

# TERN PROPERTIES COMPANY LIMITED

STOCK CODE: 277

2017/2018 INTERIM REPORT

#### **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **Executive Directors**

Chan Hoi Sow

Chairman and Managing Director Chan Yan Tin, Andrew Chan Yan Wai, Emily

#### Non-Executive Director

Chan Yan Mei, Mary-ellen

# **Independent Non-Executive Directors**

Chan Kwok Wai Leung Kui King, Donald Tse Lai Han, Henry

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Chan Kwok Wai *Chairman* Leung Kui King, Donald Tse Lai Han, Henry

#### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Chan Kwok Wai *Chairman* Chan Yan Tin, Andrew Tse Lai Han, Henry

# NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Chan Kwok Wai *Chairman* Chan Yan Wai, Emily Tse Lai Han, Henry

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## **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Lee Ka Man

#### **AUDITORS**

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The Board of Directors of Tern Properties Company Limited (the "Company") announces that the unaudited condensed consolidated financial results for the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 30 September 2017, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in the year 2016 are as follows:

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2017

		Six month	
	Notes	30 Septe 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2016 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Revenue Property expenses	4	41,043 (518)	52,337 (996)
Gross profit Interest income		40,525 21,073	51,341 11,301
Realised gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets Dividend income Other operating income Administrative expenses		5,214 1,637 1,756 (16,162)	1,641 697 3,153 (14,557)
Profit from operations Finance costs Share of results of associates, net of tax	5 6 12	54,043 (1,860) 3,386	53,576 (382) 4,178
Profit before taxation Taxation	7	55,569 (6,525)	57,372 (7,750)
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company		49,044	49,622
Other comprehensive income Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Net gain arising on revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets		13,312	9,586
Release of investment revaluation reserve upon disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		(4,794)	(709)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax		8,518	8,877
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the Company		57,562	58,499
Earnings per share Basic and diluted	9	HK15.94 cents	HK16.12 cents

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2017

Notes	30 September 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
10 11 12 13	2,954,979 6,902 14,968 367,330 589,015 81 	2,954,578 8,213 15,014 368,374 512,320 165 279 3,858,943
14 13	17,534 71,587 92 493 295 491 68,708	14,833 10,269 92 635 2,282 2,729 33,842 64,682
15	8,659 26,903 7,827 57,299	10,681 28,106 5,148 28,037 71,972
	58,512	(7,290)
	3,991,787	3,851,653
15	25,719 273,697 299,416	25,033 181,963 206,996
	3,692,371	3,644,657
16	229,386 3,462,985 3,692,371	229,386 3,415,271 3,644,657
	10 11 12 13 14 13	Notes HK\$'000 (Unaudited)  10

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**For the six months ended 30 September 2017

	Share capital HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000	Dividend reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated profits HK\$'000	<b>Total</b> HK\$'000
At 1 April 2017 (Audited)	229,386	17,346	9,848	3,388,077	3,644,657
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income: Net gain arising on revaluation of	-	-	-	49,044	49,044
available-for-sale financial assets Release of investment revaluation reserve	-	13,312	-	-	13,312
upon disposal of available-for-sale financial assets		(4,794)			(4,794)
Total comprehensive income for the period		8,518		49,044	57,562
Dividends declared (note 8) Dividends paid			6,771 (9,848)	(6,771)	(9,848)
At 30 September 2017 (Unaudited)	229,386	25,864	6,771	3,430,350	3,692,371
At 1 April 2016 (Audited)	229,386	7,075	9,848	3,434,008	3,680,317
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income:	-	-	-	49,622	49,622
Net gain arising on revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets Release of investment revaluation reserve upon disposal of	-	9,586	-	-	9,586
available-for-sale financial assets		(709)			(709)
Total comprehensive income for the period		8,877		49,622	58,499
Dividends declared (note 8) Dividends paid			6,771 (9,848)	(6,771)	(9,848)
At 30 September 2016 (Unaudited)	229,386	15,952	6,771	3,476,859	3,728,968

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**For the six months ended 30 September 2017

