of Members will be closed on Thursday, 21 December 2017 and Friday, 22 December 2017, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all relevant transfer document(s) and share certificate(s) must be lodged with the Registrar for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20 December 2017.
- (7) Concerning agenda item 3 of this Notice,
 - (i) in accordance with Article 102 of the Articles of Association and code provision A.4.2 of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, Dr. Lam Kin Ming, Mr. Lam Bing Kwan and Mr. Leung Shu Yin, William will retire as Directors from office by rotation at the AGM and, being eligible, they offer themselves for re-election; and
 - (ii) in accordance with Rule 13.74 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, details of the aforesaid Directors proposed for re-election are set out in the "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" section of the Annual Report of the Company for the Year.
- (8) Concerning agenda item 4 of this Notice, the Board (which concurs with the Audit Committee of the Company) has recommended that subject to the approval of Members at the AGM, Ernst and Young will be re-appointed independent auditors of the Company for the year ending 31 July 2018 ("**Year 2018**"). Members should note that in practice, independent auditors' remuneration for the Year 2018 cannot be fixed at the AGM because such remuneration varies by reference to the scope and extent of the audit and other works which the independent auditors are being called upon to undertake in any given year. To enable the Company to charge the amount of such independent auditors' remuneration as operating expenses for the Year 2018, Members' approval to delegate the authority to the Board to fix the independent auditors' remuneration for the Year 2018 is required, and is hereby sought, at the AGM.

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- (9) *The proposed Ordinary Resolution (A) under agenda item 5 of this Notice relates to the granting of a general mandate to the Directors to buy back Shares of up to a maximum of 10% of the total number of the Shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing the said Resolution. Members' attention is also drawn to the explanatory statement on the proposed buy back mandate contained in the circular dated 16 November 2017.*

The proposed Ordinary Resolution (B) under agenda item 5 of this Notice relates to the granting of a general mandate to the Directors to issue new Shares of up to a maximum of 20% of the total number of the Shares of the Company in issue as at the date of passing the said Resolution. The Company has no immediate plan to issue any new Shares under the general mandate.

The proposed Ordinary Resolution (C) under agenda item 5 of this Notice extends the general mandate to include the Shares bought back under the buy back mandate.

- (10) *Details regarding the Ordinary Resolutions (A), (B) and (C) under agenda item 5 of this Notice are set out in the circular of the Company dated 16 November 2017 in relation to, among others, the proposals involving general mandates to buy back Shares and to issue Shares.*
- (11) *In compliance with Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, voting on all resolutions proposed in the Notice shall be decided by way of a poll at the AGM.*
- (12) *If a tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above is expected to be hoisted or a black rainstorm warning signal is expected to be in force at any time between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the date of the AGM, the AGM will be postponed and the Members will be informed of the date, time and venue of the postponed AGM by a supplementary notice, posted on the respective websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.*

If a tropical cyclone warning signal No. 8 or above or a black rainstorm warning signal is lowered or cancelled at or before 7:00 a.m. on the date of the AGM and where conditions permit, the AGM will be held as scheduled.

The AGM will be held as scheduled when an amber or red rainstorm warning signal is in force.

Having considered their own situations, Members should decide on their own whether they would attend the AGM under any bad weather condition and if they do so, they are advised to exercise care and caution.