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2016 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Operating activities		
Cash generated from operations Profits Tax paid	25,480 (948)	41,083 (18)
Profits Tax refunded		131
Net cash generated from operating activities	24,532	41,196
Investing activities		
Interest received	17,456	9,013
Dividend received from investments Purchase of available-for-sale financial assets	1,637	697
Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	(143,658) $20,397$	(204,817) 36,487
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(5)	(196)
Release (placement) of pledged bank deposits	2,238	(3,218)
Net cash used in investing activities	(101,935)	(162,034)
Financing activities		
Dividends paid	(9,848)	(9,848)
Interest paid New bank loans raised	(3,309) 505,000	(382) 310,000
Repayment of bank loans	(384,004)	(215,000)
Advance from associates	4,430	4,572
Net cash generated from financing activities	112,269	89,342
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	34,866	(31,496)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	33,842	45,750
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period Represented by bank balances and cash	68,708	14,254
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#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Company is a public limited company incorporated in Hong Kong. Its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company is 26th Floor, Tern Centre, Tower I, 237 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

The Company continues to act as an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries and associates are principally engaged in property investment.

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

The condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2017 have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 ("HKAS 34"), "Interim Financial Reporting", issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA").

The financial information relating to the year ended 31 March 2017 that is included in the Interim Report 2017 as comparative information does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements required to be disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is as follows:

The Company has delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The Company's auditor had reported on those financial statements of the Group. The auditor's report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain investment properties and financial instruments, which are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as appropriate.

The condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2017 do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2017 are the same as those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs require the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies of the Group.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited by the Company's auditors, but have been reviewed by the Company's audit committee.

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#### APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")

In the current interim period, the Group has applied, for the first time, the following new amendments to HKFRSs issued by HKICPA that are relevant for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to HKAS 7 Disclosure Initiative

Amendments to HKAS 12 Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses
Amendments to HKFRS Amendments to HKFRS 12 included in Annual Improvement to

HKFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle

The application of the above new amendments to HKFRSs in the current interim period has had no material impact on the amounts reported in the condensed consolidated financial statements and/or on the disclosures set our in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### New and revised HKFRSs issued but not yet effective

The Group has not early applied the following new HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective.

HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments<sup>1</sup>

HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and the

related Amendments1

HKFRS 16 Leases<sup>2</sup>

Amendments to HKFRS 2 Classification and Measurement of Share-based

Payment Transactions1

Amendments to HKFRS 4 Applying HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments with

HKFRS 4 Insurance Contracts<sup>1</sup>

Amendments to HKFRS 10 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor

and HKAS 28 and its Associate or Joint Venture<sup>3</sup>

Amendments to HKAS 40 Investment property<sup>1</sup>

Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle<sup>1</sup>
HK(IFRIC)-Interpretation 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration<sup>1</sup>

HK(IFRIC)-Interpretation 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments<sup>2</sup>

- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.

The directors of the Company is in the process of making an assessment of the potential impact of these new and revised HKFRSs upon initial application but is not yet in a position to state whether these new and revised HKFRSs would have any significant impact on its results of operations and financial position of the Group.

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#### 3. OPERATING SEGMENTS

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into two operating segments, namely property investment and treasury investment.

For property investment, the segment represents the operations of property investment and property leasing. Discrete financial information is provided to the Board on a property by property basis. The information provided includes net rental income (including gross rental income and property expenses) and share of results of associates. The individual properties with similar economic characteristics are aggregated into segments for presentation purposes.

For treasury investment, the segment represents the investment in debt and equity securities. Financial information is provided to the Board on a company by company basis. The information provided includes realised gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets, dividend income from equity securities and interest income from debt securities.

#### Business information

# For the six months ended 30 September 2017

	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Treasury investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Revenue	41,043	_	41,043
Property expenses	(518)		(518)
Gross profit	40,525	_	40,525
Interest income	1	21,072	21,073
Realised gain on disposal of			
available-for-sale financial assets	-	5,214	5,214
Dividend income	-	1,637	1,637
Other operating income	1,685	71	1,756
Administrative expenses	(13,546)	(2,616)	(16,162)
Profit from operations	28,665	25,378	54,043
Finance costs	_	(1,860)	(1,860)
Share of results of associates, net of tax	3,386		3,386
Profit before taxation	32,051	23,518	55,569
Taxation	(4,395)	(2,130)	(6,525)
Profit for the period	27,656	21,388	49,044

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# 3. **OPERATING SEGMENTS** (Continued)

Business information (Continued)

# At 30 September 2017

	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Treasury investment <i>HK\$</i> '000 (Unaudited)	Total HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Segment assets Segment liabilities	3,410,048 (64,170)	682,427 (335,934)	4,092,475 (400,104)
Net assets	3,345,878	346,493	3,692,371
Other segment information:			
Depreciation and amortisation Addition to property, plant and equipment	1,362		1,362
For the six months ended 30 September 2016			
	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Treasury investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Revenue Property expenses	52,337 (996)		52,337 (996)
Gross profit Interest income Realised gain on disposal of	51,341	11,301	51,341 11,301
available-for-sale financial assets Dividend income Other operating income Administrative expenses	280 - 2,558 (14,231)	1,361 697 595 (326)	1,641 697 3,153 (14,557)
Profit from operations Finance costs Share of results of associates, net of tax	39,948 (42) 4,178	13,628 (340) 	53,576 (382) 4,178
Profit before taxation Taxation	44,084 (6,052)	13,288 (1,698)	57,372 (7,750)
Profit for the period	38,032	11,590	49,622

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# 3. OPERATING SEGMENTS (Continued)

#### Business information (Continued)

At 31 March 2017

	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)	Treasury investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)	Total HK\$'000 (Audited)
Segment assets Segment liabilities	3,386,105 (64,983)	537,520 (213,985)	3,923,625 (278,968)
Net assets	3,321,122	323,535	3,644,657
Other segment information:			
Depreciation and amortisation Addition to property, plant and equipment	2,663 543		2,663 543

# Geographical information

Over 90% of the activities of the Group during the period were carried out in Hong Kong and over 90% of the assets of the Group are located in Hong Kong. Accordingly, a geographical analysis is not presented.

#### Information on major customers

Included in revenues arising from rental income of approximately HK\$41.0 million (six months ended 30 September 2016: approximately HK\$52.3 million) are rental income of approximately HK\$4.1 million (six months ended 30 September 2016: approximately HK\$10.1 million) which arose from the Group's largest tenant.

# 4. REVENUE

Revenue represents the aggregate of amounts received and receivable from property rental income.

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# 5. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

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Interest on bank borrowings

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2016 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging:		
Auditor's remuneration Depreciation of property, plant and equipment Amortisation of leasehold land Exchange loss, net	230 1,316 46 219	216 1,269 46
Staff costs (including directors' emoluments) Mandatory provident fund ("MPF") contributions	10,482 128	9,678 122
Total staff costs	10,610	9,800
and after crediting:		
Dividend income Exchange gain,net Realised gain on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	1,637 - 5,214	697 1,153 1,641
Gross rental income from investment properties Less:	41,043	52,337
Direct operating expenses from investment properties that generated rental income Direct operating expenses from investment properties that did not generate rental income	(198)	(859) (137)
Net rental income	40,525	51,341
FINANCE COSTS		
	Six months 30 Septen 2017 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	

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#### 7. TAXATION

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2017 <i>HK\$</i> '000 (Unaudited)	2016 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Tax expenses attributable to the Company and subsidiaries:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax Current period Over-provision in prior periods	5,560 -	7,496 (103)
Other jurisdiction Under-provision in prior periods		14
	5,560	7,407
Deferred taxation Current period Over-provision in prior periods	965	694 (351)
	965	343
	6,525	7,750

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (six months ended 30 September 2016: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the period.

Overseas taxation is calculated at the rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

#### 8. INTERIM DIVIDEND

On 25 August 2017, the final dividend of HK3.2 cents per share were paid to the shareholders for the financial year ended 31 March 2017.

For the six months ended 30 September 2017, the Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of HK2.2 cents (six months ended 30 September 2016: HK2.2 cents) per share amounting to approximately HK\$6,771,000 (six months ended 30 September 2016: approximately HK\$6,771,000) payable to the shareholders of the Company.

#### 9. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company of HK\$49,044,000 (six months ended 30 September 2016: HK\$49,622,000) and on number of 307,758,522 (six months ended 30 September 2016: 307,758,522) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share are the same as basic earnings per share for both periods, as the Company had no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding in both periods.

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#### 10. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The Group's investment properties were not revalued at 30 September 2017. The directors were aware of the possible changes in the conditions of the property market. The directors considered that the carrying amounts of the Group's investment properties did not differ significantly from that which had been determined using fair values at 31 March 2017.

During the period, the Group neither acquired nor disposed of any investment properties.

# 11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

		30 September 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
	Carrying amounts at beginning of the period/year Additions Depreciation charge for the period/year	8,213 5 (1,316)	10,241 543 (2,571)
	Carrying amounts at end of the period/year	6,902	8,213
12.	INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES		
		30 September 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	31 March 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
	Share of net assets Amounts due to associates	376,468 (9,138)	373,082 (4,708)
		367,330	368,374

The amounts due to associates are unsecured, interest-free and have no fixed repayment terms.

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# 12. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES (Continued)

Summarised financial information in respect of the Group's associates is set out below:

# Financial position as at 30 September 2017

	30 September 2017 <i>HK\$</i> *000 (Unaudited)	31 March 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Current assets Non-current assets Current liabilities Non-current liabilities	12,951 764,013 (10,665) (13,364)	15,698 755,282 (11,603) (13,213)
Net assets	752,935	746,164
Proportion of the Group's ownership interest therein	50%	50%
Group's share of net assets of the associates	376,468	373,082
Profit or loss and other comprehensive income		
	Six months 30 Septen 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	
Revenue	30 Septen 2017 HK\$'000	2016 HK\$'000
Revenue  Profit for the period Other comprehensive income	30 Septen 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	2016 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Profit for the period	30 Septen 2017 <i>HK\$*000</i> (Unaudited) 13,634	2016 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) 15,401
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income	30 Septen 2017 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)  13,634  6,771	2016 HK\$'000 (Unaudited) 15,401 8,356

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#### 13. AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

	30 September 2017 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 March 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Listed investments:		
Debt securities, at fair value (note a) Equity securities, at fair value (note a)	615,937 44,509	479,099 43,334
	660,446	522,433
Unlisted investments:		
Club debentures, stated at cost (note b)	156	156
	660,602	522,589
Analysed for reporting purpose as:		
Non-current assets Current assets	589,015 71,587	512,320 10,269
	660,602	522,589

#### Notes:

- (a) The fair value of the listed debt and equity securities are based on quoted market bid price in active markets.
- (b) The club debentures do not have a quoted market price in an active market and their fair values cannot be reliably measured.

# 14. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Included in the trade and other receivables were rental receivables of approximately HK\$378,000 (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$592,000) with defined credit policy. The rental income is billed in advance each month. Immediate settlement is expected upon receipt of billing by the tenants. The ageing of rental receivables based on debit note dates is as below:

	30 September	31 March
	2017	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
31 – 60 days	378	439
61 – 90 days	_	29
Over 90 days	<del>_</del>	124
	378	592

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# 15. SECURED BANK BORROWINGS

	30 September 2017 <i>HK\$</i> '000 (Unaudited)	31 March 2017 <i>HK\$</i> '000 (Audited)
The secured bank borrowings are repayable as follows:		
Within one year	57,299	28,037
More than one year but not exceeding two years	12,514	8,175
More than two years but not exceeding five years	38,876	25,381
More than five years	222,307	148,407
	330,996	210,000
Less: Amounts due within one year shown under current liabilities	57,299	28,037
Amounts shown under non-current liabilities	273,697	181,963

All of the bank borrowings were denominated in Hong Kong dollars with variable interest rates ranging from 1.2% to 1.25% over HIBOR per annum (31 March 2017: from 1.2% to 1.5% over HIBOR per annum).

#### 16. SHARE CAPITAL

	30 September 2017		31 March 2017	
	Number of		Number of	
	ordinary shares Amount		ordinary shares	Amount
	HK\$'000		O HK\$'C	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
Issued and fully paid	307,758,522	229,386	307,758,522	229,386

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#### 17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In addition to transactions and balances disclosed elsewhere in these condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group, during the period, had the following transaction with the associates of the Group. The transaction prices were considered by the directors of the Company as estimated market price.

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2017	
	HK\$'000 HK\$'	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Management fee income received from associates	1,598	1,669

#### Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors during the period was as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2017 <i>HK\$*000</i> (Heavided)		
Salaries and other short-term benefits MPF contributions	(Unaudited) 5,223 14	(Unaudited) 4,620	
	5,237	4,629	

## 18. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At the end of the reporting period, the Group's total banking facilities amounted to approximately HK\$1,086,662,000 (31 March 2017: HK\$990,000,000). The Group has utilised the banking facilities to an amount of approximately HK\$330,996,000 (31 March 2017: HK\$210,000,000).

The following assets were pledged to secure the banking facilities granted to the Group:

- Investment properties with an aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK\$1,193,100,000 (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$950,700,000);
- Available-for-sale financial assets with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$639,604,000 (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$501,927,000); and
- Bank deposits with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$491,000 (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$2,729,000).

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#### 19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has provided guarantee for an associate to secure a revolving loan of HK\$100,000,000 (31 March 2017: HK\$50,000,000). At the end of the reporting period, the associate has not utilised the banking facility.

The Group has not recognised any deferred income or expense in respect of the guarantees as their fair values and transaction prices cannot be reliably measured.

#### 20. OPERATING LEASE ARRANGEMENTS

#### The Group as lessee

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

	30 September 2017 <i>HK\$</i> *000 (Unaudited)	31 March 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Within one year In the second to fifth year inclusive	810	1,080 270
	810	1,350

Operating lease payments represent rental payables by the Group for its director's quarter. The lease is fixed for two years (31 March 2017: two years).

# The Group as lessor

The investment properties of the Group generated rental yields of approximately 2.78% (31 March 2017: 3.29%) on an ongoing basis. All of the properties held have committed tenants not exceeding four years (31 March 2017: four years).

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments:

	30 September	31 March
	2017	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Within one year	61,518	62,808
In the second to fifth year inclusive	28,859	30,972
	90,377	93,780

#### 21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 30 September 2017, the Group had outstanding purchase agreements for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment of approximately HK\$169,000 (31 March 2017: approximately HK\$199,000).

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#### 22. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair value of the Group's financial assets are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The Group's available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets are determined, as well as the level of the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements is observable.

- Level 1: inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that
  entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the
  asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3: inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability.

	Fair valu 30 September 2017 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 March 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation techniques and key inputs
Available-for-sale financial assets  – Listed debt securities	615,937	479,099	Level 1	Quoted bid prices in active markets
– Listed equity securities	44,509	43,334	Level 1	Quoted bid prices in active markets
Total	660,446	522,433		

During the six months ended 30 September 2017 and for the year ended 31 March 2017, there were no transfers between instrument in Level 1 and Level 2, or transfer into or out of Level 3.

#### **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of HK2.2 cents per share for the six months ended 30 September 2017. The interim dividend will be paid on or about Friday, 15 December 2017 to shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Thursday, 7 December 2017.

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

The Register of Members will be closed from Tuesday, 5 December 2017 to Thursday, 7 December 2017, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered by the Company. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Share Registrar and Transfer Office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 4 December 2017.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Group continued to hold quality commercial properties for rental income and invest in debt and equity securities for interest and dividend income during the period.

# In thousands of Hong Kong dollars except per share amounts

		Six months ended 30 September	
		2017	2016
For the period	Revenue	41,043	52,337
	Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company	49,044	49,622
As at 30 September	Capital & reserves attributable to owners of the Company	3,692,371	3,728,968
	Shares in issue (thousands)	307,759	307,759
Ratio	Return before the changes in fair value of investment properties on capital & reserves attributable to owners of the Company	2.66%	2.66%
	Gearing	8.96%	2.55%
Per Share	Net worth per share (HK\$)	12.00	12.12
	Basic earnings per share (HK cents)	15.94	16.12
	Interim dividend declared per share (HK cents)	2.2	2.2

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Financial Results

#### Revenue

The revenue of the Group for the period was HK\$41.0 million, a decrease of HK\$11.3 million as compared with prior period (2016: HK\$52.3 million). This was primarily due to the Group's commercial shop and office properties recorded a decrease in rental rate upon renewal.

# Profit attributable to the owners of the Company

The profit attributable to the owners of the Company for the period remained stable at HK\$49.0 million.

The change in the profit attributable to the owners of the Company was primary due to:

- decrease of rental income derived from the Group's Hong Kong property portfolio during the period; and
- higher interest income derived from Group's investment in debt securities.

#### Earnings per share

Earnings per share amounted to HK15.94 cents (2016: HK16.12 cents).

#### Financial Resources, Liquidity and Capital Structure

The Group is principally financed by cash inflow from operating activities and banking facilities granted by the banks. The banking facilities of the Group are reviewed from time to time and new banking facilities will be obtained or renewed to meet the funding requirements for capital commitments, investments and operations of the Group.

At 30 September 2017, the Group's net borrowings amounted to HK\$261.8 million (31 March 2017: HK\$173.4 million) represent bank borrowings of HK\$331.0 million (31 March 2017: HK\$210 million) less bank deposits, bank balances and cash of HK\$69.2 million (31 March 2017: HK\$36.6 million). Accordingly, the Group's gearing ratio of net borrowings to equity attributable to owners of the Company was 7.1% (31 March 2017: 4.8%).

At 30 September 2017, the Group's total banking facilities amounting to HK\$1,086.7 million (31 March 2017: HK\$990.0 million) were fully secured by its investment properties, available for sale investments and bank deposits with an aggregate carrying value amounting to HK\$1,833.2 million (31 March 2017: HK\$1,455.4 million).

	At 30 September 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i>	At 31 March 2017 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Bank loans are repayable as follows:		
On demand or within one year	57,299	28,037
More than one year but not exceeding two years	12,514	8,175
More than two years but not exceeding five years	38,876	25,381
More then five years	222,307	148,407
	330,996	210,000

At 30 September 2017, the current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) of the Group was 1.58 times (31 March 2017: 0.9 times).

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

# Segment information

Detailed segmental information in respect of the revenue and profit or loss is shown in note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements on pages 8 to 10.

# Risk of Foreign Exchange Fluctuation

The Group is required to maintain foreign currency exposure to cater for its recurring operating activities and present and potential investment activities, meaning it will be subject to reasonable exchange rate exposure. However, the Group will closely monitor this risk exposure as required.

# Pledge of Assets

Details regarding the pledge of assets are set out in note 18 to the condensed consolidated financial statements on page 17.

#### **Contingent Liabilities**

Details regarding the contingent liabilities are set out in note 19 to the condensed consolidated financial statements on page 18.

#### Shareholders' Funds

At 30 September 2017, the Group's shareholders' funds amounted to HK\$3,692.4 million (31 March 2017: HK\$3,644.7 million), an increase of HK\$47.7 million from the previous year end. The net asset value per share was HK\$12.00 (31 March 2017: HK\$11.84).

At 30 September 2017, the Group had no significant exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

## **OPERATION REVIEW**

# **Properties**

- The Group's gross rental income mainly derived from its Hong Kong property portfolio.
- The Group's rental income decreased by 21.6% as compared with prior period.
- The occupancy rate for the period is 96.8%, a slight increase of 0.4% as compared with prior period of 96.4%.
- The Group's share of gross rental income from associates remained stable at an amount of HK\$6.8 million.

## **OPERATION REVIEW** (Continued)

# Treasury investment

- Interest income and dividend income derived from the Group's investment in debt and equity securities amounted to HK\$22.7 million, a 89.3% increase compared to prior period.
- At 30 September 2017, the Group held debt and equity securities investments of HK\$660.6 million, a 26.4% increase as compared with year end at 31 March 2017.

# **Employees**

At 30 September 2017, the total number of staff of the Group was 17 (2016: 16). The total staff costs including Directors' emoluments amounted to HK\$10.6 million (2016: HK\$9.8 million). The Group reviews staff remuneration annually. The review is based on individual performance and merit.

#### **BUSINESS OUTLOOK**

The global economy outlook remains uncertain. Geopolitical unrest and tension escalated to an alarming level with terrorist acts in Europe and the Middle East, provocative missile tests by North Korea, and disputes in the South China Sea. In addition, the impact of implementing Brexit, coupled with gradual interest rate hike and the announced plan to reduce the size of its balance sheet by the US Federal Reserve will undoubtedly pose threats to global market confidence and weaken economic recovery.

In Hong Kong, while the local property market appeared to perform slightly better than last year (except for the retail sector), rental value of prime retail areas experienced substantial downward adjustments. The continued weakening in the amount of Mainland tourists visiting Hong Kong and the increased popularity and acceptance of e-commerce retail sales inevitably brought negative effects to the retail segment and has led to continuous downward pressure on the rental of commercial properties. The Group expects such business environment may continue, resulting in vacancy increase and reduction in rental income. To mitigate such impact, the Group will endeavor to maintain high occupancy rate with reasonable market rental.

Looking forward, we will continue to seek investments with steady recurring income in order to strengthen our profitability. Meanwhile, the Group will continue our prudent financial management approach with a healthy debt ratio while pursuing our long-term healthy growth initiatives and striving to generate sustainable return to our shareholders.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

At 30 September 2017, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers were as follows:

#### (i) Interest in the Company (long position)

Name of Director	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of shares held	Aggregate long position	Percentage of aggregate long position in shares to the issued share capital
Chan Hoi Sow	Beneficial owner	Personal interest	2,036,000	173,772,896	56.46
	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate interest (Note 1)	25,822,896		
	Founder of a discretionary trust	Other interest (Notes 1 & 2)	171,736,896		
Chan Yan Tin, Andrew	Beneficial owner	Personal interest	792,000	172,528,896	56.05
	Beneficiary of a trust	Other interest (Notes 2 & 3)	171,736,896		
Chan Yan Wai, Emily	Beneficiary of a trust	Other interest (Notes 2 & 4)	171,736,896	171,736,896	55.80
Chan Yan Mei, Mary-ellen	Beneficiary of a trust	Other interest (Notes 2 & 5)	171,736,896	171,736,896	55.80
Chan Kwok Wai	-	-	-	-	-
Tse Lai Han, Henry	-	-	-	-	-
Leung Kui King, Donald	-	_	_	-	-

# Notes:

- 1. These 25,822,896 shares are held by Evergrade Investments Limited. The issued share capital of Evergrade Investments Limited is beneficially owned as to 50% by Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and as to 50% by Beyers Investments Limited which is indirectly owned by Sow Pin Trust, a discretionary trust, the beneficiaries of which are Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and his family members. These 25,822,896 shares are also included in the 171,736,896 shares held by Mr. Chan Hoi Sow in the capacity as founder of a discretionary trust.
- 2. The three references to 171,736,896 shares relate to the same block of shares in the Company. The 171,736,896 shares are held as to 145,914,000 shares by Noranger Company Limited and as to 25,822,896 shares by Evergrade Investments Limited. The issued share capital of Noranger Company Limited is beneficially wholly owned by Beyers Investments Limited and the issued share capital of Evergrade Investments Limited is beneficially owned as to 50% by Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and as to 50% by Beyers Investments Limited. Beyers Investments Limited is indirectly owned by Sow Pin Trust, a discretionary trust, the founder of which is Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and the beneficiaries of which are Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and his family members. By virtue of the shareholdings as aforementioned, Mr. Chan Hoi Sow is deemed to be interested in 171,736,896 shares indirectly owned by Sow Pin Trust.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS** (Continued)

- 3. Mr. Chan Yan Tin, Andrew is the son of Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and is a beneficiary of Sow Pin Trust, a discretionary trust as referred to in Note 2 above. By virtue of the shareholdings as mentioned in Note 2 above, Mr. Chan Yan Tin, Andrew is deemed to be interested in 171,736,896 shares indirectly owned by Sow Pin Trust.
- 4. Ms. Chan Yan Wai, Emily is the daughter of Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and is a beneficiary of Sow Pin Trust, a discretionary trust as referred to in Note 2 above. By virtue of the shareholdings as mentioned in Note 2 above, Ms. Chan Yan Wai, Emily is deemed to be interested in 171,736,896 shares indirectly owned by Sow Pin Trust.
- 5. Ms. Chan Yan Mei, Mary-ellen is the daughter of Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and is a beneficiary of Sow Pin Trust, a discretionary trust as referred to in Note 2 above. By virtue of the shareholdings as mentioned in Note 2 above, Ms. Chan Yan Mei, Mary-ellen is deemed to be interested in 171,736,896 shares indirectly owned by Sow Pin Trust.
- (ii) Interest in an associated corporation of the Company (long position)

Name of Director	Name of the associated corporation	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of class of securities	Approximate percentage of indirect interest in associated corporation
Chan Yan Wai, Emily	Win Easy Development Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate Interest	1 share	50%

Other than as disclosed above, none of the Directors had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in the SFO and none of the Directors nor their spouses or children under the age of 18 had any right to subscribe for the equity or debt securities of the Company as at 30 September 2017 or had been granted or exercised any such right during the period.

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

At 30 September 2017, the interests and short positions of persons, other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company, in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Name of substantial shareholders	Capacity	Nature of interests	Number of shares held	Aggregate long position	Percentage of aggregate long position to the issued share capital
Chan Loo Kuo Pin	Interest of spouse	Family interest (Note 1)	173,772,896	173,772,896	56.46
Credit Suisse Trust Limited as trustee of Sow Pin Trust	Interest of controlled corporation	Other interest (Notes 2, 3 & 4)	171,736,896	171,736,896	55.80
Brock Nominees Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate interest (Notes 2 & 3)	171,736,896	171,736,896	55.80
Global Heritage Group Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate interest (Notes 2 & 3)	171,736,896	171,736,896	55.80
Beyers Investments Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate interest (Notes 2, 3 & 4)	171,736,896	171,736,896	55.80
Noranger Company Limited	Beneficial owner	Corporate interest (Notes 2, 3 & 4)	145,914,000	145,914,000	47.41
Evergrade Investments Limited	Beneficial owner	Corporate interest (Notes 2, 3 & 4)	25,822,896	25,822,896	8.39
Grand Fort Investments Limited	Beneficial owner	Corporate interest	61,051,277	61,051,277	19.84
Law Fei Shing	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate interest (Note 5)	61,051,277	61,051,277	19.84
Chim Pui Chung	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate interest (Note 5)	61,051,277	61,051,277	19.84

#### Notes:

- 1. The interest is the same block of shares already disclosed under the personal, corporate and other interests of her husband, Mr. Chan Hoi Sow, as disclosed in the section headed "Disclosure of interests".
- 2. All interests of Credit Suisse Trust Limited as trustee of Sow Pin Trust, Brock Nominees Limited, Global Heritage Group Limited, Beyers Investments Limited and the aggregate interests of Noranger Company Limited and Evergrade Investments Limited relate to the same block of shares in the Company.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS (Continued)

3. Credit Suisse Trust Limited as trustee of Sow Pin Trust is the holding company of Brock Nominees Limited and is deemed to be interested in the shares owned by Sow Pin Trust, a discretionary trust as mentioned in Note 4 below through interests of corporations controlled by it as follows:

Name of controlled corporation	Name of controlling shareholder	Percentage control
Brock Nominees Limited	Credit Suisse Trust Limited as trustee of Sow Pin Trust	0.00
Global Heritage Group Limited	Brock Nominees Limited	100.00
Beyers Investments Limited	Global Heritage Group Limited	100.00
Noranger Company Limited	Beyers Investments Limited	100.00
Evergrade Investments Limited	Beyers Investments Limited	50.00

- 4. Credit Suisse Trust Limited as trustee of Sow Pin Trust is interested in 171,736,896 shares which are held as to 145,914,000 shares by Noranger Company Limited and as to 25,822,896 shares by Evergrade Investments Limited. The issued share capital of Noranger Company Limited is beneficially wholly owned by Beyers Investments Limited and the issued share capital of Evergrade Investments Limited is beneficially owned as to 50% by Beyers Investments Limited and as to 50% by Mr. Chan Hoi Sow. Beyers Investments Limited is indirectly owned by Sow Pin Trust, a discretionary trust, the beneficiaries of which are Mr. Chan Hoi Sow and his family members as disclosed in the section headed "Disclosure of interests".
- These interests in aggregate are in fact the same block of shares disclosed under the interests of Grand Fort Investments Limited.

Other than as disclosed above, there was no person, other than a Director of the Company, who as at 30 September 2017, had an interest or a short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's shares during the six months ended 30 September 2017.

# SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 19 September 2017. The public float of the Company remains below the minimum 25% requirement as required by Rule 8.08(1)(a) of the Listing Rules. To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, as at the date of this report, the public float of the Company is approximately 23.44%.

The Company is considering various options to restore its public float. As at the date of this report, no concrete proposals for the restoration of public float or timetable have been determined. The Company will make further announcement when the proposal to restore its public float has been finalized.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW

The Audit Committee has reviewed with management the accounting policies and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and risk management and financial reporting matters including a review of the unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2017 and the 2017/2018 Interim Report with the Directors.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

During the six months ended 30 September 2017, the Company has complied with all the applicable code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") except the following deviation:

Provision A.2.1 of the CG Code stipulates that the roles of the chairman and the chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. Mr. Chan Hoi Sow is the Chairman of the Board and Managing Director of the Company. Mr. Chan has been performing the duties of both the chairman and the chief executive since the establishment of the Company. The Board considers that the current management structure ensures consistent leadership and optimal efficiency for the operation of the Company. As three of the Board members comprise Independent Non-Executive Directors who are professional accountant, engineer and manager respectively, the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management will not be compromised.

#### MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS' BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors of the Company. All Directors, after specific enquiries by the Company, confirmed that they have complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2017.

#### CHANGES IN DIRECTORS' BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Changes in Directors' biographical details since the date of publication of the Annual Report 2017 of the Company, which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, are set out below:—

Name of Director	Changes
Mr. CHAN Kwok Wai	His director's remuneration has been adjusted to HK\$125,000 per annum with effect from 1 October 2017.
Mr. TSE Lai Han, Henry	His director's remuneration has been adjusted to HK\$125,000 per annum with effect from 1 October 2017.
Mr. LEUNG Kui King, Donald	His director's remuneration has been adjusted to HK\$125,000 per annum with effect from 1 October 2017.
Ms. CHAN Yan Mei, Mary-ellen	Her director's remuneration has been adjusted to HK\$125,000 per annum with effect from 1 October 2017.

Save as disclosed above, the Company is not aware of other changes in the Directors' information which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

By order of the Board Chan Hoi Sow Chairman

Hong Kong, 16 November 2017